

WELL DONE, BRIAN!

We would like to congratulate Brian Miller on raising over £13,000 for Clic Sargent. Brian undertook a charity trek on the Great Wall of China. He would like to thank the people of Kirkliston, businesses, friends and family who all donated towards this great cause.

GALA NEWS

Gala week fun starts on **Sunday 7th June** with the return of the popular Village Fun Run. There will be 5k courses for adults (16 and over), 2km, 1km, a teddy toddle, and a treasure hunt for those who don't want to run. Everyone can meet for BBQ and fun. Even if you are not taking part please come along to show your support!

There are some new additions to the Civic Week with a volleyball tournament, adults' pub quiz, Peter Merlin (children's entertainer) and Zumba for all the family. More details are in the programme, which can be bought at the newsagents, Scotmid, the Community Centre and Petals Florist as well as from door to door sellers. The Committee still need volunteers to sell programmes, so please get in touch at www.kirklistongaladay.btck.co.uk Gala Day itself on **Saturday 13th June** is shaping up to be a great occasion. The parade starts at 11am, with the Criterion jazz band and Kolonel Schnapps Oompa band joining all the usual favourites.

The afternoon will see a new 'free to try' area where you can try out Boogie beats, Lego master builders, Play 2 learn and Enjoy a Ball classes as well as some free activity tables. Entertainment includes a unicycle freestyler, Punch & Judy and the usual bands, sports, tug of war and stalls. As always the Gala Day can only run with helpers – including people to build the stage on Wednesday night, set everything up on Friday, help man the stalls, and take it all down on Sunday. If anyone can assist, even an hour of their time on the day would be appreciated. Please contact Lisa on **0131 333 3621** or lisaemackay@hotmail.co.uk

KIRKLISTON PARISH CHURCH

The Little Coffee Stop is supporting the Gala efforts by holding a Teddy Bear's Picnic on **Friday 12th June** from 10am-11.15am. They also welcome back Sheena from Baby Comm for a baby signing class, 10am-10.30am. Everyone is invited to the regular free Friday morning café where they also sell bacon rolls, veggie sausage rolls, cakes etc. For more information contact littlecoffeestop@me.com or www.facebook.com/Littlecoffeestop

CHARITY DIVE FOR DAD

In memory of local man John Stephen, his daughter Chloe will be diving with sharks on Father's Day at Deep Sea World, to raise funds for the Scottish Liver Transplant Unit at Edinburgh Royal infirmary where he received his care. You can make a donation at crowdfunding.justgiving.com/johnstephensharkdive

HEALTH CENTRE

We now have 4 full time doctors and 2 nurses who are on a minimum of a 1 year contract. There will always be a duty doctor with 20 appointments each day plus the drop in clinic on Tuesdays.

JAMIE DRYSDALE MEMORIAL MATCH

On 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, so four close friends decided to organise a memorial game, with huge help from family and the community. They were determined to ensure that the day would be a fitting memorial. The kids' samba band, scouts, gala ladies, KSQ, boot camp, rotary club, parish church, community centre, leisure centre, the Newliston Arms and shops plus many more helped in one way or another, with stalls and raffles etc. On the day, the teams were selected from a pool of around 30 players, hopefully well balanced to create an entertaining game, a mixture of old school friends and others from the Bowling Club. The game itself fully lived up to the occasion and was played in a tremendous sporting spirit. The crowd of 300 thoroughly enjoyed a magnificent 6-6 draw with the Gorgie Boys finally defeating Maroon Toon on penalties with the very last kick of the game. The event raised £7,700 for Epilepsy Scotland, and the boys were able to show how proud they were to have been part of Jamie's life.

LONG LOST RELATIVES

Heather Gill is looking for information about the Anthony family who used to live in Bowling Green Road. Her gran, Agnes Jane Anthony, was born in Kirkliston around 1900. She was one of four sisters and Heather thinks their father was a David Anthony. Any help would be gratefully received. You can contact Heather at gill163@btinternet.com

SCHOOL EXTENSION

The first stage of the school extension should now be wind and watertight. This will be the first school in Edinburgh to use an eco-friendly ground source heat pump (installed earlier with a big drilling rig). The contractors will try to remove any problems. The roads are cleaned on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and more if needed.

