

# NEWSLETTER

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## WHAT MATTERS TO YOU - MATTERS TO US

### HELLO EVERYONE!

By the time you are reading this, it will be less than ten weeks to Christmas! The dark nights are here already, and the clocks go back at the end of the month. My birthday in October too, and I can't afford to be another year older!

But I love Christmas - a time for giving, usually more than we can afford, and a time for families to get together, to renew old acquaintances, and of course, to eat and drink too much. You can't beat it, can you?

However, it is also a time for looking back at the year, to remember those who can no longer be with us and to look at our disappointments and achievements. What has been achieved in Langlee? Well, the Langlee Residents Association seems to go from strength to strength, due largely to the great help we have from our councillors Fiona Lackenby and John Mitchell; and from the officers of Scottish Borders Council who listen to us when we ask for things to be done, for instance the slope opposite the school, the replacement of the steps, and various other works that have been carried out during 2009.

SBC cannot always give us what we want, there isn't always the money available, but they willingly do what they can for us.

Other organisations have also been busy; the Waverley Tenants Organisation's report in this newsletter will tell you all about that, and then what about the Langlee Carnival? - what a great day! - see the full details on this page.

As always, we will welcome you to the LRA meeting on Wednesday 21st October - do try to come, we need your voice, 7pm at the school.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Best wishes.

*Judith Cleghorn, Chair, Langlee Residents Association*

### DRUG AWARENESS

Are you *worried* about drug use and your children?

Do you know *what* to look out for?

Do you know the *effects* drugs can have on your children?

Do you *want to know*?

There is an opportunity for a presentation by the drugs awareness officer - who will tell you all you need to know!

If you are interested, contact PC Jim Watters at Galashiels police station: **01896 752222** or [james.waters@lbp.pnn.police.uk](mailto:james.waters@lbp.pnn.police.uk) (or through the LRA).

### A GREAT NIGHT AT THE LRA PUB QUIZ!

On Friday October 9th the Langlee Residents Association hosted a Pub Quiz at The Woodcutter. Seven teams of four had their knowledge of subjects ranging from Local Knowledge to music, films, history and General Knowledge put to the test. Amid much hilarity, and friendly banter, the team from The Woodcutter were declared the winners. They received a prize of £40, which they donated to the Beech Avenue Playparks Project - thanks guys, what great hearts! Many thanks to Lynne and Alex, who organised a great event. We'll be doing this all over again - watch this space, and don't miss out on a great night!

### CARNIVAL NEWS

For the first time since the Carnival started in 2006 the day dawned with a promise of wonderful weather - and it didn't disappoint!

The event started with the Fancy Dress competition at the school. There were more entries than there had ever been, some great costumes from both young and older. After the judging the parade, led by the Langlee Lad and Lass in the carriage and the Galashiels Pipe Band, set off for the community centre - with much applause on the way.

After arriving at the community centre the Lad and Lass, Jamie Mitchell and Toni Dodds, were crowned - and the fun began! Clown Stevie and Ickle Tickle mingled with the crowds, the roundabout, chairplanes and the bouncy castles were really busy - and the burger van sold out! Carriage rides were very popular and we could have used more face-painters, always a queue there!

A new, very successful, attraction this year were the birds of prey - we'll certainly have them back again!

Inside the centre the stalls, the WTO tombola and the information tables were all well-attended. The music, provided by London & Paris and Strange Brew, was very professional and really got the feet tapping. The oasis of peace and quiet, away from the madding crowd, was the Roundabout Cafe - Eileen's scones are to die for!

All in all, a great day! Many thanks to all those who gave their time willingly throughout the year to make the Carnival the success it is - roll on 11th September 2010!

### COMMUNITY PC JIM WATTERS

I'd like to say a big thank you to all those who worked so hard to make this year's Langlee Carnival a great success. It was nice to see so many people enjoying themselves, especially a Langlee old boy, leading the parade with the Lad and Lass, our very own Inspector, Calum McDonald.

There have been a number of complaints regarding illegal parking at the Primary School, in the morning and afternoon, when the pupils are going to and from the school. There appears to be a hardcore of lazy, inconsiderate, parents/carers who are willing to put children at risk by parking where it is clearly marked for vehicles not to stop or wait.

There will be **zero tolerance** for anyone found putting children at risk, and with the help of the traffic warden we will be in the area as often as possible to enforce the traffic regulations.

A £30 ticket for the sake of walking a short distance? It's not worth it!

### LANGLEE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION - NEXT MEETING:

**WEDNESDAY - 21ST OCTOBER - 7PM - LANGLEE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**See our new website - [www.langleeresidents.org.uk](http://www.langleeresidents.org.uk)**

## THE HEALTHY LIVING NETWORK (HLN)

The HLN Project Worker will not be available for a few more weeks. Any queries you may have regarding health or HLN please get in touch on the numbers below.

