

LANGLEE NEWS

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WHAT MATTERS TO YOU - MATTERS TO US

Hi folks

It seems a long time since I was writing to you – and such a lot has happened since the last newsletter.

The big news of course, is the playpark in Beech Avenue. It has been open a while now and, apart from a few issues with kids playing football and riding their bikes in it (not both at the same time!) all is going well. The playpark is very rarely empty and its so good to see the kids getting fresh air and having fun. Long may it last!

We have been working on the gardens, those of you living near Larch Grove will have seen the new one near my house – it currently needs weeding, but looks much better than it used too. If you have a bit of spare ground in your area, let me know and we will look at making it into a garden – with your help of course!!

I hope you have all had a good holiday – I too shall have been away by the time you get this newsletter. Hope the weather improves for all of us.

Remember the Langlee Carnival on 8th September – do come along, we've got great new entertainments this year – well worth a visit.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Best wishes

Judith Cleghorn

Chair, Langlee Residents Association

Langlee Residents Association

Meeting to be held at Langlee Community Centre on Tuesday 28th August at 7pm

Agenda

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

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

LANGLEE JUBILEE PLAYPARK - OPEN AT LAST!!

Not surprisingly, 16th June dawned wet and miserable, but nothing could dampen our spirits as the final preparations were made for the Opening of the Langlee Jubilee Playpark.

Gazebos were erected, food was delivered and the contractors arrived to add the final bits and pieces. As it was raining so hard, we decided to have the food at my house – not knowing how we would get everyone in, but a gazebo at the outside door and the use of the stairwell did help – and I did warn the neighbours!

At 12 noon, the Braw Lass, Nicola cut the ribbon and the kids swarmed into the park – what a noise, there were kids everywhere, just as there was meant to be. Many parents attended and we were very pleased that Pauline Charles arrived with the Olympic Torch that she had

proudly carried a few days previously.

The Gala Silver Band entertained us with rousing music, and even the rain held off for a wee while!

Back at my house, we enjoyed a great buffet, the kitchen was busy with tea and coffee and I got the champagne out of the fridge – guess which I was drinking!! All in all, despite the weather, it was a great day and thanks go to everyone who helped.

Since then, the playpark has hardly been empty despite the continuing rain – I have spoken to many parents and everyone seems to be very pleased with it. If only the sun would shine!!

Judith Cleghorn

LANGLEE CARNIVAL

Sat 8th September 2012

Fantastic Family Fun Day, Rain or Shine

We are delighted to announce this year's Langlee Lad and Lass are:

Jay Fox and Michaela Wright

- Giant Climbing Wall
- Face Painters
- Langlee Community Choir
- Horse & Carriage Rides
- Craft Stalls
- Zumba
- Bouncy Castles
- Clown Show

As well as the old favourites there will be new attractions for 2012

Join in the Fancy Dress - Classes for all Ages

To encourage more families to enter the fancy dress there will be 1st 2nd and 3rd prizes for the best dressed family.

Prizes donated by Pavilion Cinema and McDonalds

Fancy Dress entrants meet at the school for 10am.

Fancy Dress parade will leave the school at 10:30am and arrive at Langlee Community Centre for the opening of the Carnival at 11am.

Langlee Carnival is sponsored by the Langlee Community Centre & Focus Centre

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 will be starting up again after the summer holidays. We meet 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 Girls' Brigade enrolment is on Monday 27th August between 6 and 7pm. We meet 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

Local Councillor Details

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NHS Borders Healthy Living Network - Langlee

Background

Borders Healthy Living Network (HLN) was established in 2003. The HLN operates in 5 key areas in Borders namely: Selkirk, Walkerburn, Eyemouth, Langlee and Burnfoot.

The overall aims of the HLN are:

- To work with local people to tackle inequalities in health
- To support and empower communities to identify and address health issues in their local community.

In 2010-2011, over 1,000 individuals accessed HLN activities throughout these areas; we hope to build on this number following the appointment of new Health Improvement Specialist in Langlee

Bill Hannah joined the HLN in May 2012; he is based within the Langlee complex. (Which is joined onto the Langlee community centre) and will focus his work in/around Langlee. He works part time and since he started has been identifying what is already taking place in Langlee.

He aims to meet with a range of local groups and people as well as (health and related) service providers, to look at what health and wellbeing opportunities there are for local people and to raise awareness and support these throughout the community

A steering group has been set up and it is hoped that this group of local people and service providers can work with Bill to identify what is important to people living and working in Langlee and how best to involve and support them in the forthcoming months.

What's happening in Langlee?

Current work supported by the HLN includes:

- Capturing what people think about health : In talking to local people about what is important to them , what services they know about and use as well as what skills they have, this information will be captured in the development of a community map of Langlee / Galashiels
- Development of Men's health work ; including repeating the 'My Main Man' initiative which worked with local men and their children earlier this year in Langlee
- Continued support to the Langlee Midi Youth club
- Continued support of existing and new services within Langlee Primary School including the 'ESOL' (English Speaking

Other Languages) group for local people who's first language is not English

- The HLN Food and Nutrition worker will also continue to provide inputs with a range of local groups in the area , such as the 'Bump to baby' class , which supports parents that are due to have babies and parents who have children
- Supporting community events such as the 'Galashiels in Bloom' ; with planting taking place in Langlee and the Langlee Carnival
- Training opportunities are also offered to the local community – a certificated first aid training is currently available – contact Bill to reserve a place

If you would like more information on the HLN and on the work in Langlee in particular, please contact Bill Hannah on the following contact details:

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Parent Drop In Group

We are promoting a new parent drop in group, in the school on Thursday afternoons, starting 23rd August, from 1- 2.45 pm. There will be a creche available (at cost of 30p per child for snack) on a first come basis. The group will be very informal and friendly and the programme of activities will be designed and decided by parents who attend the drop in.

For more information you can contact myself at the number below or Amanda Findlay, DHT, at school.

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