

Kirky News

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TO SCHOOL IN SAFETY

The new path and bridge from the Old Distillery site are proving to be a great success by providing easy access into the Park and contributing to a safer route to school. Meanwhile the Primary School is hoping to set up a junior road safety group to identify safer routes to school!

COULD YOU BELIEVE IT?

Motorists are stopping on the main road outside the school, letting their children out the offside and lifting them over the railings!

QUEENSFERRY CARE

QCCC has launched a new monthly lunch club service for older people at Kirkliston Community Centre. To register for one of the 20 places call **0131 331 5570**.

A Tango Tea has been arranged at Dalmeny Hall on **Sunday 28th April** when Willie and Louise Green will perform a Tango demonstration before leading a dance class. Tickets (including refreshments) cost £10 and are available from **The Haven, 25B Burgess Road, South Queensferry**.

YEAR OF YOUNG PEOPLE

Kirky News was one of several organisations surveying the opinions of local youngsters as part of the 2018 project. We did not get as many responses as we had hoped for, but the feedback we received was quite encouraging. Overall, Kirkliston was considered a good, safe place to stay with plenty to do (though for some it was just "boring"), the school was well liked, but Allison Park was slated and the lack of evening buses was a problem. There were several helpful suggestions, from converting a nursery into a shop to making better use of the old skatepark, and we will ensure that all comments are passed on in due course. Meantime, many thanks to everyone who took part in this exercise.

KIRKLISTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

A new **Craft and Coffee** group has started on Fridays from 7.00pm to 8.45pm. Why not join like-minded people to learn new skills, pass skills on to others or even work on your own project. The plan is to offer a variety of crafts and classes starting with quilting and patchwork. (participation optional) price £3 per class or 8-week block for £20.

A **Kids' Easter Disco** complete with Tuck Shop, glow sticks and decorated egg competition is being run on **Saturday 6th April** from 4.00pm to 5.30pm for primaries 1,2 and 3 and 6pm to 7.30pm for primaries 4,5,6 and 7 - tickets, only £2, from the centre.

Many different classes and groups meet **Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 8.45pm**. To learn more, either enquire in person, go online to KCC's page, or phone the centre 0131 333 4214. Coffee and tea are always available so why not drop in to see what is on offer. Hire of the premises is available for parties, meetings, etc. by arrangement.

PARISH CHURCH

Welcome everyone to join in Sunday worship or take part in the various activities laid on during the week including Dorcas Lunches on Tuesdays and Little Coffee Stop on Fridays. On Sundays there is a choice of a more traditional service at **10.15am** followed by refreshments in the Church Centre or a relaxed, informal service - Connections - at **11.30am** in the Church Centre with soup and sandwiches to follow.

For Easter, the Holy Week Services are

Sunday 14 April 10.15am - Palm Sunday with 11.30am Connections - Church Centre

Thursday 18 April 7.00pm - Maundy Thursday Service with Sacrament of Holy Communion

Friday 19 April 12 noon - Good Friday Meditations followed at 7.00pm - Good Friday Service

Sunday 21 April A special Sunrise Service at 6.00 am at "Craigies" Farm Restaurant followed at 11.00am by the Easter Family Service in the Church

THE RURAL

SWI ladies enjoyed their January lunch outing to Conifox and, with the weather so kind, the walk there was a joy. In February, Russell Clink from Nairn's Bakery was the Speaker and, with the added attraction of many samples, it proved to be an interesting meeting. In March the Speaker will tell about "Smalls for All" and the competitions will be a 1lb cappuccino loaf, a folded napkin and also the flower of the month. The Annual Federation Show will be held in Linlithgow Academy on 30th March and is worth a visit with, hopefully, Kirkliston being well represented again. "Busy Bees" with Brydon Ritchie is the subject for April while the competitions are: a photograph of spring, an individual lemon tart and, as ever, flower of the month.

