

KIRKY NEWS

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KIRKLISTON PARISH CHURCH

Sunday Morning Worship 10.30am

Café Church - 1st Sunday of the month 6.30pm in the Church Centre

Please join us in our Easter celebration.

Theme: Amazing Grace

29th March Palm Sunday 10.30am

2nd April Maundy Thursday 7pm Holy Communion

3rd April Good Friday Churches Together at The Priory, S. Queensferry, 12noon

3rd April Good Friday Service 7pm

5th April Easter Sunday All Age Service 10.30am

Little Coffee Stop Do you care for under 5's on a Friday morning? Whether you're a grandparent, parent or carer, the Little Coffee Stop is there to welcome you. It provides a safe place to play with a café and there is lots of fun, singing and dancing. **LCS** would love to see you and your wee ones on a **Friday (term time) 9:30-11:20** at the Church Hall in The Square. No charge, simply pay for what you order in the cafe.

KIRKLISTON SWRI

Kirkliston SWRI continues to meet in the Community Centre. This session, 2015, started on a snowy night, with a meal at the Three Bridges.

A Birthday Party followed in February and in March a hand-made jewellery and knitting demonstration was held. The April meeting brings Wendy Doran to entertain with the history of Scottish Country Dancing and in May a silent auction will follow the AGM. In between, the Kirkliston Rural will be represented at the Annual Federation Show in Linlithgow and then at the Variations on a Theme competition at Dumfries where the team takes part in the national final. A trip to The Kelpies and a walk to Cramond Island have been arranged. There is still time to come and join and see what the Rural has to offer or suggest what you would like them to do for next year's meetings. A warm welcome is on offer.

Meetings start at 7pm on the second Tuesday of each month

IMPROVED BROADBAND

The broadband campaign for faster service has the support of our local M.P. The petition needs 4915 signatures and at present has only 600. To find the link, Google 'Better Broadband Together Now' to add your signature to this desperately needed service.

FOURWAYS FIRE

In adversity, the good folk here live up to Kirkliston's motto "Kyndnes May Not Be Bocht". Following the shock and sadness of the chip shop blaze, those most affected have been overwhelmed by the many donations of cash, clothes and goods which have come from all parts of the community. The two families made homeless have been rehoused in Edinburgh. A message in the window of the shop reads *I would like to thank all our friends of our village and the connecting villages for all your support and kind regards. I have been told it's going to take a good few months to get 'Fourways' back, but I promise I will try my best to do everything possible not to let you all down and to make my dad 'Wee Johnny' proud of me and the shop! I will keep you informed at all times. I want to thank you all again for your support. I don't think I could go through this without it.*

Dania & Family

Thanks are due to everyone who put such effort into organising collections. There were so many donations that now the plan is to donate some to the Sick Kids or even St. John's. The families have still to collect some more items and the council has said they would be in touch to see what else the families needed. For further information please follow 'Kirkliston-Once known as Cheesetown' on Facebook.

BUS SERVICES

From 29th March Lothian Buses will improve the 63's frequency, with the route amended to include Hermiston Gate Retail Park. Also, First Bus intend to reinstate the (non-limited stop) 38 at off-peak times, and have plans for a new service between Bridgend and central Edinburgh, via the Gyle. However we have no good news for folk going to St John's, who find the 21A & 21B service so frustrating.

VILLAGE SHOW

Following the AGM it was announced that this year's show will be held at the Community Centre on **Sat. 5th Sept.** As the Committee anticipate even more entries than before, they would welcome new members and/or helpers - please phone **0131 333 3243**. Everyone involved with the Show was saddened by the recent death of Dave Munro, a founder member and a great supporter for over forty years.

An innovation at last year's show were the classes for children of primary school age to exhibit a giant onion grow from plants provided by the Kirkliston Environment Group. This is being repeated this year. *To book your plant contact r.brechin@btinternet.com*

NEW HOMES DEVELOPMENT OPENING SOON IN KIRKLISTON

Cruden Homes new 'The Granary' development in Kirkliston is rapidly taking shape ahead of the planned April sales launch. They will offer for sale 26 of their planned 46 homes in a mix of three, four and five-bedroom houses, townhouses and two-bedroom apartments. The Granary is now open for registration. Contact Cruden Homes on 0131 442 5777 saleseast@crudenhomes.co.uk or www.crudenhomes.co.uk/granary

MAKE YOUR HOME SAFER

Did you know that you can get a free home safety check and a free smoke alarm from Lothian & Borders Fire Service? Just call **0800 169 0320**.

COUNCIL'S CASH COW

While the bus gate in North Kirkliston is considered an inconvenience by most residents, it has proved a lucrative "earner" for the City Council which has already received around £170,000 in fines from transgressing motorists! It would be nice to see some of this windfall being used to improve road safety here in the village, even if we have already been earmarked for a 20's plenty zone.

GATESIDE TENANTS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The Tenants and Residents' Association held a successful Waste Amnesty day recently resulting in a large amount of household items being removed. The support of the Edinburgh West team along with a goodly number of the tenants and residents means that, visually, the estate is now looking much better. The workers from Edinburgh waste services carried out a mammoth task that had not been foreseen by anyone for four cages were soon filled to capacity instead of the two that had been offered initially. There are plans to further enhance the estate by maintaining the work already done and putting into action suggestions mooted by interested tenants and residents. Further input into how the environment within Gateside can be improved is being sought from the residents themselves. Funding to undertake future projects, both large and small, to further enhance the estate, is being sought from the council as well as local and national companies. The AGM of the GTRA will be held in the Scout Hall on 30th April 6:45 for 7:00 start - tea and coffee provided. Come along and find out what's going on - Be part of Gateside's future!

KIRKLISTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Centre offers a wide variety of facilities all the year round. There is an exciting new programme with lots of activities for toddlers, children, and adults.

The hall is available to hire for parties or events. Pop in to pick up a programme or for more info please contact the centre staff on 0131 333 4214

BOOTCAMP

Danny Stewart has started Kirkliston Bootcamp in Allison Park. It is an army style, high intensity workout for all fitness levels. Classes are on a Tuesday and Thursday at 19.15 and a Sunday at 18:00. Classes run for 1 hour and cost £4. Anyone who is interested please contact Danny on 07966089152.

RETIREMENT

Ben Seex who taught computer classes at the Community Centre has announced his retirement. He was the inspiration behind Kirky News - without his brainwave this news sheet would not exist today. We wish him all the best.

DEAR EDITOR

At least when it is your birthday you know you are going to get the bumps, but when you are driving through Kirkliston, you don't! Anon

Editor's comment: It would help greatly if the sleeping policemen were repainted.

JAMIE DRYSDALE MEMORIAL MATCH

On the 1ST February Jamie unexpectedly passed away at the young age of 18 years. Diagnosed with epilepsy at the age of 13, Jamie's passion was for Hearts football club. 28 villagers who were at school with Jamie are holding a charity football match in his honour. There will be a raffle with great prizes, all proceeds going towards Epilepsy Scotland. Please go along and support this wonderful charity. **Saturday, May 9 11am-1pm** at the Kirkliston Leisure Centre.

THE KIRKY NEWS AGM

This will be held in the Community Centre on the **5th May at 7.00pm**. All residents are invited to come along.

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Food By Shonagh

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The Newliston Arms

Breakfast Favourites, Home baking, teas & coffees
Light Bites & Home-Cooked Meals

New Opening Times

Monday to Thursday 9am-4pm
Friday to Saturday 9am-8pm

Outside Catering Also Available (07795 325064)