



SOME SERVICE!

Almost 800 people signed the recent petition about our deteriorating bus services and ours is the very first submission to go before the City Council's new Petitions Committee (on December 3). This committee then chooses, from several options, how best to deal with our protests.

Meanwhile, some 130 people attended the public meeting in the Community Centre when a panel of operators' representatives and officials were made very aware of our concerns and frustrations about the latest cutbacks and the resultant increases in travel time and expenses. Speakers from First Bus, Horsburgh and Stagecoach explained their policies but Lothian Buses merely sent a written statement; their failure to appear did not go down well. Apparently, it all boils down to money although the withdrawal of the no. 7 buses was put down to West Lothian Council's unilateral decision to change their subsidised contract with Horsburgh. The audience then put forward their various concerns, such as the poor links to hospitals, FE colleges and the airport, plus the unreliability of services, a grossly unfair ticketing structure, out-of-date timetables at bus stops, inadequate capacity of some buses and the unhelpfulness of some drivers. Lesley Hinds, the City Council's Transport Convenor, said the case for subsidies and their prioritisation should be re-examined. When she was challenged as to what she would actually do, she listed the several issues she intends to pursue.

For many years, Kirkliston residents have sensed a total lack of will within the Council to help with our transport problems: we now wait with interest to see what action is taken.

CONGESTION INDIGESTION

The queues at the crossroads lights are getting beyond a joke. Coming home in the evening after 4pm can take 20 minutes or more between Newbridge and getting through the lights. What is especially annoying is the number of drivers who continue on through the lights towards Queensferry and are clearly using the village as a rat run. Edinburgh City Council are allegedly "aware of the situation and monitoring it".

According to Community Council meeting minutes earlier this year, money has been obtained to change the traffic light sequence to three way so that vehicles turning right travelling North and South would get straight through. This may help but more needs to be done to find a solution. (Extract from a recent email to *The Kirky News*.)

THANKYOU AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS

As 2012 draws to a close, we 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. Don't forget, if you have something to say, we'd love to hear it. Email us at kirkynews@hotmail.co.uk or call **0131 333 3586**. We would like to wish you a very happy Christmas and all the best for 2013.

The Kirky News Team

(Please note that the deadline for submitting articles for the next edition of the Kirky News is March 8 2013.)

Santa's Sleigh will be going round the village on Christmas Eve between 3pm and 7pm - look for details on the posters.

The Rotary Club of South Queensferry is holding their annual Carol Service in the Church on **Wednesday December 5** at 7pm. All welcome.

KIRKLISTON PARISH CHURCH

Celebrate Christmas...

Tuesday December 18

7pm Commemoration Service - for those bereaved.

Thursday December 20

9.30am Primary School Service - if bad weather, will be held in school.

2pm to 5pm - Church open for quiet reflection.

Sunday December 23

11am Sunday Club Nativity Play - *Watch out! There are angels about.*

Monday December 24

6.30pm Christmas Eve Family Service - Kirkliston Churches Together followed by mulled wine and mince pies with a chance to meet Santa.

11.15pm - Watch-Night Service.

Tuesday December 25

10.30am Christmas Day All Age Service - bring along one of your presents for everyone to see.

Sunday December 30

11am - Looking Back on the Old Year

Sunday January 6 2013

10am Traditional Morning Service

11.15am new service - all welcome!

From Sunday January 6, Kirkliston Parish Church are piloting a second Sunday morning service. For the next year, there will no longer be an 11am service. The traditional service will move to a 10am slot, lasting about 45 minutes. Tea and coffee will be served in the Church Centre between 10.45am and 11.15am. A new service will run from 11.15am to 12.15pm, and Crèche and Sunday Club will be available during this service only.

QUEENSFERRY CHURCHES CARE IN THE COMMUNITY (QCCC)

QCCC is looking for volunteer companions to support an older person for a period of four months and for lunch club volunteers. QCCC also needs volunteers to help out on a Thursday, no previous experience necessary, however a commitment to work as part of a team and a sense of humour would be beneficial. For more information, contact Lorna Russell on **0131 331 5570** or email lorna.russell@qccc.org.uk

QCCC would like to thank everyone for their support during 2012 and wish you all a Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year.



KIRKLISTON COMMUNITY CHURCH - CHRISTMAS

Saturday December 22

7.30pm (tbc) Classic Christmas – an evening of carols, readings and reflection featuring the KCC choir.

Sunday December 23

11am Christmas Family Service – Sunday meeting with a Christmas flavour

Monday December 24

6.30pm Christmas Eve Family Service – Kirkliston Churches Together

Tuesday December 25

10.30am Christmas morning – a short, informal gathering to celebrate Christmas Day

Hogmanay

7pm to 10pm – a new-year fun party with games, dancing and food.

More information available from www.kirklistoncc.com

A CRACKING NIGHT

For the second year running, Friends of Pikes Pool organised a fantastic fireworks display and bonfire at Allison Park.

