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## Gilnockie Wedding Day

A lovely romantic wedding reception took place at Gilnockie Tower recently as none other than Johnnie Armstrong himself married his Russian-born fiancée, Alexandra.

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**A council tax rise will be announced next week after it was confirmed that the local authority is facing a budget shortfall of over £5m.**

Cuts to council services are also likely after council officers admitted that "very difficult decisions" will have to be made when setting the budget at a meeting of the full council next Tuesday.

The council's finance and accounting manager, Gillian Ross explained that savings will have to be made and extra income generated through taxation to plug a projected funding gap of £5.065m.

"Each one percent increase in the council tax level will generate additional funding of around £775,000 per annum to support the provision of council services on a recurring basis."

The Administration says it will continue to support covid recovery and deliver on local priorities. It has 6 key proposals:

A Council Tax increase of 3% to support local services and jobs. The majority of local residents will pay no more than 71p a week extra in 2022/23. This will be offset for residents in Bands A to D by a government grant of £150.

An Increase the number of

teachers by 10, and support for learning assistants by 14.

Implementation a Fostering Fee, boosting the income of foster families.

Allocation of £270,000 to projects in the Council's Strategic Net Zero Route Map

The funding a 2022 Summer of Play programme, providing opportunities for all children and young people over the summer holidays.

### Roads

An increase in roads investment by £960,000 to account for inflationary increase in raw materials.

Only one other budget proposal was submitted for consideration by Elected Members and the Conservative Group on the Council failed to submit one.

D&G Council Leader Elaine Murray said, "The Administration's budget proposals recognise the pressure on household budgets, while making investments that further support families and communities."

"The additional funding allocation from the Scottish Government reduces the funding gap by £3.44m to £5.065m. Although the additional funding helps plug some of our funding gap this year, it doesn't cover it all and, as it's a one-off, it just

kicks that part of the problem on to next year."

"The Government hasn't provided funding for pay increases, inflation or the National Insurance increases (which were passed on to the SG by the U.K. Government) although it did so for the NHS."

"Council tax rises and savings are therefore inevitable, however the administration's budget seeks to limit these as far as possible."

Two years ago, the council faced a funding gap of £10.9m, which was brought down to £5.2m through various cuts. A tax hike of 4.84 percent was then implemented to help balance the books. It was feared D&G Council faced an £11.7m budget shortfall for 2022/23 but savings were identified and the Scottish Government agreed to stump up an extra £3.4m. A letter of complaint from every council leader in Scotland was sent to the First Minister by COSLA. This prompted negotiations resulting in the Scottish Government ceding a further £120m, to be split among Scotland's 32 local authorities.

The Conservative Group on the Council has been contacted for a response to the administration's current budget proposals.

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## Deaths

### MILLIGAN, Elizabeth.

Peacefully on the 22nd January at the Cumberland Infirmary, Elizabeth aged 61 years.  
A loving wife, mam and nana.  
A private funeral service will be held at Roucan Loch Crematorium. Elizabeth is resting in the care of Nicholson's Funeral Directors.

### SMITH, Doreen

Peacefully on 13th February 2022, in Thomas Hope Hospital, Doreen Smith, Galaside, Langholm, beloved wife of Stuart and dear mother of Fiona.  
Funeral service at Roucan Loch Crematorium on Monday 28th February at 2pm all friends respectfully invited, family flowers only, donations in lieu to Friends of Thomas Hope Hospital, collection at service.

### STEELE, Ian James (Steeley).

Suddenly at home on the 5th February, Ian aged 56 years.  
Dearly loved husband of Louise, loving stepdad of Sarah and Scott, adored grandad of Ella, much loved brother of Helen and the late Michael, son of the late Grace and John, cherished uncle of Kerrie.  
Funeral service to be held at Canonbie United Parish Church on Friday 25th February at 11:00 am followed by interment in the Churchyard.  
Family flowers only donations if so desired will be for Dumfriesshire & Cumbria Greyhound Rescue. Ian is now resting in the care of Nicholson's Funeral Directors Bank House 01228 791098.

### TAIT, Margaret

Peacefully at home on 12th February 2022, Margaret Tait, née Johnstone, Eskdail Street, Langholm, dear wife of the late Inglis, a much loved mum and nana.  
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# Sticky situation in Rowanburn



Theives have targeted the Rowanburn phonebox on the last two Thursdays

### It seems there's a sticky-fingered Thursday thief prowling in Rowanburn.

This converted phone box, selling lovely home-made goodies, was plundered on two Thursdays in a row. A social media post reported that four jars of jam went missing on the 3rd and two on the 10th February.

It read, "This may not seem much but with the cost of the jars, ingredients, time to make and selling price, this amounts to almost £18.

Residents are worried that if this theft continues, people will stop

making the supplies and the phonebox will once again become empty and unused.

Responding on facebook, Marion Thompson said "Why do they do this, we are so blessed to have Becca who is a wonderful baker and her chutneys and jams are delicious - thieves beware - a watch is being put out!!!!"

And Ian Paton added "Let's hope the thieves don't spoil it for the rest of us."

But thieves be warned - the CCTV camera, which was switched off, is being reconnected again.

# Screening concerns

### Local MSP Colin Smyth is calling on the Health secretary Humza Yousaf to act over concerns about social inequalities in the uptake of bowel cancer screening across Southern Scotland.

In the two-year period from May 2019, there was a large uptake gap between people in the most deprived areas and those in the least deprived areas across the region's health boards.

Just over half (56%) of residents in the most deprived areas of Dumfries and Galloway took up invitations for bowel screening, compared to just over three quarters of people (75.6%) living in the least deprived areas. The uptake in the Scottish Borders was similar (76.5%) in better off areas, and slightly better (61%) in more deprived parts.

With bowel cancer the third most common cancer in Scotland and around 4,000

Scots being diagnosed every year, the Labour MSP is warning that clear health inequalities in screening programmes are putting the most deprived Scots at the greatest risk of late diagnosis.

Colin Smyth is a member of the Scottish Parliament's Cross Party Group on Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) which seeks to raise awareness of conditions such as colitis and crohn's disease.

He is concerned that bowel cancer symptoms can often be overlooked, as many overlap with signs of other conditions such as inflammatory or irritable bowel syndrome.

Mr Smyth said the figures showed the poorest Scots in our region are far less likely to be screened than the wealthiest. "No one's health should be determined by their socioeconomic status," he said.

# Creation Mill CIC

## Latest development in Langholm's regenerating textile scene

An exciting new development is taking shape on the Langholm textiles scene. A Community Interest Company called Creation Mill has been set up to draw in budding creators who want to learn more about textiles.

The company's been co-founded by married couple Emma and Leanne Duncan, who are owners of the online shop, Rose's Wardrobe, and Judith Johnson, who's recently retired from the Langholm Initiative.

Judith's Textiles Eskdale Project, which ran sewing and textiles workshops, was the inspiration for Creation Mill. The three founders have come together to expand on these workshops, to inspire the next generation of creatives to get involved and learn new skills.

Director Emma Duncan says Creation Mill will be offering a series of weekly social classes starting in March, where participants can bring their projects along to get a bit of guidance.

There'll also be a series of crafting workshops with local textile artists over the next six months, where you can learn a new skill and workshops that run on into intermediate and more advanced levels.

"We're going to be starting with a beginners sewing class," says Emma, "and garment construction and pattern cutting; weaving your own fabric, needle felting and wet felting, crochet, knitting, making rag rugs, and embroidery."

"We're also trying to put together some weekend retreats, where people can come and stay in Langholm and enjoy other

aspects of the town, whilst doing a workshop."

The Creation Mill team are already engaging with schools, colleges, and the job centre, providing workshops, training and short courses covering a wide range of skills, including weaving, darning and product creation.



Judith Johnson

And secondary school students are being asked to do some textile research to enter a competition to design the Creation Mill Logo. The winner will receive a cash prize of £100 and have the glory of seeing their logo promoting the work of the company. Entries for the competition close on Monday.

The CIC is also crowd funding, with a target of raising £10,000, to help get all its plans off the ground. It wants to part fund workshops to make them more widely accessible. It also wants to improve its website to allow courses and workshops to be booked online. The company is currently based inside the



Marg and Leanne at the knitting machine

Drove Weavers factory in Langholm but it has aspirations to move within Buccleuch Mill, to advance its wider vision of creating a Textiles Hub, alongside other businesses.

In time, it's hoped Creation Mill will be able to provide flexible meeting and workshop spaces, affordable maker spaces, a scrap store, and a tool library. The company also wants to be able to tell the story of Langholm's textile history.

E&L's Sharon Tolson went to find out more about the plans when Creation Mill hosted an introductory afternoon. She met Heather Duncan, who was a regular at the courses run by Judith at the Langholm Initiative.

