

The Kirk News

October 2018



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CALENDAR OVERVIEW:

Why not cut out this handy calendar and put it on your fridge!!

(GCH= Gibson Craig Halls)

October	1 Monday	7.00 pm —The Good Book Group, GCH Lounge
	2 Tuesday	10 am —The Guild, Médecines sans Frontières, Dennis Kerr, GCH
	3 Wednesday	11-11.30 —Prayer Meeting, GCH Lounge
	6 Saturday	7.00 pm —Praise Night—GCH
	7 Sunday	10 am —Worship Currie Kirk with BB Dedication Service with Prayer Tree Service
	11 Thursday	7.30 pm —Session Meeting, Currie Kirk
	12 Friday	2.00-4.30 pm —Messy Church—Samson & Delilah—GCH
	14 Sunday	10 am —Worship Currie Kirk
	14 Sunday	2.30 pm —Afternoon Communion, Currie Kirk
	16 Tuesday	7.00 pm —The Guild, The Briggers, Tom Martin—GCH
	20 Saturday	10 am—12 Noon —Coffee Morning in aid of Guild Project—GCH
	21 Sunday	10 am —Worship Currie Kirk
	25 Thursday	7.30 pm —Bathgate Brass Band Concert, GCH
	26 Friday	2.00-4.30 pm —Messy Church—Light—GCH
	28 Sunday	10 am —Worship Currie Kirk with Sacrament of Communion and Baptism
November	1 Thursday	1-4 pm (drop in) - LOOPS—GCH (see family news page)
	2 Friday	7.30 pm —Who Dares Wins Quiz—GCH
	4 Sunday	10 am —Worship Currie Kirk, with Prayer Tree Service following worship
	5 Monday	7.00 pm —The Good Book Group, GCH Lounge
	6 Tuesday	10 am —The Guild, Wedding Dresses through the Ages, Winnie Steveson
	7 Wednesday	11-11.30 —Prayer Meeting, GCH Lounge
	11 Sunday	10 am —Remembrance Sunday Service, Currie Kirk
	16 Friday	2.00-4.30 pm —Messy Church—Zaccheus—GCH
	17 Saturday	7.30-11.30 pm —60s/70s Disco—GCH
	18 Sunday	10 am —Worship Currie Kirk with Guild Rededication Service
	20 Tuesday	2.00 pm —The Guild, Golden America, Fred Daniels, GCH
December	25 Sunday	10 am —Worship Currie Kirk with informal Sacrament of Communion following worship
	27 Tuesday	7.30 pm —Session Meeting—GCH
	30 Friday	2.00-4.30 pm —Messy Church—Healing—GCH
	2 Sunday	10 am —First Sunday in Advent, with Prayer Tree Service following worship
	4 Tuesday	10 am —The Guild—Itch to Stitch, Margaret Boe—GCH-
	5 Wednesday	11-11.30 am —Prayer Meeting, GCH Lounge
	8 Saturday	2—4 pm —Christmas Fayre—GCH
	9 Sunday	10 am —Second Sunday in Advent—Lessons and Carols
	14 Friday	2.00-4.30 pm —Messy Church—Christmas—GCH
	15 Saturday	11 am—2 pm —Quiet Time and Reflective Service, Currie Kirk
	16 Sunday	10 am —Third Sunday in Advent—All Age Family Service, Currie Kirk
	17 Monday	t/b/a —“Out of the Box” Family Christmas Show—GCH
	18 Tuesday	1.00-4.00 pm —Guild Christmas Party—GCH
	23 Sunday	10 am —Fourth Sunday in Advent
	24 Monday	11.30 pm —Watchnight Service, Refreshments will be served from 11.00, Currie Kirk
	25 Tuesday	10 am —Christmas Day Worship, Currie Kirk
	30 Sunday	10 am —Worship—Currie Kirk, with Sacrament of Communion



Sunday Club

Gibson Craig Halls—9.45-11.15 am—P1-P7





A Message from The Manse

Dear Friends

Autumn cool is in the air, and the warmth of a great summer behind us. We celebrate that the farmers in our midst have completed their harvesting. Just as they did in Jesus day, we recognize their hard work and the blessing of food on our tables and we give our thanks to God for all his good gifts. As we collect items for the Trinity Foodbank, harvest-time also reminds us of the inequalities of this world, where people suffer from drought or famine and even hunger in local neighbourhoods. Thank you for all your sharing of gifts at this Harvest time.