There will be Musical Entertainment at the AGM in May when final details will be given for the Summer Outing the following week to Dundee. This is always a popular trip so make sure your name is on the list. Meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month and ladies are encouraged to be at the Community Centre by 6.30 for an early start.

KEEP THE DATE FREE

This year the village show will be two weeks earlier than usual - **Saturday 24th August** - so plan your entries now!

DRAGONFLIES AND APPLES

The British Dragonfly Society approached Friends of Pikes Pool Park about a potential project focused on Pikes Pool and, as a result of meeting with their project officer, plans and ideas are being drawn up for consideration.

Meanwhile, talks are ongoing with Edinburgh Council to secure funding for a small community orchard of heritage apple trees at the far end of Pikes Pool Park. A planting day is being arranged for November and, who knows, one day there might even be a Pikes Pool Park cider!

Markers

Some beautiful way markers, complete with rubbing plates of local trees and wildlife, have been offered to the group. These promise to be a great resource for all walking in the Park whether that be schools, nursery groups or families. Once plans have been completed, they will be put out for consultation.

The park is now back on the Edinburgh Council's Quality Assessment Schedule because of the Friends group, so further improvements and initiatives should be forthcoming.

Clean-up

Following the success of the October rubbish clean-up, another has been planned for the morning of **Saturday 27th April** between 10 and 12pm. Tools and protective gloves will be provided as well as tea and cakes for all volunteers!

The plan is to see this unique, local asset improved, maintained and protected. If you would like to be involved contact friendsofpikespoolpark@gmail.com or Facebook: [@FriendsofPikesPoolPark](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofPikesPoolPark)

ILLUMINATING

New lighting has been agreed for the path running between the cemetery and the bowling club.

DISAPPOINTING DECISIONS

The City Council have decided to demolish the fire-damaged pavilion in Allison Park but, when they asked permission from the land owners Hopetoun Estates, this was refused and the matter is now with the Council's legal department. There is general disquiet about the dangerous state of the building and the police are concerned that children can access a building with flammable material and live electricity. Our Community Council have written to Hopetoun Estates asking them to reconsider their decision.

MORE ROADWORKS

This summer should see the long-promised improvements to Queensferry Road with a new wider pavement being provided on the east side. As part of the same project, plans for a new pedestrian crossing at the nursery are currently at the drawing-board stage.

GROW WITH PRIDE

Plans are afoot for the creation of a community garden on the old garages site at the top of Toddshill Road. Lorna Clark is already in contact with the City Council who have agreed to make good the boundary fence and she is hoping to start over the next month or so to grow both pollinators and food crops. For further details see Kirkliston Community Garden on Facebook, or email lornaclark1313@gmail.com

HELP FOR HEARING LOSS

Edinburgh's first ever Hearing Loss Directory has just been launched for local folk with hearing problems. The digital directory, designed as a one-stop-shop for adults seeking help and support, gives details of courses and classes to manage the effects, support groups, available equipment and employability services. www.edinburgh.gov.uk/hearingloss

COMMUNITY CHURCH

All are welcome to the two Sunday morning services at **9.30 and 11.30** with a creche and children's groups. An Easter Holiday Club for primary age children will run from Monday 8th April to 12th April, 10.00 to noon daily. Cost is £1 per day and you can sign up via the website where the full programme of Easter services is listed. Remember the toddlers' group on Thursdays 9.30 to 11.15am and Café 10.00am to noon during term time.

KIRKLISTON PRIMARY

At the end of February, the p7 team won the Queensferry Cup for the 3rd year in a row and the P6 team are through to the final eight for the Concept Junior 7s Scottish Cup Finals on 8th May.

Why not come along to **The Great Kirkliston Easter Egg Hunt** at the school On **Saturday 30th March** and get involved in the fun!

KIRKY NEWS AGM

Please Join us for the AGM of Kirky News to be held on **7th May at 7.00pm** in the Community Centre.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE IS FRIDAY 3RD MAY.

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