

KIRKY NEWS

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A GIFT FROM US TO YOU!

Over the past year, the Kirky News Team have been creating a reference book with everything you need to know about living in Kirkliston – things to do, local suppliers, history, street map and photographs - and no adverts! Look for it coming through your letter box soon!

DEFIBRILLATOR

Thanks to the Community Council, we now have access to a defibrillator for emergency treatment of anyone having a heart attack. It is stored at Scotmid, where some staff are trained in its use.

KIRKLISTON MEDICAL PRACTICE

After 20 years with the Kirkliston Medical Practice, **Dr Simpson** will be leaving at the end of March. His patients and the staff at the practice would like to wish him all the very best in the future. Patients who are currently registered with him will be transferred automatically by the Health Board to another doctor within the practice.

Also Practice Business Manager **Mrs Margaret MacTavish** has retired after 20 years' service. We wish her a long and happy retirement.

Dr Jody McKelvey will be on maternity leave from April, and we look forward to her return in the autumn. Interviews are currently being held to fill all the vacancies.

A new evening surgery has been set up on Tuesdays (6 to 7.30pm) to make extra appointments available for the ever-increasing number of patients. Each month, more than 70 appointments are missed, increasing pressure on the system. If you no longer need or cannot keep any appointment please tell the staff promptly so that other patients can be seen.

CARER SUPPORT SERVICE

Do you look after someone with a physical or mental illness, disability, frailty or substance misuse? Do you worry how they would manage if you weren't there? If you do you are a 'carer'. Do you know where to go for advice and support? Gillian Smith is Queensferry Care's Carer Support Worker and she is keen to meet with carers who live in Kirkliston to tell them where to go when they need support.

All carers are invited to a very informal meeting in Kirkliston Community Church Café, Main Street, Kirkliston, on Wednesday 30 April 2014, from 2-4pm. Please pop in for a cuppa and chat, but most importantly to make contact with Gillian. For more information phone **0131 331 5570** or email gillian@qccc.org.uk

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Villagers are concerned that P1 children are being sent to Dalmeny Primary rather than their local school, despite some ten year's notice of the new housing developments.

Kirky News received the following illuminating (?) reply from a Council spokesman, who said: "Currently the P1 and P2 classes at Kirkliston Primary School are full which is quite common for many schools. This means any families moving into the area with children for those years would have to go on a waiting list whilst their child attends another school. we are investing over £5m in new school accommodation over the next few years. Work will start in the summer on new gym and dining hall space for the school and reconfiguring the existing gym hall to create two new teaching spaces. After that five new teaching spaces will be built to ensure there is enough capacity at the school for local children, there also being a third and final phase of a further three teaching spaces which would be built if required."

DOG FOULING

From our mailbag, a reader says "*Since about October 2013, I have continuously been in touch with the Council and Environmental Wardens about the amount of dog fouling in Kirkliston. Extra signage on lamp posts has since been added but has not made a real difference. Unfortunately the Council/Wardens cannot take action unless they know who the culprits are. Please remind all dog owners to be respectful and responsible.*"

Editor's note - We have had more comments on this subject than on any other.

KIRKLISTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

KCC Offer a wide and varied programme all year round for all ages. For details see the Kirky News village guide (see above), pick up a programme or contact the centre staff on **0131 333 4214**.

****Social Night**** On Saturday 26th April "The Jellyman's Daughter", with support from local musicians, will provide an evening of music, song and dance. Doors open at 7.30pm. BYOB, snacks provided. Raffle prizes. Entry £3, advance booking advisable.

KEG LITTER PICK

You will have seen bulbs planted by the environment group, brightening up the village. After a successful litter pick on Saturday 15 March on Queensferry Road, it was most disappointing that only six days later, a lot of litter had returned. KEG appeals to everyone to prevent litter whenever possible – if you see, or know of, someone doing this, please ask them (politely) to take it home.

TAKING THE PLUNGE

Jean Sibbald is the latest local hero to attempt an abseil from the Forth Bridge. She will take part in the May fundraiser for QCCC. You can find her sponsor form in the Community Centre.

GALA DAY

Plans are well under way for a fantastic civic week and gala day in June. During the week there will be a Village Race, Football, Beetle drive, Discos, Teddy Bears Picnic Party etc.