"Attending the classes really helped my confidence," said Heather, "with my redundancy from FTS Dyers, I bought an

embroidery machine and have enjoyed making a variety of items for myself and friends. I'm looking forward to getting involved with Creation Mill to continue this good work."

Other interested attendees included Marjorie Pringle and Tessa Lumley, who say they enjoy the "In Stitches" class every Thursday in the Social Club because it attracts a small group of like-minded people interested in needlepoint and sewing.

"Everyone who joined us that afternoon filled out a questionnaire about what they would like to get from Creation Mill, so that was really helpful information," said Emma.

For more information visit [www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/creation-mill-cic](http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/creation-mill-cic) and [www.creationmill.org](http://www.creationmill.org)



Leanne and Emma Duncan are behind the Creation Mill concept



Pauleen Innes of Langholm making use of the facilities

## Station hours raised in Holyrood

South Scotland MSP Colin Smyth has raised his concerns in Holyrood over plans to cut the opening hours at Lockerbie Railway Station.

Last week, the labour MSP, who's the Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy & Transport & Rural Affairs, accused ScotRail bosses of using "misinformation" to justify plans to cut ticket office opening hours.

ScotRail recently carried out a consultation that would see changes in hours at more than 100 stations across Scotland including Lockerbie.

According to the consultation document, Lockerbie

Station would change from opening from 7.35-20.45 (Mon-Sat) to 7.00-20.20 (Mon-Sat). But at present, the office actually opens at 6.50 am, not 7.35 am as claimed by ScotRail.

During a statement on the future of ScotRail in the Scottish Parliament, the new Transport Minister Jenny Gilruth, said she was "in listening mode."

In response Colin Smyth said: "It's a shame the minister was not in listening mode last week, when she endorsed the biggest hike in rail fares in a decade and voted for 250 fewer train services a week.

"If she really is listening, will she scrap the current flawed consultation on ticket office cuts?"

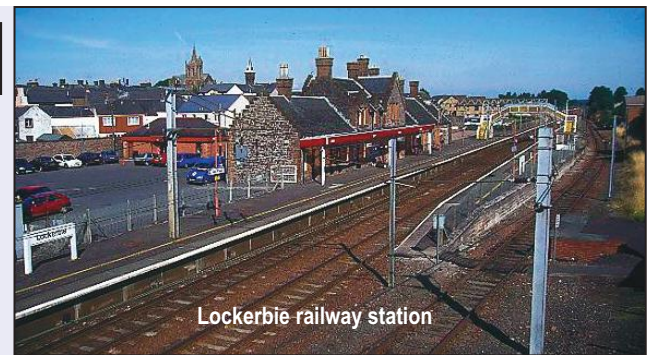
"We do not yet know what passenger numbers will return to. Furthermore, the information in the consultation document is incorrect. For example, it claims that Lockerbie station, which is in my region, will no longer open at 7.30 but will open at 7.00.

"Anyone who uses the station knows that it has opened at 6.50 for years – how can we trust a consultation on future opening hours, when ScotRail does not even seem to know what the current

opening hours are?"

Jenny Gilruth gave her undertaking that she will look into the specifics. "Some of what he has highlighted in the chamber gives me some cause for concern, so I would be keen to understand a bit more about that," the Minister said

Speaking after the debate, Colin Smyth added: "The flawed consultation itself has closed now but I will continue to ensure that this issue is not forgotten and fight to ensure that when the Minister makes the decision on opening hours, plans to cut hours at Lockerbie will be shelved."



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### Weather warnings

Forecasters are expecting parts of Dumfries and Galloway and the Scottish Borders to be battered by heavy rain and winds gusting to 90mph, as Storm Dudley hits.

And a second storm - Storm Eunice - is expected to bring strong winds across Southern Scotland tomorrow. Snow has also been forecast.

The Met Office has issued two weather warnings, including an amber warning for Southern Scotland, meaning travel is likely to be affected, with damage to buildings and the chance of power cuts.

The Scottish Environment Protection Agency has issued a flood alert for Dumfries and Galloway and is urging people to take care near the Solway coast.

Both Police Scotland and the Scottish Government have warned of the risk of travel disruption. Scotrail ceased many of its services early yesterday afternoon as a safety precaution, though some cross-border services are continuing to operate but at reduced speeds.

The yellow wind warning issued by the met office means there's a small chance that flying debris will result in a danger to life, with fallen trees, damage to buildings and homes, roofs blown off and power lines brought down. Where damaging winds occur, there is a chance that long interruptions to power supplies and other services may occur.

### Ewes SWI meet

Members met on 10th February in Ewes Hall for a members' night to celebrate the centenary of Ewes SWI. This meeting was held instead of the big celebration which has been postponed until 9th June due to the impact of Covid.

Business matters were discussed and then President Nancy McLure read out the E&L's report of the inaugural meeting in 1922. This was followed by a Guess the Decades Quiz completed in pairs won jointly by Grace Brown and Aileen Cavers and Marjorie Pringle and Heather Duncan. Games were next on the agenda followed by a toast to the institute and supper. Photos and newspaper cuttings were on display plus original syllabuses from many years ago. The evening ended with the raffle and Auld Lang Syne.

# Virtual Covid ward

**The Borders health board is trialling a virtual covid ward to allow patients to be monitored from home rather than being "stuck in hospital."**

NHS Borders says it's a "really positive step forward" in caring for people with the virus.

It said patients would have a face-to-face assessment with a clinician before being assigned to the 'ward' in their home.

The trial, which will run until the end of March, is also aimed at freeing up bed space at Borders General Hospital.

The system has already operated in a number of health board areas across the UK including NHS Highland. It will target three groups of Covid patients:

people in hospital who are getting better; people who go to hospital but can be safely treated at home; and patients who test positive and are eligible for antiviral treatment.

#### Clinician

Patients assigned to the virtual ward will be given a pulse oximeter and a patient diary to record their symptoms. They will be contacted daily by a clinician and given a number to call for support or if they feel their condition is worsening.

Medical director Dr Lynn McCallum said it would help people whose symptoms were not severe.

"In many cases Covid-19

causes a mild illness which does not require acute medical treatment, but this group of people does need to be closely monitored," she said.

"Rather than being stuck in a hospital bed, in the virtual ward, this monitoring takes place in the comfort of your own home, safe in the knowledge that you can get in touch with a clinical professional immediately if you need to."

**Medical Director Dr Lynn McCallum (right) of the Borders General Hospital is spear-heading the trial of a virtual Covid ward**



## Letters to the Editor

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### Why don't turbines turn on breezy days?

**Have you ever wondered why on breezy days wind turbines don't turn? Simply put, those are the days we have enough electricity and can't send it down the wires (pylons) to other parts of the UK, or store it in batteries for later consumption.**

On those days the operators are paid to take them off line, so they don't turn.

Why then are they trying to build more? The simple answer to that is money. The companies proposing the plans for wind farms make money by selling plans to companies who then build and operate them and by selling the energy make money. The Land owners are paid vast yearly incomes to site the turbines on their land and the government benefits from being seen to be encouraging the green agenda and renewable energy sources, which are not always as 'green' as they seem.

Vast areas of countryside are destroyed to create a road infrastructure and foundations to site each proposed turbine. The turbines, road and building construction materials and the batteries all come from other parts of the world, only a small part of the turbine structure is produced in Scotland.

In the case of the Faw Side Wind Farm proposal, the roads and foundations will potentially impact historical sites (roman and perhaps earlier). Significantly, they will impact on natural moss and peat areas, which help to regulate water in the area and keep it silt free. Peatlands are also capable of absorbing and storing large amounts of carbon dioxide known as "carbon sinks" making them ideal for helping to tackle climate change. Wildlife habitats (including those of the iconic golden eagle) are threatened by the proposal. Noise and light pollution from the proposed development would also

threaten tourism and 'dark skies.' Those of us who own homes in this area will be affected by all of these things, but may also have private water supplies contaminated, suffer increased flooding and landslips, ultimately devaluing our homes which are in a Regional Scenic Area (RSA).

How can we stop this happening? Through the planning process? In England the National Planning Policy Framework states that it must be demonstrated that the planning impacts identified by the local community have been fully addressed and the proposal has local community backing. The consequence is that there has been almost no new development of onshore wind farms in England since 2015. The companies responsible for these planned windfarms simply moved north into Scotland, which has no such law.

Referring to Faw Side, the negative impacts are judged to be so large that the Langholm Ewes and Westerkirk Community Council has objected and said 'no'.

The Dumfries and Galloway Regional Council, and the Borders Regional Council has objected and said 'no'.

A DPEA Reporter has now been appointed to make a report of findings which will be discussed at a public inquiry and then makes a report to the Scottish Government, who ultimately will decide if consent is given.

