

LANGLEE NEWS

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WHAT MATTERS TO YOU - MATTERS TO US

HI FOLKS!

Welcome to Issue 9! I hope you all enjoy reading about what's happening in Langlee, as much as we enjoy putting it together and delivering it - it's good to talk to you all.

As you know, the Langlee Carnival will be on 11th September at the Community Centre; its a great day, a chance for everyone to get together - great entertainment for the kids too - and at great prices!

The past couple of years have seen some positive changes in Langlee - the Ball Wall in Beech Avenue, for example, (thanks to the Waverley Tenants Organisation) and also Theme Nights at the Roundabout Cafe. There are lots more to come, so please keep reading the newsletter!

However, I know there have been many more changes over the last 40 or 50 years, so I wondered if you have any photos, newspaper cuttings, anecdotes, etc, that could be put towards a "Langlee Memories" exhibition at the Carnival.

I'd be delighted if you have any items you'd be willing to lend; all contributions will be acknowledged at the exhibition and returned to you in good order. Could you search your memories, please? Contact me on 01896 753296 if you can help.

Please note that the next Langlee Residents Association meeting will be on Tuesday 15th June, at the Community Centre - please come along, we have lots to tell you.

Meanwhile - enjoy the sunshine!

Judith Cleghorn, Chair
 Langlee Residents Association
 01896 753296

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BORDERS ADDITIONAL NEEDS GROUP

B A N G A G M

19th June 2010

11am

Tweedbank Community Centre

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SPONSORED KAYAKING EVENT FOR TOURETTE SCOTLAND

Local resident John Davidson is going to kayak down the River Tweed to raise much needed funds for Tourette Scotland.

The 80 mile, 2 day trip starts at Galashiels (Boleside) ending at Berwick. John will be paddling alongside fellow Tourette sufferers Paul Stevenson and Chopper Colquhoun on the weekend of Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th July 2010. Fingers crossed the weather is good for their trip!

If you would like to sponsor them, or make a donation to this worthy cause, please go to: www.justgiving.com/tweedcanoetrip

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The Roundabout Cafe

Quiz Night - £5

[teams of up to 4]

includes buffet (bring your own bottle)

6.45 for 7pm

Friday - 18th June - 2010

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LANGLEE SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Following the success of last years Activity Week, plans are going ahead for a similar event this year.

The activities will take place at Langlee Community Centre from 9th to 13th August from 10am until 3.30pm.

A great week of activities for all the family is planned, including: yoga, cooking, games, music, sports, arts and crafts and a trip to a Borders location.

For more information contact Becca Childs, Bob Petrie, Norrie Tait or Carly Unwin at Langlee Complex. Or drop by the Centre to pick up an enrolment form. Or call the Centre Reception (755110), leave your details, and they can get an enrolment form out to you.

Participants would be expected to sign up for the whole week.

It's for Langlee families
 it's fun
 and it's FREE

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WAVERLEY TENANTS ORGANISATION

W T O A G M

Tuesday 20th July 2010
 at 7pm in the Focus Centre
 Livingston Place, Galashiels

All Waverley Housing
 Association tenants welcome

www.waverleytenants.org.uk

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POLICE REPORT

Recently there have been reports of bogus workmen in the Langlee area. They have been offering their services doing gardening work. An elderly lady asked them to do work in her garden where they stated that they would do the whole garden. She gave them £160. They trimmed a tree and then left. The males are believed to be local. One male described as in his 40's, fat. Other male in his 20's with black hair. If anyone has any information please contact PC Jim Watters at Galashiels police station (752222). If you are going to let people do work in your home please use reputable people/tradesmen. Do not pay until the work is done to your satisfaction. If you have any suspicions about people calling at your door call the police.

Note from LRA: if anyone cannot cope with their garden and would like some help, please contact us on 01896 753296.

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COMPUTER COURSE AT LANGLEE COMPLEX

Thursdays, 7.30 - 9pm

From 24th June to 29th July at
 Langlee Centre Training Room

£10 for the six week course

Expert tuition in word processing,
 internet, online shopping,
 computer safety, etc.

Limited places - book early!

To book call
 Langlee Complex on
 01896 755110

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DOG FOULING

Scottish Borders Council are continuing to prioritise their dog fouling campaign and wants to encourage all dog owners to take a responsible attitude to clearing up dog mess themselves.

SB Wardens, Lee Hutchison and Keith Johnson, cover the Eildon area, including Langlee, and report on this issue monthly. In the Galashiels area between January and May this year the following figures were recorded: 7 Fixed Penalty Notices of £40 were issued; 187 clean ups took place; 23 people were advised about picking up dog dirt and 39 information leaflets were distributed.

