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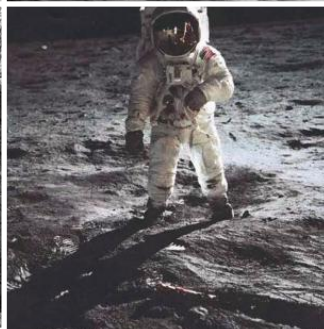
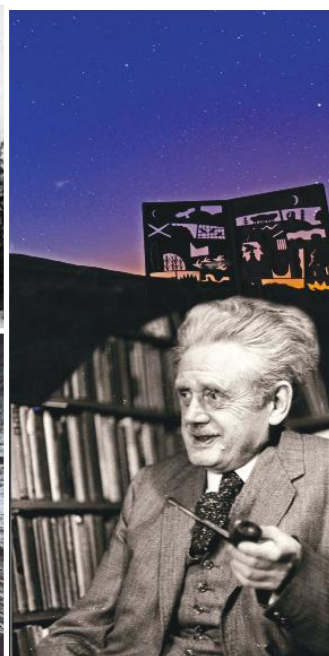
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Back to the future!

Plan for state-of-the-art Heritage Centre to revitalise Langholm



Ambitious plans have been unveiled for a new hub dedicated to the rich history of Langholm and Eskdale.

The proposed Heritage Centre will provide an exciting, interactive celebration of some of the area's most famous sons, including world-famous engineer Thomas Telford, poet Hugh MacDiarmid, and astronaut Neil Armstrong, whose Reiver ancestors were from Eskdale.

There would also be displays highlighting the Muckle Toon's history of textile manufacturing, its annual Common Riding festival, and even its rugby club – the oldest in the Borders.

And it's hoped the centre will provide a huge boost to the local economy, attracting thousands of visitors from around the world.

"This won't be a dusty old museum," said Billy Young, a member of the heritage sub-committee of the Langholm Alliance. "It will be a state-of-the-art attraction designed to show the world what Langholm and the Eskdale valley is all about."

Plans for a heritage centre were initially mooted as part of the town's community plan, but progress has been stymied by the lack of a suitable location.

Now the team behind it have identified Langholm's disused primary school as the ideal spot, and hope to secure the funding required to transform it into a world-class attraction.

"We have a phenomenal amount of history in the valley, but for some reason we've always been reluctant to shout

about it," Billy said.

"Yet this was the heartland of the Reivers, it produced the likes of Telford and MacDiarmid, and it had a textile industry which produced the most luxurious tweed in the world.

"Today you've got the Common Riding, which has an international reputation, yet which is deeply rooted in Scottish history."

The proposed centre will also offer facilities for genealogical research, which Billy believes will attract thousands of people to the town.

"Family history is big business these days, and we already have people from around the world coming to Langholm to trace their ancestors. We want to put all the records and information at their fingertips." > p2



Now there's a bonnie bunnet!

Jean Falconer is all smiles after winning the Langholm Day Centre Easter Bonnet competition – although how could it ever have been in doubt with such a spectacular creation?

Jean and her pals were enjoying a special lunch at the Day Centre, which also has cause for celebration this week: they've just purchased a fantastic wheelchair-accessible greenhouse.

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Family Announcements

Deaths

MORRISON, Brenda

Peacefully at home on 5th April 2023, Brenda I. Morrison, Buccleuch Place, Langholm, a dear sister, sister-in-law, auntie, great-auntie and friend to many.

A service will be held in The Buccleuch Centre on Monday 17th April at 12 midday, thereafter interment in Langholm Cemetery, all friends invited.

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A heritage worth celebrating

Modesty is an admirable trait, but sometimes you just have to shout about your achievements. Hopefully proposals for a new Heritage Centre will allow folk from the Muckle Toon and beyond to do just that.

Yes, the plans are ambitious. But surely this is the very least that Langholm and the Eskdale valley deserves as a celebration of its proud history?

There's a long way to go – but with a location identified, plenty of funding opportunities available these days, and a doggedly determined team behind the scheme, it surely won't be long before those plans become a reality.

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SOSE unveils 5-year plan

South of Scotland Enterprise (SOSE) has set out its priorities for our region over the next five years, which aim to make the day to day lives of local people better.

The six key themes include advancing innovation and improving productivity, promoting investment and entrepreneurial talent, and empowering enterprising communities.

In a recent survey, 750 people had their say on what they see as the opportunities and challenges for the south's economy. In addition, SOSE spoke with over 100 people from seldom heard groups, such as young people with additional support needs



PLANS: Jane Morrison Ross

and armed forces veterans. Engagement took place over a five month period through

25 public consultation events and a series of additional sessions for businesses and seldom heard groups.

Chief executive Jane Morrison-Ross said: "Some of these priorities may seem complex but essentially each is about making a real and lasting difference for our people and places.

"It commits us to keep bringing people together, listening to them, and working with them to realise the great potential we all know the South of Scotland has, and helping us all to achieve more and to amplify our distinctive regional voice."

'A project like this will have a huge impact on Langholm'

This week, Billy and the team met with a representative from Museums Galleries Scotland, the national development body for Scotland's museum sector, which supports 450 museums and galleries through strategic investment, advice, workforce development, and advocacy.

They also plan a fact-finding tour of existing heritage centres and museums across the Borders and Cumbria.

"One thing we do know is that we have to make it appealing to everyone, and that means it won't be a case of wandering around looking at display cases and old pictures," Billy said.

"We want our centre to be fully interactive, using the latest digital technology, to make it a truly immersive experience.

"The primary school site is ideal because it not only gives us space inside, but there is

plenty of parking, which has always been a problem when identifying a location."

The next step will be to secure finance for the project – and the team is hopeful they will be able to present a strong case to funding bodies such as the Heritage Lottery a windfarm companies which have so far distributed millions of pounds to community projects across the south of Scotland.

"The money is out there, it's a case of showing them that a project like this will have a huge impact on Langholm and the surrounding area. It's long overdue, and we're excited that it now seems to be within reach."

IDEAL: Langholm's old primary school would be the ideal location for the heritage centre



A mind-boggling menace!

Driver Emma forced into ditch by ‘absolutely huge’ potholes

By Gilly Fraser

The beautiful and popular hill road between Newcastleton and Langholm is in danger of becoming a no-go area for most vehicles – because of its ever-worsening potholes.

We’ve been inundated by E&L readers telling us their horror stories in recent weeks, and now Copshaw resident Emma McLellan has become the latest victim after driving over the hill a few days ago.

She was on the Langholm side of the hill when she spotted two particularly bad craters which all but spanned the road. Sadly her attempt to take evasive action failed spectacularly.

“I tried to avoid the potholes by driving up the side, but got totally wedged into a bog,” she says. “I was just so stuck and of course I had no phone signal.”

Fortunately for Emma, a group of walkers from the Tarras Valley Nature Reserve happened to come along.

They all pitched in to help, some standing ankle-deep in puddles as they put their backs into the task. However even the muscle power of



MORE POTHOLE THAN ROAD: Emma McLellan became the latest pothole victim while trying to drive from Newcastleton to Langholm on the hill road

half a dozen people failed to free the car which remained resolutely bogged down.

“They really tried to help, but it was no good,” Emma says. “There’s literally hardly any road left there, just one little strip in the middle and massive potholes at both sides.”