None of the people making these plans and decisions live or work in this area. However, the First Minister has described this countryside as 'the scenic gateway to Scotland'.

If we lose all of this countryside saying 'SORRY' later will not fix or replace it - it will be too late and our precious local area will be destroyed forever.

Help to stop this development NOW.

You could become a member of Faw Side Community Group, membership is free and it is a way to show you care (to join or find out more contact the group administrator [john@jaystudio.co.uk](mailto:john@jaystudio.co.uk))

**Linda Snelgar  
Sykefoot,  
Ewes, Langholm**



### Volunteers wanted

**On behalf of the Trustees & Management team I would like to make an appeal to locals to come and join our friendly volunteer team at The Buccleuch Centre during this next season of shows and concerts.**

We have been very fortunate since we opened in 2007 in having up to 80 volunteers assist us on a regular basis and we thank them for their years of support. Without volunteers The Buccleuch Centre would just not be able to survive. Many of these volunteers have now decided to retire and therefore we are looking to recruit a new generation of volunteers.

We are planning an Open Afternoon and Evening on Monday 28th February from 3.00pm to 7.00pm so if anyone is interested come along and meet the team, have a look round the Centre, and discuss the procedures with present volunteers. Refreshments will be provided.

This need not be an onerous volunteering job and there are many ways you can assist us. We need help

with Front of House, Box Office, Duty Managers, Table Setters, Coffee Shop Volunteers & twice yearly with the Mailing of the Brochure.

#### Get involved

If you are new to the area then this is an ideal opportunity to get involved in this exciting venture, make new friends and play an important part in the future development of the community.

For more information and to confirm you are coming along, please contact Iona or Michele on 81196 or e mail [info@buccleuchcentre.com](mailto:info@buccleuchcentre.com)

We look forward to meeting you on Monday 28th February and welcoming you to play an important part in a venue that has attracted so many visitors to Langholm over the last 15 years.

**Gavin Graham  
Chairman  
The Buccleuch Centre**

# Whole village is saddened as it bids farewell to Jayne

Gilly Fraser pays tribute to a true friend and fellow villager

**This is a personal tribute, written not as a journalist but as a friend.**

Two years ago when Newcastleton was hit by severe floods, I woke up in the early hours of the morning to hear someone shouting my name. It was Jayne Cooney. I had gone to bed unaware of just how dire the situation was about to become in the village, but she had been up with the Fire Service all night, helping stricken villagers whose homes had flooded. My house was not under immediate threat, but Jayne was worried about my horses who were in a field beside the river which was raging, to put it mildly.

Together we slogged our way through knee-deep water to get to them, the pitch darkness lit only by her head torch. She wanted to give me a piggy-back, afraid I might be swept away, but even with all the stress and worry, she managed to keep

me talking and laughing. When we reached the field and found my horses were absolutely fine, her joy was every bit as real as mine.

## Dazzling

Jayne Cooney was bright and beautiful and warm and funny. She had a way of making you feel you were exactly the person she most wanted to see and her smile was big enough and dazzling enough to lighten the gloomiest day. She was one of the most positive people I've ever met – always managing to find the good even in the most difficult people and situations.

A few short weeks before she died, we went for a trek together. It was unplanned. We met by chance but it turned out to be a very happy accident. I was on my new and still relatively untried horse, so I was a little bit unsure of what to expect, but she was her usual encouraging self and took all the nerves



Jayne was a dedicated member of Newcastleton Fire Service

away. It was just two chums enjoying life with their horses in the lovely Liddesdale countryside, but I'm so glad I was given the gift of that trek and

I'll never forget it.

Jayne was born in York but she couldn't have been more part of Newcastleton if she'd drawn her first breath here. She was a skilled Barefoot Trimmer and she knew far more about horses than most of us could ever hope to learn. However she wore her knowledge lightly, very happy to share it, but never forcing it on anyone and always respectful of others' opinions.

She was only 42 when she died. Way too young. She had so much to give, so many miles still to ride on her beloved horses, so much time she should have been able to share with the family who meant absolutely



A life-long love of horses



Wendy Patterson, Gilly Fraser and Jayne were the best of pals

everything to her. And so many more pranks she should have been able to play on her Firefighter buddies.

Like many, many people I have lots of very happy memories of Jayne. We all just wish we could have had a lot more.

## A fitting funeral



**On a bitterly cold February morning, villagers turned out in force to say goodbye to a much-loved member of the Newcastleton community.**

A passionate horse-lover all her life, Jayne Cooney was fittingly carried through the village by black-plumed pony and trap accompanied by her partner Rodney Groom, son Thomas and daughter Eve. A kilted piper led the way to the Parish Church with many of her family and friends walking slowly behind. The yellow helmet laid on top

**A black-plumed pony and trap carry Jayne through the village**

of the coffin was a testament to the nine years Jayne spent as an active member of Newcastleton's Fire Service. At the Church they were greeted by a guard of honour formed by firefighters from across the Borders, there to honour one of their own.

## Encourager

The Church was filled to overflowing with mourners, and dozens more stood outside to

hear the service conducted by the Reverend Morag Crossan relayed by loudspeaker. She described Jayne as 'an encourager' and spoke of all the many gifts and graces she had brought to people during her too-short life. There was time for laughter too as tales were told of mischievous pranks Jayne played on her firefighter colleagues.

The mourners then went on to the Grapes Hotel to share their own stories of a life well lived that ended far too soon.

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# Farming on the Border

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## Jim's eye-view

By Jim Robertson of  
Becks Farm, Langholm



**At the time of writing this I am still in disbelief that we were yet again defeated by Wales. It seems our head coach thinks that our smallest player is just the man for taking a crash ball!!**

However it's not the end of the world.

We are busy dosing cattle again for fluke, seems to be particularly bad this year, strange after such a dry summer, but saying that our silage is the driest it's ever been and probably the best! But we now have some sort of bacteria on the face of the pit which is causing some problems. We have sent a sample off for testing so we will just wait and see what's needed to solve the issue.

We have just taken our first delivery of feed for the hill ewes - up a staggering fifty five pounds a ton. So the bit extra that we are getting for our hogs is quickly going to disappear.

Also the fuel tanker has just been in with Tractor fuel almost seventy five pence a litre, I must be getting old I can remember when it was ten pence.

We are still tidying up after Storm Arwen. The mess caused by just one night of wind was unbelievable we had six beech trees blown down and in the teens of oaks as well. What we call the curling pond wood was

also totally destroyed. We are now waiting for foresters to move these trees so we can get fences and dykes rebuilt. It's amazing that no lives were lost.

So sad to see so many beautiful trees down.

# Input costs are at record high levels



NFU Scotland President Martin Kennedy

**NFU Scotland's annual conference was told last Friday that input costs at record high levels are putting farmers under more pressure than ever before.**

NFU Scotland President Martin Kennedy called on policy makers to get their 'heads out of the sand' to support the industry and ensure food security.

The price of some materials has more than doubled, leaving producers with difficult decisions in order to try and make their businesses viable. Some of the key input costs like animal feed and fuel have risen significantly, with the cost of fertiliser in some instances more than doubling. Farmers are faced with spending extortionate amounts or seeing crop yields drop. This comes with labour shortages, concern over trade deals and uncertainty over future support systems.

Mr Kennedy expressed his frustration to a 200 strong online

audience on the slow progress being made by Scottish Government's Agricultural Reform Implementation Oversight Board (ARIOB) and a lack of information on Scotland's Future Agriculture Policy.

Speaking in response to an address by Mairi Gougeon, Cabinet Secretary of Rural Affairs, Mr Kennedy warned food production and biodiversity levels should not be sacrificed on the altar of climate change targets.

The union's president said while these three key factors were driving future government strategy, it was imperative they were given equal weighting in the decision-making process.

Focusing purely on climate measures, said Kennedy, would result in a severe threat to the nation's ability to feed itself, if critical mass was lost and cheap imports flooded in to replace high standard, home-produced foods.

## Around the marts

**C&D Auction Marts Limited had forward 8,285 sheep comprising of 4,915 prime hogs and 3,370 cast ewes & rams at their weekly sale at Longtown on Thursday 10th February 2022.**

A similar show of 4,915 prime hogs were forward.

Beltex hogs topped the price per kilo at 373p from EM Smith & Son, Towiemore, Keith and from M Buchan, Torrax, Kirriemuir.

Top price per head of £172 for Texel hogs realised on three separate occasions by M/s Woodmass, Harene and M/s Mccolm, Craillloch.

All Classes met some resistance being 10p down across the board, apart from the best-bred export sheep which realised last weeks high rates of return.

An overall sale average of 262.6ppk (SQQ 268.5p) was achieved.