Judith Cleghorn, Chair of the LRA, stated “I want this message to be loud and clear, as dog dirt is a huge problem in the Langlee area. I am delighted to see SBC taking such a firm stance over the issuing of fines.”

Wardens are trained to issue Fixed Penalty notices and will take this action when necessary. 22 other volunteers from Parks and Open Spaces and SB Local have also been trained to issue notices. If anyone wants to report an incident of dog fouling they can contact SBC on **0300 100 1800** or email **communitywardens@scotborders.gov.uk**.

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News Release from Scottish Borders Council: Tuesday 25 May 2010

A ball wall, an easily accessible bucket swing, and a dragonfly see-saw have been installed in Langlee.

SBC has listened to suggestions from Langlee Residents Association, and local councillors agreed that money raised through the pay and display scheme should be used for more play equipment

The swing and see-saw have been introduced to the play park in Woodstock Avenue and the ball wall is located in Beech Avenue. All three pieces of equipment are based on safe surfaces, and all the equipment in Woodstock Avenue has had a fresh coat of paint.

Judith Cleghorn, Chair of the LRA, said: “it’s brilliant to have an accessible swing in Langlee. It’s a local facility which we’re very proud of and pleased to have. We are very grateful to SBC for listening to our request.”

Dougie Mallin, Parks Development Officer at SBC, said: “along with other developments to improve the area in Langlee it was felt important to upgrade the play park in Woodstock Avenue and improve facilities for local children. The park is now fresh and bright and can appeal to children with varying physical capabilities.”

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

My name is Ela Nosal. I have lived in Galashiels for two and a half years. When I first came here I was very lost. I did not speak English and I was very isolated.

I have been attending the ESOL group at Langlee Primary since it started nearly two years ago. I have met many new friends from this country who have helped me to enrol my children in school and to learn English.

Langlee School (and the wider community) is very welcoming to parents and children of every nationality. When Ann Reid (former Family Support Worker at Langlee Primary School) learned I could not attend college due to family commitments she organised the ESOL group. Now many parents attend the group and our children play happily in the crèche. The group is run by volunteers. If anyone would like to come along and help please contact Nicola Corbett on **756893**.

The group is on every Wednesday afternoon (during term time) from 1pm until 3pm in the library at Langlee Primary School.

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LANGLEE PLAY AREAS

The last couple of months have seen a fair amount of work going on, with the Ball Wall now installed in Beech Avenue and new equipment and a spruce up for the play park in Woodstock Avenue.

For those who haven’t seen it yet, the Ball Wall is a bit of a misnomer, it’s not a wall, it’s more of a tall fence, with a goal mouth and a basketball hoop. It has been very popular since it was installed and there is a bit more work to do to make the area safer for children playing (and for drivers) and to introduce equipment for different ages.

The new equipment is a multi-ability swing which lets children with physical disabilities join in the fun, and a dragon see-saw which you lie on. My daughter enjoys the swing, but she also has great fun on the slide - especially the tall one! Existing equipment got a new coat of paint and looks great.

One problem, however, is continuing litter in there. It doesn’t all come from children; when we were there a couple of weeks ago there were loads of bottles, thankfully not broken, but if you see people using this area for drinking, etc, please let the Community Wardens know so that it can be kept clean and safe for our children. Wardens can be contacted on **0800 028 5711**. SB Local can be contacted on **0800 376 1030**.

Cllr. Fiona Lackenby 01835 830428

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LANGLEE'S FUTURE

They say ‘there’s no such thing as a free lunch’ but there was the next best thing at the Langlee Centre a few weeks ago. Residents from across Langlee met to air their views about what is right, or wrong, and what could make Langlee better. It was a very productive event with lots of ideas put forward.

Some issues were universal i.e. problems with dog fouling and anti-social behaviour, but also the lack of opportunity/activities for many different groups too. The participants then looked at the list again to work out what Langlee can fix for itself and what it will need help with.

I’ve asked for the full list from the organiser so that with the LRA, I can start to work on issues that need a bit of outside help whether from other organisations, or need some funding but can then be tackled ‘in-house’ by the community themselves.

The event finished with lunch as a thank you to all who took part (thanks also to Judith and Penny who prepared lunch). Some residents took the opportunity to ask for my help on immediate issues and I’m glad to say they have either been resolved or are progressing at a good pace.

Cllr. Fiona Lackenby 01835 830428

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BOYS' BRIGADE & GIRLS' BRIGADE

“St. John’s Boys’ Brigade & Girls’ Brigade have now finished for the summer. It has been a busy year for both groups and we are very grateful for all the help and support that we receive, both from St. John’s Church and the local community.”

“We look forward to welcoming the young people of Langlee back to Boys’ Brigade & Girls’ Brigade after the break and trust that you all have a good summer.”

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