

Kirky News

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LITTER

Our village in spring is beautiful but marred by the litter everywhere. Since K.E.G. disbanded and no longer deals with the monthly purges of litter in the village, it is, literally piling up. Who is going to clear it away? There are some secret gnomes who always take a carrier bag out when walking and collect rubbish. Compared to our neighbours in Europe who have spotless, litter-free streets we should be ashamed. Make us proud of our village by doing your bit!

VILLAGE SHOW; FOR DIARY!

The date for this year's show is Saturday 1st September giving plenty time to think about what you wish to enter. For details of classes and regular updates visit their website; <http://www.kirklistonvillageshow.co.uk>

COMMUNITY ART GROUP

The Art Group, which meets in the Community Centre on Thursday mornings from 10am -12noon, has just been granted £500 funding from OFFF, the Over Fifties £500 Fund! The monies will be used on materials and group.

KIRKY YOUTH CAFÉ

Youth café is held every Wednesday night in the Community Centre so, if you're a teenager aged 12-17, then this is specially for you. Friendly, trained youth workers are on hand so come along and chill out with friends as there's no need to be bored. There is always something to do with free wi-fi, table tennis, pool, music, games consoles, tasty food and lots more for only £1 entry! For further information **Tel - 0131 333 4214**

GATESIDE

A Fun Day will be held on **21st July** at the Maitland Hog swing park, from 12 noon - 4pm. All kids pay £3 for an afternoon of fun including lunch bag and wristband. There will be races (with medals for every child) while extra events this year include face painting, glitter tattoos and barbecue. All Kirkliston residents are welcome. **Spiritualist Medium Night 27th July** in the Bowling Club

PLAYGROUP CLOSURE

Sadly, the charity Kirkliston Playgroup is closing its doors on the **19th June** after 41 years serving the community. There were many factors contributing to the closure and this decision has not been taken lightly. Thanks to everyone for 41 years of support.

Also a reader writes;

"The first Kirkliston Playgroup for four year olds started over 45 years ago, was held in a house, and run by volunteers on a shoe string with charges just enough to cover snacks, paints and equipment. When the new Health Centre was built, a room was sought there and it was given to the crèche free for many years enabling children to attend morning and afternoon sessions run by the volunteers and parents. When the new Kirkliston School was built, it left the old one vacant and a Nursery was started there. All at once, four year olds had somewhere new to go to enhance their childhood experiences."

A RUM STORY

A retired sailor in Barnsley has come up with an unusual request. When the Royal Navy ended the issue of rum in 1970 he was given a rum tub from the Royal Elizabeth Yard. The tub is now a rarity, as all the ships that were at sea at the time held a "Black Friday" event and sent their tubs overboard. As this tub holds 40 gallons it probably came from a large Navy vessel, and he has always wondered which ship it was. If you have any information or memories on the subject please let us know at Kirby News and we will pass them on.

SWI

The SWI (Rural) has had another good year with interesting talks, demonstrations and competitions. While some new members have joined, some older members, sadly, are now unable to attend. Kirkliston, once again, was well represented at the Federation Show in Linlithgow. Members and friends are looking forward to the Summer Outing, and who knows, some members may even join the gala parade in June! Before long, the new syllabus will be planned and the committee will be looking forward to welcoming everyone at the start of the 2018/19 session in September. Best wishes are sent to all for a relaxing and happy summer break.

AGEING VOLUNTEERS

Researchers at Heriot-Watt University are looking for new volunteers aged 60 years and over to take part in a study investigating how memory changes as we grow older. The study involves one 3-hour visit to the University, where you would complete some basic memory tests and questionnaires. Lothian bus 63 runs direct to the University and free parking is available. If you wish to volunteer, or have any questions, please contact Dr Michael Craig at m.craig@hw.ac.uk or phone **0131 451 8009**. Findings from the research thus far are very promising and

Michael would like to send his thanks to all those who have already volunteered for the study!

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday Morning Services – KCC invite you to their Sunday morning service at 09.30 and 11.30. All are welcome, with groups for children and a crèche for babies and toddlers. Over the summer they will have one service at 11am. More information will be available on the website.

The Café is open 10.00 -12.00 every Friday (during term times). Come along to enjoy delicious homemade scones, bacon rolls and a friendly welcome.

Toddlers is held every Thursday (during term times) from 9.30 – 11.15am. Parents, carers and their children are made to feel welcome during a time of play, refreshments and song time.

Summer Fun Day is on Saturday **23rd June** from 4.00-6.00pm and all are welcome to this family event. Sign up via Eventbrite.

GALA DAY

The 90th Gala takes place on **9th June** so please look out for the volunteers selling programmes at your door or within the local shops. This year, they contain a very handy pull out guide detailing all the fun activities planned for civic week which include a family bootcamp, disco and entertainer.

A new event is planned for Sunday **3rd June**, 'Sunday Funday' so please make sure you buy a programme to find out more!

CALLING ALL YOUNGSTERS

If you are of school age, how do you like living in Kirkliston? What are the good things - and the bad? What changes would you like to see for young people in the village? Kirky News is hoping to find out your views over the next few months. Look out for more details in our next issue.

ROAD DISRUPTION

Will the roadworks in the village never end? We seem to have had months of barriers, hold ups, diversions and inconvenience while broadband cabling has taken place. The reinstatement of roads and pathways has been shoddy to say the least and our Community Council has been active in trying to have proper repairs done. Let us hope that the end is in sight!

PRIMARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

KPSA can help answer any questions parents may have regarding the school - especially for any parents with a child about to attend for the first time. You can contact them by email (**KPSA@ymail.com**) or Facebook. The Facebook page is also a great way to keep up to

date with all they are involved in, including safe routes to school, community council initiatives, school trips and events as well as funding. Issues related to individual children should be discussed with school staff, not KPSA.

BYGONE GALA DAYS

To those in the village in the 1940's the Kirkliston Gala was a very special day for the whole family. New clothes were bought and there was a tremendous buzz of excitement. This was like a holiday because few families ever had holidays then. The Gala Queen was the girl with highest marks in the Qualifying Exam while the Herald was the boy scoring highest. In those days the Procession was full of decorated lorry floats from the Distillery and nearby businesses. They were full of employees dressed up and shaking cans to the crowds and toured right round the village led by the Champion riding a horse while the Queen was in her coach pulled by horses. In the afternoon, after the crowning ceremony, races of all kinds were held for all ages. A Community Dance in the Masonic Hall rounded off the village's fun day.

PARISH CHURCH

10.15am Traditional Morning Worship.

11.30am Connections (Informal worship, bible teaching, food).

Coming Events

Friday 1st June 6.30pm to 9.00pm – Boys Brigade (BB) Annual Display and Awards night.

Saturday 2nd June 6.30pm – Watoto Children's Choir (Check their Facebook page for updates).

Valerie, Liz, Paula and Joan would like to thank everyone for their support in raising £1,300.00 for Christian Aid.

TRAVEL HASSLE

An early warning that Pedal Scotland plan an event on **9th September** with the inevitable road closures and inconvenience.

COPY DATE

All articles please for next issue by **Fri. 24 August**.



Kirkliston Community Centre are looking for new people to join the management committee. They meet once a month for a couple of hours. If you would like to support YOUR local community centre then drop the centre an email at info@kirklistoncommunitycentre.org