Fortunately for Emma, the

group managed to contact Langholm good Samaritan Kenneth Dickson, who swiftly came to the rescue with a tow and managed to pull the car free.

Emma says she won’t be using the road again ‘til the potholes are fixed.

“It’s a real shame that it’s got to that state because I

really love the road. It’s really beautiful. On a good day you can see the Lake District and there’s all the wildlife you can spot.”

Emma says it could have a real knock-on effect for tourism as well because people will be put off coming by the state of the road.

Meanwhile, it was revealed

last month, following a FOI request by the Scottish Conservatives, that less than half of pothole compensation claims made to Dumfries and Galloway Council actually end up being paid out – although this was the second best payout rate in Scotland’s council areas.

Roads upgrade ‘will boost UK’

Dualing two of the key roads in our region could boost the UK economy by £5 billion, according to a new report.

And upgrading the A75 and A77 could also help create more than 1,000 new jobs in Dumfries and Galloway.

Councils in south west Scotland and Northern Ireland commissioned the report to see what work was necessary to the roads to improve transport links between the two nations.

And they are now calling for the Scottish and UK Governments to provide funding for the upgrades.



Dumfries & Galloway Council leader, Gail Macgregor, said: “In our newly launched five-year council plan we talk about Dumfries and Galloway as a strategic location with a transport corridor linking England, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

“Upgrading the A75 and A77 – these vital conduits for communities and commerce – would unlock this transport corridor and with it the potential of south west Scotland.”

...but don’t worry, here comes the ‘Pothole Squad’!



REVOLUTIONARY: The JCB Pothole Pro can fix a pothole in just eight minutes

A new ‘Pothole Squad’ is set to tackle at least some of our region’s crumbling roads this summer, it has been revealed.

D&G council is aiming to have up to 25 new workers on active repair duty, as complaints about the state of our highway and byways mount up.

“We anticipate starting the recruitment process during this month. Then we have recruitment running generally during the May period,” said Stephen Hall, an external advisor who has been drafted in to oversee a proposed £30m infrastructure spend over the next five years.

“We’re also looking at the options of having some recruitment events so that we can support people who

want to apply for these roles who aren’t currently working for the council.

“Our aim is to have as many staff as possible with us during the mid-summer period so that they can keep working and fixing the roads during that prime period when the weather is a bit better.”

The authority says it’s also considering investing in the revolutionary JCB Pothole Pro – which can fix a single pothole in around eight minutes.

The machine has been on the council’s radar for over a year now and trials were recently completed which highlighted how effective and efficient it could be in fixing the roads – with the right manpower supporting it.

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Langholm's Centre of attention!



HOME GROWN: Kat McNeill harvesting in the new Day Centre greenhouse



BEST BUNNET: Jean Falconer takes first prize

Langholm Day Centre has been a hive of activity of late.

The Centre purchased a fantastic wheelchair-accessible greenhouse and are starting to plant their spring plants, flowers and some vegetables with members and their friends from Play Care.

The greenhouse purchase was made possible through the

Communities Recovery Fund Grant and the Day Centre would like to thank Mairi, Margaret and Joyce from Langholm Initiative for their support to make this project possible.

There will be a plants sale with a knitting stall and "nearly new" stall in the near future to raise funds for the Day Centre, Alzheimer's Scotland and Cancer Research. The date will be con-



EGG-SEMPLARY: Margaret Cartner with her winning dyed egg

firmed soon.

Meanwhile members had a lovely lunch on April 6. Members brought in their Easter Bonnets and dyed eggs and prizes were given out. A lunch of roast turkey with all the trimmings and trifle

was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Here are a few photos of events at the Day Centre;

Jean Falconer won 1st prize for best Easter Bonnet, while Margaret Cartner won best dyed egg.



Nancy Little, Isabel McGill and Bryce Riley join in the fun



GROWING: Kids from Langholm Playcare are shown round the new greenhouse



EASTER BONNIES!: Elaine Anderson and Isobel Connelly sporting their bonnets

TV Lori's quest for Lockerbie casualty

Former journalist seeks photo of Pan-Am victim for memorial

An appeal has been launched to find a photograph of an 82-year-old woman, killed in the Lockerbie air disaster nearly 35 years ago.

Jean Aitken Murray died in her house in Sherwood Crescent when Pan Am flight 103 exploded over the town on December 21, 1988.

The search for a photo of Jean is being led by former ITV Border journalist Lori Mossop who is creating a digital Living Memorial to the 270 victims of the terrorist outrage.

"Jean is the only one of the 11 residents we don't have a photo of," says Lori "I would love to reach out to the local community to find out if they can assist me in my mission. Perhaps she played bowls or was a member of the guild?"

This is part of a whole new chapter for Lori, who was a very well-known and popular face on the ITV Border screen for more than 10 years.

She's now launched her own freelance company, Carno Media, and has also taken on a major role with The Pan Am 103

Lockerbie Legacy Foundation, a Miami-based non-profit organisation set up four years ago by Victoria Cummock who lost her husband John in the disaster.

"Victoria coined the phrase, 'The town that taught the world a lesson in humanity'," Lori said. "She was overwhelmed by the kindness of the community who opened their hearts and homes to complete strangers, and she wants to ensure that these incredible stories of human kindness and empathy are shared with the world."

As Lockerbie/UK Project Manager for the Foundation, Lori will create content for the website by carrying out interviews, sourcing photographs and creating obituaries and biographies of those who died. She will also help people to create their own content for the Legacy Stories section.

As a Lockerbie resident herself she is only too well aware that even 35 years on, this is still very sensitive territory.

"The disaster is a very uncomfortable subject for many in the



town," she says. "Some people want to forget it ever happened and cringe the minute they hear the word interview or media. Others have stories they want to share and are grateful to have a source to record their memories.

"Nobody here will ever forget what happened almost 35 years ago and the Foundation aims to ensure that every victim will

forever be remembered, by honouring their legacy. But this platform will also present our beloved town as it is today. Lockerbie is a colourful, charming and happy place to live and work, and I can't wait to share that with the world."

DEVASTATION: Part of the carnage left in Lockerbie by the downed Flight 103 in December 1988

INSET: Lori Mossop at Tundergarth Church which houses a special Remembrance Room to those who died in the disaster.

Bin collections axed

Bank holiday bin collections were cancelled at short notice by Dumfries & Galloway Council.

The local authority caused anger when it announced on Wednesday that collections due to take place on Good Friday and Easter Monday had been axed.

No alternative arrangements have been made and thousands of the kerbside collections will now take place between two and four weeks later.

The decision, revealed on the council's website, sparked angry comments from councillors and hundreds of householders.

Bridge results

N/S 1 Louise Grierson & Janet Ivison, 2 Bob Francombe & George Graham, 3 Jan Dunckley & Aileen Graham. E/W 1 Judy Pitchford & Derek Scott, 2 Doug Dixon & Tom Stothart, 3 Lesley McCartney & Jean Wingfield.

Letters to the editor

Thanks for keeping Langholm bonnie

On behalf of Langholm Initiative may I say a huge thanks to the pupils of Langholm Academy for their litter cleaning efforts in the Galaside Woods, the wood behind their playing fields and the river bank/pathway between the Duchess & Jubilee Bridges.

