

LANGLEE NEWS

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WHAT MATTERS TO YOU - MATTERS TO US

Hi folks

Hi everyone

Welcome to the latest edition of the Langlee News. At last, it seems that summer is coming – the trees around us are full of blossom, daffodils at their best and the community garden in Larch Grove is coming to life, thanks mainly to the efforts of three Primary School pupils who helped with some planting a few weeks ago.

I'm just back from a lovely warm week on the Lincolnshire coast – a great time to visit, before the holiday crowds arrive. Some of the seasonal shops do not open until Easter, but those in towns were full of Royal Wedding souvenirs – everything from tea towels to expensive porcelain – I didn't buy anything, but I shall enjoy watching the wedding on television, perhaps with something celebratory to drink and a box of my favourite Black Magic!!

The next Langlee Residents Association meeting is on 26th April at the Community Centre – do try to come along, we have lots to discuss, with Persimmon Homes building 500 houses just down the road, the new recycling plant going in and the dispute between SBC and SBHA being finally resolved. Together we can make a great difference to the area we live in, lets go for it! If anyone needs transport to the

Police News

Crime Reports for Langlee 1/3/11 – 31/3/11

- 1/3 Vandalism – Heather Court
- 3/3 Assault – Woodstock Ave
- 5/3 Vandalism – Rose Court
- 9/3 Assault – Melrose Road
- 18/3 Assault – Melrose Rd
- 20/3 Vandalism M/V – Talisman Ave
- 21/3 Assault BOP – Kenilworth Ave
- 22/3 Vandalism M/V – Talisman Ave
- 28/3 Theft – Larch Grove
- 28/3 Theft – Beech Ave
- 31/3 Vandalism M/V – Woodstock Ave

There have been a lot of reports of solar lights being stolen or damaged in gardens in Langlee.

There have also been a number of reports of public nuisance and anti social behaviour spread round all areas of Langlee.

meeting, call me on 753296 and I'll be happy to pick you up (and take you home again, of course).

Kind regards

Judith Cleghorn

Chair, Langlee Residents Association

Langlee Farmers Market

The Market will be held in the school hall from 1.15 to 3.30 on Thursday 28th of April. The P7s, supported by the Royal Highland Education Trust, are organising the event. There will be a range of stalls featuring locally produced foodstuffs and other items. Refreshments will be available too.

Langlee Carnival News

Langlee Carnival 2011

The Langlee Carnival will be held on the 10th of September 2011.

Following the AGM the committee was established and work has started to prepare for the 2011 Carnival. As Chair of the carnival committee I would like to bring to the attention of Langlee community that the Carnival is subsidised and relies on donations and fundraising activities throughout the year.

The next fundraising is for August which will be a town centre collection we hope everyone will help support us. If you have any funding ideas or wish to help with the Carnival you can contact me at gerrymoss@langleecarnival.org.uk.

Gerry Moss

Chairman Langlee Carnival

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Langlee Residents Association Meeting

**Tuesday 26th April, 7pm at the
Community Centre.**

Come along and get involved in YOUR community

Waverley Tenants Organisation (WTO)

Tenant participation

Waverley Tenants Organisation is committed to tenant participation. This is because we believe that individual tenants can improve services for all tenants, and help to make sure that Waverley Housing are delivering the right services. Following the recent introduction of the caretakers in Beech Avenue I think you will agree they are doing a great job, however Waverley Tenants Organization have passed on Tenants concerns over the standard of the Beech Avenue stair cleaning carried out by contractors, this has been discussed at the highest level within Waverley Housing and I have assurances that tenants concerns will be addressed.

What is Tenant Participation?

Tenant participation can be a number of different

things. It can mean getting involved in tenants or residents associations in your area, attending a one off public meeting. Or it can just mean letting us know what you think on a particular topic by returning a questionnaire or survey.

Why should I get involved?

If you have a view about the housing service provided by Waverley Housing or you want to improve the environment then getting involved can help you to achieve what you want for your community.

Gerry Moss

Chairman, WTO

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Councillor Fiona Lackenby

Along with representatives of Langlee Residents Association, Coopersknowe & Easter Langlee Residents Association and Gala & Langlee Community Council, I attended a meeting with Persimmon Homes to look at their proposals for their Easter Langlee site.

The site is due to have a variety of house styles and sizes, though they do aim to build for the family market here. They answered all the questions posed to them – as openly as developers will – but were very interested in some of the observations made. The site is to be developed in two phases and a planning application for the first phase is due imminently. Many questions were asked about the works themselves, and the access/safety of the road, as we all know how busy it is. My priority is for the work to be carried out on the road before the site works start to try and minimise the impact on us all.

There is to be a proportion of social housing included on the site, which is a requirement by Scottish Borders Council.

A development of this size will undoubtedly have an impact on our community, however, there is a benefit in that the new families which housing on this scale will bring will ensure the viability of

Boys' Brigade

The Boys' Brigade would like to thank family and friends who came along to our recent Display Night. The evening was a great success with the awards ceremony at the end. The following were presented by retiring Session Clerk George Grogans: Best Boy (Anchors): Callum Watkins. Best Boy (Juniors): Jamie Rae. Best Boy (Company): Robbie Darling. Best Recruit (Company) Stephen Todd. President's Badge: Greg Robertson.

Four Queen's Badges were awarded this year to: Rhuary Horsburgh, Robbie Darling, Cameron Wilson & Andrew Farquhar.

The Boys' Brigade will continue to meet informally at St. John's Church on a Friday evening until the end of May.

Girl's Brigade

The Girls' Brigade would like to thank everyone who came along to their coffee evening at St. John's. A great time was had by all with various stalls and of course tea, coffee & delicious cakes etc.

The Girls' Brigade will continue to meet at St. John's Church on a Monday evening until the end of May as follows:

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

facilities that we have and need i.e. schools and health services.

When the full application is submitted, please look at, if you don't have access to the Internet, go the Library and the staff there will be happy to help you. This is your chance to have a say on something that will impact on our community.

Fiona Lackenby

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Dyslexia Taster Workshop

This workshop is run by Scottish Borders Council, Community Learning and Development. The workshop is for adults who have, or think they have dyslexia. We will be talking about:

- Understand what dyslexia is and how it affects people
- Understand how we learn and learning styles
- What help is available
- Coping strategies

The workshops are at the Langlee Complex on Friday 20th May and Friday 27th May at 10am until 12pm.

If you are interested in attending these workshops please contact Becca Childs, Adult Learning Worker on 755110.

For more information about dyslexia or if you are needing help with reading, writing or numbers, pop in to the Langlee Complex on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays or phone 01896 755110 and ask for Becca.

BINGO!

Bingo Night
with Bangers
and Mash

Friday 20th May 7pm at
the Community Centre

Tickets £3 – buy your own
books on the night.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Charity No: SC000281

Services

Sunday

10.15am: Morning Service with Crèche & Sunday School.

6.30pm: Evening Service

Easter Services

Palm Sunday – 17th April

10.15am: Morning Service with Crèche & Sunday School.

6.30pm: Joint service at St. John's with all Galashiels Churches.

Thursday – 21st April

7.00pm: Joint communion service with Old and St. Paul's Church

Easter Sunday – 24th April

8.30am: Early service

10.15am: Family Service

6.30pm: Evening service at Old and St. Paul's

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 2.p.m. and enjoy a relaxing hour or two of good company and informal fellowship. Our next meeting is:

Monday 18th April 2011: 2.00pm

Everyone Welcome

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