

Kirky News

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PRIMARY SCHOOL

To accommodate the rising rolls at the school, four new temporary units will be located on the site in the Summer. This will provide additional classroom and general needs space. The temporary unit that has been occupying part of the basketball court for the last year will be removed.

SECONDARY SCHOOL

The area east of Kirkliston between the Burnshot Road and the old Airport Road, along with other areas around the community, is being considered for the site of a new High School or Education Campus. A public consultation, seeking views, will have to take place probably by late November. Meantime, the City of Edinburgh will work closely with the Primary School, local councillors and the Community Council on the project as a new secondary school would have a major impact on the provision of leisure facilities.

Wherever it is built, whether Primary, Secondary or both, it will be with an expansion strategy in mind.

COMMUNITY CENTRE

From August the Centre will be hosting our school's breakfast and afterschool clubs as well as the many current classes and activities, such as the craft class for adults on Friday evenings and the youth group for 12-16 year olds on Wednesdays. The new Lunch Club run by QCCC is proving popular, with around a dozen older people enjoying a tasty lunch and a friendly blether on the first Thursday of each month from 12 to 1pm. The Centre is also available for private lets and all details can be found by phoning 0131 333 4214, coming along in person or email:

info@kirklistoncommunitycentre.org

THANKYOU

Thanks to the team at Mackie & Brechin for the operation and postoperative care of Les Mitchell's retired guide dog Curtis.

GALA DAY 8TH JUNE

Kirkliston Childrens Gala Day has P1 and P7 children as the main performers for the Crowning, followed by a parade with floats and outdoors fun in Allison Park. Programmes are on sale from Scotmid, Library and Post Office, and from volunteers selling door to door.

AT LAST!

Construction work on the new Burnshot Bridge is starting now, and it should be ready for use by April 2020.

A PLEA FOR OUR POST OFFICE

We are lucky to have a PO in our village for about 1000 close every year in Scotland. Our post office will disappear too, in the imminent future, unless we all take responsibility for keeping it open. The PO runs at a loss. To counteract this the retail side of the business has to earn enough to subsidise the extra staffing of the PO. Now is the time to act before it is too late. You can help by becoming a regular customer for rolls, bakery, cards and soft drinks at the newsagent shop. Remember, by doing nothing, we could lose our chance to collect and post parcels and draw money out!

BIKES ARE BACK

On Sunday 2nd June, Tour de Forth are having a charity fun race from 7.00am to 3.00pm with the route going through Kirkliston to Ingliston but no road closures are anticipated.

DOG THEFT

Dog thieves are about again. Be vigilant when leaving dogs in your garden or out on walks.

THE HUB

The Hub in Gateside should be in full use by now but there has been a two-year saga of bureaucratic complications involving City of Edinburgh Council, Scottish Power and Scottish Water. The unit is in place, and the GTRA Committee have worked extremely hard to get all inside work completed only to find, now, when water and sewerage connections are required, that the authorities say that planning consent and building warrant (involving Scottish Water) are required. The result is that the hub remains largely unused, losing vital income and costing the Association for essential overheads. As a temporary solution CEC have agreed to provide and maintain a water bowser and a chemical toilet: allowing the Association to continue planning for their Fun Day on Saturday 20th July. All Kirkliston folk are welcome to come and the £3 charge will provide a lunch bag plus a full afternoon's entertainment for all ages. Local groups wishing to sell their own produce can still book a stall for £10.

FOOTBALL CRAZY

The P6 (and one P5) footballers took part in the Scottish Cup in Glasgow on 8th May. Despite not coming home with the cup the boys played well, scored lots of goals and showed great sportsmanship. They are a credit to the school. Good Luck to both the P6 and P7 football teams looking to retain the Edinburgh Schools Board Cup later this month.

SPRING FARMING UPDATE

Gus Seed, local farmer and contractor, explains what is happening in the farming countryside around the village at this time of year. "We are well into springtime now after a very dry, kind winter and have recently planted, opposite the Conifox entrance, a special variety of barley which, after harvesting in early September, will be made into malt whisky. North and West of the village are fields of oilseed rape with yellow flowers which need to be pollinated to set its seed pods. This crop is very beneficial to bees and other insects and you can see bee hives have been brought in to increase the amount of pollination and, of course, to make lots of honey! When ready to harvest in early August, the seed pods will be full of small black seeds which are crushed in a special process to create biofuels, lubricants and food products. Northeast of the village are winter beans, a leafy green plant that will flower and set pods in the next month or two. These are a high protein crop and grown for fish food." Gus, in looking forward to a warm, dry summer and a good harvest, hopes you find this of interest and will focus on different farming related topics in future editions.

CALLING ALL PIPERS

Several Kirkliston pipers are members of the new pipe band, the Queensferry Pipes and Drums. The outing to last year's Ferry Fair was so successful they are performing again this year. The group is now actively seeking and recruiting enthusiastic pipers and drummers of all abilities with complete beginners being particularly welcome. Either pop along for a friendly chat at 7pm on Wednesdays to the Cadet Lodge, Rosebery Avenue in Queensferry or contact: www.queensferrypipesanddrums.co.uk

ALL CHANGE AT SCHOOL

It is transition time again, with day visits from nursery for next year's P1s. A chance to spend time at the school and to meet their allocated buddies. And, for this year's P7s, a number of transition days to help them find their feet at Queensferry High.

CLASSIC VINTAGE CAR SHOW

On Saturday 17th August 2019 a great new venture supporting the 1st Kirkliston Scout Group will see a classic and vintage car show held at Conifox Adventure Park. With free public parking and easy access to the display cars on a site with hard standing there will be lots to see and do.

Conifox offers an extensive BBQ and picnic area as well as the Bistro and Tuck Shop while the kids are well catered for with trampolines, swings, 9-hole footgolf course, pedal go-karts, balance beams, rope bridge, pedal tractors, and giant jump pillow. This promises to be a fun day for the whole family while supporting our own scout group. For more information and car registration forms contact davidalmondhill2@gmail.com 0131 333 1570.

PROMOTION

From 12th May to 1st June First Bus are reducing the price of a Zone M weekly ticket from £17 to £10.

THE INSTITUTE/RURAL

After another busy year, with many varied speakers and activities, the members elected next season's committee at the AGM on May 14th. New members played a huge part in the Institute's success at the West Lothian Federation Show, with Kirkliston coming away with several trophies. Arrangements for the Annual Outing (to Discovery and the V&A) are in place. Next year's syllabus starts on Tuesday 10th September in the Community Centre at 6.30 p.m.

DRUG BUST

That our village is not immune from drug problems was confirmed with a police raid resulting in arrests and an estimated six figure haul of drugs seized.

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