

HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE

From 2023, pupils from Kirkliston Primary School will no longer go to Queensferry High and, at a meeting in the Primary School on **19th March**, 50 parents met with representatives of City of Edinburgh Council to discuss the way forward. The Council seem to be pushing for a new school at Ratho Station adjacent to the A8. With the safety of children next to a busy main Road in mind, the meeting considered a range of ideas as to what transport and travel improvements would be required. Much the better option for most present was to build a new high school in Kirkliston or Craigiehall.

There will be a special meeting of the Education, Children and Families committee on the **29th March** with an opportunity for interested parties to be given a hearing. If appropriate, recommendations for any statutory consultations will be made to the EC and F Committee in May

SWI

The SWI (Rural) continues to meet in the Community Centre on the second Tuesday of the month and always looks forward to welcoming new visitors/members. Forthcoming meetings include an interesting talk about spinning and weaving and an evening of entertainment by the Livingston Players. Beside those, should you choose, there are competitions to be entered with some enthusiastic members displaying their work at the Federation Show in Linlithgow on **14th April**. This is well worth a visit, showing off the talent in our Village as well as throughout West Lothian. The coach is filling up for the May outing to Loch Lomond - all that is needed now is for the sun to shine! There is still time to come along and find out what goes on from September to May, make some new friends and bring new ideas which will be welcomed by the Committee.

KIRKLISTON PARISH CHURCH

HOLY WEEK - 25 March - 1 April 2018

25th March 10.15am - Palm Sunday

11.30am Connections service

29th March Maundy Thursday

9.30am Kirkliston Primary School Easter Service

7.00pm Holy Communion

30th March 12 Noon

Kirkliston Community Church

GOOD FRIDAY Meditations 7.00pm

Easter Sunday, 1st April 6.45am

Sunrise service at Craigies Farm

(Bacon Rolls & Coffee available £5 per person)

11.00am Easter service

Friday 9.30-11.40 am Little Coffee Stop

is held each Friday in term times for parents and carers of toddlers. Relax with a bacon roll and cup of coffee while the children are looked after.

QCCC

It is 25 years since QCCC began its caring services in the local area and a number of different events have been arranged throughout the year to celebrate. For more info. contact carol.findlay@qccc.org.uk

QCCC are using the Abseil from the Forth Railbridge on July 1st, organised by the Rotary Club of S Queensferry and now fully booked up, to raise funds.

For a chance to win one of 3 cash prizes each month and to assist in raising over £1,200 for QCCC, join the '200' club. It only costs £24 and gives you 12 chances of winning. Details from sue.hodges@qccc.org.uk

COUNTRY DANCE

The country dance club finishes the season with a dance after the AGM on Tuesday 17th April at 8pm in the Thomas Chalmers Centre with dancing to James Coult's Band.

PLAYGROUP

Edinburgh City Council have given the group until the autumn to get back to the blue hut in Allison Park. The Council's insurers will pay for the damage to the building but not the fittings such as toilets. This means YOUR HELP is needed to raise sufficient funds to replace and modernise fittings lost in the fire. Please, donate to www.gofundme.com/save-kirkliston-playgroup or, if you are an online shopper, please shop through www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/kirkliston-playgroup. Thank you and let's get back into OUR Playgroup.

GLENDINNING CLOCK

Following our article in the last Kirky News, a very senior resident recalls that, as the clock had a 36-hour mechanism, it had to be wound up each school day. This meant that the clock stopped every Saturday, and locals joked that even the school clock had to have a rest on Sundays!

THE HUB

The hub at Gateside is not yet finished having been held up by bad weather but the council have said it will be completed by April at the latest. All Kirkliston residents can use the hub for a small fee to help running costs. It will be ideal for small meetings or just to drop in for a coffee.

THE SNOW

Kirkliston ground to a halt when the Beast from the East hit. With no traffic the village was like a ghost town and as everywhere was shut down for red alert some desperate villagers were looking for emergency supplies in local shops.

It was heart-warming to see the community spirit rise to the fore with the clearing of streets in the estates so that traffic could reach the main roads. Those able to walk through the deep snow were rewarded with views of wonderful igloos, impressive snowmen and toddlers being pulled along on sledges.

GALA DAY PREPARATIONS

Gala Day will be held on **Saturday 9th June 2018**.

This year is the 90th Kirkliston Children's Gala! And the committee are already hard at work arranging plans for civic week. Keep an eye out in May for the programme which will contain all the details you need to know about venues, tickets etc.

There are also a number of fundraising activities coming up such as the ladies disco (which is now sold out) and a bingo night on 4th May for which tickets will be available soon.

Congratulations go to this year's gala Queen, Ella McCarron, and her court who were elected on 16th January - namely;

Herald-	Euan Jones
Champion-	Mac Williamson
Head of Highlands-	Callum McIntosh
Crown Bearer-	Cameron Green
Sceptre Bearer-	Ben Johnston
Lady in Waiting -	Maddison Spence
Queen of Flowers -	Liberty Aitken
Queen of Fairies-	Lila Aitchison

Lisa MacKay has agreed to be this year's crowner.

Thanks must also go to both Lisa and our current Queen, Lizzie Whike, for making the draw for the various roles for the girls and boys.

EASTER AT THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

24th March 10.00am-12.30pm

Table Top Sale and Café to be held with free entry and quality second hand items on sale. Stalls £10. All funds raised are going to the Douai Church Project.

30th March 12 noon at KCC

GOOD FRIDAY when the churches of both Queensferry and Kirkliston meet for a combined service. All are welcome.

1st April 6.45am

Kirkliston and Queensferry churches meet for an Easter Sunrise Service at Craigies Farm. Book via Eventbrite. (Bacon Rolls & Coffee available £5 per person)

Monday 2nd - Friday 6th April. 10.00 - 12.00.

Easter Holiday Club - KCC invite P1 - P7 children to their Easter Holiday Club in the Community Church for games, jokes, singing, bible stories, snacks and lots of fun! Cost is £1 per child per day.

Saturday 28 April at 19.30.

Acoustic music from Clive Parnell raising money for MAF. Tickets £5 and bookable via Eventbrite.

Sunday Morning Service -9.30 & 11.30am

Cafe is open 10.00 -12.00 every Friday (during term times) with delicious homemade scones and bacon rolls.

Toddlers meet on Thursdays 9.30-11.15am during term times. 'Toddlers' is for parents, carers and their children.

KIRKY NEWS AGM

The AGM will be held on **8th May** at 7.00pm in the Community Centre. Please come along and do let us know what you think of your newsletter.

NEXT ISSUE

The next issue will be distributed in time for Gala Week. Please send us your contributions, on any subject of interest, by **4th May**.

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