

LANGLEE NEWS

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WHAT MATTERS TO YOU - MATTERS TO US

Hi folks

Welcome to the last newsletter for a little while – we are having a bit of a break over the early summer and there won't be another newsletter until late August. Of course, that doesn't mean we are 'closed' – the LRA will still be working towards improving Langlee, so don't hesitate to call me if you have a problem we can help with.

It looks like being a busy summer – first of all we have the opening of the Langlee Jubilee Playpark on 9th June – we hope to see you all there – more about this elsewhere in this newsletter. We are hoping to install another garden over the summer and of course, we have the Carnival on 8th September. So, much to do!

LANGLEE JUBILEE PLAYPARK

After a great deal of work, the Waverley Tenants Organisation are delighted to announce that work on the Langlee Jubilee Playpark will start week commencing Monday 21st May 2012. This is the culmination of several years of work by the WTO, and something of a triumph for Langlee. The main body of funding has come from the BIG Lottery Community Spaces Fund, who have given a grant of £84,803; other funders include The Robertson Trust (£8,000), Garfield Weston (£5,000) and Scottish Borders Council (£5,000)

As always, we are looking for volunteers to help – with the gardens, with delivering newsletters, the list is pretty long, could you spare a couple of hours a month – please contact me if you can.

Meanwhile, have a good summer, enjoy the sunshine (if we get any) and I'll be back soon.

Best wishes

Judith Cleghorn

Chair, Langlee Residents Association

Langlee Carnival

Once again, it is time to ramp up the preparations for the 2012 Langlee Carnival, that will take place on Saturday 8th September 2012. This year's Carnival promises to be bigger and better than ever, some of the old favourites of course, but some new attractions for all ages.

This year, especially to mark the Jubilee, we want the Fancy Dress to be a real feature, so put on your thinking caps and get out the sewing machines. This year, there is an anonymous donor putting up a prize for the funniest adult fancy dress – either individual or a group – it will be worth winning, so do join in. Providing the weather is fine, the Parade will go from the school, down Langlee Drive and up to the main road before heading for the Community Centre, making it a longer route, so more people will be able to see the costumes – let's make it a real event!!

If you have some spare time, we could do with some help, both in the organising beforehand and on the day itself – if you can assist, please call Gerry on 01896 752907 (preferably in the early evening)

APPEAL FROM LANGLEE SCHOOL

ANYONE BORN IN 1952?

We are looking for anyone born in 1952 to help present Jubilee Medals to the children at Langlee Primary on 5th June.

Please contact:
Angela Thorpe on 01896 757892 or
athorpe@langlee.scorborders.sch.uk

This funding enables us to construct a super Playpark that, for security reasons, will be covered by CCTV.

The Playpark will be opened at 12 noon on Saturday 9th June. This event will be supported by a party at the site until 2.30pm, to which all residents of Langlee are cordially invited. There will be a face painter, balloon twister and various other entertainments, as well as some food and other treats for the kids.

If anyone (especially tall men!) would like to come along first thing on the morning of 9th June to help with putting up bunting etc, it would be much appreciated. It would be good if you could let us know if you can help.... usual number.....Judith on 01896 753296. Looking forward to seeing you all on the day!



Bingo Night

Friday 18th May at 7pm
in the Community Centre

£2.50 entry – Supper Included

Buy your books on the night. Bring your own drink

Langlee Residents Association

Meeting to be held at Langlee Community Centre on Tuesday 8th May 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
- Route of Olympic Torch
- Any Other Business

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

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?

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

The Boys' Brigade Display Night will be on Friday 25th May at St. John's Church starting at 7.00pm.

Girl's Brigade

The Girls' 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

Orchid Show Galashiels

Sunday 13th May 2012

Gala RFC Netherdale

11am – 4pm

Entry by donation

Councillor Fiona Lackenby

The summer is coming – where I hear you ask, in weather terms, I think we had it in March – but Declaration Night has been held, the Jubilee is fast approaching, THE PLAYPARK WILL BE OPENING, Braw Lads will be celebrated, the Olympics and Para Olympics swiftly follow and then it's the LANGLEE CARNIVAL! Whew, before we know it, the children will be back in school (mine for the first time!!), the nights will be drawing in and we'll be trying to keep warm and work out how we are going to afford Christmas this year.

I remember when I was a child, my Nana telling me that time goes faster as we get older and I didn't believe her, the school summer holidays were endless and Christmas was years away. Now I don't think of myself as old, but time does seem to be rushing by faster. Deadlines at work (and for the newsletter...), meetings to attend, the time just goes. That's why I did a double take on Declaration Night when I realised properly that this is Greg and Katie's last year. I am sure that as the Bearer of the Stone, Greg will carry out his duties as well as he has over the last two years. He has been a credit to Langlee, as was his sister Tracy before him and I'm sure that other Braw Lads and Lasses will come from this community in the future.

I was at the Election Hustings last night, and one of the candidates said that there was no sense of civic pride in Gala. I'm guessing he hasn't made the walk along the Melrose Road to Langlee. The brackets that were offered by

FUN RUN

Gala Harriers 10k and 3k fun run will be held on Sunday 13th May 2012. Race times are 10am for 3k and 11am for 10k.

Registration from 9am at Gala Rugby Football Club, Netherdale, Galashiels, TDI 3EH

Refreshments available after the race

www.galaharriers.com

LANGLEE BALCONY COMPETITION

Just a note to advise those of you that have asked for the brackets for the balconies, they will be available well by the end of May.

I have your phone numbers, and will call you when I get them.

Judith (753296)

the LRA for window boxes have been taken up by numerous residents, the community gardens have been refreshed ready for the new season, the blossom on the trees at the community orchard is starting to fall and hopefully (if it doesn't snow again!!) there should be a good crop of fruit later this year. Everyone I have spoken to in Langlee is proud to live there and only wants to make it better. Some don't know how, or where to start, but a conversation with Judith, or putting them in touch with the right person at the Council or their Housing Association usually gets things moving.

By the time you read this, the election will have been decided, the dust will have settled and you will know who is going to represent you on Scottish Borders Council for the next five years. If I am one of the chosen ones, thank you, if not, then thank you again, it has been an honour to serve and get to know you over the last five years.

Fiona Lackenby

Galashiels & District

LANGLEE COMMUNITY CHOIR

The Langlee Community Choir is now getting well established, and all members seem to be thoroughly enjoying it. There are folk of all ages in the choir – but plenty of room for more, so please consider joining.

The Choir is currently on holiday, but resumes on Monday 14th May, 7pm in the Blue Room at Langlee Community Centre.

Just appear on the night – you will be most welcome, great fun and who knows, you could be part of the finest choir for miles around!!

Local Councillor Details

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