

Kirky News

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SANTA'S COMING

Kirkliston is high on Santa's list for a visit on Christmas Eve. He hopes to arrive about 2.30pm and will tour as much of the village as he can. Details of where and when to see him will be on Facebook/Twitter.

SURPRISE! SURPRISE

Being blind, Les Mitchell could not experience the virtual reality presentation in the library on the new Burnshot Bridge and after expressing his dismay at being left out was astounded to be invited along to the Burnshot Bridge porta-cabin. A surprise model, using 3D printing technology, had been built there allowing Les to manually explore the construction. For being inclusive and going that extra mile, a special thanks must go to Cillin Farrell from Arcadis (who gave his time and expertise free), John Cormack of Balfour Beattie and Stephen Knox from the City of Edinburgh.

The model will now be used to ensure those unable to experience virtual reality can gain an insight into the construction.

COMMUNITY CHURCH

7th Dec 10 - 2.00pm Free entry to KCC Christmas Market and Festive Café with lots of Christmas gifts.

Sunday 15 December 10.30 & 6.30. KCC Christmas Carol Services The 10.30 service is family friendly with no need for tickets. The 6.30 service has free tickets via the website

Wednesday 18 December 18.30. The Wise Men Show - A fun, musical puppet-show from Out of the Box Productions Tickets are £3 each and available from StephiePhipps.kcc@gmail.com

24 December 6.30pm Joint Christmas Eve Service at Kirkliston Parish Church

25 December 10.30-11.15. KCC Christmas Day Service. All welcome!

A FESTIVE TREAT

Ferry Blend Choir are teaming up again with Queensferry Community Brass Band for another feast of Christmas carols and songs on Sunday, 15 December at 2pm at Queensferry High School. Why not come along, enjoy the music and join in? Although entry is free with refreshments including non-alcoholic mulled wine and mince pies, donations would be very welcome as this is a fundraising concert for both the choir and the band. Anyone wanting to come but having difficulty getting to the concert, should contact **Merv on 07919 001238** who will be pleased to help. Further details on the website www.ferryblendchoir.yolasite.com

NURSERY SCHOOL

Kirkliston Nursery School is proud to be an ECO school and is looking for donations of musical instruments that are no longer being used. The staff would be delighted to receive any drums, beaters, tambourines, maracas - really anything that allows the children to create sound! Please contact **0131 333 2336** or drop in at 16-18 Queensferry Road. Thank you in advance for supporting the children.

CAFÉ CASSIS

Husband and wife team Denis and Alison are looking forward to opening their small, family run restaurant and becoming part of the Kirkliston community in the near future with the opening of their home-from-home Bistro. Denis is a French chef with over 30 years' experience of cooking amazing food using fresh local produce to tantalise the taste buds while Alison will greet all who walk through the door with excellent customer service ensuring a great experience. Once a definite opening date is known it will be posted on Facebook with their website going live shortly www.cafecassis.co.uk.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

KPSA have come up trumps with this year's Christmas Market as the event raised an amazing amount of money, almost £5500, which will be used for the benefit of the children by providing new equipment in the main hall and updating the school's audio and IT system.

BUS GATE BONUS

The gate was set up in 2013 and the fines levied have now exceeded half a million pounds for the City's coffers. Lothian Buses' 63 service, which will never pay, is being subsidised by some of these funds.

DALMENY CARS

The taxi company is celebrating its 10th Birthday this year and is delighted to announce that it has been nominated for Scottish Taxi Company of the Year in the 2020

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Scottish taxi, private hire and chauffeur awards. Voting closes at the end January, so an appeal is made to the local community to help and support their greatest achievement by your family and friends voting for the company. Please get behind your local taxi company and make it a double celebration for them.

Click on <https://stphawards.co.uk/vote/> for the voting page, press click here to register, press the green register button and a confirmation email will be sent for you to then choose Dalmeny Cars.

SHOE BOX APPEAL

168 well-filled shoeboxes are on their way to E. Europe to be distributed for Christmas. For many, this is the only present they will receive and Margaret Brechin thanks all who helped support the appeal with goods plus the money for transport.

QUEENSFERRY CARE

Live, Laugh, Lunch Club for older people takes place at Kirkliston Community Centre from 12 noon on the first Thursday of each month but will not be held on Jan 2nd due to the festive holidays meaning that the next lunch club will be on **6th Feb.** Should you wish to attend but are struggling for transport, please call **The Haven on 0131 331 5570** and speak to Gillian or Susan.

The first fundraising event of 2020 is a Charity Quiz Night on **Monday 27th January** at the Newliston Arms. Tickets are £5 each or £25 for a team of up to six. Contact carol.findlay@qccc.org.uk or pop into The Haven to collect your tickets.

FOUND BUT UNCLAIMED

Recently a hand/shopping bag containing a few items was found lying in the middle of the road at Allan Park. Despite extensive enquiries it is still unclaimed. If you can identify it contact **Rob McEwan on 07742 558580**

SCOTTISH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Glass blowing and engraving, foraging and lots of chat, food and drink have been at the forefront of the SWI (Rural) meetings this year and coming up in December, Agnes Rothney will be displaying and selling her beautiful jewellery. Several members have been attending craft and social evenings in the federation area while the committee have been busy putting everything in place for a late Christmas meal in January. Ladies, come to the Community Centre at 6.30 on the second Tuesday of the month and join in the fun.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU!

Friends of Pike's Pool, the residents at the new estate at the foot of Path Brae, are actively organising the planting of a small orchard of fruit trees and planning some sculptures to enhance the park. An open invitation is extended to all families in the village to meet the residents in the Newliston Arms on **Sunday, 15th December** from 4.00pm. Bring your own food but buy your drinks from the bar.

PARISH CHURCH

Everyone is welcome at the Christmas services

8 December 2nd Sunday in Advent 10.15am & 11.30am

12 December Bereavement Service 7.00pm in Church

15 December Nativity Service 11.00am in Church Centre

19 December Christmas Services 9.00am in School Hall

19 December 2-30pm Sheltered Housing Carol Service in Kirklands Sheltered Housing

22 December Nine Lessons and Carols 10.15 & 11.30am

24 December 6.30pm Kirkliston Churches Together

24 December 11.15pm Watchnight Service

25 December 10.15am Christmas Day Service

29 December 10.15 Last Service of 2019

COLOURS FOR WOMEN

Colours is a charity set up and directed by Debbie Stark from Kirkliston, a counsellor working with individuals and couples to help them experience spiritual and emotional freedom Further information on the Colours event being held in the Community Church can be found on the website, www.coloursforwomen.co.uk

THE NEW X38 BUS SERVICE

Recently the X38 bus from Linlithgow to Edinburgh has been introduced. Fares from Kirkliston to Edinburgh cost £2.70 (£5 return) with payment by contactless, Ridacard or exact fare as no change is given. The buses run every 20 minutes Mondays to Saturdays and 1/2hourly on Sundays with hourly service after 6.00pm.

YET MORE HOUSES

Outline planning consent has been given for Dandara Homes to build 100 new houses at Conifox, a quarter of which will be affordable.

PLEASE NOTE

To ensure all articles are submitted in time for our spring edition, deadline for copy is March 3rd.

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