### PRINCIPAL PRICES (PER KILO)

**Beltex** 373p Towiemore & Torrax, 338p Inamay & High Greenhill, 333p, 330, 327p, 326p Torrax.

**Texel** 359p Station Yard, 341p

Torrax, 322p Bombie, 320p Four O Boot, 318p, 316p Torrax.

**Hill Cheviot** 310p Balliemeanoch, 278p Easterfrew, 277p Mainside, Lurgan, Gallowberry & Whitecroft Mains, 276p Jerriestown, 275p Lurgan.

**Millennium Blue** 288p Lurgan. **Dutch Texel** 288p Burn House. **Charollais** 283p Low House, 264p High House, 263p Miller Hill & Newtown.

**Blackface** 278p Balliemeanoch, 265p Stooprigg, 263p Little Larg, 262p Glenshanna, Stooprigg, Pole & Little Larg. **Suffolk** 277p High Cattadale, 273p Hallees & Brae Edge, 272p Hallees, 271p Outertown, 270p Hall Guards & High Cattadale.

**Herdwick** 276p Fold Head, 271p Ashness.

**Mule** 274p Walby Grange, 268p Oswie, 267p Gartvaigh, 262p Clonrae, High Cattadale & Nunsleugh.

**North Country Cheviot** 268p High Fodderlie.

**Swaledale** 242p, 239p Low Stokoe, 234p Pasture House.

### PRINCIPAL PRICE (PER HEAD)

**Texel** £172 Craillloch & Harene, £166 Craillloch & Granton Mill, £165 New Farm-houses, £164 Blakehopeburnhaugh, £160 Harene.

**Beltex** £162 Ashton, £157, £150 Torrax, £150 Galleywreay, £149 Towiemore, £145 High Hall.

**Suffolk** £155 Station Yard, £150 West Newlands, £143 Fountainhall, £141 High House.

**Hill Cheviot** £149 Becks, £138 Mains, £131 Becks, £130 Mainside

**Cheviot Mule** £148 Granton, £137 Blakehopeburnhaugh.

**Charollais** £140 High House.

**Mule** £136 Ashness, £129 Patties Hill, £128.50 Dunjop.

**Blackface** £135.50 Station Yard, £125, £120 Camphill.

**Swaledale** £126 Westernhopeburn.

A similar show of 3,370 ewes were forward, to the same competitive ring of purchasers, with lighter ewes being slightly easier on the week whilst all other classes maintained last weeks high rates of return.

Texel ewes topped at £238 from A & H Mccolm, Craillloch,

Port William. Countless pens of Texel ewes selling over £200, with Suffolks breaching the £200 barrier on two separate occasions, topping at £214 for a huge Suffolk ewe being consigned by M/s Smith, Towiemore, Aberdeen and £202 from M/s Roots, Kilford Croft.

Mules topped out at £130 consigned by M/s Hill & Wright, Mill Farm, with several pens realising £120 and over.

Hill ewes topping at £111 for Cheviot ewes from CJ & NC Brodie, Allfornaught, Waterbeck.

Rams sold to a serious trade topping £220 for Texels from Heatherglen.

All quantities of ewes are required for this week's sale as the ewe trade is set to hold firm and more ewes can be sold on a weekly basis to vendor's advantage. Please do not hesitate to contact our auctioneers for further enquiries.

### HEAVY EWES

**Texel** £238 Craillloch, £232 Barnyards, £228 Craillloch, £225 Viewley, £220 Barnyards

& Craillloch, £218 Kilford Croft, £215 Barnyards, £212 Middle Farm, £210 New Farm-house.

**Suffolk** £214 Towiemore, £202, £185 Kilford Croft, £174 Gartvaigh.

**Charollais** £165 Shaw Head, £150 Chaseside.

**Bluefaced Leicester** £146 Heatherglen, £142 Gibbs Hill, £138 Shittington Hall.

**Cheviot Mule** £144 Barnyards & Kilford Croft, £136 Southdean Lodge.

**Beltex** £142 Viewley.

**North Country Cheviot** £136 Blackpark, £128 Nether Stenries & Hownam Grange, £124 Burnside.

**Mule** £130 Mill Farm, £127 Hallmyre, £124 West Newlands, £121 Nether Stenries, £120 Falla, £119 Walby Grange, £118 Kirkton of Kingoldrum, Rack Beck & Longrow.

### LIGHT EWES

**Hill Cheviot** £111 Allfornaught, £108 Kilford Croft, £105, £100 Boreland, £99 Home Farm, £96 Skelfhill, £95 Westerton Cottage, Sundhope & Falnash.

**Blackface** £99 Grindon Hill, £96 Gartvaigh, £93 Grindon Hill, £89 Tinnis, Gibbs Hill, Crookston, Viewley & Walton Park.

**Lleyan** £99 Kilknowe Cottage.

**Swaledale** £86 Nunsleugh, £81 North Middleton.

### RAMS

**Texel** £220 Heatherglen, £175 Longrigg, £170 Falla.

**Bluefaced Leicester** £185 Knarr, £166 Shittington Hall, £162 Milnmark.

**North Country Cheviot** £170 Hownam Grange.

**Charollais** £160 Wynholm.

**Beltex** £138 Boreland.

**Suffolk** £130 Heatherglen.

**Cheviot** £128 Mainside & Boreland, £122 Glendearg, £120 Towiemore.

**Blackface** £122 Horseholm.

### Averages:

**Hoggs**  
Light to 320.0p (252.4p)  
Standard to 338.0p (263.0p)

Medium to 373.0p (271.9p)  
Heavy to 341.0p (250.5p)

**Ewes**  
Light to £111.00 (£69.87)  
Heavy to £238.00 (£119.08)

**Rams to** £220.00 (£118.14)

# Shopping sustainably

Columnist Anna Watson guides us on saving money...and the planet

One of the easiest ways to ensure that your purchases aren't causing unnecessary waste is to buy from charity shops. It can take time and practice to sift through the rubbish and find what you really want, but it makes for a great day out. This works best when you are not looking for anything in particular, and have time to browse.

## Scour the internet for second-hand gems

If time is short, try looking for gems on Apps or second hand sites online. eBay is great for unexpected bargains, while Depop and Vinted have more current trendy pieces. If you find something you really want at your favourite shop, try searching for it on one of these sites first. Often, you can find the exact item with the tags still on, for a little bit less than it would be new. You get to save money and help the planet!

## Raid your family and friends' wardrobes, with their permission..!

Some of the best fashion finds are already hanging in the wardrobe of someone

you know. Ask your mum, friend, cousin or brother if you can have a rummage through their clothes. They might not let you keep anything, but ask if you can borrow something or swap for something of yours. For extra special items, ask your grandparents if they have any vintage clothes. You might end up with something really unique and everything is more special when it comes from a loved one. This is a great method for special occasion dressing, as you avoid buying an expensive outfit that you might only wear once.

## Organise a swap shop

If you are looking for a fun activity to beat winter boredom, why not organise a

swap shop with friends? Invite everyone round and ask them to bring at least one item of clothing each that they no longer wear. Hang everything on a rail and let everyone pick something new. Provide drinks and nibbles to make a night of it – it's a great way to spend time with your friends without spending a fortune.

Anna Watson works for Rose's Wardrobe and Drove Weavers and helps run sewing and craft workshops for Textiles Eskdale.



Anna has a BA in Fashion, with a focus on sustainability.



## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Queen's Jubilee

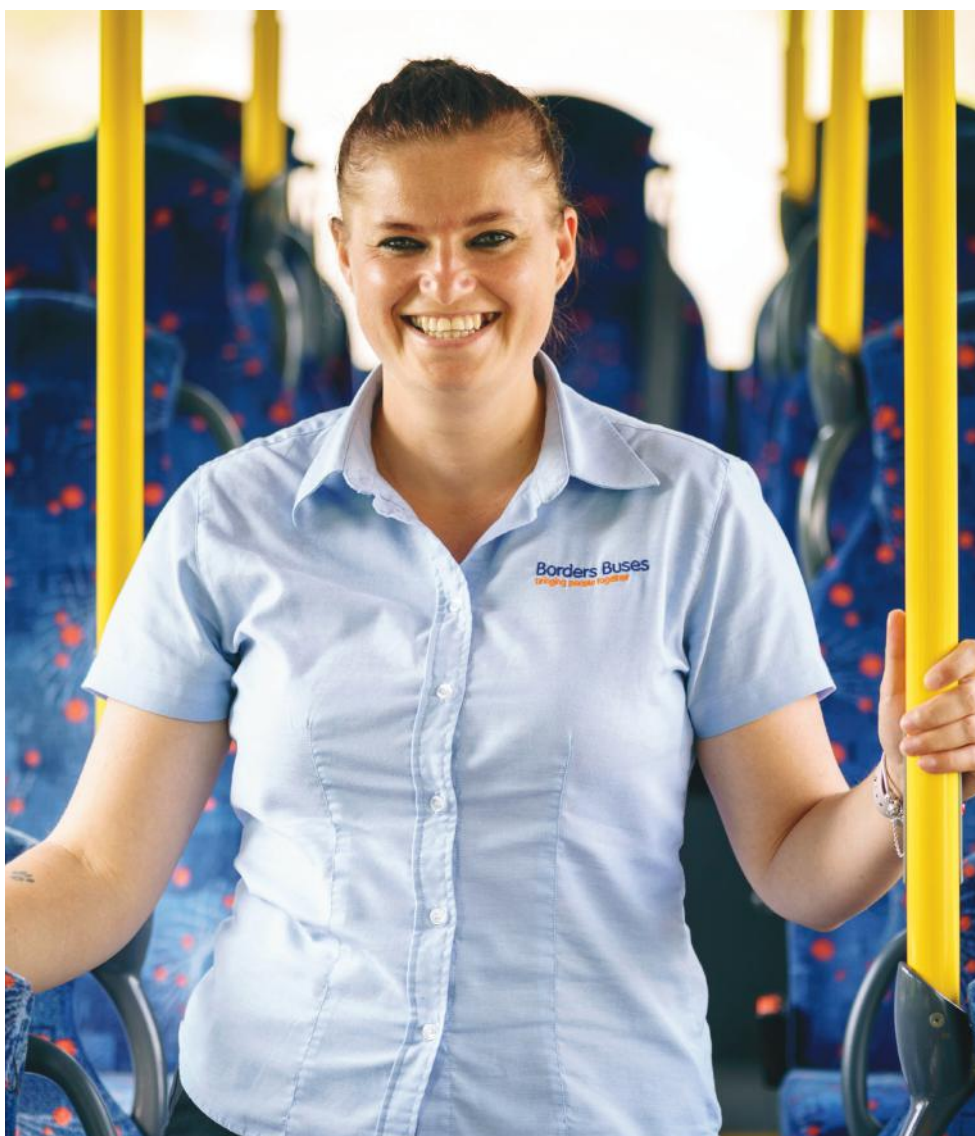
Volunteers are required to help members of the hall committees in the district with the organisation and delivery of the Jubilee Celebrations to be held in Canonbie Hall on Saturday 4th June 2022. Funding will be provided from Canonbie & District Community Council. A meeting has been scheduled for 7pm on Monday 28th February 2022 for anyone who can spare the time and is willing to help. Please come along to the meeting.

### Return of live shows

The Buccleuch Centre, Langholm re-opens for live performances on Wednesday March 2 with a concert by Irish Country favourite Declan Nerney.

This is followed on the 21st by a week-long run of 'Calamity Jane' by evergreen am-dramers LAODS.

This is the society's fourth attempt to run this show after three failed attempts due to the pandemic but it's 'Whip Crack Away' this time!



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# Bunk-up at Buccleuch House

**Q/ What do Nobel Prize winner Richard Henderson, Supermodel Stella Tennant, father of Paediatrics George Armstrong and groundbreaking Inventor James Oliver have in common?**

**A/ They all have strong links with Newcastleton and to celebrate that fact, they all have rooms named after them in the village's Buccleuch House which is due to reopen on Monday.**

It's the latest chapter in the life of a building which has played an important part in village life since the 6th Duke of Buccleuch first presented what he described as his 'Magnificent Gift' in 1896 to be used as an amenity for working men.

Buccleuch House has been well-loved and well-used by local people and businesses over the years since then, but recently had become somewhat tired and run-down. Now, thanks to funding from the Scottish Government, Scottish Borders Council, Borders College, the National Lottery, Border Caring Services, Muirhall Energy, Border Caring Services and the Newcastleton and District Community Trust, it's undergone major renovation and remodelling. It's about to enter a whole new phase as the Enterprise Learning and

Outreach Centre, as Manager Claire Musson explains:

'We're here to support enterprising people and businesses and help folk access learning opportunities, whether that be formal or informal. Our Outreach work was born as a result of two floods and Covid, financed by Covid Recovery Funding and is for enhancing community wellbeing through practical and emotional support. Additional funding has also been received from the Prince's Countryside Grant Fund and the Robertson Trust to support this aspect of the centre. We're trying to reach lots of people in different ways inside the one building.'

'The Centre has four spaces in which people can have one-to-one support, take part in classes, hire for their own personal purposes and clubs, and access



Claire Musson is manager of the new Learning and Outreach Centre

remotely various things going on in the Borders.'

As part of the Borders College Digital Spoke initiative, the Centre has been equipped with modern videoconferencing

equipment to allow remote learning. Claire hopes this will be used by groups as well as on an individual basis.

'We're trying to create a hybrid model where people can be in the company of others without having to travel to the College. So, for example, if a few people want to do a class in conversational French, they can do it here, and connect with others doing the same class elsewhere in the region.'

### Workshops

A series of workshops has been arranged on topics ranging from making lampshades to lino-printing, to learning how to sew. Claire is keen to hear other suggestions.

'We are one hundred per cent open to ideas of what people would like to have here. The people running the initial classes are all experienced, but we'd also love to encourage people who have never done them before but would like to teach something, or perhaps give a talk on a subject that interests them.'

Much of the initial funding has been spent on bringing the building to a high standard, with solar panels, an air-source heat pump, underfloor heating, and top-class

insulation, which proved an expensive initial outlay but should keep running costs down.

Buccleuch House also now has a comfortable 14-bedded Bunkhouse aimed at attracting bikers and walkers to the village, plus a commercial laundry. Money generated by both facilities will be invested back into the Centre.

Claire says the ongoing Covid situation means they can't have a Grand Opening, but she hopes people will visit the Centre soon.

'We open on February 21st but we're not having the traditional ribbon cutting ceremony. Instead, we're inviting people to come along, maybe take a class or join a group, or simply come in to have a look around to see what's been done. We think they will like it.'

A brochure outlining everything the Centre has to offer is being delivered to all houses in Newcastleton, along with an Events Timetable.

Up to date information can be found on Facebook. A digital copy can also be downloaded. For further information, contact 013873 75908 or to book workshop places go to [www.picktime.com/Newcastleton](http://www.picktime.com/Newcastleton)



One of the bunk rooms available at Buccleuch House



The facility will support enterprising people and businesses and help folk access learning opportunities

# Football fundraisers

**Martin Thomlinson and Captain Lee Irving of Langholm Legion Football Club presented a cheque for £240 to Langholm Day Centre.**

The cash was raised in the Club's Christmas Lotto Bonus Draw with half the profits going to the Day Centre.

Sandra Graham and her ever friendly team of staff showed Martin and Lee around the fantastic facilities and they had the chance to chat to some of the members, who were grateful for the donation.

'The Day Centre really is a brilliant set up and is a lifeline for many, particularly these last couple of years,' said Martin. 'We've all had or have elderly family members who've enjoyed the company and comforts of the centre and we hope our small donation can help keep the place going long into the future.'



Members and staff at Langholm Day Centre are very grateful for the club's donation

# Johnnie Armstrong weds



Johnnie Armstrong returns to Gilnockie Tower; this time to wed his true love Alexandra

**Johnnie and Alexandra Armstrong chose Gilnockie Tower for their recent wedding reception and celebration due to Johnnie's Scottish and Armstrong ancestry/heritage and the personal significance of this area in relation to Johnnie's grandfather and his memory. Johnnie is a son of John Armstrong of Lougher, Co. Meath, Ireland, who was born in Edinburgh and raised in**

**Ireland, and Patricia Armstrong of Co. Meath, Ireland. Alexandra is a daughter of Nikolay Solovyev and Tatiana Fedotenko.**

### Ferry

The couple travelled to Scotland by ferry from their residence in Co. Meath, Ireland accompanied and supported by their two friends and witnesses, Mark Sheppard, of Bohermeen, Co.

Meath, Ireland, and Katie Critchley, of Co. Dublin, Ireland.

Johnnie, a Biology teacher, is the grandson of Captain John (Jock) Armstrong of Lockerbie. Johnnie's grandfather was born in 1924 at 3 Dryfsdale Place, Edinburgh. (He worked on the Whitelys Farm, currently occupied by Charles Stewart, his first cousin. He also worked for his uncle, Jim Broatch of Purdemston.) Jock joined the

RAF in 1943. He moved to Ireland in 1952 and became Senior Captain of Aer Lingus. Alexandra, 21, of Moscow, Russia is a student of Occupational Therapy & Scholar at Trinity College Dublin, Ireland.