Carly Unwin, HLN Project Worker (Langlee)

01896 755110 / 01896 824505

### POLISH SUPPER NIGHT AT THE ROUNDABOUT CAFE

Friday, 23rd October, 7pm  
Tickets - £5 each from Langlee Centre  
or The Roundabout Cafe

**The Roundabout Cafe**  
(01896 754836)  
*Bringing Langlee together*  
Langlee Community Centre,  
Tue, Wed, Fri: 10am - 2pm  
**Come and see for yourself!**

### COUNCILLOR CONTACT DETAILS

Councillor **Fiona Lackenby** - Tel: 01835 830428  
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Councillor **John Mitchell** - Tel: 01750 722422  
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## NEWS FROM ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

*Charity No: SC000281*

New to St. John's this autumn is *SoundBite*, an informal group open to everyone, happening every 2nd Monday in the afternoon.

This is a chance to come with friends, or meet new friends, and catch up over a cup of tea. *SoundBite* also gives an opportunity to hear amazing stories from ordinary people.

A wide variety of speakers have been assembled, from all walks of life, to give interesting talks on subjects as diverse as nursing, policing, dealing with students, the textile industry and forestry work in Africa.

*SoundBite* has deliberately been put on in the afternoon to allow those uncomfortable with going out in the darker winter months to have a chance to meet with others, hear about a fascinating subject, all washed down with some quality refreshments. So if you're interested, why not come along - you're sure of a warm welcome!

The first *SoundBite* will be on Monday 5th October 2009 at 2pm in St. John's Church. We will then meet at the same time every two weeks.

**Sunday** 10.15am Morning Service with  
Crèche & Sunday School  
6.30pm Evening Service

### BOYS BRIGADE & GIRLS BRIGADE DETAILS:

**Boys' Brigade** meets regularly every Friday night:

Anchor Boys (P2-P3) Friday 6.00 - 7.00 pm  
Junior Section (P4-P6) Friday 6.30 - 8.00 pm  
Company Section (P7-S6) Friday 7.00 - 10.00 pm

**Girls' Brigade** meets regularly every Monday night:

Explorers (P1-P3) Monday 6.00 - 7.15pm  
Juniors (P4-P7) Monday 7.00 - 8.30pm  
Brigaders (S1-S6) Monday 6.00 - 8.30pm

## PARENTS MIXER E.S.O.L. GROUP

Our group was set up to help members of the community, who do not have English as a first language, to improve their spoken English.

We have members from many countries including Poland, Turkey, Syria and the Czech Republic. All members of the community are invited to come along.

Meetings are held every Wednesday, during term time, in the library at Langlee Primary School from 12.45pm to 2.45pm.

## LANGLEE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION UPDATE

It's now one year since the first meeting of the re-formed LRA. Over the year we have created a means for all residents in Langlee to communicate with Scottish Borders Council, Scottish Borders Housing Association and Waverley Housing Association.

The LRA created a wish list which has already resulted in several local improvements, repairs to paths, maintenance of grassed areas and painting of the railings around the shops.

The Langlee Residents Association is now working on a joint proposal with the Primary School to build a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) in the grounds of the school. This is a very ambitious project, and in order to raise the funds the LRA has applied for a lottery grant known as **The People's Millions**. The application was put together after a great deal of work, and we are pleased to announce that the LRA's bid is now on the reserve list. This is a great achievement - however, we still have more work to do.

At the end of October 2009 we will know if we have been selected to appear on ITV's Border News, where viewers will be asked to vote for their favourite project. As soon as this is confirmed we will need **your help** in creating the TV appeal.

For more information regarding the MUGA project please attend the next LRA meeting on Wednesday 21st October 2009 at 7pm in Langlee Primary School, or look out for the next LRA Newsletter.

*Minutes from LRA meetings are available on request, or will be available soon at: [www.langleeresidents.org.uk](http://www.langleeresidents.org.uk)*

## WAVERLEY TENANTS ORGANISATION NEWS

Great news from the Waverley Tenants Organisation - we now have the money available for the Ball Wall in Beech Avenue!

The Ball Wall will be built along the edge of the grassed area in Beech Avenue and should be installed by the end of this year. It has been a long time coming, but we have had to get ownership of the land from Waverley Housing, planning permission of course, and the money had to be raised.

However, we are just about there, and Scottish Borders Council have agreed to maintain and insure the ball wall. In addition they have also agreed to install flower tubs on the hard standing behind the ball wall and benches along the edge of the grass.

If anyone would like to see drawings of the area, or a walk over the project, there will be someone available in Garage 66 (WTO office) on Monday 26th October from 10am until 12pm (or by arrangement).

We have funding applications out now to raise the funds for the play parks that will be installed either side of the community garden in Larch Grove. We hope to have them ready for use in Spring 2010. Again, Waverley are giving us the land, and SBC will maintain and insure the play parks.

As I write, Waverley Tenants Organisation are running a raffle, to be drawn on Halloween, to raise money towards the play parks. If you could sell some we would be most grateful - call Judith on 753296.

Finally, as usual, we are desperately in need of more folk to join us to help with activities - please give us a call!

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