

LANGLEE NEWS

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WHAT MATTERS TO YOU - MATTERS TO US

HI FOLKS!

Well, here we are, well into March and at last the winter seems to be behind us!

The worst winter for many years has been a challenge to many of us, not least Scottish Borders Council, who did a great job keeping our main roads as clear as possible, despite the odds stacked against them. Now it is time to look forward.

As I write, the sun is shining, I have spring flowers on my balcony that had been planted so long ago in September, I had forgotten what was there - a nice surprise when miniature irises appeared this week!

We have so much going on in Langlee over the next few weeks - the American Night at the Community Centre on 19th March - do come along, it's only £5 for a meal and entertainment. The Scottish Night we had at the end of January was enjoyed by about 50 people, so we must be doing something right - it was a great night! Tickets are available from myself (01896 753296) or from the Community Centre (01896 755110). Children are welcome (and we don't usually charge for them!).

There's an advert later in this issue about the opening of the Ball Wall in Beech Avenue - a great day is promised - again, come along and join us!

I hope you enjoy receiving this newsletter- if you do, or if you have anything to contribute (remember it's YOUR newsletter), please contact us, either by email or phone. Any offers to help deliver the newsletter to your street would also be much appreciated!

Meanwhile, enjoy the better weather, and I hope to see you at the LRA meeting on Wednesday 17th March.

Kind regards!

Judith Cleghorn, Chair
 Langlee Residents Association
 01896 753296

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LANGLEE CARNIVAL AGM

This year the Langlee Carnival will be on Saturday 11th September 2010 - would YOU like to help with the Carnival this year?

The Annual General Meeting for the Carnival Committee will be on **Monday, 29th March,**

at 6.30pm in Langlee Community Centre - all interested residents are welcome! For more Langlee Carnival information see:

www.langleecarnival.org.uk

Gerry Moss, Chair,
Langlee Carnival Committee,
 01896 752907

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PARENTS MIXER GROUP - E.S.O.L. AT LANGLEE

The Parents Mixer (ESOL) Group at Langlee Primary School has recently taken part in a government study of ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) groups throughout Scotland.

This began last year with a visit to the ESOL group by an assessor. The assessor watched the group and spoke with the parents taking part in the group, parent volunteers running the group and with a Community and Development Officer who has worked closely with the group since it began.

Following on from the assessment the Parents Mixer (ESOL) Group were chosen as one of 18 groups throughout Scotland to be shown as "good practice" as an ESOL group.

At the beginning of 2010 the Parents Mixer (ESOL) Group was chosen as one of six groups throughout Scotland to be filmed as a case study of good practice in ESOL groups.

The filming took place on 10th February 2010 with Mirage TV talking to and filming the group; it's volunteers, the Head of Langlee Primary School and members of the Community Learning and Development Team. The film will be produced on DVD when filming of the other five groups has taken place and will also be available on the ESOL Scotland website.

If you would like to come along to the Parents Mixer (ESOL) Group we meet in the library at Langlee Primary School every Wednesday during term time, from 12.45pm until 2.45pm. Come along to improve your spoken English, have a coffee and have some fun at the same time!

Nicola Corbett, Secretary,
E.S.O.L. Group, 01896 756893

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EASTER EGGS-TRAVAGANZA!

Waverley Tenants Organisation invite you to the Ball Wall Grand Opening at Garage 66, in Beech Avenue, on:

Saturday, 3rd April
11am to 3pm

Activities include:
 Kids Easter Egg Hunt
 Easter Bonnet Competition
 (Ladies and childrens categories)
 Bouncy Castle
 Gyroscope
 WTO "Garage Sale"

Come along to have some fun, and for a chance to win prizes!

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LANGLEE IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUE!

Just a note to thank Scottish Borders Council for putting in the new slope leading from the Beech Avenue area to the bus stop and the pedestrian crossing on Melrose Road.

This has long been an issue for pushchairs and wheelchairs and it's great to see that it has been changed.

In addition, the disabled swing has now been installed in the Woodstock Avenue Playpark; before this the nearest one was in Peebles. Again, well done and thanks to SBC!

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LANGLEE EVENT

Calling all Langlee Residents!

The Langlee Residents Association has big plans for the future of Langlee. A big event is being planned for 24th April, to which the whole community will be invited to attend.

We need YOU to come along and let us know what you want YOUR area to look like in the future. The Residents Association has already been effective in getting things done but they do need everyone's views on board to make things happen.

Details of the event will be published soon so watch this space, the local press and the local noticeboards for more information.