As evidenced by the number of congratulatory messages on their Facebook page, the evening was enjoyed by many Kirkliston residents, the result of hard work by numerous volunteers.

CARDS/CRAFTS SALE

On November 10, the Kirky Krafters organised an impressive sale of their handiwork, plus tempting home baking and other art and craft work by local enthusiasts. The Krafters would like to thank everyone who supported this event, which raised £1,350 for Parish Church funds.

CONSORTIUM CASH

The Community Council has approved the award of "Section 75" grants to the KSQ football team, the Kirkliston After School Club and the local Scouts.

FAREWELL

Many patients at the Health Centre are sorry to hear of the departure of our popular Practice Nurse, Jane Vale, who is retiring. She takes with her our best wishes for health and happiness in her new-found leisure time.

URGENT APPEAL FOR GIRL GUIDE LEADERS

- Have you ever been involved in Girl Guiding?
- Do you remember how much fun it was?
- Can you spare one to two hours a week?

In Kirkliston we are lucky enough to have Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and a Senior Section, unfortunately there aren't enough volunteer leaders.

Could you help keep Girl Guiding going strong in Kirkliston? Even if your child is too young or too old, you would still be most welcome.

The more leaders there are, the more opportunities there are for girls to get involved.

If you are interested, please contact Jean Stephens on **0131 333 3073**.

KIRKLISTON ENVIRONMENT GROUP (KEG)

KEG has already started its litter picking activities: October 20 at Path Brae and November 10 at the old Airport Road. The next litter pick will be at 10am on **December 8**, meeting at the Library.

Dates for Litter Picks in 2013, all on the second Saturday at 10am, are January 12, February 9, March 9 and April 13. Locations will be advertised.

There will be a **Big Village Clean-up** on **June 1**, the week before Gala Day.

Bulb Planting has already taken place and the Christmas Tree will be lit up soon. There are plans for more flower displays in tubs in the Spring.

Representation has been made to Council to weed the pavement along the old Airport Road, which has become badly overgrown.

Chairman Robert Brechin says "KEG would like to see more people take an interest in the Group's activities. The Group is there to improve the village environment on behalf of everyone so please try to get involved for a few hours each year." Please come along to Litter Picks or contact secretary David Batty on: **0131 335 3604** or email: dsbatty@btinternet.com

KIRKLISTON LEISURE CENTRE

- Full membership for Kirkliston Leisure Centre is just £17.99 a month; this great price includes unlimited access to fitness classes and gym.
- Spaces are available in the kids tennis coaching programme, on Mondays from 5.15pm to 6.15pm. Call **0131 333 4700** for more details.
- Don't forget the T dances every 2nd Thursday of the month from 1.30pm to 3.30pm; live music and dancing, refreshments served, £2.50.

KIRKLISTON LIBRARY

Bookbug sessions for children will be held on the first and third Friday of the month and no longer on a Tuesday. The first Bookbug in 2013 will be on January 4 at 10.30am. There will be a Christmas craft event on **December 8** from 2pm to 3pm for ages 5-12. Finally all the staff at Kirkliston Library would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

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New Local Directory

Kirky News are proposing to create a local directory for Kirkliston and the immediate surrounding area. This will be an A5 sized booklet giving details of all organisations in the area, times when they meet with a contact name or number. We hope to include all businesses, all tradesmen and all service providers as well.

The booklet will be delivered, free, to every house in Kirkliston and we hope that it will prove most useful, both to new, incoming householders as well as to established residents of the village.

We are very fortunate in that this project is being financed by a grant from our Community Council from the monies being made available to the village from the builders of the new developments.

To help us compile a complete and accurate directory we are seeking help from the community.

Are you the leader of an organisation or club?

Are you a local business?

Are you self employed , conducting a business or trade locally?

Are you providing a service in the Kirkliston Area?

We wish to hear from you!

We can be reached by email at ;

kirkynewsdirectory@hotmail.com

or by sending the form overleaf to;

Kirky News Directory,
Robert Brechin,
5 The Square,
Kirkliston
EH29 9AX

Readers! We want you to tell us what details you would like to see in a directory and how it should be organised – eg alphabetical or by trade/organisation etc. - any suggestions would be most welcome

Please tick where appropriate.

Which category best describes your activity?

- a. Business
- b. Trade
- c. Service industry
- d. Service Provider
- e. Youth Club
- f. Club
- g. Other Organisation(describe)

For Businesses and Trades please provide the following

Trading name

Type of business/trade

Address

Contact details

If appropriate, hours of business & availability

For clubs, Groups and Organisations

Name of club, Group or Organisation

Short description of aims of the group

Where appropriate, Age groups or section of the community targeted

Meeting place

Times of meeting

Contact details

For Service Providers

Name of service

Section of community targeted

Meeting place or other arrangements

Times of availability

Contact details

All users -Please give a contact number/email address for Kirky News use to verify details