I also believe they undertook further work around the Co-op – well done to all concerned!

Thanks too to those stalwarts who have been busy with their pickers in other areas around the town. Although fewer in number than in past years, their enthusiasm is undiminished.

I know that the A7 verges, both south and north of the town remain a bone of contention – they are strewn with litter.

Unfortunately, the Initiative cannot sanction, nor are they covered insurance-wise, for "picking" on this section of roadway. People who do so, do it at their own risk.

In the past the protocol was that the team responsible for the upkeep of the highway, in the present case BEAR, had to commission D&G Council to undertake a clean-up.

Margaret Pool
Trustee, Langholm Initiative



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Consultation on the future of bed-based intermediate care in Dumfries and Galloway

Consultation is taking place on approaches to bed-based intermediate care in Dumfries and Galloway.

This is the help people access between an acute hospital setting and what they are able to manage at home, either independently or with support.

This takes in everything from care homes to cottage hospitals, extra care housing and short breaks providing respite, and recognises the importance of care and support at home.

21 April at 3pm to 7pm - Lockerbie Town Hall
24 April at 3pm to 7pm - Virtual
27 April at 3pm to 7pm - Castle Douglas Town Hall
03 May at 12 pm to 2 pm - St Ninian's Centre, Isle of Whithorn
03 May at 3 pm - 6 pm - Whithorn, venue TBC
05 May at 3pm to 7pm - The Usual Place, Dumfries
16 May at 3pm to 7pm - Moffat Town Hall
22 May at 1pm to 5pm - Thornhill Community Centre
24 May at 3pm to 7pm - Buccleuch Centre, Langholm
29 May at 3pm to 7pm - Parish Church, Kirkcudbright
01 June at 3pm to 7pm - Richard Greenhow Centre, Gretna
06 June at 3pm to 7pm - McMillan Hall, Newton Stewart
09 June at 3pm to 7pm - Dalbeattie Town Hall
12 June at 3pm to 7pm - Corner House Hotel, Annan
22 June at 3pm to 7pm - Sanquhar Community Centre
03 July at 3pm to 7pm - Stranraer Millennium Centre

Consultation runs from 14 April 2023 until 7 July 2023.

Public in-person events take place between 21 April and 3 July. If you require any assistance to attend, please email dg.spcp@nhs.scot

Full details of all opportunities including the online consultation will be made available by visiting the website www.dghscp.co.uk/rcrp-consultation



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Farming with Gilly Fraser

Visas for seasonal workers available

Borders MP John Lamont has told farmers' leaders a further ten thousand visas for seasonal agricultural workers could be issued if required. That comes on top of the 45,000 already confirmed for this year, which is up by 15,000 on 2022.

Mr Lamont's remarks came during a meeting with an NFU Scotland delegation led by Director of Policy Jonnie Hall.

Mr Hall said it had been an ideal opportunity to share members' escalating concerns about labour issues, retail shortages, electricity contracts issues and energy support, along with the industry's need to secure future funding commitments.

"Scotland's agriculture is facing huge challenges and it's important that Governments understand exactly what these are," he said.

"Doing this at the coal face helps highlight and enhance better understanding of the pressures being faced by the industry and also how it can be the



driving force behind effectively delivering for both Scotland and the UK given scope to do so."

Mr Lamont also touched on the topic of food security which he said the UK government takes very seriously as it's important for both producers and consumers.

"We have closely monitored recent issues with egg supplies," he said. "I convened a meeting on this topic with producers and retailers – and some fruit and vegetables, owing to poor weather in Spain and North Africa.

"It's part-and-parcel of our ongoing dialogue with the agriculture sector, who play a vital role in feeding Britons."

Farming community must be aware of silent killer

The death of a young Cumbrian farmer from Sepsis has led to a major campaign to make the agricultural community more aware of this silent killer.

Hannah Brown farmed at Dufton near Appleby with fiancé Ben Richardson and their baby daughter Millie. She was also a regular and successful competitor on the stock-showing circuit.

Hannah was just 26 when she fell ill with flu-like symptoms. She was taken to hospital where the blood-poisoning condition was diagnosed. She died just two days later.

Doctors say sepsis occurs when the body's immune system reacts to an infection or injury by attacking its own organs and tissues.

Symptoms include slurred speech or confusion, extreme shivering or muscle pain and mottled or discoloured skin.



SUDDEN: Hannah Brown was taken to hospital with flu-like symptoms

It affects just under a quarter of a million people across the UK every year and causes at least 48,000 deaths.

It's believed that people working in agriculture are particularly vulnerable to the condition because they often suffer cuts and grazes at work but don't seek medical help.

Friends and family were so shocked by Hannah's sudden death they launched a campaign along with the Sepsis Trust to make people more aware of the dangers of the condition, which can be treated with antibiotics if diagnosed early enough.

That led to the Birmingham-

based company Ark Media creating a documentary to tell Hannah's story.

Last month, two years after Hannah was admitted to hospital, the film won a special People's Choice prize at a Film Awards ceremony in Leicester Square.

Ark Media CEO Phil Arkinstall said it was a privilege to pick up the award on behalf of all those who had campaigned in Hannah's memory.

"We filmed it over two days last September, visiting places like the local Young Farmers Club, who had been raising funds for UK Sepsis following her death, and found that everyone we talked to simply wanted to help spread the word about sepsis, and to talk fondly about Hannah," he said.

The Sepsis Trust is now using the video as part of a major campaign to raise awareness in farming and rural communities.

King Charles is a champion of rare breeds

It's no secret that the countryside and rural matters have always played an important part in the life of King Charles. As patron of the Rare Breeds Survival Trust for more than 30 years he has frequently championed the country's endangered animals.

In a 2019 speech he praised the importance of native livestock in preserving the heritage of the nation.

"As far as I am concerned, producing food sustainably should include an important cultural dimension, representing the priceless social and environmental capital that is crucial to our sense of identity, and to our relationship to place," he said.

"This is why I have minded so much about the survival of rare breeds of animals and seed varieties that our ancestors developed over many centuries."

Britain is currently one of very few major nations not to have a dedicated government-backed breeding programme for native livestock.

Now in recognition of that royal passion and in celebration of his accession to the throne, the government may set up a ten million pounds coronation fund for the benefit of rare breeds.

The plan's being promoted by former Environment Secretary George Eustice who himself has rare breeds of cattle and pigs at his family farm in Cornwall.



FUND: George Eustice MP, Environment Secretary

Part of the proposed fund would be used to help farmers who keep rare breeds to develop their brand and to promote their products as an environmentally friendly alternative to mass produced equivalents.

The remainder would pay for breeding programmes to save the most endangered native livestock and preserve their genetic information.

Mr Eustice said the fund could make use of unspent cash from the £2 billion Sustainable Farming Incentive, which had a lower uptake than expected. A government spokesman said ministers were sympathetic to the idea of a Coronation fund.

Students vote for meat

Burgers, mince and Sunday roasts are staying on the menu at Edinburgh University outlets after students threw out a motion to serve plant-based options only.

The proposal had been put forward by vegan campaigners who had hoped to follow the example set by Stirling in November 2022, when it became the first Scottish university to impose a plant-based menu.

There were concerns that the move would prove divisive, but only 19% of the 812 students who voted were in favour. It's the second time Edinburgh students have opted to keep meat-based meals, having made the same decision in 2020.