DORCAS LUNCHES

A big thank you to the brilliant Dorcas ladies who are now having a well-earned break after serving us excellent Tuesday lunches throughout the winter. We look forward to meeting up with them again in September.

CONNECTED ARTS FESTIVAL

The Edinburgh Festival Fringe returns to Kirkliston Community Church with four live music events and an engaging arts exhibition.

The festival will run from **14th to 23rd August**, with Miriam Jones, Steph Macleod, Fischy Music and a Classical Concert alongside the exhibition in the café. All tickets are £5 (£3 concessions).

TRAMPOLINE HONOUR

Emily Wood (13) has been chosen to represent Scotland at the 2015 Trampolining Championships held at Peterborough. Emily trains with the Kirkliston Trampolining Club, and we join with proud grandparents Bob and Eileen Gray in wishing her every success

GATESIDE TENANTS / RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

At their recent meeting they were visited by Living Landscapes who gave them a lot of ideas to brighten up the estate. They are working closely with the West Edinburgh team and our Community Council to try to make Gateside a nicer place to live. Help is needed to develop plans further, and the Association are looking for residents to support their proposals. Their next meeting has been brought forward to **Thursday 25th June** (at 6.45 for 7pm in the Scout Hall) to allow for holidays.

LINLITHGOW SCOTCH HOP 2015

Come along to enjoy sociable Scottish and folk dancing for all (0 to 90+), with good live bands and a caller, in the wonderful birthplace of Mary Queen of Scots! The dances are held on **Wednesdays (15 July - 12 August)** at 7.30pm in Linlithgow Palace (or indoors if weather is poor). Prices, from free to £8.50, are the same as last year. For more details see **www.scotchhop.org.uk**

SCOUTS

The Scout Committee are now in the feasibility planning phase for a new hall at Manse Road and they are proceeding with public consultation via a survey on Facebook and questionnaires in the Library. On **Sunday 31st May** leaders and architects will be at the Hall in Newliston Road from 3 to 4pm to answer your questions prior to the AGM at 4 o'clock.

The scouts' numbers are growing and more leaders are needed. "The Scouts 4 week Recruitment Challenge" invites you to come along and help for 4 weeks:-

Week 1- See what happens

Week 2 - Start to help out with what's going on

Week 3 - Get more involved, run an activity

Week 4 - You will know if Scouting is for you - who knows, you might get hooked!

Contact: **ScoutinginKirkliston@gmail.com**

Q.C.C.C

Queensferry Care needs volunteers who want to make a difference to the lives of older people living within the community. If you are interested, contact Lorna on **0131 331 5570** or

lorna.russell@qccc.org.uk or **www.qccc.org.uk**

They also urgently need people from various professional backgrounds to join the Board. You would need to commit to attending bi-monthly board meetings. Contact David Pomfret on **david_wp52@hotmail.com** or **0131 333 2353**. You are invited to their AGM on **Wednesday 17th June, at 7.00pm** in The Haven in Queensferry.

KIRKLISTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Centre recently displayed work by the Thursday art class. Students, from complete beginners to experienced artists, together produced a very interesting exhibition. The Centre's glossy 2015 brochure shows new classes for all ages. Contact **0131 333 4214**.

SHOW HOMES AT PATH BRAE

Cruden expects to have a show house open at The Granary by the end of June, while Miller plan to have their two show homes at Glen Almond ready by late July. The first sales are complete.

TIME FOR TEA DANCES?

Not all are aware of the popular sessions at the Leisure Centre on the first and third **Thursdays** of each month from 1.30 to 3.30pm. Join in modern sequence and some ballroom dancing, or just listen and tap your toe to the live music of Duncan McBain. The cost is £3.

THE KIRKY NEWS

Kirky News is a local non-profit organisation, funded by donations and adverts. We have squeezed small adverts into this issue to help cover our costs, which grow with the size of the village. We still intend to keep to a single sheet mostly devoted to local news. Please submit all copy for the next issue by **28th August**.

ONE LAST THING

Dear Editor, I would like to take this opportunity to say what a lovely village we live in and how friendly everyone is to me. This, however, may be due to my winnings in last month's Postcode Lottery... Anon



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