

NEWSLETTER

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WHAT MATTERS TO YOU - MATTERS TO US

HELLO EVERYONE!

Well, here goes - the second edition of our newsletter, just in time for our next meeting on 22nd April - will you join us? We were delighted to see a good few extra residents at our last meeting, but we need more - we need you!

Please remember it's your newsletter too - if you want anything publicised, let us know. Anything for sale? We'll do adverts for you too (for a very small charge!)

It seems that, finally, after a long winter, Spring is on it's way at last - great to see the daffodils, isn't it? - and the community gardens in Beech Avenue and Larch Grove are coming on a treat. The Waverley Tenants Organisation are looking for another patch to set up as a garden, any ideas? Just one way in which Langlee is being improved, any help with the gardens would be welcomed - just contact us!

Finally, more exciting news - we are to apply to People's Millions for funding to install the MUGA at Langlee Primary School!

I think that's enough from me, please read on to the interesting bits, and please join us on Wednesday night - 7pm at the school!

Best wishes.

Judith Cleghorn, Chair, Langlee Residents Association

THE BOYS' BRIGADE - 125 YEARS

Throughout the last year the Boys' Brigade has marked their 125th anniversary with a series of celebrations.

2nd Galashiels Company, based at St John's Church, Langlee, will be recognising this achievement with the burial of a Time Capsule at the annual display night on Friday 1st May 2009 at St. John's Church.

The evening will commence at 7pm and will culminate with the burial of the Time Capsule in the Church grounds around 8.30pm, followed by the cutting of a celebratory cake, washed down with tea, coffee and chat. The capsule will be marked by a plaque in the grounds, at the front of the Church building.

The boys have been working hard to put a whole host of items into the Time Capsule, including profiles of the present boys, a film documentary, an animation on the life of the founder of the Boys' Brigade, a podcast, and various other mementos of life in the Boys' Brigade in 2009.

We warmly invite the community to join us, celebrating a significant occasion in the life of the Boys' Brigade. It promises to be a memorable night, and we assure everyone of a very warm welcome. We would be particularly delighted to see any past boys or officers of the 2nd Galashiels Company.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, LANGLEE, GALASHIELS

As well as Christian worship, there are various organisations which run throughout the week at St. John's Church.

Monday

- 3rd Monday Club, meets at 2pm on every 3rd Monday of the Month for tea, coffee and a themed talk. All members of the community welcome, next meeting: 20th April 2009.
- Girls Brigade
 - Explorers (P1 – P3) 6 - 7.15pm
 - Juniors (P4 – P7) 7 - 8.30pm
 - Brigaders (S1 – S6) 7 - 8.30pm.

Tuesday

- Prayer group 7 - 8pm

Wednesday

- Rock Solid (P6 – S3) 7 - 9pm

Thursday

- Working Prayer Breakfast from 7.30am
- Exploring Christianity Discussion Group 7 - 9pm

Friday

- Boys' Brigade
 - Anchors (P2 – P3) 6 - 7pm
 - Juniors (P4 – P6) 6.30 - 7.45pm
 - Company (P7 – S6) 7 - 10pm.

Sunday

- KAOS Children's Club 10.15 - 11.30am
- Morning Worship 10.15am
- Evening Worship 6.30pm.
Tea and Coffee served over a time to get to know each other.
Crèche and baby changing facilities available.

A warm invitation is extended to all in Langlee to come and meet us. Our website has all the information and more: www.stjohnschurchgalashiels.co.uk

UPGRADING OF PATHWAYS IN LANGLEE!!!

Your chance to hear first-hand!

As you may have seen, considerable work has been done to pathways and kerbs in the Beech Avenue/Larch Grove area.

This is just the start of improvements that we hope will take place in Langlee over coming months.

David Brown (Area Network Manager, Eildon & Tweeddale) and Fraser Dunlop (Parks and Open Spaces) from Scottish Borders Council will be at our meeting on Wednesday 22nd April, to talk about future work in our area. Come along to hear for yourself about the progress we are making, put your point of view, ask questions you'd like answered. Langlee Primary, 7pm.

DON'T MISS IT!

**LANGLEE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION - NEXT MEETING:
 WEDNESDAY - 22nd APRIL - AT 7PM - IN LANGLEE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

LANGLEE SUMMER ACTIVITIES 2009

Community Learning and Development (CLD) are planning a family friendly summer activities event this year, for all ages, based in the Community Centre in Marigold Drive.