The Scottish Countryside Alliance said any ban on animal-based products was 'illogical and illiberal'.

Director Jake Swindells said knowing the provenance of food and how it's produced is far



ILLIBERAL: "Imposing a ban on meat and dairy would be unnecessarily divisive"

more important than whether it is animal or vegetable.

"Imposing a ban on meat and dairy would be unnecessarily divisive, an attack on freedom of choice and counterproductive," he said.

"Edinburgh University should instead opt for sourcing local produce, cutting the distance travelled from supplier to plate and not discriminate based on dietary preference."

However Plant-Based

Universities (PBU) Edinburgh campaigner Emily Kemp said it was merely a setback and that veganism is a step that must be taken.

"If Edinburgh's students are so far unconvinced that animal farming and fishing is wrecking our planet and would rather take the words of those with a vested interest in concealing the truth, then we will continue to work to change that," she said.

Vulnerable to get further booster jabs this Spring

Over 75s among those to get latest Covid vaccinations

COVID-19 boosters will be offered to the people most at risk from the disease across our region this spring.

Everyone over 75, everyone living in a care home for older people, and everyone over five years old with a weakened immune system will be offered a free booster, to ensure they have the best protection possible against COVID-19 infection over spring and summer.

Letters are going out to thousands of people in the region – and to many thousands more across Scotland – with details of the time and place of their vaccination appointments. The plan is to deliver spring boosters to everyone eligible by 30 June, with the first boosters starting in early April.

NHS Dumfries & Galloway public health consultant Andrew Rideout said: “COVID-19 infection still carries serious health risks for older people and for people with health conditions that make them more vulnerable.

“So if you receive a letter with details of an appointment, it’s very important that you attend. If you absolutely cannot make your appointment, you need to let us know and book another appointment at a time that suits you.

“Vaccination against COVID-19 has been one of the great public health success stories of history – it has greatly reduced the risk of serious illness. But COVID-19 has not gone away, and it is still dangerous, especially to people at higher risk because of their age or medical condition. Keeping your protection up to date is the best way to reduce your risk.”

Getting fully vaccinated against COVID-19 significantly reduces the danger of becoming seriously ill from the coronavirus. But the protection that the COVID-19 vaccine provides will decrease over time. Booster vaccinations are designed to refresh protection against COVID-19.

Appointments are timed based on previous vaccination dates to provide the best possible level of protection for as long as possible.

However, anyone who is unable to attend their booked appointment can reschedule by visiting nhsinform.scot/springbooster or calling the National Vaccination Helpline on 0800 030 8013.

People in Dumfries and Galloway can also call the local vaccine helpline on 01387 403090.



JABBED: If you're over 75 you can get the latest Covid booster injection this Spring

Puzzle Solutions

Answers to Quiz & Crossword
No 238

QUIZ

- 1 Mark Twain
- 2 Edvard Munch
- 3 Alexander Fleming
- 4 South America
- 5 Amelia Earhart
- 6 Jupiter
- 7 Salvador Dali
- 8 The Swiss Franc
- 9 Virginia Woolf
- 10 Roger Banister
- 11 Little Mix
- 12 Moby Dick
- 13 Pointless
- 14 Mushrooms
- 15 False
- 16 Agatha Christie
- 17 Mars
- 18 The Royle Family
- 19 Derbyshire
- 20 Like a Rolling Stone

CROSSWORD:

Across: 1 Rated, 4 Oxford, 7 Yap, 9 In awe, 10 Emotive, 11 Boil, 12 Weathers, 14 Wiggle, 15 Warped, 19 Boroughs, 21 Pals, 23 Subside, 24 Infer, 25 Tap, 26 Stints, 27 Silky.

Down: 1 Rainbow, 2 Teasing, 3 Dyed, 4 Opener, 5 Frontman, 6 Rhine, 8 Meds, 13 Illusion, 16 Playful, 17 Destroy, 18 Sheets, 19 Bask, 20 Rebut, 22 Lips.

Who needs the telly?

Activities give kids real holiday fun



BOWLED OVER: School kids at Kirkpatrick Fleming have been enjoying activities this Easter holiday

Youngsters from Kirkpatrick Fleming primary school have been having a ball, thanks to a new programme of holiday activities – and parents have been enjoying themselves, too.

Over a two-week period almost 180 people attended the “Get the Kids Off Their Screens” programme, which included short mat bowling, table tennis, Easter crafts, fruit kebabs, easy-peasy baking, boccia, indoor curling, and bis-

cuit and easter nest decorating, as well as obstacle course cycle skills, running club, and a family beetle drive and bingo.

The programme was open to primary age pupils from Kirkpatrick Fleming and Springfield but also attracted families who were holidaying in the village.

It was the result of an appeal by parents to Kirkpatrick Fleming community council for funding to trial activities which would keep their kids

off their phones, computers and TV sets during the Easter holidays.

The council thought this was a great idea – the requested £450 funding, facilitated by Solway Bank Community Benefit Fund, was agreed and went to contribute towards hall hire, materials, equipment, refreshments and prizes.

The groups will now be looking to provide something similar in the October holidays.



