

# LANGLEE NEWS

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## WHAT MATTERS TO YOU - MATTERS TO US

### Hi folks

Hi everyone

As I sit here writing 'my bit' for the newsletter, the sun is shining, its a lot warmer, Spring is really on its' way!! The tubs on my balcony have come to life - I have crocus, miniature iris, pansies and christmas roses all in bloom. I'm looking forward to delivering the newsletters, I get a chance to look at your gardens at one of the best times of the year, without appearing to be nosey!!

The two community gardens we have in Beech Avenue are also showing signs of life - it will soon be time to brighten them up for the new season. We are looking for other areas to put in more gardens - if you know of anywhere, please contact me - they make such a difference.

It's good to see that SBC are filling in potholes in Beech Avenue - let's hope all areas get done very soon.

In this issue, you will see that we have another Quiz Night coming soon - come along and share the fun, it will be a great night, as usual. The 'Burns and Bingo' we had in January was a sell-out, we had to put more tables in - but we don't mind that, the more the merrier!!

Also, you will see an article from Persimmon Homes, the company is hoping to build a total of around 500 new homes on the far side of the Langshaws road. If you missed their open day on Saturday 26th February, come along to the LRA meeting on 8th March at the Community Centre - I will have the plans to show you of where the houses are to be built. Now is certainly the time to be finding out about these houses if you have any concerns, I believe they hope to start building in October!

Finally, you will see the article for New Earth Solutions, who are the preferred bidder to install a Mechanical Biological Treatment (MBT) plant at the Easter Langlee recycling site - again this may affect us, please have a look at it. It's all happening in Langlee!!

I think that's all for this time, enjoy your newsletter!

Kind regards

*Judith Cleghorn*

Chair, Langlee Residents Association

### Police News

#### Crime Reports for Langlee 11/1/11 - 9/2/11

11/1	Woodstock Ave	Breach of the peace & assault
11/1	Chip Shop	Racist abuse
19/1	Winston Rd	Fatal accident (slaughterhouse)
22/1	Kenilworth Ave	Taxi fraud
23/1	Community centre	Theft of money children's party
23/1	Kenilworth Ave	Vandalism to motor vehicle
25/1	Melrose Rd	Vandalism to motor vehicle
26/1	Laurel Grove	Vandalism to motor vehicle
27/1	Beech Ave	Vandalism to motor vehicle
28/1	Woodstock Ave	Serious assault
28/1	Kenilworth Ave	Accidental fire
6/2	Hawthorne Rd	Theft

6/2	Talisman Ave	Vandalism to motor vehicle
9/2	Melrose Rd	Housebreaking
9/2	Laurel Grove	Fireraising
9/2	Maridgold Dr (shops)	Fireraising (rear of shops)

There have been a number of cars damaged in the local area and 2 fires set. The fire at the rear of the Chinese restaurant almost caused a building fire. If anyone has any information regarding any of these or other crimes please contact Galashiels police station or email me at james.watters@lbp.pnn.police.uk

The police would like to hear the views from the local communities regarding what issues are more important to you the public that live here. If you have an opinion on what we, the police should be dealing with in your area please let us know by coming to the residents meetings, contacting me at the above email address or to Judith and Gerry who will pass your concerns on to us.



## Quiz Night and Buffet,

7pm for 7.30pm on Friday 25th March  
at the Community Centre.

Tickets are £3 available from Judith on 753296  
or from the Community Centre.



### Waverley Tenants Organisation (WTO)

The WTO recently met with Mark Rodgers the newly appointed Services Manager with Waverley Housing. A number of topics were discussed including the recent fire in one of the blocks in Beech Avenue, Mark has assured us that the smoke damage to the stairwell will be cleaned and painted. The stairwell fire highlights the urgent need for the door entry systems to be repaired or in my view replaced. If your entry system does not work then report this to Waverley Housing. The WTO also discussed the rent increase of 5.5%, in the current climate this was seen as an excessive rent increase, but it was explained that it is in line with other landlords and is necessary to pay for the planned maintenance program for 2011. The Planned maintenance for 2011 has a budget of £881,119 which is targeted to bring approximately 300 Waverley Houses across the Borders up to the Scottish Housing quality Standard. The WTO welcome the investment but the Scottish government require that all 1500 Waverley houses meet this standard by 2015, to date a recent surveys indicates that none of the

Waverley Houses meet this standard. Waverley Housing have sent out a there annual Tenant satisfaction survey. The WTO helped shape this survey and it is your chance to give your views. If you haven't already completed the survey please do so, you still have time.

