



Kirky News

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SANTA'S SLEIGH

Santa has asked us to let you know that he is getting ready to visit Kirkliston on Xmas eve. His route will be the same as last year with one or two adjustments to take in the new housing estates and he is looking forward to meeting all the children at the stops listed on the Kirkliston Community Council Facebook page. Any adults available to help marshal the route or to assist Rudolph on Xmas eve contact the KCC page. Merry Christmas everyone

SHOEBOX APPEAL 2016

175 boxes are now on their way to folks in other countries who are in great need and who will appreciate your gifts. All the items donated to fill the shoe boxes and the money for transporting the boxes have been gratefully received by the Shoebox Appeal organisers, Blythswood Care. A brilliant effort by one and all

ADVENT IN KIRKLISTON PARISH CHURCH

A warm welcome is extended to everyone.

Nov 27	The Prophet's Worship:	10.30am
Dec 4	Worship and Communion:	10.30am
	Café Church Advent Worship:	6.30pm
Dec 11	Angelic Worship:	10.30am
Dec 14	Q.C.C.C. Christmas Service:	2.00pm
	(In Kirkliston Community Centre)	
Dec 15	Commemoration for the bereaved:	7.00 pm
Dec 18	Nativity:	10.30am
	Kirklands Sheltered Housing:	3.00pm
Dec 22/23	Primary School Services:	9.30am
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Family Service:	6.30pm
	Watch-night Service:	11.15pm
Dec 25	Christmas Morning Service:	10.30am

All are in the Parish Church unless otherwise noted

IMMINENT CLOSURE OF POST OFFICE IN KIRKLISTON

Our post office is to close at the end of the year! Many thanks are due to Raz for maintaining this service for as long as he has! Post Office UK have repeatedly assured us that they have no plans to withdraw their services from our expanding village despite Scotland losing 589 post offices, 78 of which are classed as "temporary" though closed for more than a year. They have been working to recruit a replacement post master and efforts to this end are ongoing .

However, we will lose this service if we don't fight to keep it! There are lots of elderly and people who don't drive in Kirkliston and who are not able to make the journey to collect a parcel or get their pension elsewhere. Also, it

creates a major problem for all who purchase goods on line and are not at home for the delivery - are you prepared to go to the Gyle industrial estate, Comely Bank or South Queensferry to collect your parcel?

We need premises in which to run the post office. In remote areas of Scotland, the post office has teamed up with their local Council or other local businesses/voluntary groups to share premises eg library, or Church Hall. Does anyone have a property in the village they would be willing to use or would anyone be interested in taking on the Post Office – even part time? The Post Office would pay for any adaptations to the property and perhaps we could lobby for some funding for a Modern Day Apprentice to be trained to run the Post Office...

What do YOU think? Let Kirky News Know your opinions and the editor will pass on any constructive suggestions.

GALA DAY

Nominations are now open to appoint someone special to be the Gala Crowner to crown the Gala Queen next June.

Nomination forms can be found at Scotmid, Petals, Kirkliston Library and George's Hairdressers and must be returned to the address on the form by **Fri Dec 2nd**.

Alternatively, email your nomination to **helengilmore79@yahoo.co.uk** by that date.

Draws for the Crowner and the 2017 Court take place on **Tues Jan 10th at 7pm** in the Kirkliston Community Church. Take this opportunity to drop off any unwanted Christmas presents which can be used as raffle/ tombola prizes throughout the year. Volunteers are required to help raise much needed funds at a Bag Pack at South Queensferry Tesco on **Sat Jan 14th between 9am -5pm**. Please contact Helen by email if you can help out.

QUEENSFERRY CARE IN THE COMMUNITY

Volunteers are urgently needed between the hours of 10.00am and 3.00pm, Mon – Fri to support and encourage older people to participate and enjoy activities on Mon, Tues, Fri in Queensferry or Wed, Thurs in Kirkliston. For more information please contact **Lorna on 0131 331 5570 or lorna.russell@qcccc.org.uk**

Their annual **Christmas Fundraising Raffle** has £100 cash, a Cath Kidston Picnic Hamper and Glenfiddich Malt to be won. Tickets, £1 each, are available from The Haven, 25B Burgess Road, South Queensferry. For tickets, contact **Carol on 0131 331 5570 or carol.findlay@qccc.org.uk** Also to be won is a **Christmas Hamper** Worth £75, full of lots of lovely luxury items including Christmas Cake, Christmas CD and a bottle of sherry -Tickets £2 per entry

QCCC is taking part in a number of sponsored events next year such as **abseiling and firewalking** and need you to take part to help raise funds. To learn more, contact Carol.

