

LANGLEE NEWS

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WHAT MATTERS TO YOU MATTERS TO US

Hi Folks

Welcome to your new look Langlee News. We have been finding that we have had to turn some contributors away due to lack of space so, after some thought, we have decided to put out a four-page newsletter every quarter, starting with this one. The LRA meetings will now take place the first Tuesday of every month at the Langlee Community Centre, but we shall have a holiday in July and January. The next meeting will be 5th March at 7pm, do come along. We will be talking about issues that affect us all, and are hoping to have Douglas Scott with us; Douglas will be talking about how we go about setting up a Credit Union in Langlee – something perhaps of interest to us all.

So, going forward, if you have anything you want to say in the newsletter, just let me know – there will be an 'Articles for Sale' column too, so a good way to get rid of unwanted furniture, toys etc.

As I sit here writing this, it's snowing hard outside, looks good but not so good for anyone who can't get around much – could you all please check on your neighbours if you think they may need it – you can always phone me if anyone you know needs help and someone will be available.

Anyway, by the time you receive this newsletter, the weather should have improved, so if you fancy a walk, give me a call, I would be very grateful for anyone who would help with delivering – just doing your own street would be a great help. Well, enough from me, enjoy your newsletter and I hope to see you at the LRA meeting on 5th March.

Kind regards

Judith Cleghorn

Chair, Langlee Residents Association

Next LRA Meeting:

**Tuesday 5th March at 7pm
Langlee Community Centre**

Health Promotion in Langlee

NHS Borders' 'Healthy Living Network' in partnership with the Langlee Health Steering Group, ran a very well attended men's health event over three sites in Langlee on 19.2.13.

Attended by over 80 people, from a 3.5 month old baby to the eldest, an 87 year old gentleman! , the event responded to local identified need that local people (men in particular) do not engage with or know about services in their community, which can help them;

- Be aware of what's happening in Langlee and how to get involved
- Take part in locally run activities such as cooking sessions, armchair aerobics and joining the Langlee Health Steering Group
- Enjoy living in Langlee – our research showed people felt Langlee was a safe, friendly and connected community

The event was based in the lounge area of the 'Woodcutter' pub; where we had 13 different information and self help stalls, all providing a range of information and advice. Activities included a group of local volunteers who cooked and served healthy food tasters, the local community safety team who supplied alcohol free 'mocktails', the two very busy complementary therapists, the national NHS 24 organisation, who let us know about the new health and related technology and how to access this safely, to all 4 Guide dogs puppies and their owners and the local man 'Jason' who ended our event with a Martial Arts display; which the local youngsters loved!

Thanks also to all the people who answered our questions at the event; we captured what you told us around what was important to you and how you would like to be involved in the future. A more detailed report will be available soon should you wish to see this, please contact me on the number below.

Our gratitude as always also go the Langlee Residents Association who support this event and I promise to return the bunting soon!!

Bill Hannah

Health Improvement Specialist (Inequalities)

Health Improvement Team

NHS Borders

Waverley Tenants Organisation AGM

Tuesday 26th March

**7pm Focus Centre
Galashiels**

*Raffle – 1st prize £200,
several other prizes.*

Bingo and Supper Night

Friday 22nd March, 7pm for 7.30pm

Langlee Community Centre

Stovies, bingo books on the night and bring your own bottle.

£2.50 per ticket



St. John's Church

Charity No: SC000281

SERVICES

Sunday 10.15am: Morning service with Crèche & Sunday School (KAOS).
6.30pm: Evening service

EASTER SERVICES

Thursday 28th March - 7pm: Communion Service for Maundy Thursday
Sunday 31st March - Easter Day: Our main Easter celebration will take place in the church at 10.15am preceded by an Easter breakfast at 09.30am.

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?

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

GIRLS' BRIGADE

The Girls' Brigade meets 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

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

SPRING, Spring, Spring!!!

Time to start looking at the gardens again, and this will be the first year that Langlee window/balcony boxes will be entered into the Galashiels competition.

So, if you want to enter, please get your boxes ready and let's see what we can do to cheer Langlee up!

If anyone needs brackets, let me know – I will be getting more made over the next few weeks and they should be available for the end of April at the latest.

We would also like to put in a new garden, near the playpark – perhaps a rose bed, but we are open to ideas.

Meanwhile, if anyone could volunteer to help with the community gardens, we would be very grateful – we are being overrun with the hostas and they desperately need thinning out and plans made for the summer bedding. Please give me a call if you can help. Usual number - 753296.

Pipers Support Melrose Station with Concert

March fundraiser in Galashiels to support continued restoration of historic station

In the absence, at the moment, of trains terminating in Melrose, work goes on to maintain the magnificent station buildings. The latest support event is a concert by the Border Strathspey and Reel Society, now in its fortieth year. On stage, the Society will be joined by players from the Scottish Borders Pipe Band and the recently for Langlee Community Choir.

