

LANGLEE NEWS

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WHAT MATTERS TO YOU - MATTERS TO US

Hi folks

Hi everyone and a Happy New Year to you all.

First of all, an apology - for the first time since we started, we were unable to put out the newsletter in December, and also had to cancel the LRA meeting. The snow meant it wasn't safe for the newsletter to be delivered, so like so many other things before Christmas, we had to cancel.

I don't think any of us expected the snow to last for so long, let's hope we have seen the last of it, though I have my doubts.

However, I hope you all managed to have a great Christmas!

It would seem that 2011 will bring problems with it - the financial cuts that we all face will be hard, and sticking together as a community will be even more important. We in the LRA will work hard to make things as good as possible in Langlee, please help us!

The next LRA meeting is on 12th January at the school, Graham Prentice, SBC, will be in attendance to answer any queries or problems we may have with the new bi-weekly rubbish and recycling collections. Come along to the meeting and have your say!

Another theme night is arranged for 28th January at the Community Centre - Burns and Bingo! Come along and enjoy a Burns Supper with a game of bingo afterwards - it should be a great night, they usually are!!

Here's to a great 2011 in Langlee!!

Kind regards

Judith Cleghorn

Chair, Langlee Residents Association

Police News

Our Community Officer, PC Jim Watters will be available to meet with any residents of Langlee. It will be an opportunity to report any crime or incidents in the area, to seek advice or advise PC Watters of any concerns about what is happening in our area - just to say hello if you are passing.

PC Watters will be using the WTO garage 66 in Beech Avenue and in December will be available as follows:

2nd Feb from 1500 - 1600

22nd Feb from 1900 - 2000

Dates and times for more meetings will be available in future issues of the newsletter.

Crime Reports for Langlee 1/12/10 - 6/1/11

1. Domestic assault, Beech Ave 5/12 - offender charged.

2. Theft of childrens buggy, Beech Ave 6/12
3. Theft of childrens buggy, Beech Ave 7/12
4. Domestic BOP 11/12 - offender charged
5. Drink driver Hawthorne road 19/12 - offender charged
6. Domestic assault, Hawthorne road 22/12 - offender charged
7. Theft, Laurel grove, 24/12 - offender charged
8. Vandalism, Talisman Ave 28/12
9. Assault Beech Ave, 1/1 - offender charged
10. Police vehicle vandalised, Beech Ave, 1/1
11. Vandalism Kenilworth Ave 2/1 & 3/1
12. Theft Beech Ave 3/1.

Item 10 the police vehicle was damaged in Beech Ave whilst officers were dealing with an allegation of assault. If anyone has any information regarding this matter please contact me.

Item 11 2 x vandalisms to same vehicle over 2 days.

Waverley Tenants Organisation (WTO)

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 Waverley Housing know what you think on a particular topic by returning a questionnaire or survey.

If you have a view about the housing service Waverley provide or you want to improve the environment then getting involved can help you to achieve what you want for your community. The WTO are currently involved in a number of local projects to bring better play park facilities to the area and confirm that they now have planning permission to install play park equipment in the area behind the ball wall in Beach Avenue.

Late last year Waverley Housing Association as part of a pilot project introduced a contractor to provide caretaker and stair cleaning service in Beech Avenue. The role of caretaker will in future be carried out by a Waverley employee; an advert for this position went out just before Christmas. If you have any comments regarding the stair cleaning service you can contact Waverley Housing on 01450 364200.

To find out more about the WTO please email gerrymoss@waverleytenants.org.uk

Gerry Moss

Chairman

WTO

Langlee Carnival News

The Langlee Carnival Committee will be holding their next meeting on Monday 7th February 2011 in the Community Centre Red room at 6:30pm. Anyone wanting to get involved in the 2011 carnival would be very welcome to come along. The Carnival Committee also plan to hold their AGM on Monday 28th of March 2011 in the community centre.

Gerry Moss

Chairman Langlee Carnival

gerrymoss@langleecarnival.org.uk

Burns and Bingo Night

7pm on Friday 28 January at Community Centre

Burns supper, followed by bingo

Bring your own bottle.

£3 and buy your books on the night.



St. John's Church

Charity No: SC000281

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 10th January 2011: 2.00pm

Monday 24th January 2011: 2.00pm

Monday 7th February 2011: 2.00pm

Monday 21st February 2011: 2.00pm

Everyone Welcome

St. John's Church would like to wish a good 2011 to all residents.

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

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

Winter help for the elderly or disabled

Did you have trouble getting prescriptions/essential supplies during the severe snow?

Would you like to have had your path cleared?

If this happens again and you need help, please call the:

LANGLEE Community Help Number

01896 753296

Someone will come to help.
Anyone coming to assist you will carry an ID card.

Talking Rubbish

COME AND TALK RUBBISH AT THE LRA MEETING

The next meeting of the Langlee Residents Association is on Wednesday 12th January at Langlee Primary School, when the main topic will be the new bi-weekly rubbish and recycling collections.

Graham Prentice, Operations Manager for Environmental Services with Scottish Borders Council, will be in attendance to answer any of your queries.

Please come along, this is your opportunity to have your voice heard and put your point of view regarding the new arrangements.

Local Councillor Details

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Line Dancing with Diana Dawson

Silver Stars Western Dancers

Line Dancing is one of the favourite dance forms and is enjoyed all over the world. Here in the UK it came to popularity back in the early 1990's, mostly danced to Country music.

Nowadays all types of music are used for this great dance form. All dances are specially choreographed routines, danced in lines. You don't need a partner but everyone is your friend on the dancefloor. It is also a fun way to keep fit, both in body and mind and is recognised as such by the health profession.

Parents Mixer ESOL Group

The ESOL group at Langlee Primary School will restart on Wednesday 12th January 2011.

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 26th January 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.

Councillor John Mitchell

My next surgery is on Friday 28th January 4.30 - 5.30pm in Stow Town Hall.

Please phone me beforehand on 01750 722422 to make an appointment if you can.

Thanks.

John Mitchell

Silver Stars Western Dancers was established in June 1997 with Line Dance classes at Langlee Community Centre, Galashiels. The club continues to thrive with classes throughout the Borders at all levels. Instructor is DIANA DAWSON, BWDA qualified and Music is provided by Silver Stars Country Disco—DJ Eric.

More information about the club, classes and social events on the website www.silverstarswesterndancers.com or telephone 01896 756244

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