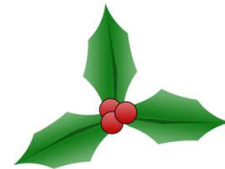


KIRKY NEWS



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MESSAGE FROM SANTA

I'll be checking out my route round Kirkliston on Christmas Eve. Be sure to come and meet me. Follow my progress on the Community Council Facebook page.

KIRKLISTON COMMUNITY CHURCH

KCC welcome all who are interested in the Christian faith to join their services at 11:00am on Sundays in a relaxed, friendly and informal atmosphere at 70 Main Street. Regular events are organised for all ages so look at the notice board or web site for details

Special events in December

5th Dec. - Christmas Market -10.00am-2.00pm

10th Dec. - Christmas Concert in aid of Tearfund with Steph Macleod, Yvonne Lyon, David Lyon and Allan McKinlay. Doors open 7.00pm, concert starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are £6 and available **from Colin**

(07505223336), the KCC Café or online

20th Dec. - Carol service 6.30pm

25th Dec. - Christmas Day service – 10.30am

DEAR EDITOR

I would just like to acknowledge the first class service at our local Chemist. After experiencing a problem I sought the Pharmacist's advice. The response was excellent with Doctors contacted and I was kept informed of progress and had a resolution on the very same day. I would like to thank them for services rendered and wish all the staff at the Chemists a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Yours, Joe.W.Henderson

KIRKY KRAFTERS

Many thanks to all who came along to the craft fair in the Church Centre. The sum of £1570 was raised for Church funds. Blythswood Care also benefited by £95, raised from a 'Guess the Birthday' of a particularly splendid knitted piper, (complete with bagpipes) which had been anonymously donated. Well done everyone!

GALA DAY

Preparations for Gala Day 2016 are already well under way and the final details for fundraising events are in hand. A Ladies Night is planned for February with an event for the men in April. Go to the Gala Facebook page to find out more!

This month, the people of Kirkliston are being asked to nominate someone from the community to crown

the Queen. Either send a pm on the Facebook page or fill in a form, (available from both library and community centre), **by 30th November**. The draw to choose the Queen and her court will be made earlier this year on **Tuesday 12th January 2016**.

KIRKLISTON PARISH CHURCH

Join in the journey through Advent with the theme 'The Promise of Christmas'. All warmly welcome.

16th Dec. - Service for the Bereaved 7.00pm

20th Dec. - Nativity Service 10.30am followed by bacon rolls and coffee

21st Dec. - Primary School Service 9.30am

24th Dec. - Christmas Eve Family Service 6.30pm followed by mince pies, mulled wine and Santa (Kirkliston Churches together)

24th Dec. - Watchnight Candlelit Service 11.15pm

25th Dec. - Christmas Morning Service 10.30am. Bring your favourite present along

27th Dec. - End of year Service 10.30am

If you are planning to come to the **KPC Dorcas Christmas Lunch** this year, please note that entry is by ticket only due to the popularity of the event. Tickets are £10 from any church member or any of the Dorcas team. Lunch will be in the Thomas Chalmers Centre, The Square, on **1st December at 12.00pm**.

KIRKLISTON PLAYGROUP

Kirkliston Playgroup based in Allison Park at the Pavilion currently have spaces available with more available in January. Their sessions run from 9.15 to 11.45am. If your child is 2 or over, or would like to be put on the waiting list, please get in touch on **07591 960 037** or email kirklistonplaygroup@outlook.com or via facebook.

AU REVOIR

Last month we said au revoir to three kenspeckle faces. Customers of retiring fishman Tom Black met for tea in the Newliston Arms to mark 48 years of service given by him and his father Bill to the village. Pearl McLeod, our own News deliverer, who served on the Community Council for 12 years, is emigrating to Australia and ever popular librarian Julie Thomson has moved on to another post. We wish all three every success in the future.

KIRKLISTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Have an exciting new programme with lots of activities for toddlers and children including Mini Flicks, EnjoyABall, Tae Kwon Do, Karate, Highland Dancing, Music tuition, Samba drumming, Youth clubs etc. For adults we have Fat Burn Extreme, Yoga, Zumba, Art class, Kick boxing, Badminton, Carpet Bowls, Exercise classes etc. The hall is available to hire for parties or events. 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. Soft Play sessions - are held on Mondays 12.30-2.30pm & 3-5pm; Tuesdays 10.30-12.30pm & 3-5pm. **Christmas Party Night** is on 1st December with live music from Full Circle – admission by ticket only. **The Children's Christmas Party** is on **19th Dec**. Contact the centre for details on **0131 334 4214**.

Q.C.C.C

Queensferry Care invite you to join them for a **FORTH VALLEY CONCERT EVENT** at Kirkliston Parish Church on **Friday 27th November** at 7.30PM. Tickets £10 or £8 for concessions include light refreshments. Christmas Raffle Tickets are now on sale with lots of prizes. Preparation for **The Rotary Abseil** in June 2016 is under way. If you fancy giving someone the experience of a lifetime, vouchers for an abseil from the Forth Rail Bridge (a world Heritage site) are available for Christmas. For more information on any of these events please contact **Dolina Gorman** on **0131 331 5570** or email dolinagorman@qccc.org.uk

KIRKLISTON RURAL

The Rural has had a busy start to their 2015/16 year. So far there have been three very interesting talks, a trip to the new Queensferry Crossing and a walk to Cramond Island. Jon from Ellie's Cellar in Linlithgow will be bringing along some of his wines for tasting at the December meeting giving a Christmas feel to the proceedings. Next is the Night Out at the Newliston Arms in January - make sure your name is on the list! For the December Meeting, competitions are; 3 Gift Tags, a Jar of Cranberry Jelly and Flower of the Month. The Rural meets in the Community Centre at **7.00pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month**. All welcome.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLUB

The Hogmanay Ceilidh will be on **31st December** in the Chalmers Centre from 8pm until midnight with a varied programme and dancing to Alan Ross' Band. Tickets can be purchased on any club night or by contacting **Ian Robinson** tel. **0131 331 4194**.

FOODBANK

The foodbank distribution centre is open in the Thomas Chalmers Centre in the Square every **Tuesday 2.30 to 4.00pm** for those in need. To be referred visit the Support Services at the Local Office within the library on Tuesdays 1.00 to 4.00pm

OVER 50's KEEP FIT

The numbers attending this mixed class are so low that it is in danger of closing. Newcomers would be welcomed at the Community Centre on Thursdays, from 2 to 3pm.

KIRKLISTON PRIMARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

This year the KPSA Christmas Market will take place on **28th November – 10am to 1pm** in the newly constructed gym hall with lots of exciting new stalls.

KIRKLISTON ENVIRONMENT GROUP

KEG Litter Picking sessions 2015 and 2016
12th December meet at Leisure Centre Car Park
9th January meet at Bridge at Old Airport Road
13th February meet at Bridge at B800 to Queensferry
Note: Litter Picks last from 10am to 12noon. Please come whenever you can within those times.
KEG is disappointed that yet more plants have been stolen from the tubs at the entrance to the Scout hall.
REQUEST

I found your "Kirkliston Guide" on the internet to be a wonderful document. In researching my Scottish ancestors, I have been able to find that in the 1920's my family lived at Braehead House, Kirkliston. I have not been able to find any Braehead in Kirkliston and wondered if you may have access to historical records for the area. Any information you can provide would be greatly appreciated. **Replies to Kirky News please!**

KIRKY NEWS WISH OUR READERS HAPPY CHRISTMAS
Deadline for the next edition is **11th March 2016**.

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