Ecclesiastes 3 tells us that, "For everything there is a season under heaven." What is so nice about the rhythm of seasons is that they come around again, and when they do, they invite us to look with appreciation at who we are, where we have come from and where we are heading. We can acknowledge the ways we have grown and the areas in which we still need to grow.

This autumn, Currie Kirk is taking part in a Presbytery "*Local Church Review*." These reviews happen every five years. For those of us writing the forms for Session and Presbytery, this experience is one of reflecting on the journey behind us and writing down some aims and challenges for the years ahead. I am grateful for this experience and the team from the Kirk who have put in many hours with me to articulate our ongoing ministry and vision. I am especially excited about the launch of the New Sunday Club in the Gibson Craig Hall which builds upon the work of Kidz@Currie and the Holiday Club. The hope is that the efforts of the team will yield a different kind of harvest: growing the faith of our youth. If you would like to volunteer to assist in this ministry, let us know. Do please pray for this and do encourage wee ones, whether friends, neighbours or grand-children, to come and enjoy the fun!

This time of year also sees the church calendar filling fast with committee meetings, pastoral commitments, praise nights, concerts, fund-raisers for Christian Aid and other charities, Messy Church, flower committee, banner group, book and walking groups, The Boys' Brigade and Guild activities, Snack Lunches, Tea and Tunes and many other areas of fellowship and fun.

In all this business, it is important to remember why we are here and for whom we are doing these activities. First and foremost, we are Christ's disciples, his ambassadors to the people of Currie and who we are as a church community is defined not only by our faith but also our caring and our actions. Therefore, in all our business, let's remember that all we do witnesses to the celebration of the God of the Harvest who provides for us and whom we worship.

Easter



Kirk News

The November issue of Kirk News will be available on Sunday 4 November for distribution



Praise Evening



**Saturday
6 October 2018
At 7 pm
Gibson Craig Halls**

Stuart McGowan will be back in Currie to play for this evening of Praise—we can be assured of lots of hymns we can sing along to. Many of you will recollect the old BB Praise Evenings which were a great success under Stuart's guidance—some new and some old favourites have been included so make a date—**6 October at 7 pm—Gibson Craig.**

A collection will be taken on behalf of Jak's Den—a charity based in Livingston providing practical, social and emotional support to children and young people with cancer and related illnesses, their families, friends and those bereaved.

Edinburgh Direct Aid (EDA)—Winter Clothes Appeal

For each of the past five years Edinburgh Direct Aid (EDA) has shipped containers of clothes to some of the 70,000 Syrian refugees in Aarsal, a town in Lebanon over 5000' above sea level with bitterly cold winters. The congregation of Currie Kirk has played its part in collecting good quality warm used Winter clothes to help this needy and worthwhile cause. Alas, the situation there has recently changed and, completely without warning, Lebanon have introduced a complete ban on the import of used clothes and their attitude to refugees in their country has become more hostile. (See Guild article which welcomes brand new underwear for the ladies of Aarsal).

Fortunately, EDA also supply clothing to other destinations in mainland Europe where there are refugees in dire need, particularly in Greece and, to a lesser extent, Bosnia. Consequently, in consultation with EDA, Currie Kirk is appealing for donations of good and warm used clothing (no summer clothing) for this shipment, especially men's clothing and shoes since the proportion of young men among the migrant refugees is particularly high.

During the month of September we are asking you to put aside clothes that you no longer use and store them in your homes and, in early October, we plan to take your contributions to the EDA warehouse in West Harbour Road, Edinburgh, possibly in convoy from the Gibson Craig Halls.

The items to donate are:

WINTER COATS—PADDED JACKETS—WATERPROOFS—FLEECE—WOOLLIES—THERMALS—MOUNTAIN BOOTS—WELLY BOOTS—PADDED BOOTS—GOOD SHOES (MEN)—SOCKS—GLOVES—WOOLEN JUMPERS and WOOLLY HATS (FOR YOUNG AND OLD, BOYS AND GIRLS, MEN AND WOMEN).

Do **NOT** hand into the office or Gibson Craig Halls as our Fire Regulations prohibit us from storing clothes.

Please give generously.

