

KIRKY NEWS

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VISIT TO THE PALACE

The Kirky News team would like to congratulate local resident Thursa Sanderson on receiving an OBE for her work as Chief Executive of Drake Music Scotland, the charity creating opportunities for children and adults with disabilities to learn, compose and perform music independently. More power to your elbow, Thursa!

LEISURE CENTRE

Gymnippers use fun sessions to teach young gymnasts from ages 3-5 years about levels and direction, balances and shapes, turns and twists. It is ideal for developing agility and balance as well as enhancing listening, language and social development skills.

Classes start **20th April 2016**

11:15-12:00 3-5 Years

12:15-13:00 Parent/Toddlers.

13:15-14:00 3-5 Years

The fantastic summer Activator Camp at Kirkliston Leisure Centre will have all of your kids' favourite activities, including indoor and outdoor sports and games, arts and crafts, plus lots of opportunities for them to try out something a little bit different.

This camp is suitable for children in P1-P7, and you can book your child in for anything from a day up to a week. To make life a little easier there is an early drop off and late pick up service at no extra cost. Your children's safety is the main priority for the experienced leaders ensuring that the young folk head home with huge smiles on their faces.

To book either, call **0131 333 4700** or email

info.klc@edinburghleisure.co.uk

SCOTTISH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Rural meets in the Community Centre on the second Tuesday of each month. They have had a variety of Speakers, Outings, Food and Drink this year. April's meeting will feature a talk by Billy Carruthers of Binny plants. Billy is a regular at Gardening Scotland and Chelsea and will be answering plant queries. The Competitions are 3 Dropped Scones and Flower of the Month. 10th May is the AGM and new volunteers with fresh ideas are sought to join the Committee, spread the load and share the fun! Following the AGM, members will be asked to share stories and maybe bring photos relating to those stories and a surprise guest will be there to entertain! Competitions are a 1lb Madeira Cake and Flower of the Month. This will be the last chance to add your name and pay for a trip to The Binns with lunch at Mannerstons.

KPC SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLUB

The club continues to have good attendances on Tuesday evenings in the Thomas Chalmers Centre and meetings will continue until the AGM on 12th April, which will be followed by dancing to music from James Coutts' band.

KIRKLISTON PARISH CHURCH

Easter Services for Holy Week - All welcome.

March 20th Palm Sunday 10.30am "The Lord needs it!"

March 24th Maundy Thursday 7.00pm "Making room for Jesus". Holy Communion

March 25th Good Friday 7.00pm "Taking up the Cross"

March 27th Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service "He is risen" **7.00am** at Craigie's Farm followed by bacon rolls and coffee

Family Service **10.30am** "Seeing is believing"

GATESIDE COMMUNITY GARDEN

Gateside residents are celebrating the official opening of their new facility at the Maitland Hog Lane car park. Thanks to the City of Edinburgh Council and some external funding, some 400 square yards have been transformed into a lovely garden with shrubs, planters and benches for all to enjoy. (Only the waste bins are still to arrive.) The Tenants and Residents Association hope to encourage local youngsters to help look after this very welcome feature.

QUEENSFERRY CARE

To raise funds for this great organisation a Golf Competition for teams of 4 will be held at Dundas Parks Golf Club on **Monday, 9th May**. Anyone interested in playing or donating raffle prizes should please get in touch with Richard on **07762923341** or QCCC on **0131 331 5570**

Preparation for the Rotary Abseil in June is underway. If you fancy an experience of a lifetime, places are now available for an abseil from the Forth Rail Bridge. For more information please contact Dolina Gorman on **0131 331 5570** or email **dolinagorman@qccc.org.uk**

FOODBANK

The distribution centre is open in the Thomas Chalmers Centre in the Square every **Tuesday 2.30-4.00pm**.

Anyone can be referred by visiting the Support Services at the Local Office within the library on **Tuesdays 1.00-4.00pm**

ANOTHER LITTLE SNIPPET!

The Little Princess Trust provides wigs for children suffering from cancer and alopecia. When Glebe resident Silke Snowden donated her 40" long tresses to the Trust there was enough hair to make two full wigs and part of a third. She also raised an amazing £860 in sponsorship. Well done to all involved.