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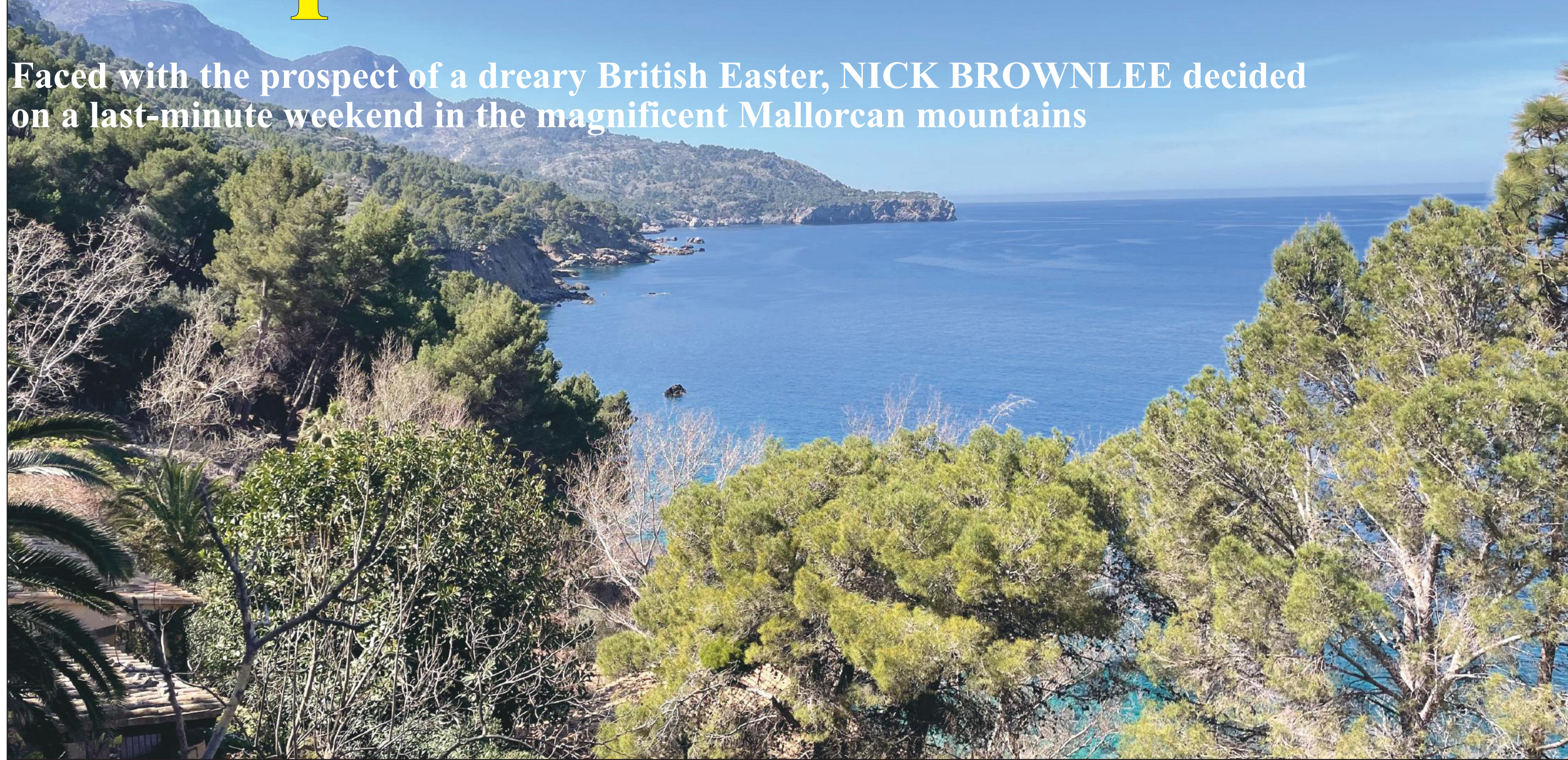
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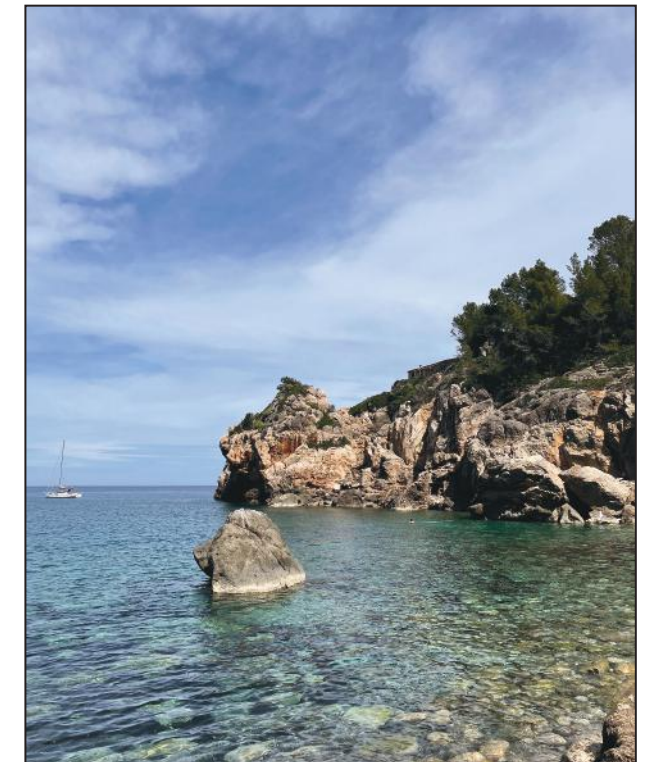
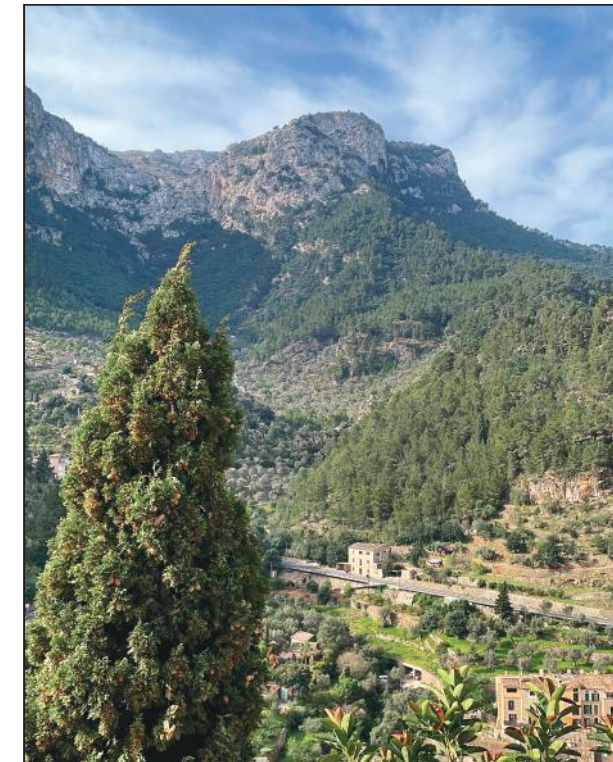
born in 1848 and still going strong!

A trip to the Tramuntanas

Faced with the prospect of a dreary British Easter, NICK BROWNLEE decided on a last-minute weekend in the magnificent Mallorcan mountains



OUR MAN IN MALLORCA: A thumbs-up from Nick for the whole Mallorcan walking experience, and below some of the luscious scenery on offer



My mate Dave and I had been planning an epic Gavin Graham-style yomp, exploring the unspoilt wilds of Scotland just like the E&L's intrepid walking correspondent.

But then we looked at the weather forecast for the weekend and decided to go to Mallorca instead.

I know how that sounds – but trust me, hopping on a two-hour Easyjet flight from Newcastle to Palma is cheaper, quicker and a million times less stressful than filling the car with diesel and battling Bank Holiday traffic and potholes.

Equally, a couple of nights in an out-of-season Mallorcan hotel will set you back far less than a similar stop-over in Blighty, where Easter

is usually an excuse to ramp up the prices of accommodation to eye-watering levels.

Weather

Then there's the weather, of course. I'm no fan of the sun, having a tendency to turn lobster-red after just five seconds' exposure. But this time of year, the Spanish island is like Scotland in June – pleasantly warm, but with the occasional shower and a refreshing nip in the air in the mornings to revive the spirits.

We were staying in Deia, about forty minutes in a taxi from the airport. The road quickly climbs from the urban sprawl of Palma into the spectacular Serra de Tramuntana, a spiky and imposing ridge of mountains running the length of the

northwest side of the island.

The village itself is tucked high up in a fold, with hills on one side and the Mediterranean on the other. It's perhaps best-known as being the bolthole of Robert Graves, who wrote "I Claudius" and enjoyed a bohemian lifestyle here among the lemon groves – his house is now a tourist attraction and Graves himself is buried in the churchyard.

Ex-pats

Today, Deia is largely occupied by the modern generation of British expat: rich, middle-aged people who have retired to large fincas in the hills and appear in the local bars and restaurants after sundown to get drunk, speak English and generally put you off the idea of becoming a rich

British expat.

Fortunately, we weren't here for the local colour. We were on the clock, and armed with a map and a guidebook, our mission was to explore what lay beyond.