Gordon Clephane
Mission & Outreach Committee



The Guild



We are at last looking forward to welcoming Dennis Kerr of Médecines sans Frontières, on 2 October. Last session Dennis was booked but, due to Currie being “knee deep” in snow, he could not get through. Hopefully at this early date there will be no adverse weather conditions.

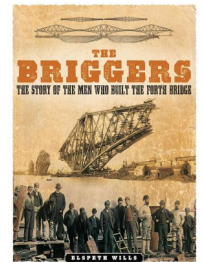
The Briggers on 16 October will be exceedingly interesting learning about the men who built the Forth Bridge and perhaps there are some men who would also find this interesting—please come along—ALL WELCOME.

Our coffee morning is taking place on **Saturday 20 October** with proceeds going towards the Guild’s Project “Free to Live Trust” - see below.

Edinburgh Direct Aid will be attending our evening meeting on the 16th and this is the cut off date for all the sanitary products and new underwear to be handed in. I have also been informed that there are one or two hats to be presented to EDA—I believe in the region of 600!! When will the knitting end I am sure the people of Arsal, and in particular the women, will be pleased with the contributions given by the people of Currie and beyond. The Guild’s tentacles spread wide and donations have been received from outwith the area—so many thanks to all who have contributed.

The Guild is open to all so if you feel that you would like to pop in when you are free—you do not have to join—the admission fee for non-members is £3. We have morning, afternoon and evening meetings throughout the session hopefully to suit all. Look forward to seeing you and we always start our meeting with tea/coffee and biscuits.

Isobel Webber
President



Legendary Winter

Imagine the bairns in twenty years time
A-sittin’ on grandad’s knee
An shoutin’ “Aw tell us that story again
‘The Winter o’ ’63!’ ”

An’ granddad will tell them wi’ never a smile
An’ a faraway look in his ee,
“There wis snawdrifts in Currie ten feet high
In the winter o’ ’63.

“The zoos polar bears a’ complained o’ the cauld
An’ pined for their Arctic Sea
Frae Christmas tae Trades it snawed every day,
That winter o’ ’63.

The youngsters will listen wi’ mooths open wide
An’ shak’ their wee heids an’ agree
That grandad’s a marvel ‘cause he survived
The winter o’ ’63.

*This was published in The Edinburgh Evening
News—many moons ago—someone may
recognise the author.*

Submitted by Bryce Eunson



Coffee Morning Saturday 20 October 10 am to Noon Gibson Craig Halls

Come along and enjoy a cup of tea or two, coffee and home baking—delicious scones, cakes and tray bakes—all baked with love and kindness.

Admission £3 with all proceeds going towards the Guild’s Project “Free to Live Trust”.

Tickets on sale from Guild members and at the Kirk Office



Messy Church has started again and we have already had our first two meetings in September.

In October we will be meeting on Friday 12th and Friday 26th. Our themes for those two Fridays will be "Samson & Delilah" and "Light". Because the second one is so close to Hallowe'en, there may even be some chocolate on offer!

There will be the usual mixture of songs, stories, crafts, games all rounded off with a snack and a chance to talk to other Mums, Dads, Grandparents etc. We are hoping to make use of the newly installed audio-visual equipment in the Gibson Craig Halls as soon as possible.

Do come along and join us. We cater for children of all ages. For further information, contact Louise on 466 3472 or elf.lamont@blueyonder.co.uk.

Louise Lamont

12 October: Samson & Delilah



26 October: Light



Iona Retreat: 26—30 April 2019

This enchanting and powerfully spiritual island beckons the pilgrims from Currie. There are three vacancies for the Iona Retreat in 2019 and if you would like to come and enjoy the tranquillity that this island has to offer please get in touch with Moira on 466 1115 who will give you costs etc.

Coach departs the Gibson Craig on the 26th, and travels to catch the ferry at Oban to Mull. Travelling across Mull by public transport (please bring your entitlement card if you have one!!) we catch the ferry at Fionnphort to Iona. Staying at the Bishops House on a full board basis. We arrive back in Currie at the Gibson Craig on 30 April.



Currie Kirk Minibus Fund Silent Auction

I would like to extend a huge 'thank you' to everyone who supported the Auction on the 21 September, whether by donating things to sell, or by coming along and bidding for items. Not least, those who also helped make it all happen on the night. Obviously we had some disappointed people who were outbid, but equally I think we had even more who considered themselves to have secured a good bargain!