KIRKLISTON COMMUNITY CHURCH

All primary age children will be welcome at a "Champions" holiday club which will run from **Monday, 28th March to Friday 1st April (10am - 12pm.)** The youngsters can enjoy fun and games, stories, quizzes and prizes, all for £1 per day. There will also be a café open on Tuesday 29th and Thursday 31st and the organisers look forward to seeing you. Contact pastor@kirklistoncc.com with any queries.

CHARITY SKY DIVE

On the **10th April**, local girls Louise Pettigrew and Gayle Boyle are undertaking a 10,000 ft sky dive at Glenrothes Airport to raise funds for Simpson's Memory Box Appeal (SiMBA, a registered Scottish charity in memory of Harry Boyle who was stillborn in September 2014. With Kirkliston Primary School's Dress-Down Day raising £185, their overall fundraising campaign 'Harry's Footprint' has now raised £2,000. They are keen to raise a further £1,000, and would be very grateful for any donations. Do please visit their Just Giving page https://crowdfunding.justgiving.com/gayle-boyle?utm_id=101 or donate to the girls in person. SiMBA responds to the needs of those affected by the loss of a baby. The charity does this by providing memory boxes and remembrance leaves on their 'Trees of Tranquility' and in other ways, such as provision of family rooms, cuddle cots, cameras and printing equipment.

STILL MORE DELAYS

The temporary traffic lights up Gateside Road look to be here for some time longer. Badly needed repairs to the western retaining walls should have been completed by now but, when work got under way, huge voids were discovered in the foundations and a great deal of extra work must now be done. It is good that things are being put right before any tragic accident has occurred.

S. E. SCOTLAND KIDNEY PATIENTS ASSOC.

SESKPA are a support group for kidney patients, their families and friends. If you have been diagnosed with chronic kidney disease, are on dialysis or have had a transplant then SESKPA could be of help to you. They meet on the first Sunday of each month (other than July and August) in the Jury's Inn, Jeffrey St, Edinburgh but, if there is enough interest, meetings will be arranged in West Lothian and the Borders. Next meeting on Sunday **3rd April** at the Jury's Inn.

DORCAS LUNCHES

The Dorcas lunch club continues to meet in the Thomas Chalmers Centre in the Square each Tuesday **till April 26th**. Come along and enjoy the home-made soups, the snacks and great fellowship.

KIRKLISTON ENVIRONMENT GROUP

KEG's litter picks start at **10.00 am** on the second Saturday of each month during winter. On **9th April**, meet at the pavilion in Allison Park and on **14th May** at the library car park. New helpers are particularly welcome - even one bin bag makes a difference! Future plans are to help transform the old marshalling yards on Newliston Road into an amenity area. Contact David **0131 335 3604**
The giant onion class for young people at the village show, sponsored by KEG is being repeated this year. Onions available in May through Youth Groups

DEAR EDITOR

While it appeared that someone had been fly-tipping when I saw the heap of black bags dumped at the lay-by heading to Queensferry, it turns out that this impressive pile had, in fact, been collected by keen litter pickers that very Saturday morning. How much better to be bagged than strewn over our roadsides. It is unbelievable that so much rubbish needs collected every month from our village. Incidentally the Council pick up those bags soon after collection.

GALA DAY

Saturday 11th June is Gala Day and preparations are well underway. Abigail Jardine has been chosen as the 2016 gala queen and Grace Walker has been nominated and selected to crown her. A number of fundraising events are planned and your support is sought for the Coffee Morning on **Saturday 16th April** at Kirkliston Community Centre (with home baking and activities to keep the children entertained), a Mediumship Demonstration on **Thursday 12th May at 7.00pm** in the Newliston Arms (tickets cost £3) and Abbamania is coming to the Bowling Club on **Saturday 10th Sept**. Details on Facebook or email ymorrison1@googlemail.com

PLEASE NOTE

To ensure all articles for Issue 56 are submitted in time for Gala Week, deadline for copy is **13th May**.



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