The event will be FUN and there will be a **FREE LUNCH!!**

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LOCAL COUNCILLOR DETAILS

Councillor **Fiona Lackenby**
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 email: flackenby@scotborders.gov.uk

Councillor **John Mitchell**
 Tel: 01750 722422
 email: jmittell@scotborders.gov.uk

Councillor **Sandy Aitchison**
 Tel: 01578 730643
 email: see www.scotborders.gov.uk

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LRA AGM

The Langlee Residents Association Annual General Meeting, held on 27th January 2010, was attended by a good number of residents.

We were delighted to be able to form a strong committee of eight from those attending.

This will give us an opportunity to work together to help improve Langlee for all residents. Why not come along to our next meeting on 17th March to find out what is happening in your area? Have you something you would like to say, some improvement you want to see? Let us know all about it and give the LRA a louder voice!

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FUEL FACTS - SOCIAL TARIFFS

You may qualify for a social tariff if you are over 60, on means tested benefits or are on a low income. If you think you might qualify contact your energy supplier for more details.

For further savings contact:

The Energy Assistance Package
 on 0800 512 012

Call today and see what they say!

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

(Charity No: SC000281)

Sunday Services

10.15am Morning Service
 6.15pm Evening service

Everyone welcome!

Boys' Brigade details

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

Girls' Brigade details

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

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HEALTHY LIVING NETWORK

Here is this month's update from the Healthy Living Network (HLN):

Feel Good Campaign - this is going very well so far. All of our participants are well on their way to achieving their goals, losing weight and getting fitter. If you'd like to find out more or take part in the next group, please call me to add your name to the waiting list.

Food and Health Research - thank you to all of those who took part in this research. It has been extremely helpful for us and for your local community. We will be feeding the results back to the community in the coming weeks.

Budget Cooking - we've set up a new budget cooking group to help you learn ways to make your money go further when doing your shopping. If you'd like to attend, please get in touch.

Carly Unwin,
HLN Project (Langlee)
07833 049510

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NEWS FROM WAVERLEY TENANTS ORGANISATION (WTO)

Waverley Tenants Organisation are delighted to announce that construction of the Ball Wall, long promised for Beech Avenue, will start on Monday 22nd March 2010.

This will be followed by a day of celebration on Saturday 3rd April, when the Ball Wall will be officially opened - for details see the advert elsewhere in this newsletter.

This is the first stage of the improvements to the Beech Avenue area that the WTO have promised - fundraising still continues for the play parks for younger children near the community garden.

Also, Scottish Borders Council have agreed to install flower tubs and benches on the square of hard standing behind the new Ball Wall - making that area much more pleasant for us all to enjoy. Come and find out all about it, maybe win a prize, and meet other residents of Langlee - all welcome!

For Waverley tenants there will be a chance to discuss future plans to repair entry systems in Beech Avenue and also decoration of the stairwells. Waverley Housing are looking to offer a stair cleaning service to all the flats in Beech Avenue; however, this will incur a service charge in addition to your normal rent, though an amount has not yet been confirmed. Come and have your say!

Gerry Moss, Chair,
WTO, 01896 752907

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AMERICAN NIGHT

Don't miss the latest event at the Roundabout Cafe!

Friday 19th March 2010
7.00 for 7.30pm

Langlee Community Centre
Marigold Drive, Langlee

Tickets: £5.00 per person for meal and entertainment
(bring your own bottle)

To book tickets call
 Judith (01896 753296) or
 Langlee Community Centre
 (01896 755110)

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THE ROUNDABOUT CAFE
SCOTTISH NIGHT

On the evening of 29th January Langlee was the place to be to celebrate all that is Scottish and enjoy the traditions of Burns night in a very successful non-traditional way.

The event was organised by The Roundabout Cafe Committee, supported by their partners within Scottish Borders Council and the NHS Healthy Living Network. It began with a warm welcome from the Committee Chair, Barbara Adams. She then invited the guests to enjoy a starter of home made soup; haggis, neeps and tatties or vegetable lasagne (veggie option) for their main course and cranachan for pudding. Following the meal local band **Highline** played some wonderful traditional Scottish music before Barbara gave a final short speech to thank everyone.

There was a great turnout, with some from as far away as Lancaster! Local residents were joined by teachers from the Primary School and people from all over the Borders. In total over 40 people attended the evening, which showed great support for the future of The Roundabout and for the Langlee Community.

This was the latest *Celebration Evening* from the Roundabout Management Committee. It followed the sad news that the community cafe as we know it can no longer function as a cafe due to a lack of funding.

Not to be disheartened, the ever positive committee have decided to reach the local community in any other way, one being to hold similar *Celebration Evenings* every 6 to 8 weeks. The next event will be an American evening with traditional American food and entertainment. If it's to be as entertaining and successful as the Scottish Night then Langlee residents are in for some real fun and The Roundabout Cafe will continue to fulfil its vision in supporting its local community.

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