

LANGLEE NEWS

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WHAT MATTERS TO YOU - MATTERS TO US

HELLO AGAIN!

As Christmas approaches (not long now!), we will all be thinking of what presents we give to our nearest and dearest. Recently I was looking through a magazine 'for the older woman' and found the ultimate gift - a hand-knitted ipod cover! I wonder what my seventeen year-old grandson would say if I presented him with one of those on Christmas morning!

Christmas is also a time to reflect on the year that is almost over and to thank those who have made a difference - in my case that is all of you - we have had a great year with the LRA, lots done and plans for lots more in the years ahead. Thank you to those of you who have attended the meetings, those who have emailed their thoughts, and the councillors and SBC staff who have helped us to get things done.

I expect to be as busy next year as I have been this year, do come and join us, we need your voice and we can have an even more effective year in 2010.

I somehow don't think I shall be knitting an ipod cover next year either!

Have a great Christmas and a very happy New Year!

*Judith Cleghorn, Chair
 Langlee Residents Association*
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HEALTHY LIVING NETWORK

This month the Healthy Living Network (HLN) are looking for volunteers to help out at the Parent and Child Cooking Skills sessions at Langlee Primary School. Would you be interested in training opportunities and the chance to learn new skills and build on existing ones? If so, please get in touch.

Christmas is nearly upon us and whilst it's great to treat ourselves at this time of year January is an ideal time to set goals towards getting fit and healthy in 2010. The Healthy Living Network will be providing lots of opportunities to support you in improving yours and your family's health next year.

We hope that you have a lovely Christmas and a very happy New Year.

Carly Unwin, HLN Project (Langlee)
 01896 755110 / 07833 049510

The Roundabout Cafe (01896 754836)

Bringing Langlee Together
 Langlee Community Centre
 Tue, Wed, Fri: 10am - 2pm

Come and see for yourself!
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PARENTS MIXER E.S.O.L. GROUP

Our group helps members of the community, who do not have English as a first language, to improve their spoken English.

We have members from many countries including Poland, Turkey, Syria and the Czech Republic. All members of the community are invited to come along.

Meetings are held every Wednesday, during term time, in the library at Langlee Primary School from 12.45pm to 2.45pm.

The first meeting in the New Year will be on **Wednesday, 6th January 2010.**

*Nicola Corbett, Secretary,
 E.S.O.L. Group, 01896 756893*
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NEWS FROM WAVERLEY

TENANTS ORGANISATION (WTO)

Waverley Tenants Organisation is in the final stages of securing the land to build playpark facilities at Beech Avenue.

On the funding side we are delighted to announce that we have sufficient funds to build the proposed ball wall in Beech Avenue, with an additional promise of £5,000 towards the playparks projects next to the community garden. However, a recent newspaper article indicated that we have achieved a greater amount of funding; this would be very welcome but is premature as we are still awaiting the outcome of our funding applications.

Waverley Housing Association has announced a proposal to close their Galashiels Office. Waverley Tenants Organisation has been assured that this should not affect the service provided to tenants and there should be more contact by Waverley staff within the community.

*Gerry Moss, Chair,
 WTO, 01896 752907*

"STAR OF WONDER"

Langlee's St. John's Church will be having a **Christmas Family Event** called *Star of Wonder* on:

Saturday
5th December 2009
5pm - 9pm

You are all welcome to come along to celebrate Christmas together as a family. Meet us at Langlee Primary School at 5pm and the evening will finish at St. John's Church at 9pm.

The evening will include food, drama, crafts, quizzes and a few surprises!

Children must be accompanied by an adult and the cost will be £1 per person (pay at the door).

(St John's Church, charity no. SC000281)
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THE ROUNDABOUT CAFE

The Roundabout Cafe has a talented new Chef! Matthew Steven found fame as the Chef in Edinburgh Festival's "The Stand" Cafe Bar.

He was described in the Festival publication *The List* as "the hardest working man in showbusiness".

Matthew was given high praise for his special dishes of Moroccan lamb, chicken dishes, wonderful sauces and melt-in-the-mouth burgers using only the freshest of ingredients.

Matthew is using his knowledge to produce some of these terrific dishes in the Roundabout, adding variation to the current menu.

Remember, the cafe is open for lunches at 12.00 noon on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

*Bob Petrie, CLD,
 Langlee Complex, 01896 755110*
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NEWS FROM ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

(Charity No: SC000281)

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 20th December

10.15am Morning Service with
Crèche & Sunday School
6.30pm Family Christmas Carol
Service with Galashiels
Town Band

Thursday 24th December

7.00pm Christmas Eve
Family Service

Friday 25th December

11.00am Christmas Morning
Family Service

Sunday 27th December

10.15am Morning Service with
Crèche & Sunday School

EVERYONE WELCOME!

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BOYS & GIRLS BRIGADE DETAILS

Boys' Brigade

meets regularly every Friday night:
Anchor Boys (P2-P3) Fri, 6 - 7pm
Junior Section (P4-P6) Fri, 6.30 - 8pm
Company Section (P7-S6) Fri, 7 - 10pm

Last Boys' Brigade meeting this year:
Friday, 18th December, 2009.

First Boys' Brigade meeting next year:
Friday, 8th January 2010.

Girls' Brigade

meets regularly every Monday night:
Explorers (P1-P3) Mon, 6 - 7.15pm
Juniors (P4-P7) Mon, 7 - 8.30pm
Brigaders (S1-S6) Mon, 6 - 8.30pm

Last Girls' Brigade meeting this year:
Monday, 14th December, 2009.

First Girls' Brigade meeting next year:
Monday, 11th January 2010.

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LANGLEE CARNIVAL 2010

Would YOU like to help with next year's Langlee Carnival? The next meeting will be on Monday, 8th February, 2010 at 6.30pm in the Roundabout Cafe at Langlee Community Centre. For details call Gerry Moss, Chair, on 01896 752907

LRA MEETINGS

At the last Langlee Residents Association meeting Jason Headley from Scottish Borders Council (Parks and Gardens Department) updated us on the Langlee Wish List, with over 20 projects being considered, including the new pedestrian crossing on Melrose Road, which is now in operation.

At our next meeting David Brown, from Scottish Borders Council's Technical Services Department, will talk about winter gritting, repairs to steps, pathways, etc, in our area. As always - ALL WELCOME!

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**SCOTTISH NIGHT
AT**

THE ROUNDABOUT CAFE

Don't miss the latest event
at the Roundabout Cafe

29th January 2010
7pm

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LOCAL COUNCILLOR DETAILS

Councillor Fiona Lackenby
Tel: 01835 830428

email: flackenby@scotborders.gov.uk

Councillor John Mitchell
Tel: 01750 722422

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Next surgery with Councillor Mitchell:
Friday, 4th December, 6pm - 7pm
at Langlee Community Centre.

**LANGLEE COMMUNITY CENTRE
BIKE TRAILS**

The LRA would like all residents to support a proposed plan to build a Mountain Bike Trail in Langlee.

It will be situated at the Community Centre, within the woodland strip, below the power lines.

This is one of three proposals for Galashiels, the others being: Ladhope Recreation Area (open hill east of the club house) and Woods by Gala House.

A major attraction of the proposed trail is that it will appeal to novices and beginners, unlike other trails in the Borders.

This is a great opportunity for Langlee and for the Community Centre and would bring in more business for the Roundabout Cafe, We hope you will all give the Mountain Bike Trail your full support.

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TO
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