The total sum raised was £1,118.40 (where did that 40p come from??)

Ishbel Massie

FREE Brass Band Concert on 25 October

By popular demand, the highly acclaimed and award winning Bathgate Brass Band are returning to perform another concert for the local community in the Gibson Craig Halls, Lanark Road West at 7.30 pm on Thursday, 25 October. The Bathgate Band is a class act and it promises to be a really entertaining evening. Don't miss it!

Free tickets are available from the Currie Kirk Office (451 5141) or from Hamish Leal (449 3288). Refreshments at the interval.

Even although the concert is Free, there will be an opportunity for you to make a financial donation on the evening, the proceeds of which will go to support the Band's funds. In this context, the Band are happy to make a substantial donation to Kirk funds. Please spread the good news and support this fantastic evening.



Gordon Clephane
Session Clerk



Link to Hope—Family and Elderly Shoebox Appeal—2018

Once again Currie Kirk, via the Mission & Outreach Committee, is linking up with the charity "Link to Hope", who last year supplied 43,966 Family and Elderly shoe boxes to refugee families in distress in Eastern Europe just in time for Christmas.

Their annual Family Shoebox Appeal has been running since 1992 and has delivered smiles to thousands of people in Eastern Europe over the years. In fact, more than 700,000 shoeboxes have been delivered to hundreds of different locations.

The Family Shoeboxes of gifts are given to families who often have to make a choice between buying food or fuel at Christmas time—buying presents is just not a priority. Many of these families do not have running water, heating or electricity. Some live in appalling conditions, often living in just one or two rooms, and life for them is a real struggle to survive.

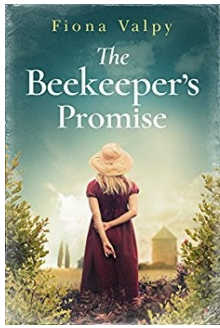
At Christmas time, these basic shoeboxes are filled with many goodies and necessities from chocolates and small toys, to candles and shampoos, handkerchiefs and toothpaste, and covered with Christmas paper to transform them into a colourful gift that brings much needed help and joy to families and elderly people in great stress and trauma.

During the month of October, Currie Kirk will be handing out leaflets which contain all the necessary information to fill a standard shoebox with some of the items mentioned above. The average cost of filling a box is £20, plus £2 towards transport costs, but please feel free to hand in individual items that will go a long way to filling up a shoebox. Items are outlined in the leaflet. Boxes or items can be handed into the church office at the Gibson-Craig Halls, 156 Lanark Road West, during its working hours.

The closing date is **Tuesday 6 November** for collection. Currie Kirk has always provided generously to this great cause. Please help to make this year one to remember for those children and families in need in Eastern Europe.

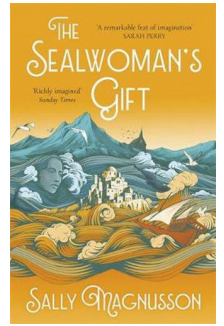
Further information and leaflets from Ishbel at the Church Office on 0131 451 5141 or Gordon Clephane on 0131 449 2313 or any member of the Mission & Outreach Committee.

Gordon Clephane
M&O Committee



The Good Book Group

It was good to meet up again after the summer and talk about what we'd been reading. As usual, there was a wide range of books, some good and some not so good. After some discussion, we decided on "The Beekeeper's Promise" by Fiona Valpy for our next meeting on 1 October and "The Sealwoman's Gift" by Sally Magnusson for 5 November.



Do come and join us in the lounge at the Gibson Craig Halls and don't worry if you haven't read the book—just enjoy a cuppa and chat—everyone is welcome!

Look forward to seeing you!

Krys Hume 449 4036

Heaven's Grocery Store

I was walking down life's highway a long time ago.
 One day I saw a sign that read, "HEAVEN'S GROCERY STORE".
 As I got a little closer the door came open wide,
 And when I came to myself I was standing inside.
 I saw a host of ANGELS
 They were standing everywhere.
 One handed me a basket and said "My Child shop with care",
 Everything a Christian needed was in that grocery store.
 And all you couldn't carry, you could come back the next day for more.