On Gala Day itself, the parade will be led by several great bands prior to the crowning of the Gala Queen, followed by an afternoon of fun and sports. In the evening, events will conclude with a celebration in the Community Centre featuring a live band. Tickets for all events will be on sale nearer the time.

The committee is always looking for raffle or tombola prizes. Please hand any donations to committee members, the school office or the Community Centre.

A detailed programme will be distributed later, or look out for them in shops etc.

KIRKLISTON SWRI

Meets in the Community Centre.

Since September there have been varied speakers, lots of good food and plenty of laughs, ending with a "Corners" evening in March.

The April meeting starts early at 6.30pm. A short business meeting to bring everyone up-to-date with the West Lothian Show results will be followed by a trip to Dalmeny House for a Talk, Tour & Tea. Make sure your name is on the list! May 13th is the AGM at 7pm and on May 20th their outing is to Stephens Bakery in Rosyth followed by lunch at the Peacock Rooms in Pittencrieff Park.

If you haven't managed to make the 2013/2014 meetings, look out for details of next session.

GUIDING NEWS

Rainbows - The Rainbows have been busy making loom bands for friends, enjoying a sport challenge night, and looking forward to an Easter Egg Hunt at the end of term.

Brownies - This year they celebrate The Big Brownie Birthday - 100 years old and still going strong. To mark the occasion, Kirkliston Brownies met up with over 2,000 Edinburgh brownies at the National Museum of Scotland. In May, both packs head to Fordell Firs in Fife for the annual pack holiday with lots of outdoor fun and the all-time favourite - the Friday night campfire!

Guides - The older Guides are working towards their BP (Baden Powell) Challenge, the highest award in Guiding. Girls must go on an expedition, and organise and run a fund raising event. If you can spare some time, they are always looking for extra volunteers and leaders.

KIRKY NEWS A.G.M

Will be held at 7pm on the **20th May** at the Community Centre. All residents are invited!

THE MALTINGS

Inverdunning, the developers of the Maltings site, are keen to start building work but are being frustrated by the lack of progress. They hope that negotiations with the Council, Scottish Environment Protection Agency and Stewart Milne Homes will proceed smoothly, to avoid any major delay which could affect the whole project. Drainage issues with SEPA have yet to be resolved. Many local folk think this project has been dragging on for far too long, and would now ask everyone in authority to deal with the outstanding issues as a matter of urgency.

HALF WAY THERE

Local girl Heather Davies is half-way through her 12-month Gap Year in Peru, and has found her Higher Spanish very useful at the orphanage where she's helping with the children. From June, she will spend a few weeks travelling with other volunteers before starting at Heriot Watt University, studying German and Spanish.

HOLY WEEK CHURCH TIMES

April Services for Easter in the Parish Church
6th 10.30am Morning Worship

6.30pm Cafe Church Passover Meal

13th 10.30am Palm Sunday

17th 7.00pm Maundy Thursday Communion

18th 7.00pm Good Friday

20th 10.30am Easter Day

KIRKLISTON PLAYGROUP (FOR 2+ YEARS)

Would like to thank local decorator Stephen Thorington for transforming the look of their rooms in the Allison Park Pavilion. If you would like to pay them a visit call **07591 960 037** or email **kirklistonplaygroup@outlook.com**

FIRSTBUS 43 SERVICE

FirstBus 43 service is being withdrawn on 20th April. For more information check their web site **www.firstgroup.com**

NEXT KIRKY NEWS DEADLINE

Please email articles by May 16th to **kirkynews@hotmail.co.uk**

NIDDRY CASTLE GOLF COURSE WOULD WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The 18 hole course is located in Winchburgh, only 10 minutes from Kirkliston.

The standard scratch is 69 (par 70) with a yardage of 5914. The club holds open and closed events throughout the season for ladies and gents and promotes a lively and friendly atmosphere.

To join us please phone **01506 891 097**, email **www.niddrycastlegc.co.uk** or come along to the Clubhouse at Castle Road Winchburgh.

TRY BEFORE YOU BUY

Bring this advertisement to the Club to get a free round for one person – advance booking essential.