In recent years Mallorca has become an island of two halves. There is the hustle and bustle of Palma and Magaluf, where bars and beaches are aimed at the traditional holidaymaker and the hen and stag parties who flock there in their millions. Then there is Mallorca the Action Island, geared up for walkers, cyclists and other outdoor enthusiasts.

Either way, you're in luck – because Mallorca's economy relies on both groups, and as a result great care and attention has been put into ensuring they are catered for.



SIGNPOST: Many of the walking routes in Mallorca are clearly marked, but off the beaten track you should beware of landslides!

In our case, we were immediately able to utilise the network of signposted walking routes which have been designed to make the very best of the island and the Tramuntanas in particular.

The first of these took us out of the village and down to its small and impossibly picturesque harbour. Here we found a wooden restaurant clinging to the rocks – it was used in a scene in the TV drama "The Night Manager" – but it would be another week before it reopened for the season.

This was just a diversion, however. The trail itself rises up once again and heads north-east in the direction of the town of Soller, some eight miles away along the coast – and had we followed the signposts, there is every chance

it would have been a challenging but stress-free walk.

Instead, we chose to follow a route I'd found on a phone app called Komoot, which led us to what seemed at first to be a straightforward, if narrow and steep, track which hugged the contours of the coast through the trees.

Quickly, however, the track became narrower and steeper, and to our dismay we discovered that in parts it had been washed away or obliterated by landslides, meaning we were forced into a series of wild and perilous diversions. There were no signs here, only the occasional cairn or spraypainted arrow on the rocks to reassure us we were heading in the right direction.

This particular route was only about four miles, but after as many hours we eventually emerged, dusty and

dishevelled, like a pair of Japanese soldiers who hadn't been told the war was over.

And there, by the side of the road, was an official route sign, pointing the way we should have gone.

Ravishing

Not to worry – the remaining miles led us through a series of ravishing orange and olive plantations and eventually down into Port de Soller, one of the most beautiful locations on the whole island, where we staggered into the first bar we came to and stayed there for the rest of the afternoon.

The next day, we decided to take no chances and followed the signposts out of Deia in the other direction. Our destination was the town of Valldemossa, six miles away on the other side of the mountain, along a well-

known and well-marked route.

This immediately flung us into a long and steep climb, winding up through the trees towards the towering peaks above. In terms of effort, it was not for the faint-hearted – but pausing at regular intervals we could look back at the stunning views as they steadily unfolded beneath us.

Beyond the treeline was the rocky massif of the Puig Gros, standing just over 3,000ft and the perfect place to enjoy a bocadillo de jamon while gazing out at the jagged coastline and peaks.

We were not alone, of course. Even off-season, the Tramuntanas are a magnet for walkers, and a couple of dozen people had had the same idea as us. But it didn't matter: in terrain like this

people are insignificant and we were all in thrall to where we were.

The descent was leisurely by comparison, following the well-marked path down through the thickly-wooded valley into the nature reserves of the lower slopes. And while Valldemossa is too industrialised to write home about, it does have an excellent bus service which whisked us back around the headland to Deia as the sun began to dip behind the mountains.

And that was it. Two days, two walks, and our mini-break was over. Before we knew it, we were back in cold and windy Newcastle, significantly more weatherbeaten and footsore than when we left but with the majesty of Mallorca still seared on our memories.

You should really try it sometime.

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Want to save money? Then it's time for a brew!

Thrifty tips with HELEN KNOWLES, our green-fingered gardening expert

Even in the garden it's hard to escape the fact that money just doesn't go as far as it once did – so for this month I've come up with some thrifty tips that will help you to enjoy a garden full of flowers and produce without putting too much strain on the budget.

Who doesn't like a nice cup of tea? Well, you might not like this one so much but your plants (and your pocket) will.

Comfrey 'tea' is an organic, nutrient-rich plant feed that you can make for free rather than buying expensive chemical fertilisers.

Comfrey is used for this as it has very deep roots, which means it extracts lots of nutrients from far below the soil surface. These nutrients are stored in its leaves so by harvesting them and letting them break down you will have a dark, nutrient-rich plant food to use around the garden.

It's especially rich in potassium, making it the ideal feed to promote flowers and fruits in a range of plants, including tomatoes. If you want a nitrogen rich plant feed then use nettles instead, a good boost to get things growing but don't overdo it as too much nitrogen just encourages lots of lush, green growth.

It's getting a little late to be growing tomatoes from seed so the only option now is to buy plants but you can save money here too.

Tomato plants are wonderful at producing side shoots which are usually removed as we want the plant to grow as a cordon – ie, a single stem with sprays of fruit produced along its length.

However, if you buy a tomato plant now let it produce some side shoots and cut these off when they get to about 10cm long. Remove the lower leaves and place the shoots in a glass of water on a sunny windowsill.

Keep it topped up with fresh water and a strong root system should have developed within three to four weeks when you can pot up your free tomato plants.

Going to a flower show can be a costly day out, but The Virtual Flower Show is a free event and all you need to enjoy the show is internet access. This year's show takes



Caltha palustris



FREEBIES: Planting the side shoots will provide you with free tomato plants

HOW TO MAKE COMFREY 'TEA'



Step 1: Harvest Comfrey leaves, wearing gloves if necessary as the hairy leaves can cause skin irritation.

Step 2: Remove flowers and tough stems, then chop up the leaves and pack them into a water-tight container. One with a lid is ideal as it can start to get a bit whiffy once the leaves begin to break down. Weigh the leaves down with a brick and fill the bucket

with water, enough to cover the leaves.

Step 3: Every few weeks check on your brew. The leaves will gradually be breaking down, releasing a smelly brown liquid. Collect any liquid in a separate container and store it in a cool, dark place. Top up your bucket with fresh leaves and more water and leave it to keep brewing. Once you've made enough then simply tip the (now very smelly!) contents of the bucket onto your compost heap.

Step 4: Dilute your comfrey 'tea' at a rate of approximately one part comfrey to 10 parts water. The darker it is, the more you'll need to dilute it.

place this weekend, Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 April, and features a host of award-winning Nurseries from across the country.

There is a 3D floral hall, Q&A sessions, Live talks on Facebook and video and

much more.

Simply go to virtualflower-show.uk and enjoy the show! Next month we'll be tackling lawn care and growing plants for free to fill your borders with colour.



GIVE YOUR PLANTS A CUPPA: Comfrey 'tea' is an organic, nutrient-rich plant feed that you can make for free



Dicentra 'Spring Morning'

Man admits bird killings

A man has been convicted of killing raptors and other wild birds in Dumfries and Galloway between 2019 and 2020.

Barry Nicolle, 67, admitted numerous charges related to the reckless use of illegal poison resulting in the deaths of 15 birds, including five red kites.

The birds were recovered within a mile radius of Nicolle's address, some just a few hundred yards from his property.

Wildlife Officer, Police Constable John Cowan, said: "Extensive policing work involving a number of partners, along with forensic science, enabled us to build a case against Nicolle who had been killing protected birds over a number of years.

"Not only was there a risk to the rural environment, but also to members of the public handling poisoned birds some of which were found near a primary school.

"Police Scotland and the partners we work with treat all types of wildlife crime very seriously and this conviction is a strong message that those who poison wild and protected birds will be robustly investigated."

Nicolle will be sentenced next month.

Church says thanks

Canonbie United Parish Church, would like to thank everyone who supported the soup lunches and to thank everyone who made the soup and puddings.