First, I got some PATIENCE: LOVE was in the same row.
 Further down was UNDERSTANDING: you need that everywhere you go.
 I got a bag or two of WISDOM, a bag or two of FAITH.
 I just couldn't miss the HOLY GHOST for it was all over the place.
 I stopped to get some STRENGTH and COURAGE to help me run this race

By then my basket was getting full, but I remembered I needed some GRACE.
 I didn't forget SALVATION, for SALVATION was free so I tried to get enough of that to save both you and me.
 Then I started up to the counter to pay my grocery bill, for I thought I had everything to do the MASTER'S will
 As I went up the aisle, I saw PRAYER and I just had to put that in, for I knew when I stepped outside, I run into sin.
 PEACE AND JOY were plentiful; they were last on the shelf.
 SONG and PRAISE were hanging near, so I just helped myself.
 Then I said to the angel, "Now, how much do I owe?"
 He smiled and said, "Just take them everywhere you go".
 Again, I smiled and said, "How much do I really owe?"
 He smiled again and said, "MY CHILD, JESUS PAID YOUR BILL A LONG, LONG TIME AGO".

"All things whatsoever you shall ask in prayer, believing you shall receive" (Matthew 21:22)

"Heaven's Grocery Store" was the reading at the Ecumenical service on board the cruise ship "Balmoral" attended by 150 people including Bill and Elizabeth Wood



A Walk Down Memory Lane



Rev Willis Jones Commissioned the Group for the trip



Renovating two classrooms in a school



Currie Kirk: Mission to Budapest—4-18 July 1998

These great photos were sent in by Elizabeth Wood—do you have any photos that can be sent to the Editor? Quite happy to scan them for publication if they are not on your memory stick!!



Below—Holiday Club

Volunteers Needed Sunday Club



Gibson Craig Halls—9.45-11.15 am—P1-P7



The New Sunday Club is looking for volunteers to go on a rota to help at the Club.
This will hopefully be only once every two months.
If you are able to help please speak to Easter or Heather.

Community Activities

The Gibson Craig Halls are used by various groups during the week and, if anyone is interested in joining a group, please telephone the contact noted below.

	Contact name	Tel No:	Day
Balerno Bridge Club	Sandra Renton	449 3527	Monday
Currie and District Local History Society	Douglas Lowe	449 4349	Monday Evenings twice monthly October to March
Currie Community Council	Allister McKillop	449 6394	2nd Monday of each Month —not July & December
Currie Day Centre	Dorothy Simpson coordinatorCDC@gmx.com	07562 142885	Friday by referral
Dunedin Dance Academy	Claire Robertson	07731 466147	Wednesday
Fitness Class	Laura Westwater-Crown	07841 917035	Tuesday 7.30—8.30 pm
Highland Dancing	Michelle Marshall	339 4704	Wednesday
Move It or Lose It	Janet Corbett	07769 345845	Wednesday: 2.30—3.30
Nether Currie Baby and Toddler Group	Margaret Milton	07743 067588	Friday: 9.30—11.30 am (term time only)
Octagon Club	Claire Maloney Clairemaloney12@yahoo.co.uk	07999 410721	Wednesday
Pilates Class (Fuschia)	Steph Bain	07773 270780	Wednesday: Noon—1 pm
Senior Citizens	Jean Smith	449 5596	Monday
Sensory Session	Lorna Carr hello@thesensorysessions.com	07525 270427	Thursday: 10.15—11.30 am
Summer Pop Up Café	Viola MacPhail	449 4664	Tuesday: 10.30—12 Noon
Tea & Tunes	Allister McKillop	449 6394	2nd Tuesday of month
Yoga	Anne Marie Crozier annemariacrozier@blueyonder.co.uk	07887 526116	Monday: 10.30—11.30 am
Yoga	Monica Evans	07986 600432	Tuesday: 8—9 pm
Zumba Exercise Class Thighs, Bums & Tums	Tom Lowe	07980 692929	Thursday: 10.15—11.15 am



Tuesday's Tea and Tunes

A café for those living with dementia.

Second Tuesday of each month—

2.30-4.00—Gibson Craig Hall—

Cost £2 per person which includes refreshments and snacks.