KIRKLISTON COMMUNITY CHURCH

Nov 24 Garland of Joy - Craft Evening 8.00 -10.00pm
Tickets £3 available on Eventbrite

Christmas Market - Saturday 3th December - 10:00am-2:00pm. Stalls including Christmas decorations, handbags, photographs, home baking and much more. Refreshments available in the Cafe. Free entry.

A Christmas Puzzle - Sunday 4th December - 3:00pm-5:00pm. A fun event about what happened in the nativity story. Tickets are free and are available on Eventbrite
Carol Service - Sunday 18th December - 6:30pm - An evening of music, readings and choral singing to celebrate the story of Christmas

Joint Christmas Eve service at Kirkliston Parish Church - Saturday 24th December 6:30pm
Christmas Day Service - Sunday 25th December 10:30am
A time of worship, reflection and celebration of Christmas
All events held at 70 Main Street (except Christmas Eve)

GATESIDE

One City Trust and Travis Perkins have made a most welcome donation of £10,000 towards the provision of a communal meeting place within Gateside which could be used by various organizations. A survey on this Hub is almost complete, and a final decision on permissions from the City Council is now awaited. Meanwhile, the Tenants and Residents Association are optimistic now, that with the Council staffing changes settling down, they will get back on track with improvements in Gateside.

CHRISTMAS MARKET – KIRKLISTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

The KPSA Christmas Market is on **Sat 26th Nov from 10am to 1.00pm** in the school. It's not only a great way to kick off the Christmas season but it also helps raise funds for the school. Lots of fun activities are planned as well as differing ranges of stalls from local businesses. Please come along and buy a few gifts.

KIRKLISTON LEISURE CENTRE - Gymnippers Classes

Watch your child's confidence and skills grow in our weekly Gymnippers classes, they're serious fun!

Wednesday 11.00-11.45 3yrs-5yrs

Wednesday 12.15-13.00 18mths-3yrs P&T

Wednesday 13.15-14.00 3yrs-5yrs

For information and to book contact the Leisure Centre
0131 333 4700 or email info.klc@edinburghleisure.co.uk

KIRKLISTON PLAYGROUP (at Allison Park)

Spaces for August 2017 will be allocated next May! It's never too early to pop your child's name down on the waiting list! Follow them on Facebook - **Kirkliston Playgroup** or email kirklistonplaygroup@outlook.com
Moira, Sarah and Kate would like to thank you for supporting them when they held a coffee morning back in the spring which raised £1350 for Down's Syndrome

Scotland. They will be holding a repeat event on **Fri 24th March** and say it would be lovely to see you there.

KIRKY KRAFTERS

Many thanks to those who supported our recent craft fair in the Church Centre when £1870 was raised for Church funds as well as monies for Queensferry Care, Fair Trade and Blythswood Care, A splendid day. Well done by all.

ROYAL AIR FORCE AIR CADETS

The Air Cadets are recruiting now! If you are aged 13-16 and have an interest in aviation or the Royal Air Force, the Air Cadets could be for you. Opportunities include learning to fly in RAF aircraft and Air Cadet gliders. The Gliding School is less than 10miles from Kirkliston! Cadets meet on **Mon and Thurs evenings** from 7.00 to 9:30pm. AIR CADETS are also recruiting ADULT STAFF aged 20+. Should you be looking for a some adventure, do get in touch - no military experience is necessary. For more information, see the website www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets or contact Flt Lt Grahame Kirsopp on oc.1756@aircadets.org to visit the Squadron.

KIRKLISTON SWI (THE RURAL)

A great outing to the BBC in Glasgow made an excellent start to the new session and was followed by the November meeting where the ladies were introduced to Brenda and her Stained Glass. In December, Rosie Carmichael will be helping to "Wrap up Well" for Christmas. December competitions are Marzipan Fruits, Gift Box (not paper craft) and Flower of the Month. The highlight for the start of 2017 is a visit to the Cook School at Newliston for a Meal and in February there will be a surprise for many with some local, newly discovered, talent providing the entertainment!! The competitions are Ginger Beer, One Metre of Bunting and, of course, Flower of the Month. Meetings are held in the Community Centre on the second Tuesday of the month at 6.45pm. New Members and visitors are always welcome.

COPY DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE IS 28TH FEB.

CONIFOX NURSERIES

Tree & Plant Centre

Foxhall

Kirkliston



**Real Scottish Grown
Christmas Trees**

4ft to 15ft from £15.00

Christmas wreaths from £12.50

Pick your perfect tree, pop into **The Bistro** for coffee, cake or lunch and then visit **The Adventure Park – Open 7 days a week 10 - 5**
Tree Nursery & Bistro open 9 - 5
Nursery: 0131 333 3334 - Bistro: 0131 333 1444
Facebook: [@conifoxnurseries](https://www.facebook.com/conifoxnurseries)