### Ceremony

The ceremony took place at the Cottage, Gretna Hall, Gretna Green, at 10:00 a.m. on the 29th of December 2021, followed immediately

by a reception at the Gilnockie Tower, The Hollows, Canonbie. Johnnie wore full tartan dress in ancient Armstrong tartan. Johnnie pinned the ancient Armstrong tartan sash on Alexandra's dress following the wedding ceremony to symbolise her joining the Armstrong Clan. The couple and their party were greeted by Ian and Tom at the Tower. The couple had their photographs taken by Bernadeta

Kupiec inside and on the grounds of the Gilnockie Tower and on the banks of the River Esk. The afternoon meal, catered by Scottish Wild Picnics, took place on the first floor of the Tower. The couple and their witnesses also visited the Clan Armstrong Museum.

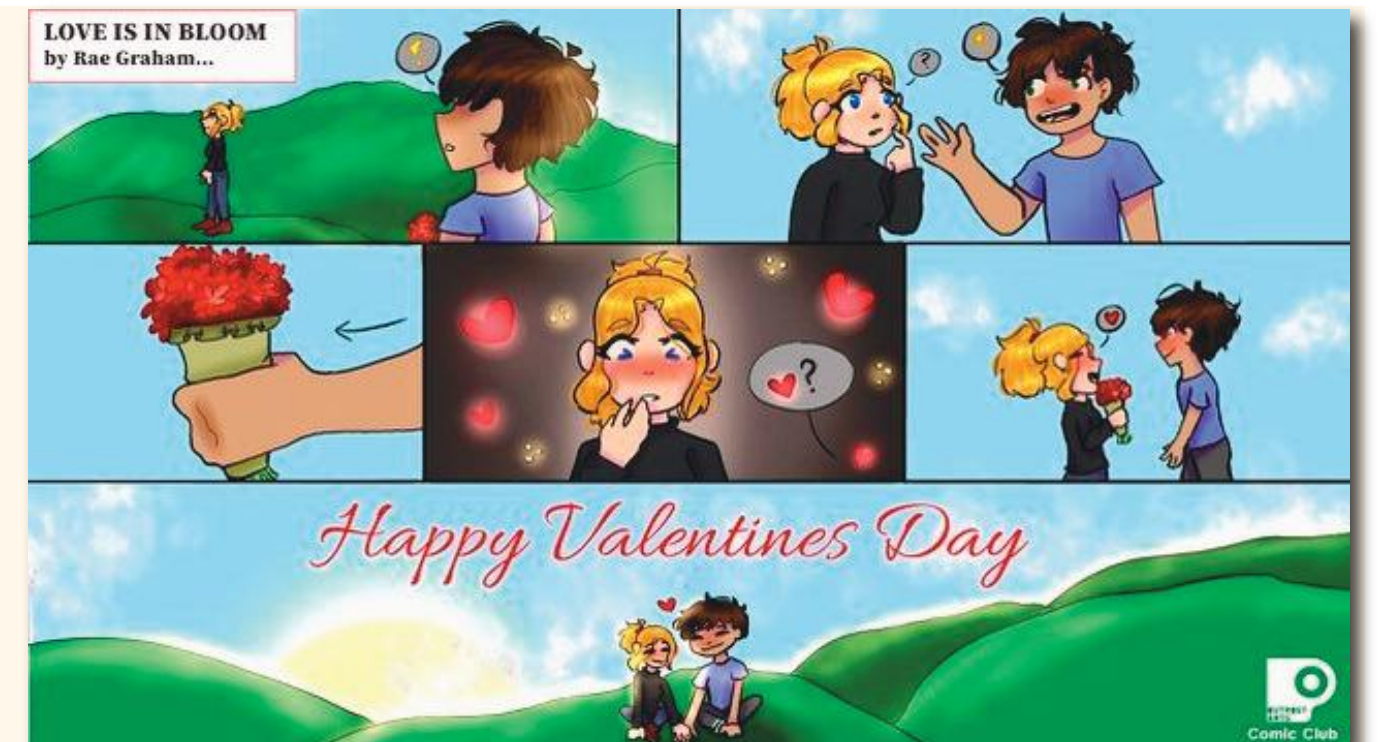
The couple would like to express their appreciation on being able to hold their reception at Gilnockie Tower.



Keeping up the romantic theme in Valentine's week ...

Comic Artist Rae Graham is an S4 student at Langholm Academy. The Comic Club is run by Outpost Arts and is part of the 'What We Do Now Project.' It's designed to give young people a stronger voice through creative expression.

What We Do Now is part of Culture Collective, a national network of art projects funded by Creative Scotland.





# An abundance of stunning snowdrops

Alison Aston suggests heading out to The Snowdrop Walk this weekend

**If you're thinking about taking a walk this Sunday, you could take up Neil Ewart's invitation to check out the millions of snowdrops growing in the grounds of his home at Craig, Westerkirk.**

It's probable that a few snowdrops were first planted here in Victorian times and over the last thirty years, the flowers have been split and spread further afield throughout the garden and around the house. The riverbank walk, in more recent times, has been managed as an open woodland, where the snowdrop finds an environment close to its natural home, where it prospers as nature intended.

The Snowdrop Walk has two distinct parts. Firstly, you head up the bank from the parking area near the stables and follow the drive upwards past the house, walking to the top of the drive and then return to walk around the lawn with the "Mousing Fox," sculpted by Rupert Till. Check out the secret garden with

its pond and temple built for the Millennium. From here, take the grass path below the drive-side wood and view the snowdrops tumbling down through the trees. Return across the lawn, make your way back to the stable yard and head for the river via the wicket gate, and follow the track towards the Stone Lion on the riverbank.

## Colonise

"Over the years, we noticed snowdrops had started to colonise the fringe of the woodland and riverbank, after being swept down on floods from woods and gardens above on the river's edge," Neil says, "So we opened up the scrub woodland and willows to encourage this, creating a walk along the riverbank that still becomes totally overgrown every summer, and can be flooded for brief periods over the winter."

"What you see today is very much an ongoing project," he added.

The second walk starts from

the Stone Lion, bearing left through the open woodland and ends by two large Douglas Fir trees, just opposite and above where the Douglan burn tumbles out of the woods and into the river. On a quiet day, otters and dippers can be seen with the occasional kingfisher. Any day now, the oyster catchers will reappear from their winter quarters down on the Solway, to lay claim to a nest site along the riverbank and fly around the valley with their delightful cries.

"Have a look at the snowdrops and plants for sale and if you see something you like, we may be able to supply particular bulbs or some bulk single or double snowdrops in the green, which could be collected at a later date," says Neil.

After your 50-minute walk, drive up to the Benty Hall where the ladies of the WI will be serving some delicious home-made soup and cakes from 1pm - 4pm - just what's needed to round off your afternoon..!



A walk among the snowdrops at Craig, Westerkirk is just what the doctor ordered

## Volunteers explore sites

By Brian Hinchcliffe

Langholm is proud to host an astonishing number of visitors, it seems only slightly reduced in the wake of covid, with visitors still arriving daily. Most make their way to the Welcome to Langholm shop in the Market Place to find out about the town and the environment.

Staffed by a group of local tourism volunteers, the Welcome provides a feast of information about sights and sites, catering and culture, history and hospitality.

To give the best information, advice and direction the all-volunteer staff led by Margaret Pool and Eileann Bloomer, have embarked on their own programme of discovery this month. The idea is to get a good grasp of what the town and surroundings can offer in order to provide top-quality information for visitors.

In preparation of the expected spring and summer influx of visitors, the stalwart band of Welcome staff have been out and about to fine tune their local knowledge with site visits.



Welcome to Langholm volunteers are given a guided tour of Westerkirk Library

The group checked out Gilknochie Tower early last week, and followed up with a tour of the astonishing library at Westerkirk on Friday 11th.

Simon Macdonald drove the volunteers in the ACTS bus up the valley to Westerkirk.

Many people daily admire the building from the road as they drive by, but the group was surprised and delighted by the compact but magnificent interior.

Tom Scott and Mairi Telford-Jammeh gave a fascinating account of the historic, the pre-

sent, and the future uses of the building and its priceless collection of books and documents.

## Miners

The library was originally endowed by the Johnson family for the benefit of miners working in the antimony mine at nearby Jamestown, the birth-place of world-renowned engineer, Thomas Telford.

He became a giant of industry and innovation, starting from learning his trade while just a lad black-smithing on the bridge

in Langholm. Remembering his roots, Telford ensured his legacy would enhance the lives of others through books for years to come.

Tom and Mairi's outline of the work and conditions of the miners provided an insight into their lives and the continued impact of this unique literary asset, from the late 1700s to the 21st century.

At present the library and its collections are also in the care of April Davey from close-by Boonies.

April told the E&L that the library has benefitted from a generous grant from the Scottish Government, but there is always a lot of work to be done in curating the irreplaceable collections and that volunteers are always welcome.

For the future, to better accommodate studies carried out by Stirling university, a study base is in the planning stages to be eventually created next to the library.