Some of the suggested themes are:

- cooking day,
- sports day,
- arts,
- music and crafts
- walking
- drum workshop
- a family day out

Possible dates for the activities would be:

29th June - 3rd July
27th July - 31st July
10th Aug - 14th Aug

If you are interested in a place, or have ideas for other activities, or would like to run an activity/workshop please contact Bob Petrie, from CLD, at the Langlee Centre on 01896 755110.

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

THE HEALTHY LIVING NETWORK
Carly Unwin is the HLN Project Worker for Langlee, based in the Community Centre.
Tel: 01896 755110 or 07833 049510.

LANGLEE YOUTH CLUBS NEWS – APRIL

Midi Youth Club: Monday, 6.30 - 8.30pm (P7 - S1)
Senior Youth Club: Tuesday, 7 - 9pm (S2 upwards)
Junior Youth Club: Wednesday, 6 - 7.30 (age 8 - P6)
Roundabout Youth Group: Thursday, 5.30 - 9.30pm (11 - 18 years)
Roundabout Youth Group: Friday, 6.30 - 10.30pm (11 - 18 Years)

Whilst the youth clubs are very busy, and the Roundabout Youth Group is just starting up, we are always in need of volunteers to help out in these sessions. Enthusiasm and an ability to work with young people is all you need as training is available for all volunteers.

Some of the ideas we have for the Roundabout is an Internet Radio Station for Langlee as well as an e-newspaper. Whole community events like quiz nights, restaurant nights and film nights are also on the cards for these groups, which will be planned and hosted by the young people themselves.

A WORD FROM OUR COMMUNITY CONSTABLE

Hi, my name is Jim Watters and I am the Community Constable for Galashiels.

As you can see from this newsletter there are a large number of people and organisations working to make Langlee a better place to live. You can also do your bit. There are people who live in or visit Langlee and cause problems for the majority of law abiding people by committing crime or behaving in an anti-social manner. To you who live here it may be obvious who is doing what and when, but if you require the police to act on it then you have to tell us about it.

If an incident is *ongoing* and is *serious* call 999

If an incident is not ongoing and you want the police to attend call Galashiels police station on 01896 752222.

If there is information you would like the police to know or do something about, but you would like to remain anonymous, then call Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Some of you may know of scams that are going around both by post and on the internet. They take many forms, but mostly involve you sending money to receive winnings from a lottery you have not entered, or sending your bank details to help them get money out of their country through your bank.

NEVER GIVE YOUR BANK DETAILS TO ANYONE YOU ARE NOT SURE OF
remember the old saying "if it sounds too good to be true . . ."

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WTO - ON ROUTE TO PLAY PARK

Waverley Tenants Organisation held a fantastic Football Fun Day in Beech Avenue earlier this month with an inflatable pitch, bouncy castles and other amusements.

It was also the official opening of the new WTO Langlee office in Beech Avenue, at the converted **Garage 66**, and local MSP Jeremy Purvis kindly 'cut the ribbon' for us. The plan is to use this office as a meeting space, a local source of information for tenants and a base for the play park projects.

Many thanks to Dougie Anderson, Drew Kelly and the coaching team from the Sports Development Unit for making the day such a success. Also, thanks to Bobby Ferguson for the great amusements which were much appreciated by all the kids!

Waverley Tenants Organisation will be holding their AGM on Friday 24th April 2009 at 7pm in the Focus Centre, Livingston Place, Galashiels.
All Waverley Tenants are welcome.

For more information see the WTO website: www.waverleytenants.org.uk

The Seniors will have a residential this summer to plan for an international exchange in 2010, and are at present looking at fund raising ideas.

The Midi Youth Club went to the Panto before Christmas, and are leading the field in their healthy tuck shop approach and have some great sessions of games and sports in the hall and outside (weather permitting).

The Junior Youth Club is very busy and lively with the young people attending involved in arts and crafts, games in the hall and pool. They usually have a major trip away during the summer.

Come along, meet new friends and have fun! You'll be very welcome.

***Note:** Except for Roundabout Groups the Youth Clubs run the same as the school terms and are closed during school holidays. But there will be summer activities available during school (summer) holiday period.

Please call Norrie Tait (Community Learning and Development Worker) on 01896 755110 for further youth club information.

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