£1348 was made from the five lunches and £162 was made for the Air Ambulance from the collection of clothes.

Unions reject deal

Unions representing D & G council staff are urging members to reject a pay deal.

The Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) has tabled a five per cent offer to council workers – but both Unison and GMB are urging workers to reject it when they are balloted over the issue.

GMB Scotland senior organiser for public services, Keir Greenaway, said: "GMB told COSLA bosses and ministers when we settled last year that our members expectations will be to keep building on the value of their consolidated pay and conditions.

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Change of pace as Shelby opts for four legs instead of three wheels

One of the first recipients of Welcome to Langholm Future Champions Awards talks to GILLY FRASER

From wheelpower to pony power – that's the complete change of pace, style and sport being undertaken by top Scottish para-athlete Shelby Watson.

Shelby, 25 is already a superstar in wheelchair racing where she has taken multiple titles including world records and championships in the 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, and 1,500m events.

Now though she's determined to make it to the top of a very different world. She has made the switch because of frustration with changes to the way wheelchair racing is run.

"My athletics career has hit quite a few bumps along the way," she says. "My races kept getting cut. I would be promised races and then told at the last minute they wouldn't be included, so it was really hard to stay motivated. There were options to do other races, but not at the level I had trained for. I was also given the option of racing against more able-bodied competitors in different classifications but obviously I would have been at a very big disadvantage and I didn't feel that was fair.

"It was a heartbreaking decision and not one I came to overnight, especially as I wanted to keep going for my supporters as well



DRESSAGE: Shelby, Norrie and those pesky flowers!

Right: Shelby in her previous sport, wheelchair racing

as myself. But I realised I couldn't promise to be the top of the top any more and to be honest it did play on my mental health for a while."

Student

Shelby has cerebral palsy but somehow managed to combine training with her day job as a Nursery Nurse while also studying for a Masters Degree in Education at the University of the west of Scotland.

Now with a Highland pony called Norrie, Shelby is learning the basics of a sport she hopes will take her all the way, even though she had never ridden before.

"I've always loved horses, but from a distance. Dressage appealed to me because it's so elegant and disciplined and I'm a very structured person, so I thought this is the sport for me."

The two have already done their first competition together at Barstobrick Riding Centre near



"WELCOME to LANGHOLM"
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Castle Douglas. It was against able-bodied riders and went well even though the normally bombproof Norrie did shy at some scary looking flowers.

"That was a new experience for me because he's normally an angel but after the panic subsided I just laughed and everything was okay. I'm doing this for the love

of it, but it really has given me back my motivation."

Shelby says she seriously considered aiming for the next Paralympics but has instead set her sights on 2028.

"I'm going to work really hard for the next few years to get back to the top, but also to enjoy the journey back to the top."

Funding will be available on an on-going basis with three closing dates for applying below.

April 30th • July 31st • October 31st.

For further information contact: Ann Warwick, Langholm Funders' Forum, Ashley Bank House, Langholm DG13 0AN
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Vital social work service saved

More than 800 people a week use threatened dial-in helpline

A social work service which helps Dumfries and Galloway residents in crisis every week has been safeguarded.

Dumfries and Galloway Council's Single Access Point team was at risk of folding due to lack of budget pressures – but will now be able to continue for at least another 18 months after agreement was reached with the new Conservative council.

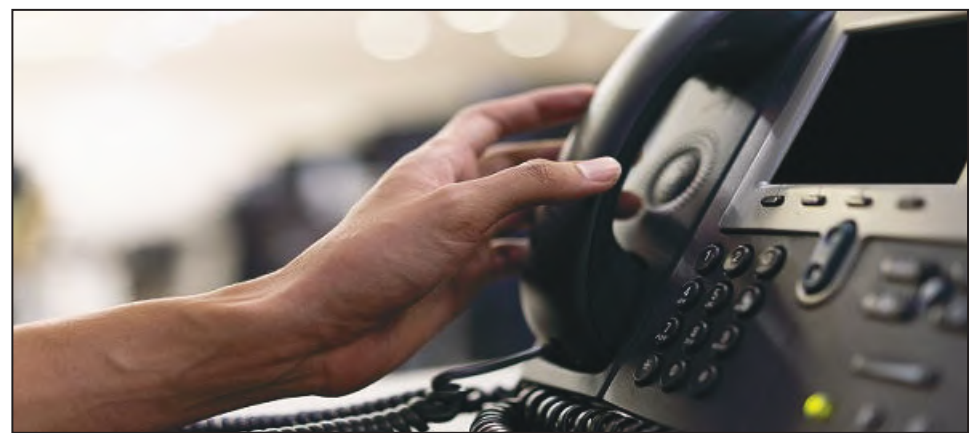
The decision protects the jobs of 10 employees who field calls from around 800 members of the public every week, many of whom are often desperately seeking

social work support in difficult times.

Pushing for the service to be saved was SNP councillor Andy Ferguson, previously social work committee chairman up until last month when the SNP/Labour/Independent coalition running the council fell apart.

"I believe that officers have demonstrated the history, the need, the purpose, and the future of the service," he said.

"The funding will allow for the development of a valuable service for our citizens. This is a service which the current staffing of 21 is currently receiving around



800 calls per week from people who find themselves in some form or varying degree of crisis.

"After all, social work is

unlike most other parts of the council that it deals almost exclusively with people facing some form of risk or need in their or their family's life."

The funding for the continuation of the Single Access Point service will come from a loan charges underspend available to the council.



Looking back...

25 Reprieve for Benty School

Westerkirk parents and children were in jubilant mood this week after hearing their school will remain open.

All six schools across the region which had been threatened with closure have now won a reprieve as Education Committee Chairman Ian Pennie announced on Tuesday that the Council had abandoned the consultation process and would be keeping all the schools open.

Westerkirk's Head Margaret Sanderson was abroad and unaware of the unexpected victory, but her son said she would be delighted.

And even Acting Convener Denis Male, who had supported the consultation process over the schools' futures, admitted he was delighted for the parents and children.

The evening before he had faced a resolute Langholm, Ewes and Westerkirk Community Council who

had come down heavily in favour of supporting the parents.

At their meeting colleague Mrs Sanderson speaking, not as head, but as a spokesman for the parents, had failed to win support from the members of the Community Council.

Since that time, however, councillors have been swayed after some of them had attended the Mid and Upper Annandale and Eskdale Area Committee in Lockerbie and a meeting in Westerkirk attended by councillors and parents.

Community Cllrs Margaret Pool and David Macdonald had been convinced by the arguments that the school should stay open and after a hastily convened sub-committee meeting wrote on behalf of the Community Council in support of the parents to the Education Department with copies to MP Russell Brown and the Scottish Office.



1998

50 Eskdale are double darts champions

1973

With the final game having been played in the Langholm and District Darts League the Eskdale 'A' team are again champions, hanging on to their title by two points from the Cross Keys 'A' who have given them a rare old scrap all season.

Crown 'A' who stayed in contention for league honours all the way through until the final run in and who were the only team to lower the champions colours were finally denied the third spot by a strong Grapes 'A' side who finished the season in great form.

At the other end of the league it is the brave Legion Ladies team who finish their season pointless, but who have shown enough skill to make things decidedly sticky for their opponents next season.