Langholm cherishes the memory of its great individuals and can be justly proud that Thomas Telford University Technical College newly opened in Wolverhampton is named for that lad on our Langholm Brig!

## Writers Wanted!

To make the E & L a truly community and local paper we're looking for people willing to write on a wide range of subjects such as nostalgia ▪ sport ▪ farming forestry ▪ cookery or whatever else is your area of expertise!

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# BEPUZZLED

## IT'S QUIZ WEEK...don't you know?

### Questions

- 1) Meyer, Eureka and Sorrento are types of which citrus fruit?
- 2) Anil Kumble was a leading cricketer for which country?
- 3) In which French city would you find the Musée D'Orsay?
- 4) Which 'D' is the area outside a ship which can be walked on?
- 5) Which biblical character was known for his prodigious strength that he derived from his uncut hair?
- 6) Which actress played Margaret Thatcher in the 2011 film The Iron Lady?
- 7) Salt Lake City is the captial city of which US state?
- 8) Who stars as Django in the 2012 film Django Unchained?
- 9) Which television food writer and chef is well known for her Lemon Drizzle tray bake?
- 10) The Poodle breed of dog is thought to have originated in which country; England or Germany?
- 11) What is notable about the Nutshell pub in Bury St Edmunds?
- 12) Actress Carey Mulligan is married to which musician with the initials MM.
- 13) Who was the American politician who had the middle name of Fitzgerald?
- 14) On which part of the body would one wear a Cravat?
- 15) What title did actress Priyanka Chopra win in 2000?
- 16) What is the capital city of Switzerland?
- 17) What was the Roman name for Britain?
- 18) What runs from Edale in Derbyshire to Kirk Yetholm in the Borders?
- 19) The mnemonic HOMES refers to what?
- 20) Which child prodigy and mathematician who created one of the first adding machines in 1642, also had a computer programming language named after him.



### ANSWERS...no cheating!!

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|----|--|----|--------------|
| 11 | It is the smallest pub in England                              | 1  | Lemon        |
| 12 | Marcus Munnford  | 2  | India        |
| 13 | John F Kennedy   | 3  | Paris        |
| 14 | Neck   | 4  | Deck         |
| 15 | Miss World   | 5  | Samson       |
| 16 | Bern (Berne)   | 6  | Meryl Streep |
| 17 | Albion   | 7  | Utah         |
| 18 | Pennine Way  | 8  | Jamie Foxx   |
| 19 | The Great Lakes (Huron, Ontario, Michigan, Erie, and Superior) | 9  | Mary Berry   |
| 20 | Blaise Pascal  | 10 | Germany      |

If you have compiled a quiz - or a crossword - you would like to send in to the E&L, we would be delighted to publish it.  
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## WHAT'S ON IN ESKDALE & LIDDESDALE

### FEBRUARY

Fri 18th	Indoor Carpet Bowling 7pm	ESMP Hall, Eskdalemuir
	Beavers age 5½ to 6: 6.15 -7.30pm	Community Centre, Langholm
	Quiz night	Benty Hall
Sun 20th	Community Litter Pick meet at 10am	Kirkpatrick Fleming Village Hall
	Canonbie Tea Dance with Bon Accords 2pm	Canonbie Public Hall
	Langholm New Town Bowling Club AGM 2pm	Langholm Social Club
Mon 21st	Eaglesfield Bowling Club AGM 7pm	Club House
Tues 22nd	Digital Drop in 10 -11.30am	Enterprise Learning & Outreach Centre Newcastleton
	Art Club 1-3pm	
Wed 23rd	Little Explorers 10 -11.30am	Enterprise Learning & Outreach Centre Newcastleton
	Show and tell 1.30pm	
	Knit a hat 7-8.30pm	
Thurs 24th	Kate's Kitchen pop up 11am to 1pm	Langholm Social Club

### MARCH

Wed 2nd	Declan Nerney in concert 7.30pm	Buccleuch Centre
Mon 21st - Sat 26th	LAODS Calamity Jane	Bucleuch Centre
Mar/Apr	Craft Taster Course with Jackie	Haag-on-Esk 07544 981183

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 Thursdays  
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# LANGHOLM 1621 to 2021

**1786** Langholm Lodge was constructed between 1786 and 1789 as the summer residence and hunting lodge of the Buccleuch family. Built by the renowned architect James Playfair for Henry, the third Duke of Buccleuch, the partially built structure had to be rebuilt in 1788 after it was severely damaged by fire. Over the years, many famous people have stayed there including the Crown Prince of Germany (later Kaiser Wilhelm), Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon (the late Queen Mother) and Winston Churchill. During the Second World War the building was requisitioned as a mess for officers stationed at Langholm Camp and it is claimed that the damage done by them led to the demolition of the central portion in 1953.



Langholm Lodge before the demolition of the central portion in 1953

**1789** The Meikleholm Mill at the top of Caroline Street (The Mill En') was Langholm's first textile mill. Built in 1789 by group of Carlisle merchants for cotton and linen yarn production, it was powered by a water wheel fed from the Wauchope Water nearby.



The Meikleholm Mill

**26 July 1798** The itinerant preacher Rev. Rowland Hill visited the town at the Simmer Fair that year and was horrified by what he saw! He wrote "The Fair was a downright revel; dancing, drunkenness and lasciviousness seemed to be the principal motives which brought them together"! He didn't stay long in "this temporary hell" and moved north the next day.

**1803** The writer William Wordsworth visited Langholm with his sister, Dorothy. In her journal Dorothy found it to be "very pretty, the houses being roofed with blue slates, and standing close to the river Esk... I could hardly believe we were still in Scotland!" Wordsworth went on to write a sonnet called A Place of Burial in the South of Scotland, which was inspired by a visit they made to Wauchope Kirkyard.



Langholm Town Hall

**1811** The current Town Hall was designed in 1811-12 by William Elliot, a Kelso architect. It originally contained three prison cells on the ground floor with a town hall above. The building it replaced, the ancient Tollbooth of Langholm, was



The Mercat Cross

"partly a prison and partly a justice hall, with an outside stair for ascent". In front of it stood the Mercat Cross, and it was from here that all proclamations were made and The Langholm Fair was originally cried. On one side of this stood "The Tron", a strong oak post, on which were hung the Burgh Weigh Scales. It was to this that folks' lugs (ears) were nailed using a twalpenny if they stepped out of line at the Simmer Fair or Common Riding!

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# The E&L Gallery



The Benty Brig bathed in winter sunshine by Martin Steele Photography

Camera: Sony A7R2

## ENTERTAINMENT

# Live Comedy at Heart of Hawick

**W**hether you've seen her on TV shows such as "Have I Got News For You" or "Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow", heard her on the radio on "Just a Minute" or "Stop The Press", or caught her live at one of her award-winning Edinburgh Festival shows, the chances are you're already familiar with Jo Caulfield's work.

Described by The Observer as "one of the finest female comics at work" and by The Scotsman as "quite simply, a damn funny woman" Jo can regularly be seen headlining the UK's biggest and best comedy clubs. She is also in high demand on the corporate circuit, speaking at and hosting dinners and award ceremonies for many leading companies across the UK and beyond.

Behind the scenes Jo is a respected writer, having served as a writer / programme consultant on all five series of Graham Norton's BAFTA Award winning "So Graham Norton" and as head writer on both Ruby Wax's "Waiting Game" and Zoe Ball's "Strictly Dance Fever". Jo has also

written for – among others – Joan Rivers, Ant & Dec and Anne Robinson.

Jo is also a popular and respected warm-up for many high-profile TV shows.

In 2018 she won the "SGFringe Stand-Up Comedy Award" and gained critical acclaim for her performance as Helena Brandt in the sell-out Fringe run of the play, Brexit.

### How it all began...

Jo was born in Wales and raised in England, her parents are Irish and she now lives in Scotland. At the age of 17 she moved to London and spent two years living in a squat and playing drums in a rockabilly band. Given that she had a better sense of style than of rhythm, her music career was short-lived, but she looked great throughout.

Whilst working as a waitress Jo accompanied a friend to a comedy club open mic, and drunkenly decided that she could do just as well as those on stage, she promptly signed up for a spot and performed her first set. Unfortunately, whilst her

beer fuelled bravado took care of any first night nerves; it did little to help her remember what she's talked about. Determined to take comedy seriously she set about writing a proper set, getting gigs and started her own comedy club.

Working her way through the ranks, Jo soon made a name for herself on the circuit, landing bigger and better gigs as well as numerous writing projects.

Jo moved to Edinburgh in 2013, having fallen in love with the city during numerous Fringe runs – she even chose "The History of Edinburgh" as her specialist subject when she appeared on Celebrity Mastermind in 2017.

**Jo Caulfield**  
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The position is for a 3 year period and is  
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(SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013

Notice under regulation 7(2)(b) Pre-application consultation by the prospective applicant  
Proposal: Partial use of agricultural land to accommodate a rifle range, facilities building and  
limited hardstanding infrastructure.

