

NEWSLETTER

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WHAT MATTERS TO YOU - MATTERS TO US

HELLO EVERYONE!

It's me again!! At last the winter seems to be truly over, longer, lighter days, time to enjoy barbeques and picnics - my time of year. The trees in Kenilworth were lovely with their pink blossom a few weeks ago; the plants in the community gardens in Beech Avenue and Larch Grove are starting to grow again, unfortunately so are the weeds! If anyone fancies a spot of gardening, please contact me (753296), we want to set up more community gardens and I have a couple of ladies who cannot manage their own garden and could do with some help. It's really very rewarding to see a nice garden and hear positive comments from passers-by.

We've had a very busy six weeks since I last wrote, but you can 'read all about it' in this newsletter. Please remember it's YOUR residents association, come and join us - we had about 30 people at the last meeting, it would be great to beat that on 3rd June!

Best wishes.

Judith Cleghorn, Chair, Langlee Residents Association

2nd GALASHIELS BOYS' BRIGADE

Friday 1st May saw the annual Display Night of the Boys' Brigade at St. John's Church. The evening saw a range of activities from a sketch by the Anchor Boys to a spectacular gymnastic display by the Company Section.

Following the presentation of the various awards to the boys by our guest, Keith Clarkson of Radio Borders, the evening culminated in the burial in the Church grounds of our Time Capsule.

The Time Capsule was created to mark the 125th Anniversary of the founding of the Boys' Brigade. It contains photographs, recordings, articles and various other mementos of life in the Boys' Brigade in 2009.

It is hoped that the Time Capsule will be dug up again during the 150th Anniversary celebrations in 2033/2034. The spot where the Time Capsule is buried will be marked shortly with a plaque which will be visible in the grassed area at the front of St. John's.

The Boys' Brigade would like to thank all our friends at St. John's and in Langlee who came along and supported our Display Night. Also to the many people and businesses without whose contribution the Display Night and Time Capsule could not have happened. A special thanks also to Mr. John Rafferty and the students of the plumbing dept. of Borders College who manufactured and sealed the Time Capsule.

The Boys' Brigade will finish for this session in June and start again at St. John's Church after the summer holidays.

GRASS CUTTING IN LOWER LANGLEE

In early May Waverley Tenants Organisation sent out over 100 questionnaires to the 'responsible households' in Lower Langlee regarding grass cutting in eight neglected areas. **To date 36 responses have been received.**

Waverley Housing require a 60% 'yes' response to enable them to start grass cutting in Lower Langlee. If you received a questionnaire and have not responded yet, please do so as soon as possible! You can even bring your completed questionnaire to the next LRA meeting on 3rd June. With one last push this situation can be resolved to everyone's benefit!

CARNIVAL NEWS

In aid of the Langlee Carnival there will be a car boot sale in Langlee Primary School car park on Saturday 13th June 2009 from 10am. Setting up from 9.30am, cost £6 per car.

***** PARKING PROBLEMS! *****

Tenants of the garages in Beech Avenue have requested that no one parks in front of the garages. One langlee resident had to walk to work as they were unable to get their car out of their garage.

LOCAL FOOTBALL MATCH

Langlee Dads v ASDA resulted in ASDA winning 5-0. This was an excellent game, with the promise of a rematch later in the year. A big thank you to everyone who took part!

BODYSHOP FUNDRAISER

There will be a BodyShop party at the primary school on Thursday 18th June at 7pm, all are welcome - please come and support us!

Proceeds will be divided equally between the school and the Langlee Residents Association.

It promises to be a fun night - and the BIG news is that BodyShop will be holding a HUGE sale at that time, so HUGE bargains will be available - don't miss them!

If you cannot manage to come on the night, but would still like to take advantage of this great offer, contact Judith (on 753296) to bring you a brochure and order form.

