



Langlee Residents Association have put in a power of work to develop the Community House at 60 Beech Avenue and Waverley Housing are delighted to be able to be planning to use the house for meetings and drop-ins!

If you need to meet your Housing Officer or other staff to discuss your Waverley tenancy, please contact us on 01450 364 200 and we can arrange a meeting at the community house. From June this year, we are planning to have a regular presence at the Community House and more information about days and times will be available on our website, and in the next LRA newsletter.

**Garden Competition 2015**

We are now taking entries for our annual garden competition. There are 4 categories this year:

- Best individual garden
- Best communal garden
- Best planter/pot/basket
- New to Gardening: Budding Gardener Award

Contact us by Friday, 26th June to enter! Judging will take place in July 2015 and we will be in touch with all entrants directly to let you know the judging date. Enter today!

**Community Star Award**

Do you have a Waverley neighbour in your area who you think deserves a shout out for their contributions to the community? Someone who is always going the extra mile? We are taking nominations for our community star award! Deadline for entries is Friday, 28th August.

**Getting Involved**

Want to be a mystery shopper?

Want to find out more about the services we deliver?

We want to hear from you! We have lots of opportunities this year for you to have your say and get involved. For more information or to enter our competitions and awards, please visit our website [www.waverley-housing.co.uk](http://www.waverley-housing.co.uk) or contact Pamela Martyn, Tenant Participation Officer on 01450 364 200, email [pamela.martyn@waverley-housing.co.uk](mailto:pamela.martyn@waverley-housing.co.uk) or send a text to 07917 816 570.

**GALA IN BLOOM**

Gala in Bloom are working hard to improve the look of Galashiels. This year there will be more floral displays and a real effort to make the town as good as we can.

Do you have a few hours to spare? Could you help? If you are interested, please contact Judith Cleghorn on 01896 753296.

Following the terrible disaster that has struck in Nepal, we are planning to hold a concert in the Focus Centre to raise funds for the appeal.

The Langlee Choir will be singing and other guests will also be on hand to entertain you. Refreshments will be available.

Please come along and support this very worthy cause.

**Tickets £6 - available from any choir member or Judith on 01896 753296.**

**FUNDRAISING CONCERT**

by  
**Langlee Community Choir**  
plus Guests

**TO RAISE FUNDS TO HELP THE PEOPLE OF NEPAL AFTER THE RECENT DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKES**

Saturday 13th June, 7.30pm  
at the

Focus Centre, Livingstone Place, Galashiels.

Tickets £6, refreshments available.



*Foraging and Remedies Walk*

**Sunday 7th June, 2pm to 4.30pm**

**£10 for adults, £6 for concession (limited spaces)**

Abbotsford is home to over 200 species of flora, many of which are edible and possess medicinal qualities. Join professional forager and herbalist, Ali Murfitt to explore for some edibles and have a go at concocting our own remedy.

Easy/moderate terrain, suitable footwear and waterproofs advisable. Meet outside the Abbotsford Visitor Centre for a 2pm start.

*A part of the Borders Nature Festival and Scotland's Year of Food and Drink.*

**Tickets can be purchased on our website ([www.scottsassbotsford.co.uk](http://www.scottsassbotsford.co.uk)), at the Visitor Centre or by calling our events team on 01896 752043.**

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**WHAT MATTERS TO YOU MATTERS TO US**

**Hi Folks**

It's amazing how quickly time goes, isn't it? May already and we are all so busy!! The new Community House is up and running – you will see further details elsewhere in this newsletter – do come and see what we are all about. I am writing this on Sunday morning while the house is quiet, tomorrow we have the training for running the Credit Union – the first in this part of the Borders. In town, preparations are well in hand for the Braw Lad's Gathering and, later in the year, the Walking Festival. What a week that will be, starting with the arrival of the steam train on 4th September, special golden ticket trains the next day and the 6th September sees the start of the Walking Festival week, and the start of the regular train service in the Borders, the first for around 50 years. At the end of that week, 12th September, we have our Langlee Carnival – a great way to end a great week. The Carnival will be bigger and better than ever, not to be missed.

In the midst of all this activity, I hope we will all have time to welcome our new minister at St. John's.

So folks, so much to look forward too – please try to be part of it. Have a lovely summer and I'm sure I shall see you all out and about.

Best Wishes

**Judith Cleghorn, Chair, Langlee Residents Association**

**Exciting Youth Work in Langlee**

After the recent Langlee Residents Association meeting we would like to introduce ourselves and inform you of the exciting work we are involved in with Young People of Langlee.

We are both Youth Development Workers from different organisations working jointly to bring about this work. The Young People we are working with are living in Langlee at present and are keen to be involved in various projects taking place over the next few months.

This will not only give the young people of Langlee a sense of pride in their local community but an ownership of what is happening in where they live.

Below are some of the projects that the young people will be taking part in:

- Form a Langlee Residents Association Youth Committee
- Support local fundraisers e.g. Nepal disaster
- Get involved with local Garden project
- Look at ways to help and better improve their community
- Carnival

We will be supporting the young people to work towards qualifications in Youth Achievement Awards and Saltire Awards accrediting the work they will do in the above projects.-

Youth Achievement Awards encourage young people to take on responsibility and create a personalised learning programme based on their own interests. The Awards help learning providers to accredit achievements within and out with their establishment, in a manner expected by Curriculum for Excellence. Learners working on an Award use skills – such as leadership, creativity and research – that help build confidence and create a well-rounded individual.

Youth Achievement Awards are used by youth groups, schools, colleges, national voluntary organisations and charities.