Site Location: Land at Over Cassock, Langholm

An online public consultation will take place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 at the following  
address: <https://overcassock.co.uk>

The project team will be available for a question and answer session (via online web text  
chat) between 3-7pm on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 at the above website address.

Those wishing to make comments on the proposals may do so at the above website and/or in writing  
to [consultation@overcassock.co.uk](mailto:consultation@overcassock.co.uk). Questions can be submitted in advance of the event and after  
the event, no later than Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Otherwise questions can be submitted throughout  
the event.

Please note that any comments made to the prospective applicant on the website are not represen-  
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# Kelso Races tomorrow

## Horseracing

**EWAN WHILLANS is looking forward to running Hold The Note in the JA Wilson Contractors Novices' Limited Handicap Chase at Kelso on Friday.**

Formerly trained by Mick Channon, the eight-year-old Jeremy gelding will be appearing for the third time for his Hawick trainer after changing hands for £130,000 at Doncaster Sales in May last year.

Whillans said: "He needed the race more than we thought when we ran him in a hurdle at Ayr over New Year and it was a much better effort over fences at Newcastle next time. He came off the bridle turning into the straight but he didn't fold immediately and only faded at the last. He jumped and travelled and we were quite pleased with him. The nice ground at Kelso should suit him and then we can maybe look ahead to the Grimthorpe Chase at Doncaster in March."

Opposition to Hold The



Note in the £15,000 could include J'Al Froid, an entry in the National Hunt Chase at Cheltenham, for in-form Laura Morgan and Ruth Jefferson-trained Sounds Russian, a 16-length winner at Kelso's last meeting of 2021.

The feature race is the £25,000 Racing's Best Ratings With Timeform Handicap Chase in which Danny McMenamin will be riding either Pay The Piper for Ann Hamilton or Nick Alexander's Clan Legend. Sandy Thomson-trained Empire Steel, winner of the novices' handicap chase on this card twelve months ago, is an interesting entry as he has recently been dropped 4lbs and was going like a winner when falling four out in the Grade 3 Rowland

Meyrick Handicap Chase at Wetherby on Boxing Day.

Donald Whillans, uncle of Ewan, will fancy his chances of Stainsby Girl in the Get Expert Tips At timeform.com Handicap Hurdle. Again ridden by Craig Nichol, the partnership made all over course and distance on Kelso's opening meeting of the year in mid-January.

David Maxwell, winning rider aboard Shantou Flyer in 2019, could be sporting his colours again aboard Bob And Co in the Open Hunters' Chase. The combination landed the Champion Hunters Chase at the Punchestown Festival in April before finishing runner-up in the prestigious Horse And Hound Cup at Stratford in May.

# High-score win for Scarlett's team



Langholm's Scarlett Crossan Brown in action for East Lothian Girls against West of Scotland Girls  
Photo by: Lee Archer

## Rugby

**Scarlett's team, East Lothian Girls, played in very wet conditions against West of Scotland girls. This was their fourth game in the U16s Scottish Cup, with only one more to go.**

They won 123-0 to remain at the top of the table in their group. A messy game was expected due to the driving rain, but the girls stayed in control of the ball from the first minute to the last.

Scarlett scored three tries on the day.

They then hosted the visiting team at Preston Lodge RFC after the game with pies, pasties and sausage rolls, provided by Brown's Family Butchers and of course Karaoke!

They have one round left, against Biggar RFC, in their group before finding out which teams have made the finals.

## Long Jump bronze for Freya



Freya Blaikie (right) took bronze at the Scottish Schools Indoor Athletics Championships

## Athletics

**Congratulations to 14-year-old Freya Blaikie from Langholm who won Bronze at the Scottish Schools Indoor Athletics Championships**

Freya and Matilda Brockley, both S3 pupils at Langholm Academy, competed in the Long Jump against 27 young athletes from across Scotland.

After three jumps, both girls were in the top eight

and progressed to the final.

And after another three jumps, they both set personal bests. Matilda jumped 4.83m, breaking her previous best by 17cm to finish in fourth place. Freya jumped an excellent 4.91m to win a Bronze medal.

Both girls now turn their attention to the Scottish Athletics 4J National Indoor Championships at the Emirates Arena on 19th February.

## Return of the Super 4's

### Super 4's

**This year's Super 4's Cross Country Race Series returns on Monday, starting at Lockerbie Academy at 4.15pm**

Super 4's is for P5 - P7 pupils, with categories for Boys and Girls and one for overall winners.

There'll be two races on the day, one of 800m for those who want to run for fun over a shorter distance and a 1500m race for those who want to compete normally. Children can choose on the day, but will need to have taken part in at least three of the four competitive events at 1500m, to be in a position to win medals in each of the six categories.

The other dates in the series are 28th February at Annan Academy, 7th March at Moffat Academy and 21st March at Langholm Primary.



P5-P7 pupils from across the region will take part in the cross country event

## And a bronze for Conan too



Langholm's Conan Harper also secured a bronze medal at the championships in Glasgow

## Athletics

**An outstanding run by 16-year-old year old Conan Harper from Langholm secured a Bronze medal in the Over 16 1500m at the Scottish Schools Indoor Athletics Championships in Glasgow**

In a field of 45 runners, many of them older, Conan secured his place in the final by easing off to come second in his heat, taking four seconds off his previous personal best. Ten runners qualified for the final, only one younger than Conan.

He had a fantastic run, taking another 8 seconds off his personal best, with a time of 3.58.82. The winner broke the 2006 Scottish Schools 1500m record and the National U17 record that stood since 1981.

Conan (right) receives financial support through the "Welcome to Langholm" Future Champions Awards. He's due to compete again at The Scottish Schools Cross Country Championships on 3rd March in South Queensferry, a selector event for the Scottish Schools National Team.



# Oliver steps-out for Doddie

Six-year-old Oliver Davidson from Langholm recently took up the Doddie Aid challenge to raise money to help find a cure for Motor Neurone Disease.

Oliver started the January challenge on New Year's Day hoping to raise £100 by doing 100 miles.

He walked, jogged, ran, biked, cartwheeled and even sledged to complete his 100 miles, reaching his goal at Langholm Rugby Club, a month later, on February 1st.

Not to be outdone, however, Oliver carried on, bagging another 10 miles. He finished his challenge on Saturday, having completed over 110 miles and raising a fantastic £444 for Doddie Aid in the process.

Some of his P2 school friends even donated their money from the tooth fairy! Oliver was part of the "Muckletooners" group, who as a team, raised an amazing £3,824 for the mass participation event.

Doddie Aid was set up by former Scotland Captain and British and Irish Lion, Rob Wainwright. It raised one million pounds last year.



Oliver Davidson (6) walked 110 miles in aid of My Name's Doddie

Oliver's family hope his extraordinary efforts will help to raise some awareness of MND and Doddie's fantastic charity.

Oliver will continue to wear his Doddie Aid buff and hoody with pride in his achievement.

His Mum Kirsty said, "We are thrilled to have won Alan's very special Doddie tartan bear, he will take pride of place in Oliver's bedroom!"



Oliver Davidson with his Doddie Bear with Alan Miller of Yarns to Yearn For and Duncan Elliott of the Xcel Project



# Wag's winning ways



Alan Warwick (Wag) wins the single-handed tournament over Wullie Mair

## Carpet Bowling

On Friday night Benty bowlers held their annual single-handed tournament. Entries were a lot smaller than usual unfortunately, however it was still a tough competition with 36 bowlers taking part.

The winner was Wag (Alan Warwick) the local postman who bowls at the Benty. He beat Wullie Mair from Cairnvalley in the final where it was an extra end. The beaten semi-finalists were Jake Park of Langholm and Sparky from Wamphray.

Thanks to all who came and to the members who helped to make it a success.

Benty bowlers will be holding a pairs tournament on Saturday 12th March and are now taking entries.

# Langholm lads play Glynneath

## Rugby

Five Langholm Youth Rugby players travelled to South Wales last weekend in the Hawick Youth U18 squad.

On Friday night, they played against Glynneath U18 for the 1st Michael 'Tubby' Griffiths Memorial Cup match at a packed Abernant Park.

Tubby died at the end of 2021 from Motor Neurone Disease and was a great friend to Hawick Rugby for many years.

Hawick Youth won the match 20 - 12 with Ben Jardine contributing a penalty and conversion.

The boys then travelled to Cardiff to see the Wales v Scotland match on Saturday. Despite the scoreline, rugby was the winner with many new friendships having been formed.

Jack Henderson, Hughie Donaldson, Ben Jardine, Brady Wilson, Ruaidhri Forbes played in Wales for the Hawick U18s



# E&L SPORT