Border TV's Kathryn Samson says the organisers were 'brave' to ask her, but she's delighted to be comparing the event.

The venue is the Focus Centre Galashiels at 7.30pm, Saturday 9 March. Admission is just £6, which includes a glass of wine, tea or coffee, and biscuits. Tickets are available from Dave Darling 01896 756735 and Judith Cleghorn 01896 753296, or on the door. There's even a raffle - and did we mention biscuits?

Concert by the Border Strathspey and Reel Society

with
Langlee Community Choir plus guests

Saturday 9th March, 7.30pm

at the

Focus Centre, Galashiels.

Glass of wine/tea/coffee included – price £6

Choir Christmas Concert



A great night was had by all in December at a concert by the Langlee Community Choir and the Langlee School Choir along with a special appearance by Lucy Corbett.

Over £650 was raised at the event and associated raffle - the money used to fund both choirs. Thanks to all who organised this event and to all who turned up to support it.

EVENTS

Tuesday March 5th:

Langlee Residents Association meeting
7pm, Langlee Community Centre.

Saturday 9th March:

Border Strathspey & Reel Society Concert
with Langlee Community Choir 7pm for
7.30pm at Focus Centre, Galashiels.

Friday 22nd March:

Bingo and supper Night 7pm for 7.30pm
at Langlee Community Centre

Tuesday 26th March:

Waverley Tenants Organisation AGM 7pm
Langlee Community Centre

Tuesday 9th April:

Langlee Residents Association meeting
7pm, Langlee Community Centre

Saturday 13th April:

Langlee Choir Concert at Langlee
Community Centre, plus guests 7pm for
7.30pm £4, including refreshments.

Tuesday 7th May:

Langlee Residents Association meeting
7pm, Langlee Community Centre

Friday 17th May:

Race Night, Langlee Community Centre
details to be confirmed -
watch out for the posters

Interested in a career in social care?

The next 10 week **Prepare
to Care** course starts

**Course at
Hawick Campus**

**Friday 19th April -
Friday 21st June 2013**

The course is free and is delivered
in partnership with Borders College,
Scottish Borders Council and Skills
Development Scotland.

For enquires, contact Admissions on:

Email - admissions@borderscollege.ac.uk

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Get back to Learning in Langlee- Give your children a great start!



Claire Stewart and Becca Childs

Becca and I are Adult Learning Workers based at the Community Centre in Langlee.

Our job is to help people get back to learning, improve their employability and help parents support their children's learning.

We can offer a range of courses from Reading, Writing, Spelling and Numbers;

Managing your Money and Budgeting, Confidence Building and Give your child a great start (helping you help your child learn through everyday activities at home). We also support groups in the community such as the Langlee ESOL Parents Group.

If you want to get back to learning or are interested to find out more, please call us at the community centre: 01896 755110

Community Learning and Development aims to help people make positive changes in their lives through learning.

We are committed to helping parents support their children's learning so that everyday is a learning day and children get the best start in life.

We support people of all ages through learning and personal development opportunities so that they can make the best of their opportunities and develop as confident individuals, successful learners, effective contributors and responsible citizens.

Dog Fouling in Langlee

During the winter months Dog fouling has been raised as a major problem throughout the Borders this is made worse by the dark nights and bad weather.

Most Dog walkers are very responsible and do pick up after their dogs, However there will always be a majority that do not pick up.

The SB Wardens will be actively patrol such areas when complaints are made through the Council and will issue Fixed Penalty Notices (Currently £40) to offenders.

As we are unable to issue Fixed Penalty Notices to Children under the age of 16 we can and will issue the fine to the parent.

Although this principle will apply throughout the area where Wardens work, particular attention will be paid to areas of the town that have had complaints about dog fouling.

The Wardens can be contacted through Scottish Borders Council on 0300 100 1800 or email www.scotborders.gov.uk/dogfouling

Keith Taylor
Senior SB Warden
Scottish Borders Council



Gala Harriers

Junior Run Jump & Throws registration night
A chance to sign up for the spring summer season
Tweedbank Indoor Bowling Club

Tuesday 12th March 2013
6pm – 6:45pm

This will be followed by
Scottish Athletics presentation for parents at 7:00pm

Athletic junior Sessions
Run, Jump and Throw
Starts

Thursday 6:15pm 21st March 2013
Tweedbank Sports Complex

Gala Harriers 10k Road Race and 3k fun run Sunday 12th May
2013

Tweedbank Sports Complex
Enter online www.galaharriers.com

Eildon Hill Race
This year's race will
Include all three hills

Saturday 22nd June 2013
Greenyards Melrose

Friends and Family Football Interested?

Any Age!

Come along to Langlee School

**Starts Friday 22nd March
from 3.15pm-4.15pm**



For enquiries call Paul Bertram 07792 250 618