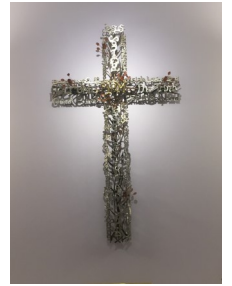
Good food, good company, good times provided as well as entertainment from a diverse group of friends and volunteers including pupils from Currie Community High School.

Family News

Obituaries: *Jesus said "I am the Resurrection and the Life"*
(John 11:25)

Ian Thomson, 8 Easter Currie Terrace

Please pray for the family



Baptism: *Jesus said "Let the children come to me"*
(Luke 18:16)

Reuben Louis Martin Kirkwood, Son of Catriona and Ross



Golden Wedding

Congratulations to Maureen and Jim Ure who celebrated their Golden Wedding in September.



LOOPs Local Opportunities for Older People Living Well Event



**Thursday 1 November 2018 Gibson Craig Halls Currie
1-4pm (drop in)**

Find out about activities, support and services for older people living in Currie, Balerno and Juniper Green—Free activities, tea and cake!

Transport available—Contact: Caroline Clark clarkc@ericliddell.org 0131 357 1277

October Flower List

7 Alan and George Forsyth
Mrs J Blair
Mrs A Wood

14 Mrs M Muirhead
Mrs E Stewart



21 Dr and Mrs P Gordon
Mrs M McDonald

28 Mrs I Blyth
Mrs J Smith
Mrs M Thomson

Should anyone wish to donate to the Flower Fund or dedicate flowers on a specific Sunday please leave cash or a cheque, made payable to Currie Kirk Flower Fund, at the Church Office or contact Erica Porteous at 2 Pentland View, Currie or telephone 449 6894



WHO'S WHO



NAME	CONTACT	MEETING DAY	TELEPHONE NO
Minister	Rev Dr Easter Smart		449 4719
Currie Kirk Church Office (Scottish Charity No. SC001554)	Gibson Craig Halls, Lanark Road West, Currie, EH14 5NY Secretary: Ishbel Massie Email currie_kirk@btconnect.com	Tuesday—9.30am—12noon Wednesday—9.30am—12noon Thursday—9.30am—12noon Friday—9.30am – 11.45am.	451 5141
Session Clerk	Gordon Clephane Email: gordon.clephane@blueyonder.co.uk		449 2313
Treasurer	Eddie Pigott Email: pigottsef@icloud.com		466 1459
Offerings & Gift Aid Treasurer	Eunice Stewart eunicestewart48@gmail.com		449 6832
Data Protection Officer	Ron Dow Email: ronedow@blueyonder.co.uk		538 2313
Weddings/Funeral Officer	Sandy Harper		449 4258
Organist	Contact Church Office		451 5141
Gibson Craig Halls bookings	Ann Proudfoot	ckgchbooking@gmail.com	449 7739
Gibson Craig Halls Caretaker	Jim Ness		07504 420671
Hospital Transport Coordinator	Elizabeth Wood		538 0363
Deputy Coordinator	Jim Ure		449 6498
Life and Work	Eileen Chadwick		449 2559
Magazine Distributor	Jean Dick		451 5141
Boys' Brigade Captain	Michael Knott Anchors Juniors Company/Seniors	Thursday 6.00-7.00 pm Thursday 7.00-8.30 pm Sunday 6.30-8.30	440 3216
Mini Bus Sunday lift organiser	Margaret Russell		449 5917
Mini Bus Bookings	Isobel Webber		451 5112
Banner Group	Janet Robertson	Tuesday	441 1499
Care Van	Fiona Pigott	Once a month	466 1459
Pastoral Visitors	Rev Dr Easter Smart		449 4719
Currie Kirk Singers	Gordon Cranford	Various	531 0416
Guild	Isobel Webber	Tuesday	451 5112
Sunday Club	Heather Merriman	Sunday	07986 002195
Messy Church	Contact Louise	Second and last Friday of each month Gibson Craig Halls from 2.00—4.00 pm (term time only)	466 3472
Walking Group	Moira McDonald	Third Sunday of each month	466 1115



The Kirk News

Can now be found on the Currie Kirk Website with one click to <http://www.curriekirk.org/>
Kirknews—why not mark it as a favourite. **Articles for the November issue should be sent—using a Word attachment—by email to isobelwebber@btinternet.com before or by Friday 26 October 2018.**
Please insert the words “Kirk News” into the subject.

