

KIRKY NEWS

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BURNSHOT BRIDGE

Money has now been allocated by the City Council for a new bridge at the Burnshot flyover. However, as no starting date has been announced, congestion on the major routes into Edinburgh is going to continue.

CHRISTMAS IN KIRKLISTON

After last year's near fiasco when, at the last minute, the City of Edinburgh opted out of providing the village with Christmas lights it was only through the valiant efforts of the Gala Committee and the Community Council that lights were provided. Now, a properly constituted body, Christmas in Kirkliston, has been set up to organise and extend future activities. This year's costs will be £8,500 so the group is now seeking funding. £3,300 has already been raised including a donation of £2,500 from the Queensferry Rotary Club.

KNOW YOUR ONIONS

Once again KEG is sponsoring an onion growing competition for youngsters up to 12 years of age. Each is given a giant onion plant to look after with the incentive of entering it into the village show on 2nd September when there are prizes for the heaviest and the best looking onions. Plants will be available through the youth organisations or direct from r.brechin@btinternet.com

RURAL

The SWI (Rural) year has been a busy one but, after the AGM in May, there is a break until September when the Committee will have a brand new programme in place. This is the 80th Birthday of West Lothian Federation and, as it coincides with the Centenary celebrations, there have been many functions to attend with more to follow. Kirkliston was very well represented at the Leith SWI Centenary Walk from Heriot Row to Longniddry and all who attended had a memorable day - helped by the lovely weather.

SCOUTS

The Race Night raised £1450 and the Beavers have a first ever two day camp at Torphichen on 15th May with the Cubs camp following on 20th May. The group is trying to raise money to buy hardcore to fill in the potholes in the lane up to the hall. Fundraising for the Abseil is gathering momentum with a team of twenty one and a target of £11k. Our Lottery application meeting went well and it now moves to the next phase.

KEG

The last Litter Pick of the season (the village clean-up) was held on 13th May. If the group is to continue, new recruits are needed as Chairman, Robert Brechin, and Secretary, David Batty, are standing down.

A few people have come forward but still more are required. David Batty will be hosting a meeting of current members and newly interested parties over the summer to see if there is sufficient interest and commitment for the Group to continue. If you would like to come to that meeting please contact David direct at dsbatty@btinternet.com

GALA NEWS

Civic Week will start on Sunday 4th June with the annual fun run and there is a new adult route for 2017, no big hills this year! A new addition to the week is a family bootcamp on the Wednesday night - fitness fun for all the family! Please buy a programme for full details of all the events. The committee is still looking for volunteers to sell programmes door to door. Can you help out? If so, please speak to a member of the committee or make contact via the Facebook page. Donations of tombola and raffle prizes are always gratefully received and they can be handed into the Community Church on any Tuesday 6.15-7.15pm. On Gala Day- Saturday 10th June, come along to see Neil McIntosh crown Queen Lizzie White in front of all her Court. The parade leaves the school at 11.00am and progresses down Main Street to the War Memorial. It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible greet Queen Lizzie and her court.

COMPUTING AT THE LIBRARY

Anyone needing a bit of help to get to grips with using a computer should contact Kirkliston Library which runs regular Beginners Computers Courses. Basic computer skills are taught showing how to set up an e-mail address, create a Word document and surf the net! Complete beginners or people who would like to develop their skills are all welcome. Classes run for six weeks on Wednesdays, 2 to 4.00pm and each week features a different topic so you can join in at any time. Interested? Call 0131 529 5510 to book in.

MONDAY EVENING NETBALL

Ladies of all abilities are invited to join South Queensferry Netball on Monday nights 8.45-9.45pm at Queensferry High School. Cost is only £4.50 per session and no experience is necessary. Find the group on Facebook and consider joining them!

LEISURE CENTRE SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

The leisure centre is running a Holiday Club during the main school holidays - Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 5.00pm - early drop off from 8.00am and late pick up until 6.00pm - ideal for working parents. Kids in P1 to P7 can look forward to games, the opportunity to try different sports, arts, crafts, drama, challenges and outdoor inspired educational activities such as learning about healthy food, environmental issues and much, much more. The Holiday Club is fantastic value!

