

LANGLEE NEWS

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WHAT MATTERS TO YOU - MATTERS TO US

Hi folks

A bit late in the day perhaps, but Happy New Year to you all.

I wonder what 2012 will bring for Langlee? well, we have plans, and I would like to discuss these with you at the Langlee Resident's Association meeting on Tuesday 7th February at the Community Centre. However, I can give you a taster right now.

Firstly, we want to start a Community Choir – if Gareth Malone can do it, so can we. We have a choirmaster ready and waiting, we already have around 12 people interested – will you join us? (Not me though, I'm tone deaf!!)

We will be looking again at getting the MUGA (Multi-use Games Area) at the school – this will be for the school use during term time, but for the community after school hours, weekends and holidays.

We want to start a credit union – this will make both saving and getting loans easier for

residents of Langlee – it will be exclusively for our residents. Finally, we want to get allotments in the area – you will see Bob Petrie's bit elsewhere in this newsletter.

So, if you are interested in making Langlee a better place for us all, come along to the meeting.

I hope to see you there.

Best regards

Judith Cleghorn

Chair, Langlee Residents Association

PS: We're looking at doing something for the Jubilee too!

Green Langlee

Langlee has undergone something of a green revolution. The grassed area at the community centre has been transformed into an orchard. On 29th October 2011 representatives from a variety of community groups got together and, on one very busy day, planted in excess of 90 trees. The orchard consists of apple, pear, cherry and plum trees. There are also a few blackberry bushes.

We had a great planting day and were ably assisted by Borders Forest Trust.

Langlee Community Centre bought the trees from local suppliers and also provided food and drink for the workforce on the day.

We are now looking forward to a bumper harvest and we hope that the public will come along and help themselves to some fruit when it is ready in autumn 2012.

Bob Petrie

Waverley Tenants Organisation

WTO would like to thank all the tenants who attended the January AGM and continue to support us.

With regard to the playpark lottery application, more work has been done answering the many question put forward by the Lottery Grant Officer, we are now in the 'wait and see' mode.

Tenant Participation started with the 2001 Housing Act making it a legal obligation for landlords like Waverley Housing to promote tenant participation. We are now in 2012 and Tenant participation is very limited. The WTO believes this is not solely down to landlords in some areas simply paying lip service to participation but also to tenants' low expectation that their involvement can bring about positive change. Some may take the view that the vast majority of tenants are simply concerned with having a roof over their head.

The WTO contests this view and will work to improve Tenant participation and engage tenants in meaningful dialogue and build a spirit of true partnership. The WTO have not set a date for the next meeting, but please come along to the Langlee Residents Association meeting on Tuesday 7th February 2012 7pm Red Room Langlee Community Centre.

Gerry Moss

Chairman, WTO

gerrymoss@waverleytenants.org.uk

Health Living Network

The healthy living network is still interested in recruiting volunteers and training them to support our local work. Opportunities such as supporting our cooking groups provide essential experience enabling you to broaden your skills and have fun. Please call early unwin if you'd like more information on 07833049510.



Bingo Night with Pie n Beans

Friday 17th Feb at 7pm
in the Community Centre

£2 entry – buy your books on
the night. Bring your own drink

GALA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Compost, peat, bark etc. available to order. Delivery 1st week March. Orders to be received by 23rd February.

To place order or request order form, please contact Kenny Hay 01896 752669 or Kurt Ramage 01896 756341.

NEXT LRA MEETING - TUESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY - 7PM - LANGLEE COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Hive

The Hive delivers professional and flexible respite for adults with learning difficulties from across the Borders. We have a small dedicated team with over twenty years of specialist experience and offer our clients individual attention and consistency, where we can really get to know and trust each other. The Hive offers a flexible programme which includes:

- Arts and Crafts Room
- Music Room
- Activities
- Beauty Room
- IT Room
- Kitchen

The Hive is also a great place to meet up with friends.

If you are interested, please call on 01896 753296, email: manager@thehivegalashiels.org.uk or visit the website at www.thehivegalashiels.org.uk

Langlee Carnival

Important date for your diary:

**Langlee Carnival
Saturday 8th September 2012**

Preparations for this year's carnival have started already, but if you have any ideas or would like to help, then come along to our next meeting on Monday 19th March 2012 6:30pm, Red Room, Langlee Community Centre.

We have lots of new ideas as well as some of the old favourites.

Gerry Moss
(Chairman)

Local Councillor Details

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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

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

Allotment Plan

Langlee Resident's Association plan allotments at Rose Court.


The LRA now has a draft agreement with SBHA for the lease of land behind the flats in Rose Court.

The ground can be leased to the Resident's Association who will then be responsible for the management of the allotments and surrounding area.

For the project to work it will require the support of the wider community, especially those residents nearest to the allotments.

Please come to the next LRA meeting on Tuesday 7th February in Langlee Community Centre to tell us what you think.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, fill in and cut out the form below and return it to Bob Petrie at the Community Centre.



LANGLEE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION ALLOTMENT PLAN

(please circle)

Are you a Rose Court /Hawthorn Road resident?	YES	NO
Are you interested in taking on an allotment?	YES	NO
Would you support the creation of allotments at Rose Court?	YES	NO

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