LANGLEE 50 ACTIVITIES

As part of the 50th anniversary celebrations for Langlee Primary School there will be a Family Fun Day at the School on Saturday, 13th June, 10am - 12pm.

Anyone with memories of Langlee Primary, please contact the school on: 01896 757892.

The Roundabout Cafe

(01896 754836)

Bringing Langlee together

Langlee Community Centre,

Tue, Wed, Fri: 10am - 2pm

Come and see for yourself!

LANGLEE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION - NEXT MEETING:

WEDNESDAY - 3rd JUNE - AT 7PM - IN LANGLEE PRIMARY SCHOOL

THE HEALTHY LIVING NETWORK (HLN)

HLN is going from strength to strength in Langlee. As well as groups at the Community Centre and getting involved in Langlee Summer School, we've been busy supporting Langlee Primary with:

- Parent/Child Cooking Skills – This is very popular with parents and children.
- A Vegetable Garden – all of the children will get a chance to work on this and the fresh produce will be used in the school canteen. Contact me if you're keen to get involved in other gardening projects in Langlee – its great exercise!
- Alternative Activity Taster Sessions – We've held taster sessions in Salsasize, Total Toning, Yoga Stretching and Yoga Relaxation which were a huge success. We're now organising an exercise class made up of the activities they enjoyed the most.
- Breakfast Club – I'm attending Breakfast Club on Wednesdays and Fridays with lots of healthy fruit for the children to encourage them to eat a portion with breakfast, counting towards one of their 5 a day.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 30th June 2pm – 4pm: HLN Open Afternoon at Garage 66. Get your free recipe pack with nutritional information, food diary and lots more goodies to support you in a healthy lifestyle. There will be nibbles and fruit smoothies and a chance to have a say in health activities and programmes you'd like to see in Langlee courtesy of HLN.

As always if you have any questions about HLN, or ways we can support you to lead a healthier lifestyle, please come along to the Open Afternoon at Garage 66 or get in touch on the number below.

Carly Unwin, HLN Project Worker (Langlee), 07833 049510.

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PARENTS MIXER GROUP - ESOL AT LANGLEE

Parents from several countries who would like to improve their spoken English run Parents Mixer Group.

The group meets on Wednesday afternoons during school term-time from 12.45pm until 2.45pm. We meet in the library at Langlee Primary School. We have parents from all over the Central Borders. A crèche is available.

You can get help:

- To understand English better.
- To speak English better.
- With understanding and completing forms and letters.
- With anything else needed to make living in the UK easier for parents for whom English is not their first language.

Come and join us. Improve your spoken English, meet other parents and have fun whilst you do it!

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.

FOR SALE - HAUK ESPRIT BUGGY

Excellent condition. Seat can be turned to face front or back. Matching footmuff. Fitted rain cover. Instruction booklet.

£30 ono. Contact: 01896 668242

UPDATE FROM THE LAST LRA MEETING

The last LRA meeting was attended by David Brown and Fraser Dunlop, from Scottish Borders Council, who gave an update on the planned maintenance work for Langlee in the coming year. Lots of information available, come along to our next meeting and find out all about it!

PARENTS MIXER GROUP – ESOL AT LANGLEE

Rodzice z wielu krajów, którzy chcą lepiej mówić po angielsku spotykają się w grupie zorganizowanej o nazwie Parent Mixer Group.

Grupa ta spotyka się w każdą środę popołudniu podczas zajęć szkolnych od godziny 12:45 do 2:45. Spotykamy się w bibliotece szkolnej w Langlee Primary School. Należą do niej rodzice z całej okolicy Central Borders. W pobliżu dostępne jest przedszkole.

Pomagamy:

- lepiej rozumieć język angielski
- lepiej mówić po angielsku
- rozumieć i wypełniać formularze, pisać listy
- „odnaleźć” się rodzicom w UK

Przyjdź i spróbuj! Popraw swój angielski, spotkaj innych rodziców i baw się dobrze

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