Book before the 31st May to receive a 10% discount
Contact **0131 333 4700** or email info.klc@edinburghleisure.co.uk

NEW KNITS

The knitting and crochet group that meets every Monday in the Library has become so popular that it is proposed to start a new section which will meet each Wednesday in Kirkliston Library from 6th September 2017 1.00-3.00 pm.

A warm welcome guaranteed. Tea/Coffee and cake. Learn more from Janette Shannly (**0131 333 1509**) or irenepwhittaker@yahoo.co.uk (**07811 2028 520**)

THE OTHER SIDE OF YOUTH TODAY

A few days ago some local youngsters noticed that the keys for both an unoccupied house and the parked car had been left in the lock! The group deserve a wee pat on the back for the time and trouble they took to find the owners and ensure the security of the property. If only all adults were as public spirited!

KIRKLISTON COMMUNITY CHURCH

KCC is 10 years old and they invite you to help them celebrate their decade in the village with a BBQ, games, birthday cake and lots more for all ages and everyone is welcome. Free entry. 4-6.00pm Sat 26 Aug.

Sunday Morning Service is at 11.00am to which all are welcome with groups for children and a crèche for babies and toddlers.

The Café is open 10.00 -12.00am every Friday (during term times). Come along to enjoy delicious homemade scones, bacon rolls accompanied by a friendly smile and word. On Gala Day, June 10th, the café will be open from 10.00 -12.00 noon

Every Thursday morning (during term times)

'Toddlers' runs from 9.30 - 11.15. Parents, carers and their children are treated to a time of play, song and refreshments. Toddlers finishes for the summer holidays on 29th June and starts back 17th August.

COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

An exceptionally high turnout (56.3%) of voters in Almond Ward in the recent election saw Graham Hutchison, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party, Kevin Lang, Scottish Liberal Democrats, Norrie Work, Scottish National Party and Louise Young, Scottish Liberal Democrats elected to represent our interests

KIRKLISTON PLAYGROUP

The Committee are most grateful for all the local support they have received following the fire at the Allison Park pavilion. Major issues have still to be resolved but, at the moment, they are aiming to be back into the pavilion after the summer, and will try to keep us posted on progress. To book a place at the Playgroup after the summer, please contact them as soon as possible (for spaces are usually allocated in June and they go fast!) via their **Facebook** page or kirklistonplaygroup@outlook.com

LOCALS IN CONCERT

Several Kirky readers perform with the community choir, Ferry Blend, which is holding a concert in Queensferry High School on Sun. 28 May at 2pm. Tickets are £7 including refreshments (accompanying children free), from members or on the door. See who you recognise - there may be a space for you. www.ferryblendchoir.yolasite.com

ITCHY FEET?

To entertain your visitors or kids over the summer, Scotch Hop - Scottish dancing in Linlithgow Palace with a live band - is an experience to be treasured! Instructions are called out to make easy dancing for everyone from under 5 to over 90. Wednesdays at 7.30 pm from 12 July until 9 August. Tickets on the door from £6.50 (under 12s free) include soft drinks, tea and shortbread. www.scotchhop.org.uk

ART FOR ALL

Kirkliston is fortunate in having a wide choice of groups for artistic activities. On Thursday mornings (10 till 12 noon) there is a class in the Community Centre. For those looking for a more relaxed approach Winchburgh Community Centre's Art Group is held on Wednesday evenings (7 till 9.00) and on Tuesdays there is the small, friendly Ferry Art Club which meets from 7 till 9.00pm in the Upper Rosebery Hall in Queensferry. Contact them by email, ferryartclub2@gmail.com, or on **Facebook**.

Deadline for our next edition is 25th August

Join Alex Middleton for



Every Wednesday in the
Newliston Arms
Weigh in 6pm, Chat 6.30pm