

LANGLEE NEWS

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WHAT MATTERS TO YOU - MATTERS TO US

Hi folks

Well, here we are again, a newsletter at last! We didn't have enough input to make the last one worthwhile, so we had to cancel it – what a pity.

So, what's been happening in Langlee over the summer and what have we got to look forward to? Some good news – we have applied to another 'branch' of the Lottery for money to build the playpark in Langlee, the fence between the Ball Wall and the road has been installed by Scottish Borders Council and we plan a Jubilee Garden for 2012. All positive stuff, dented a bit by the mindless vandalism a few weeks ago when the benches that had been put in Beech Avenue were destroyed. The Langlee Residents Association and Waverley Tenants Organisation work hard to improve things for us all and to have those benches destroyed for no reason was heart breaking. We want to stamp out this sort of behaviour – if you

see anything happening like that, please call the police, who have promised to help us.

Winter approaches, sales of snow shovels are through the roof. If the weather does defeat you and you need help, give me a call and I will get someone out to assist you.

The next LRA meeting is 6th December, 7pm at Langlee Community Centre – please come along and support us.

Have a great Christmas!! The next newsletter will be out in the New Year.

Best wishes

Judith Cleghorn

Chair, Langlee Residents Association

Waverley Tenants Organisation

Is it worth it?

Last month the benches in Beech Avenue were vandalised, this was a great shock to the WTO committee and literally made us feel sick, we have now lost the three benches.

We had to ask the question "is it worth it?" But when you look at all the work that is in progress it would be an even greater loss if the WTO did not continue.

WTO Work in progress:

- Judith Cleghorn (WTO secretary) has continued to work on further funding applications for the Playpark and has put together an ambitious lottery funding application. The funding will be announced at the end of February 2012. If successful the WTO will build a much needed playpark in Beech Avenue.
- The fence at the Beech Avenue Ball Wall has been installed and is proving very effective in preventing the ball spilling out onto the road.
- Waverley Housing has started upgrading the door entry systems in Beech Avenue. The target is to have all of the doors installed by December 2011. This is work brought forward from 2015, at a cost well in excess of £100,000, directly in response to consultation with WTO.

If the Waverley Tenants Organisation is to continue we need more support from Tenants. I appeal to Waverley tenants to support the WTO and come along to Judith's House - 20 Larch Grove, Langlee, Galashiels at 10am on Wednesday 14th December 2011 where we will hold our AGM.

Gerry Moss

Chairman, WTO

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Lothian and Borders Police

A WINTER WARNING

Now that winter has officially arrived and Christmas is just round the corner it puts me in a giving mood. So I would like to give each of you some good old-fashioned advice.

Please look after your home and your possessions or somebody else might.

There is nothing new in what I'm going to say but a timely reminder may just jog the memory and stop you becoming a victim of crime over the dark days of winter, although the advice is pertinent all year round.

- When leaving the house empty make sure all the doors and windows are locked.
- Leave a light on and if possible the radio, timer switches are great for this.
- Close the curtains so not to advertise your valuables, especially at Christmas, as your growing pile of presents under the tree may be irresistible to the opportunist criminal.
- If you are leaving home for a few days, let someone you trust, a friend or neighbour, know so they can keep an eye on the place.

- Keep your car keys safe and away from the doors and windows as thieves will break into your home just to get your car keys.
- When out and about don't leave valuables or cash on view in your car. Remember an opportunist thief won't know that the box on the back seat is empty or there is nothing in the handbag worth stealing until after they have broken in.
- Also remember the Satnav, iphone, mobile, laptop etc, etc. Get them out of site if you have to leave them unattended.

This list is by no means exhaustive but the purpose is just to remind you of the basics.

If you keep these in mind I'm sure we will all have a safe and secure festive season without the inconvenience, let alone the cost in both money and personal trauma, of opportunist crime.

PC Jim Watters

Community Beat Officer

Music, music, music

We are looking at the possibility of starting a Community Choir in Langlee – and are looking for members.

Do you fancy joining in? If so, phone Judith on 753296 – and if we get enough interest, then we will get started!!

NEXT LRA MEETING - TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER - 7PM - LANGLEE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Healthy Living Network

Hi everyone. I have returned to work from my maternity leave and am excited about the future for HLN in Langlee. I'm eager to organise new projects and activities for you all so any suggestions or requests are very welcome.

It's my third day back so there isn't an awful lot to report on so far. However we are continuing with our cooking groups in Langlee Primary school and baby weaning classes at the community centre. My colleague Leanne Haining has done a fantastic job of continuing to provide these in my absence.

A few things you could request and get involved in are various types of cooking skills courses (basic skills, budget cooking, cooking for young people or older people, cooking for one, etc, etc). We can also offer physical activity sessions in various forms of exercise so if you'd like to try something new please get in touch. "Time for You" groups have become popular across the Borders, especially

with parents needing a break for a couple of hours every week. These sessions can include anything you need from advice about benefits/energy suppliers, to exercise or even a pamper session. A crèche facility can be arranged if necessary.

As always we welcome support from you in the community as a local volunteer. I'll have a lot more to update you on in the next issue but please contact me to discuss any of the above or if you would like any advice.

Thanks,

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Councillor John Mitchell

My next surgery is on Thursday 22nd December from 5.30pm - 6.30pm in the Langlee Community Centre.

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

Thanks.

John Mitchell

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Charity No: SC000281

SERVICES

Sunday

10.15am: Morning service with Crèche & Sunday School (KAOS).

6.30pm: Evening service

KAOS

(Kids Alive on Sunday)

Sunday 10.15am: KAOS is for our younger (primary school) people on a Sunday morning. We start in the main Church at 10.15am then go through to the small hall for various activities. If your youngster is at a loose end on a Sunday morning, why not come along to see what it's all about?

SOUNDBYTE

SoundByte is an informal group which runs at St. John's Church twice a month on a Monday afternoon at 2.00pm. As well as light refreshments and a chance to chat, each meeting has an invited speaker who will talk about a particular topic. Soundbyte meetings will be recommencing shortly after the summer break. Dates will be in the St. John's Church advertisement in the Border Telegraph.

CURIOUS??

If you are wondering who we are at St. John's Church, why not visit our website at: www.stjohnschurchgalashiels.co.uk

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

Girl's Brigade

The Boys' Brigade meets at St. John's Church during term time on a Friday 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

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All the Team at the Langlee Residents Association would like to wish everyone best wishes for the Festive Season, and a very happy New Year.