

NEWSLETTER

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WHAT MATTERS TO YOU - MATTERS TO US

HI EVERYONE!

Well, here we are again - summer holidays over, kids back to school - how many mums have been giving a sigh of relief? - I know I used to when my kids were school age!

As you will have noticed, there was no newsletter before the holidays, but we're back now, full of information about what's going to be happening in Langlee over the next few months. Loads to look forward to - the Langlee Carnival for instance. We hope you will all come along and support this great event, bigger and better than ever this year.

The **Waverley Tenants Organisation** have great plans - **they have managed to get the money for the Ball Wall in Beech Avenue**, building this will go ahead very soon - and as for the proposed play parks ... well, more about that soon!

The next LRA meeting will be at the primary school at 7pm on Wednesday 26th August - **just next Wednesday**, will you join us? Together we can make Langlee a great place to live. Great to be back, lots to do - and we need your help!

Best wishes.

Judith Cleghorn, Chair, Langlee Residents Association

CARNIVAL NEWS

Langlee Carnival is on 12th September 2009 at Langlee Community Centre. The Langlee Lad and Langlee Lass for 2009 are:

Jamie Mitchell and Toni Barr.

Jamie and Toni, in the carriage, will lead the Carnival Procession and Fancy Dress Parade from the Primary School to the Community Centre, to open the Carnival at 11am.

This year's Carnival includes:

- Fancy Dress Parade
- Bouncy castles
- Acoustic set with a range of local talent
- The SFA full-size five-a-side football pitch
- Irish Dancers
- Tug of War competition
- Face Painting
- Clown Stevie and Ickle Tickle and local band



Also a wide range of stalls and activities within the Langlee Community Centre see: www.langleecarnival.org.uk

Come and join the fun!

We need people of all ages to join our Fancy Dress Parade this year. Meet at the Primary School for

judging at 10.15am

then join the procession to the Community Centre for lots of Carnival fun! The Fancy Dress Parade will follow the Langlee Lad and Langlee Lass in their horse and carriage, along with the Galashiels Pipe Band. So start planning your fancy dress outfit and make this year's Carnival Procession the best yet!

