

# LANGLEE NEWS

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## WHAT MATTERS TO YOU - MATTERS TO US

### Hi folks

What exciting times we are entering here in Langlee! So much is happening, I hardly know where to start! The biggest news is getting the money to build the playpark in Beech Avenue – we seem to have worked on that so long, but at last it has paid off and the playpark will be built in time for the summer holidays. Hopefully, we will have a party to celebrate the opening – and I hope you will all come along.

### LANGLEE COMMUNITY CHOIR

5th March saw the first rehearsal of the Langlee Community Choir – and 20 local people attended. All ages were represented, from five years old upwards. Mums and Dads came and a few grandmas there too, along with all ages in between – what a great start! Chris Achenbach, choirmaster, was brilliant and everyone had a great time. The ambition is to be ready to put on a performance at the Langlee Carnival on 8th September.

If you would like to join the choir, please come along on a Monday night at 7pm, in the Blue Room at Langlee Community Centre. You don't have to be a great singer, just prepared to enjoy yourself in great company.

### LANGLEE JUBILEE PLAYPARK

It was a great disappointment to the Waverley Tenants Organisation when they failed to get enough votes in The Peoples Millions in June of last year. However, a letter received recently from the Big Lottery changed all that when we learned that our second application - spearheaded by Judith Cleghorn - had been awarded £84,803 towards the building of our playpark. This goes along with other funding - £8,000 from the Robertson Trust, £5,000 from Garfield Weston and £5,000 from Scottish Borders Council, to make a grand total of £102,804!

The second big news is the Langlee Community Choir – read more about that elsewhere in this newsletter.

We also have a balcony competition starting soon – again this is covered in this newsletter.

Finally, the Langlee Community Choir – what can I say about that? I was at the first rehearsal on Monday 5th March – not singing, I hasten to add – no place in that choir for demented frogs!! I was amazed at the quality of the sound, even at the first attempt.

So, such a lot happening – definitely something for everyone – why don't you find something that suits you – you would be so welcome!

Best regards

*Judith Cleghorn*

Chair, Langlee Residents Association

### LRA WEBSITE

We are currently looking at upgrading the LRA website, so that anyone can easily pick up any information about us. With this in mind, I will be taking a group photo at the next LRA meeting on 20th March – no obligation to go in the photo of course, but the more the merrier.

*Judith*

### Lothian and Borders Police

As you may have seen in local press, police carried out a number of searches in the Beech Avenue area. This is part of ongoing action to detect and deter drug use/supply in the area. It is an ongoing operation and any information that can be given to police to assist is welcome. You live there help us to help you.

This information can be given direct to local officers or confidentially at Crime Stoppers 0800 555111

Crime prevention - As you look around the area it can be seen that there are a lot of valuable items left insecure in gardens, bikes toys etc. It only takes minutes for someone to take it. Ask John at the community centre!! **LOOK AFTER YOUR PROPERTY.**

Lots of you using computers will have come across a number of scams being sent to you. There is a very good website with help and information to help with your computer security. Preventing e-crime for DUMMIES. It has been produced by the police in Wales and has lots of good tips and advice.

Keep yourself and your property safe. If anyone would like to contact me for help/information feel free to contact me at Galashiels police station 752222 or james.watters@lbp.pnn.police.uk

### Langlee Residents Association

Meeting to be held at Langlee Community Centre on Tuesday 20th March at 7pm

#### Agenda

- Welcome
- Apologies
- Minutes of last meeting
- Police report
- Waste/recycling
- Borders railway
- Melrose Road Wall
- Waverley Tenants Organisation
- Future Plans
- Diamond Jubilee Celebrations
- Any Other Business

**Please come to the meeting and let YOUR views be heard!**

**NEXT LRA MEETING - TUESDAY 20TH MARCH - 7PM - LANGLEE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

## LANGLEE BALCONY COMPETITION

To try to make our area look more colourful for the Queen's Jubilee, Langlee Residents Association are sponsoring a competition for the best decorated balcony on the estate. The decoration must be based on a floral theme. To assist in this, the LRA are getting brackets made that will hold flower troughs on the top of the balcony walls. For two tubs, you will need four brackets, and these will be available free of charge by pre-order only. Further details of the competition will be available in the next newsletter (at the end of April). Please note the competition is open to ALL residents of home with balconies throughout Langlee.

If you would like the brackets, please contact Judith Cleghorn on 01896 753296 or email mail@judithcleghorn.co.uk

## Langlee Carnival

### Langlee Carnival Saturday 8th September 2012

Just a reminder that our Carnival AGM is on Monday 19th March 2012 6:30pm, Red Room, Langlee Community Centre. Please come along if you have any ideas or would like to help.

*Gerry Moss*

(Chairman)

## 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

## 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

## Councillor Fiona Lackenby

Isn't it funny how things turn out, a few years ago the Border Telegraph had a front page which ran-down Langlee using selected Government figures and a photograph of a flat which had had a domestic fire to imply that this was a dump estate and a place that no-one would want to live in.

I know that made a lot of people angry, and some decided to 'fight back' and show that Langlee is a community, and a proud one at that. The Langlee Residents Association was re-born headed by Judith Cleghorn and to make sure that the word got out, the Newsletter began. Some early successes encouraged people to believe that this organisation was worth supporting and that it would work, and fight if necessary, for the residents of Langlee.

The news that organisations like 'The Big Lottery' believe in us is a great boost and it was great to see the reactions of the children at the school when they heard that the playpark is going ahead. The choir is up and running (sorry Chris, I will come to rehearsals more often) and

there is a buzz about the place. What we can't do however, is rest on our laurels and think that now the tide has started to turn it will be easy and we can relax. We need, as a community, to keep pushing for what we want for Langlee whether it's new facilities, better services – from everyone, or to keep building on that sense of community.

I have worked with Judith & the team from the start and will continue to do all I can to help make your dreams and aspirations a reality.

*Fiona Lackenby*

## Councillor John Mitchell

My next surgery is at LANGLEE COMMUNITY CENTRE on Friday 30th. March from 5.30 - 6.30 pm

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

Thanks.

*John Mitchell*

## 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?

### EASTER SERVICES

**Good Friday (6th April) 7.00pm: Good Friday evening service**

**Easter Day (8th April) 8.30am: Early Service 10.15am: Family Service**

**6.30pm: Evening Service**

### 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. Dates are in the St. John's Church advertisement in the Border Telegraph.

### CURIOS??

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

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