*Gerry Moss*

Chairman  
WTO

### Langlee Carnival News

The Langlee Carnival AGM will be on Monday 28th of March 2011 6:30pm at the Community Centre.

*Gerry Moss*

Chairman Langlee Carnival  
gerrymoss@langleecarnival.org.uk

**NEXT LRA MEETING - TUESDAY 8TH MARCH - 7PM - LANGLEE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

## Healthy Living Network

### Cooking Classes in Langlee

Would anyone be interested in free cooking classes?

We are hoping to start classes in either May/June or after summer in September-November, at a time to suit the majority of users.

Let me know if you are interested and when you would like the classes to start. This is a great opportunity to learn better cooking skills, budgeting, healthy eating and new recipes, in a relaxed atmosphere.

Looking forward to hearing from yourselves.

*Leanne Haining*

Healthy Living Network

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## ESOL

The ESOL group at Langlee Primary School is continuing every Wednesday afternoon. This term we will be concentrating on the National Census, which takes place on Sunday 27th March 2011. Everyone living in the UK will be required to complete a census form about their family, jobs and the type of house they live in.

The Parents Mixer ESOL Group will help you with this by holding informative sessions to gain the information needed to complete the form. We will also have a session on 30th March 2011 with Health Visitor Amanda Irvine, who will be bringing along information on health care in various different languages.

Our group takes place every Wednesday afternoon during term-time from 1pm – 2.45pm in the library at Langlee Primary School. A free crèche is provided for young children.

For more information contact Nicola Corbett on 01896 756893 or see our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com> and look for PARENTS MIXER GROUP.

## More Houses For Langlee?

An information day was held at the Langlee Community Centre on Saturday 26th February, when Persimmon Homes showed plans of the proposed new housing estate to be built on the far side of the Langshaws Road.

Persimmon hope that building of the first phase of 140 homes will be started in October of this year, with further phases later on.

The plans appeared to be comprehensive and ambitious – it was a shame that more residents did not go to see what is to happen – however, I will have a copy of the plans available for you to see at the Langlee Residents Association meeting next Tuesday 8th March, at the Community Centre.

Do come along and see what this will mean to our area.

### Twice Baked Potatoes

#### Ingredients

- 4 medium potatoes
- 25g (1oz) Sun Flower spread
- 225g (8oz) 4oz edam 4oz mature cheddar grated
- 1 Onion, peeled and chopped
- 1 Green pepper, seeded and diced
- 1 Tablespoon wholegrain mustard
- 4 Un-smoked bacon rashers, chopped
- 2 Tablespoons low fat natural yoghurt
- 175g (6oz) Mushrooms, chopped
- Black pepper

#### Method

1. Pre heat oven to 200C/425F/Gas 7
2. Wash potatoes, then prick with a fork, bake for 1 hour – 1 hour 20 minutes.
3. For the filling, melt the low fat spread in a frying pan. Add the onion, green pepper and bacon. Fry for 3-4 minutes. Add the mushrooms and cook for a further 3 minutes, or until just tender.
4. Cut the tops off the potatoes. Scoop the flesh into a bowl and mush with a fork. Stir in the mushroom mixture, half the cheese, the mustard, yoghurt and black pepper. Mix well.
5. Spoon the filling mixture back into potato skins. Carefully transfer to baking tray. Sprinkle the remaining cheese on top.
6. Bake for 20 minutes, or until the filling is heated through and cheese is golden. Serve immediately.

## Local Councillor Details

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## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Charity No: SC000281

### Services

#### Sunday

**10.15am: Morning Service with Crèche & Sunday School.**

**6.30pm: Evening Service**

#### SoundByte

SoundByte is an informal group which runs at St. John's Church on a Monday afternoon. As well as light refreshments and a chance to chat, each meeting has an invited speaker who will talk about a particular topic.

You are invited to come along at 2pm (see dates below) and enjoy a relaxing hour or two of good company and informal fellowship.

Monday 7th March: 2.00pm

Monday 21st March: 2.00pm  
(Experiences in the Middle East)

Monday 4th April 2011: 2.00pm  
(Impressions of China)

Monday 18th April 2011: 2.00pm

Everyone Welcome

## Table Top Sale

**Sat 2nd April 2011.**

**10am to 12noon  
at St Johns Church Hall**

Tables £6 each, call Judith on  
753296 to book your space.

## Boys' Brigade

The Boys' Brigade meets at St. John's Church during term time on a Friday evening as follows:

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

Boys' Brigade display night is on Friday 1st April.

## Girl's Brigade

The Girls' Brigade also meets at St. John's Church during term time on a Monday evening as follows:

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