LANGLEE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

~~~~~ **PUB QUIZ** ~~~~~

7pm - Friday 9th October 2009  
 in The Woodcutter Function Room

**£10 team entry - CASH\* prize for 1st place!**  
 (\*prize determined by number of teams)

**Teams of 4 people: book at the Carnival or call 01896 753296**

**UPDATE FROM THE LAST LRA MEETING**

David Gordon from Waverley Housing Association came to meet the LRA and talk about the grass cutting in Lower Langlee - which has now been adopted by Waverley Housing! (over 60% of local residents returned their forms). This means all responsible households will pay just a small annual fee. A big Thank You to all who returned the questionnaires and to Waverley Tenants Organisation for a great result!

Judith Cleghorn reported on a very positive meeting with Janice Cambridge from SBHA and some of the SBHA Directors. They assured the LRA that they would be supportive of what they were trying to achieve in improving Langlee.

An application has been submitted to 'People's Millions' for £50,000 towards funding the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) at the Primary School. The LRA should be notified of the result towards the end of August.

For more information come along to our next meeting!

*Full copies of the minutes are available on request, call Judith Cleghorn on 01896 753296.*

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

Councillor John Mitchell  
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**LANGLEE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION NEXT MEETING:**  
**WEDNESDAY - 26TH AUGUST - 7PM - LANGLEE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

## THE HEALTHY LIVING NETWORK (HLN)

The HLN has lots to report again:

- School Breakfast Club – The children couldn't get enough of the fruit! We're hoping this will continue into next term, so show your support and send your little ones to Breakfast Club to ensure they're eating a healthy breakfast.
- Summer Activities Programme – HLN worked in partnership with SBC to create a very enjoyable and successful week for all involved. Thanks to all of the participants. Many of the activities will follow on from this.
- Yoga Class – There will be a free yoga class, open to all Langlee residents in the Green Room at Langlee Community Centre every Monday, from 1 till 2pm, for 6 weeks beginning on the 7th September.
- HLN Absence – The HLN Project Worker will be absent from work for 6 weeks. Any queries you may have to do with health or HLN please get in touch on the numbers below.

Carly Unwin, HLN Project Worker (Langlee)  
01896 755110 / 01896 824505

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

### Back to Church Sunday

Across Britain, Sunday 27th September is *Back to Church Sunday* an event that in past years has gathered a lot of media attention. This is an opportunity for people, who for whatever reason have not been to Church for a long time, to come back and see what is going on. St. John's Church would love to welcome you to a special service at our church on Sunday 27th September at 10.15am. Come as you are, you are specially invited.

10.15am: Morning Service with Creche & Sunday School  
6.30pm: Evening Service

### Boys' Brigade & Girls' Brigade

St. John's Church Boys' Brigade & Girls' Brigade are back for the new school year. If you're between the ages of 5 and 18 and want to experience new challenges; to have fun; to be listened to and have a say; to be respected and valued then this is the place for you...

**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

There is a registration fee of £10 for the first child and £5 for every subsequent child in the family - each night then costs £1. There is a registration night on **Friday 28th August 2009** at St. John's Church on Hawthorn Road from **6.00 - 7.00pm**.

**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

The registration fee is £10 per girl and a weekly sub of £1. Registration night is on **Monday 31st August 2009** at St. John's Church on Hawthorn Road from **6.15 - 6.45pm**.

We look forward to welcoming you!

## LANGLEE CENTRE SUMMER ACTIVITIES

A very successful week of activities was held at Langlee Centre during the week of 10th August. A total of seven Langlee families, parents and children, took part in a varied programme throughout the week which included sport, arts, music, cooking and local visits. There were a number of participating agencies including the Lothian and Borders Police, health visitors and the Roundabout Cafe.

The event was organised by a local partnership of Community Learning and Healthy Living Network workers and sponsored by Langlee Community Centre Management Committee - the week of learning could not have happened without their support.

The activity week ended on the Friday with a wonderful celebration lunch prepared by the participants which included Syrian and Polish dishes.

Due to the success of the week it is hoped to stage a similar event in Langlee at the same time in August 2010.

*Bob Petrie, Community Learning and Development (CLD)  
Langlee Centre, 01896 755110*

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### A SUMMER MESSAGE FROM FIONA LACKENBY

As I write this, the children of Langlee are counting the number of sleeps until the school holidays (and so are their parents), and we as a town are celebrating Braw Lads Week.

At the Kirkin' of the Braw Lad on Sunday, the service was focussed on youth and pride in your community. It was a joyful service and the church was packed, with standing room only.

A few days before I spent some time at Langlee Primary School as part of the 50th Anniversary celebrations. Three generations of my family visited the stalls, and the wonderful exhibition from the Old Gala Club. Although not from Gala, my Mum was able to relate to lots of the items on display and told young listeners (and me) about her days at school in rural Aberdeenshire. Worryingly, I was also able to identify some of these things that I remembered from school too! Abigail isn't old enough to go to school yet, but had a wonderful time meeting Tigger.

What does this have to do with the LRA I hear you ask? All of these events have something in common. Pride in what has gone before, but looking forward too to the future and what that may bring.

As the LRA takes a summer break, the Committee and the residents who have attended the various meetings should look back and take pride in what has been achieved, in such a short time, but also be looking forward to the Summer's end when we come back and plan for the future. Perhaps the 'quick fixes' will be fewer now and we will be looking to longer-term, bigger projects, but as long as an eye is kept on the ultimate goal, the will is there to succeed and make Langlee the best it can be.

We are staying at home this year, but wherever you are over the summer, I hope this sun shines on you and I look forward to seeing you out and about over the coming weeks.

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