There are 4 Awards through Youth Achievement, Bronze - equivalent to General Standard Grade - SVQ1. Silver - equivalent to Credit Standard Grade - SVQ2. Gold - equivalent to Higher - SVQ3 and Platinum - equivalent to Advanced Higher - SVQ 3.

Youth Achievement is great on a C.V and is recognised throughout Scotland.

We are really looking forward to working with the young people in what is going to be a very exciting and rewarding project.

**Kerry Scott & David Shields**



## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH of SCOTLAND

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### St. John's Church News

On 4th May, Rev. Leon Keller and his wife Janette, arrived in the Galashiels to begin his ministry. On the 8th May he was inducted to the linked charge of St. John's and Old Parish and St. Paul's. The service in St. John's brought members of both congregations together to join in worship and witness the induction. The service opened with the congregation singing "Bless the Lord, O my soul" and set the scene as tribute to God's goodness and for the provision of a new minister. The opening line of the first verse begins with the words "The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning" a recognition that something new is beginning in St. John's as well as in St. Paul's. The service was led by Bob Milne from Upper Tweeddale churches and an encouraging sermon given by the new Lauder minister, Rae Clark. The evening concluded with a time of fellowship over tea and coffee with home baking.

Rev. Keller conducted his first service in both churches on the morning of 10th May, then an introduction of the Galashiels Fellowship of Churches meeting at St. John's on the 12th May. It has been a busy introduction to being a new parish minister and even busier, as Rev. Keller was to attend the General Assembly for six days. However, after that he will be familiarising himself with his Langlee Parish and its congregation.

### SERVICES

Sunday 9.45am: Morning service with Crèche & Sunday School (KAOS).

6.30pm: Evening service

### KAOS

(Kids Alive on Sunday)

Sunday 9.45am: KAOS is for our younger (primary school) people on a Sunday morning. We start in the main Church at 9.45am 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?

### MESSY CHURCH

We held our last Messy Church on Saturday 21st March following an Easter theme. In an hour we managed to get through a scavenger hunt, making Easter story books, a butterfly craft, jelly bean boxes and building the gateway into Jerusalem with boxes!! We then spent some time thinking about the lead up to Easter and Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, followed by baked potatoes for dinner and fruity palm trees for pudding (yum). We hope to hold another Messy Church over the summer, please keep a look out for our banners and fliers sent home in school bags.

### GIRLS' BRIGADE

The Girls' Brigade meets at St. John's Church during term time on a Monday evening. We have now finished for the summer and will start up again in the autumn.

# Vandalism at Langlee Primary

During the Easter holidays there was vandalism to the woodland area and the outside play areas of the Nursery and the Support Centre at Langlee Primary School.

Pupils returned from their holidays to find the bird hide (The one that was featured on ITV) in the woodland area had actually been burned down and the area had to be cleared & lighters had to be removed so that it was safe for the children to use. Unfortunately, bird houses that the children had made were also knocked down and broken.

Nursery staff and Support Centre staff had to start their first day back making the outside play areas safe for the children.



## Do you want to make a change to your smoking habits?

Whether you are thinking about quitting smoking, cutting down or making the switch to electronic cigarettes, I am here to help you succeed!

My name is Sarah McGowan and I am based in the Langlee area to provide you with information, advice, Nicotine Replacement Products and all the options that are available to you for making your change a success.

### Come along to our NEW Drop in Session

Yellow Room, Langlee Community Centre

Every Wednesday anytime between 9.00-10.00am

**All Welcome**

For more information or to book a one to one session please contact your local Quit4Good office on 01835 825971 or myself on 07813433154.

Find us on  Facebook NHS Borders Stop Smoking



By Marlene Shiels, Chief Executive Officer, Capital Credit Union

The credit union is coming... in partnership with Langlee Residents Association, Capital Credit Union will be on your doorstep soon.

Credit unions are not-for-profit organisations and are completely owned by their members with no external shareholders. They offer a range of products that can help you build up your credit

## Langlee Carnival

We may not have said goodbye to Spring yet but Langlee Carnival Committee are already looking forward to our extended Summer in Sept. **The Carnival is on Saturday 12th Sept** which marks the end to great week for the area! As well as the train arriving in style our Lad and Lass will be arriving in their own vintage style via open topped car.

We have an amazing day planned for all, fancy dress for the old and young, NEW fun fair rides, the first ever in Scotland inflatable indoor disco. The Fabulously entertaining Chris Wish will be brining his magic back to Langlee and our community choir will be making their annual appearance.

Anyone interested in booking a table for our craft fayre for the day please get in touch via the Facebook page for further details.

Look forward to seeing you all there

Heidi Wilson

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Capital's range of products include loans from £250 to £20,000 so if you need to cover an unexpected short term cash shortfall, buy a new car or even pay for a wedding, Capital can help. Loans include free life assurance and there are no early repayment charges. And now Capital Credit Union and the Langlee Residents Association are working together to set up a satellite office in the community house in Beech Avenue. A team of local volunteers is being trained by Capital staff to help you apply for savings and loans. The launch date and opening times will be announced soon.

Capital is already well known to people in the area and has links with key employers such as NHS Borders, Borders College and Borders Council, where staff can save directly from their salaries. The next generation of savers is also catered for with 'Kapital Kids' - a special account for children. Developing good financial habits as early as possible is a key part of Capital's ethical outlook.

Capital currently has over 20,000 members in the Borders, Edinburgh and the Lothians and is now expanding with services being developed for Fife, Falkirk, Clackmannan and Angus.

For any immediate queries in the meantime please contact us on email address enquiries@capitalcreditunion.com or call us on 0131 225 9901. You can also visit our website at www.capitalcreditunion.com.

**Since this was written, the training has taken place and anyone interested in joining the Credit Union should contact Judith Cleghorn (753296) for an application form.**