



KIRKY NEWS



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A MESSAGE FROM SANTA

I shall be visiting the village on Christmas Eve and hope to get a chance to meet you all. As the village is getting bigger, and I have to be back at the North Pole in time to start delivering all your presents, I will be starting my round at 2.30pm this year. I haven't decided yet what my route will be but one of my Elves is working on it. I will make sure that everyone will have a chance to see me as I am using "new technology" and you will be able to see my route on Kirkliston Community Council's Facebook page. I am also putting up notices around the village and asking the School and Nurseries to pass on the information.

I would ask you all to help me out by gathering at the stopping points that will be shown on the notices and I will do my very best to keep to the times shown. Have a very good Christmas. Bye for now and I will see you on Christmas Eve.

ADVENT IN THE PARISH CHURCH

Sunday December 1st : 10.30am Communion Service, 3pm at Sheltered Housing, 6.30pm Advent Café Church.

18th : 2 – 6pm Open Church for Prayer and Meditation, 7pm Service for the Bereaved

19th : 9.30am Kirkliston Primary School Service

22nd : 10.30am Morning Worship with Nativity

24th: 6.30pm Family Service (with Community Church), 7.30pm Visit from Santa in The Square, 11.15pm Watchnight Service

25th: 10.30am Christmas Day Service

29th: 10.30am Morning Worship – Ending the Year

ADVENT IN THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

December 7th : 10:00am-2:00pm: Christmas Market.

Stalls including Christmas decorations, handbags, photographs, home baking and much more. Refreshments available in the cafe.

Dec 22nd: 11:00am: All age Christmas service
A fun morning where the whole family can gather together

Dec 22nd: 6:30pm: Carol service

An evening of carols, music and choral singing to celebrate the story of Christmas

Dec 24th: 6:30pm: Family Service (joint in Parish Church)

Dec 25th : 10:30am: Christmas Day service
A short time of worship, reflection and celebration of Christmas.

GALA DAY 2014

Nominations for Crowner closed at the end of November, but the winner is not yet known. The Gala committee will shortly be drawing the **Queen and court** for 2014 and want to ensure that all Kirkliston children are included. Children attending Kirkliston Primary School will already hear of all the arrangements via the school newsletter. If you know of a child in Primary 1 or 7 at another school, please get in touch so that they can be included in all the ballots!

Santa is visiting on **Saturday 7 December**

10 am -12 pm at the Thomas Chalmers Centre. Come along for a fun morning where you can visit Santa, make some Xmas crafts and try and win some great prizes. There will be tea/coffee, homebaking and tasty bacon rolls! All welcome.

Fundraising – a plea. There are numerous Gala fundraising events throughout the year as well as the stalls on Gala Day. Prizes for raffles or tombolas are always needed - if you have any donations or unwanted items (bottles, chocolates, toiletries, toys, groceries, gifts etc) then please hand in to the school office or to a committee member or get in touch via facebook or the website and they can come and collect. Every little helps!

You can **contact the Gala committee** :
on Facebook page "Kirkliston Gala Official Page"
or website www.kirklistongaladay.btck.co.uk
or call Lisa on **0131 333 3621**

QUEENSFERRY RECREATION CENTRE

The Recreation Centre at Queensferry High School has had a makeover. Introductory membership prices - Gym and Fitness £18.50 per month, Gym, Swim and Fitness £22.50 per month

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After hearing about Crafting Angels, Craigies and The Royal Mile, the **10th December** Meeting will see members making Christmas table decorations with help and advice from Polly. Come along and have a go or just watch and admire Polly's work. The first Meeting of 2014 is on **14th January**, "Dining In" at the Community Centre (to be booked and paid for at or before the December Meeting).

Meetings start at 7.15 in the Community Centre, but subs should be paid and all competition entries in place before the start of the Meeting, to leave plenty of time for tea and chat.

KIRKY KRAFTERS

On behalf of the stallholders, Ann Denholm wishes to thank all those who supported the recent sale of their work. A splendid £1,600 was raised for church funds.

BACK TO BUSINESS

Belated congratulations to Steph Curran on the birth of baby Finn. Following her maternity leave, Steph is now back hairdressing at George's, working on Tuesday afternoons and all day on Fridays and Saturdays.

TRAVEL PROBLEMS ADDRESSED?

The widespread dissatisfaction with our bus services has again been reported to the City of Edinburgh Council by our local representatives. The 63 service between Queensferry and The Gyle is now being retendered, and our Community Councillors have met with City personnel to discuss routes, timetables and the siting of bus stops. For the longer term, Cllr. Lindsay Paterson tells us that a Local Transport Forum for Rural West Edinburgh is to be set up, consisting of councillors from both the City and all the other communities involved. Bus operators will be invited to join in discussions on a regular basis to resolve issues highlighted by the public.

COMMUNITY CENTRE

The exciting new programme has lots of activities for toddlers and children including Mini Flicks, Musical Steps, dance classes, Enjoy-a-ball, music tuition, Youth clubs etc. For adults there are Zumba, Yoga, Pilates, Art class, Badminton and Exercise classes. Pop in to pick up a programme or for more info please contact the centre staff on **0131 333 4214**.

Family Room – open every day, equipped with lots of toys for under 5's, an ideal meeting place where toddlers can have fun and play whilst their parents/carers chat over a coffee.

Social Night - Saturday 14th December

An evening of live music – appearing in the Centre is the brilliant band 'FULL CIRCLE' with support. Doors open at 7.30pm! BYOB – Snacks provided, Raffle prizes.
ALL WELCOME - FREE ENTRY, but please book your table now to avoid disappointment!

Santa is coming on Sunday 22nd December :

Toddlers to Primary 3's - 2.30pm to 4pm
Primary 4's to Primary 7's - 4.30pm to 6pm
Tickets £2 each must be booked in advance – numbers are limited!

SCOUTS NEED LEADERS

1st Kirkliston Scout Group are urgently looking for leaders in the Scout and Cub sections. If interested please contact Pam Hull on **0131 333 1570**.

SHOE BOXES

A brilliant effort by the members of Kirkliston Parish Church saw 153 well-filled shoeboxes delivered to Blythwood Care Appeal for onward distribution to needy folks throughout Europe and beyond. ***A huge thank you to everyone who helped out or donated to this worthy cause.***

ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Season's greetings from the team at KEG.

Remember the next litter pick will be on **14th December** at Path Brae and the area at the foot of the hill. Can you spare an hour to help keep Kirkliston tidy? Meet at 10am. All equipment is provided.

KCC OFFICEBEARERS

Kirkliston Community Council meets on the last Tuesday evening of most months. At its October meeting, officebearers were elected as follows.

Chair – David Buchanan

Vice-Chair – John Paterson

Secretary – Neil Davidson

Treasurer – Brian Brooks

PHYSIOTHERAPISTS MOVE

Physiotherapy Scotland have closed their premises in the old health centre but Sue & Clare are still providing a service at Physio Ecosse in Ecclesmachan **(01506 855470)**

KIRKY GUIDE – WATCH THIS SPACE

Earlier this year we asked you all to tell us about local businesses and organisations for us to include in an updated guide to the village. We have been working hard on this, and it should be delivered to everyone early next year.

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