

# LANGLEE NEWS

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## WHAT MATTERS TO YOU - MATTERS TO US

### Hi folks

First of all I must apologise for the last LRA meeting having to be cancelled – beyond our control though, the Community Centre had to close at very short notice due to plumbing problems. Still, we're on track again now, with the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 16th October. We would like as many people as possible to attend – lots happening and we have some potentially good news about gas and electricity costs – come along and see what it's all about – we could save you some money!!

As you will see later in this newsletter, the Carnival was the best ever, even the weather stayed good for us! The Langlee Community Choir were brilliant and hopefully their debut performance at the Carnival was just the start of a great journey for them all. Still room to join if you are interested.

Well, I think that's enough from me for now, I hope you have enjoyed great holidays despite the weather and I look forward to seeing you at the LRA meeting and at the Hallowe'en Quiz and Bingo Night on 26th October.

Best wishes

*Judith Cleghorn*

Chair, Langlee Residents Association

### Langlee Community Choir

Langlee Community Choir was formed in March 2012, following discussions between Judith Cleghorn (Langlee Residents Association) and Chris Achenbach (Choir Director). Its aims are to offer members an enjoyable experience of singing together, to be accessible to all who would like to join (whether or not they read music) and to perform to a high standard. There is no charge for membership, and no audition. To date, we have attracted over 30 members from Langlee and beyond, and new members arrive almost every week.

The Choir meets on Mondays, 7-8:15 pm, at Langlee Community Centre. Our repertoire is extremely varied, ranging from hit songs such as "Cecilia" and "Mamma Mia", through Scottish songs such as "Guid Nicht and Joy", to opera choruses ("Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves" from Verdi's "Nabucco"). Our first public concert

### LANGLEE CARNIVAL

September 8th 2012 – Carnival Day again – and it was great weather!

We started putting things together at 8am, Dot and Lorna went to the school to oversee the Fancy Dress and Parade – they were delighted that the number of entrants was much higher than usual.

The Langlee Lad and Lass, Jay and Michaela, led the Parade back to the Community Centre and

they then opened the Carnival, to resounding cheers.

It was a super day, the Galashiels Pipe Band were on top form, we had more amusements than usual, craft stalls and great entertainment from Steve the Clown, the food was excellent, both from the outside vans and the Roundabout Cafe.

One of the highlights were the musical events – the debut performance of the Langlee Community Choir, the Langlee School Choir, the Accordion Band and the Gala Youth Band – they all added to the great atmosphere on the day. A special mention for Lucy Corbett who gave an impromptu rendition of "Tomorrow!"

The Irish Dancers and Zumba were great as usual.

Many thanks go to our sponsors and all who helped, both before the event and on the day, those who took part and those who cleaned up the next morning!

Roll on September 14th 2013!!



## QUIZ AND BINGO NIGHT



7pm Friday 26th October at  
Langlee Community Centre

Prize for best hallowe'en outfit

Supper provided, bring your  
own bottle

Tickets £2.50

**Buy your bingo books  
on the night.**

### Waverley Tenants Organisation

The WTO is delighted with the success of the Beech Avenue playpark but don't want to just stop there. The WTO would like to encourage more Waverley Tenants to become involved, it's a chance to help shape Waverley Housing policy and improve your local community. If you are interested please contact Pamela Martin Waverley's Tenant participation officer on 01450 364200.

### Community Garden news

Waverley Tenants Community garden was included in the Galashiels Gala in bloom garden competition and we are pleased to be part of the winning team taking the prize of champion of champions. This was a great success for Langlee.

*Gerry Moss*

Chairman Waverley Tenants Organisation

**NEXT LRA MEETING - TUESDAY 23RD OCTOBER - 7PM - LANGLEE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

## NHS Borders Healthy Living Network - Langlee

Congratulations to the organisers of the Langlee Carnival; a great success attracting so many local people for a fun day in the sunshine. The Healthy Living Network was present on the day, handing out information on our work and activities in the area along with free promotional bags full of healthy food options. The health food choices were provided by local food retailers and our thanks go to them also.

At our display area, we were able to show people for the first time, a new map of Langlee/Galashiels currently being developed. This map of Langlee will be used with different groups in the community, to let people know what's happening and how to access different services. We also asked people what they thought about living in Langlee and their overall feelings were very positive; people felt the area was safe, friendly and that Langlee was a nice place to stay.

### Free First Aid training:

We are able to offer free First Aid training in November. Provided by British Red Cross volunteers, this certificated course is available to people living or working in Langlee.

The free training sessions will consist of two x 3 hour sessions for those interested in learning basic first aid. One session will focus on First

## 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?

Aid and Baby/ Child health. The other will be run in partnership with the LRA and will focus on First Aid in the home.

The training will take place in Langlee. Spaces are very limited, so please get in touch if you would like a place on either of these courses. We are also running Armchair aerobics with the Langlee Blind Club and will start our work targeting local men in November/ December.

Lastly, NHS Scotland are currently promoting uptake of the Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) screening programme and details this national campaign are provided below.

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:

*Bill Hannah*

Health Improvement Specialist  
NHS Borders  
Healthy Living Network  
Langlee Complex  
Marigold Drive  
Galashiels  
TD1 2LP

Email: bill.hannah@borders.scot.nhs.uk  
Tel: 01896 755110

## 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 (P1-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

Explorers (P1-P3):	Monday 6.00 – 7.15pm
Juniors (P4-P7):	Monday 7.00 – 8.30pm
Brigaders (S1-S6):	Monday 6.00 – 8.30pm

## After School Chess

There is an after school session to be held at the Focus Centre from 3.15pm to 4.15pm, starting Monday 15th October.

Limited places available. Transport can be provided. If you are interested, contact Judith Cleghorn on 753296.

## Balcony Competition Prize Winners

### 1st Prize £40

Mr & Mrs Bakowski, Hawthorn Road

### 2nd Prize £20

Mr & Mrs Pollock, Laurel Grove

### 3rd Prize £10

Mr & Mrs Rychlinsky, Beech Avenue

## Langlee Community Centre Youth Clubs:

Midis: Monday 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Juniors: Wednesday 6pm to 7.30pm

## Local Councillor Details

### Councillor John Mitchell

Tel: 01750 722422

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### Councillor Sandy Aitchison

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### Councillor Bill Herd

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### Councillor Bill White

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## Langlee Residents Association

Meeting to be held at Langlee Community Centre on Tuesday 23rd October at 7pm

### Agenda

- Welcome
- Apologies
- Minutes of last meeting
- Police report
- Speaker: Craig Blackie SBC
- Borders railway
- Utility Costs
- Waverley Tenants Organisation
- Future Plans
- Any Other Business

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

## Cèilidh in aid of Langlee Carnival

Saturday 24th November 2012

7pm for 7.30pm

Bring your own bottle • Stovies supper included • £6 per ticket

**Tickets available from Committee members or Langlee Community Centre**