Full marks to them for their never-say-die attitude and their good humour all through the season.

In the 'B' division Eskdale 'B' came out on top with a clear three point lead after winning their final two league games.

Cross Keys 'A' gained their revenge on Eskdale 'A' for losing out in the championship race with a hard-fought victory in the final of the William Pool Memorial Cup.

In the league single-handed championship, W Currie of Eskdale 'A' played consistently well to emerge as the winner, beating D Patterson of Crown 'A' in the final.

Another victory for the Eskdale players was forthcoming in the pairs tournament when A Currie and Jim Sanderson lifted this title in the face of stiff competition from their worthy opponents in the final T Rush and T Paterson from the Grapes 'A'.

The Eskdale team were baulked in the final of the fours tourney by a very determined Nighthawks side who ran out winners after a sterling struggle.

75 Rambler's column

1948

Last Monday I was up bright and early and on joining the unemployed in the Market Place, I was informed of crowds which had been seen making for the 11 o'clock train. Dashing to the station to witness this strange spectacle, I was in time to see the old engine puffing out of Langholm station with two carriages attached.



With an average of, say, six persons to a compartment – and that's stretching it I should say – you can work out for yourself the probable complement of passengers. I have often had to walk on the road coming up from the station because the street's so narrow that two people walking on the pavement give the impression of a crowd.

Anyhow, I ought to have known better. Ever since we became part owners in British Railways, we seem to have had a preference for bus travel. So that when I heard later in the day about the queue for the Langholm bus at the Caledonian Station at Caerl, I wasn't a bit surprised.

I must admit to a deep feeling of frustration when I heard the news that the two luxuries I had done my best to forego in the interests of the country, since the last budget nightmare, were again amongst the few singled out for special promotion – beer and baccy!

Now that we've got over the shock of the previous big increase in the cost of these commodities, who is going to quibble at a mere penny and twopenny increase. It's enough to make any chap who likes a smoke and a drink start off on a new orgie of dissipation.

Maybe that's what we are expected to do!

C & D Marts (Longtown) Primestock Report Thursday 6th April 2023



C&D Auction Marts Limited had forward 6,077 sheep comprising of 4,750 prime hogs and 1,327 cast ewes & rams at their weekly sale at Longtown on Thursday 6th April 2023.

Cast cows continue to sell at recent high rates with buyers keen for numbers and more required on a weekly basis to satisfy buyer demand. The sale topped at £1,969 for a British Blue from RJ Lines, Killocrow, Campbeltown with Beef Shorthorns to £1,337 from J Anderson & Partners, Rowanburnfoot, Canonbie.

Top price per kilo of 206p for Belted Galloways from JR & CJ Ward, Whitstonehill, Lockerbie with British Blues to 203p from Killocrow.

Please do not hesitate to contact Sam Hogg 07584 207323 who will be pleased to take your calls - take advantage of the capped commission and payment on the day!

A smaller show of 4,750 prime hogs were forward. Top price per head of £178 for Beltex shown by JM Wharton & Son, Snade, Dunscore.

Top per kilo of 425p for a pen of fantastic Beltex hogs consigned by NJ McQuistin, High Airyolland, New Luce.

Lightweight hogs again proved very lucrative to sell, as a fantastic run of 571 predominantly Blackface hogs

topped at 301ppk, averaging a mighty 292ppk consigned by Messrs Thornhill, Haresteds Farm, Lyme Park, Cheshire.

Heavy hogs showed big improvements on the week with many pens surpassing £160. All classes of hogs are wanted for next week's sale and potential consignors are urged to contact our auctioneers for further enquiries and entries.

Many more can be sold to vendor advantage on a weekly basis, as numbers are sold with confidence here at Longtown.

Achieving an overall average 286.4p (SQQ 290.3p)

PRINCIPAL PRICES (PER KILO)

Beltex 425p High Airyolland, 400p Newton Cottage & Station Yard, 378p, 369p Snade, 369p Inamay, 365p Snade, 359p Bridgestone, 355p Station Yard. Texel 351p Maidencots, 342p Pasture House, 325p Weeds, 322p, 317p Blarghour, 316p Wyseby Hill Cottage & Haresteads, 314p East Rackwood Hill & Torkirra. Cheviot 323p Weeds, 313p East Rackwood Hill, 310p, 307p Weeds, 307p Cleughbrae, 306p The Wreay, Falnash, Longburgh Fauld & Balegreggan. Herdwick 319p Causey View.

Blackface 315p Galleywreay, 309p Hillside, 301p Haresteads, 300p Beoch,

Chapel & Dyke, 298p Longburgh Fauld. Suffolk 313p Weeds, 307p Galleywreay, 305p Pasture House, 303p, 302p, 300p, 298p High Cattadale, 296p Broomhills. Cheviot Mule 305p Cortiecrum, 295p, 293p West Scales.

North Country Cheviot 304p The Land, 303p Pasture House, 300p Haresteads. Mule 301p Pasture House, 296p High Cattadale, 289p West Scales, 287p Weeds & High Cattadale, 283p Birkenburn, 281p Riggshield.

Charollais 292p Birkenburn, 291p Cortiecrum. Dutch Spotted 286p Pasture House. Lleyn 281p, 276p Stewartfield. Charmoise 271p Stouslie. Swaledale 237p Pasture House, 235p The Wreay, 233p Pasture House.

PRINCIPAL PRICE (PER HEAD)

Beltex £178 Snade, £174, £172 Station Yard, £172 Longburgh Fauld, £170 High Airyolland, £168 Newton Cottage & Snade. Texel £172 Yett, £170 Beoch, £168 Ashton, £163 East Raffles, £162 The Land & Gaurdsmill, £160 Kopje. Suffolk £160 Gaurdsmill, £147 Low Hallburn & Newton Cottage, £144 High Parson Bridge, £141 Third, £140 West-emhopeburn. North Country Cheviot £158

Guardsmill, £152 The Land, £144 Clerk Hill.

Leicester £158, £142 High Airyolland. Mule £149 Riggshield, £147 Galleywreay, £141, £135 Sykehead, £134.50 Westernhopeburn, £133 Sykehead, West Scales & Birkenburn.

Cheviot £148 Lawesknowe & Gaurdsmill, £142 Balegreggan, £141.50 Longburgh Fauld, £141 Becks, £141, £140 Beoch, £140 Longburgh Fauld & Falnash. Blackface £140.50 Longburgh Fauld, £140 Yett, £138.50 Balliemeanoch, £136 Westernhopeburn, £135 Dyke. Cheviot Mule £138.50 West Scales, £134 Cortiecrum.

Dutch Spotted £138 Hillside. Charollais £137 Cortiecrum.

A smaller show of 1,327 cast ewes and rams forward. As predicted numbers have tightened and trade is markedly dearer across the board. A larger show will be presented for next weeks sale and with customers queuing round the block to purchase ewes at Longtown, now is the time to sell for maximum return.

Texel ewes topped at £295 from J & C Hastings, Kopje, Dumfries. Hill ewes to £118 for Cheviots from J Paterson & Son, Corriehills, Corrie and D MacKinnon, 1 Largie, Tayinloan. Rams sold to £212 for Texels from Seat

Hill Ltd, Seat Hill, Laversdale.

Once again Cast ewes and prime hogs were consigned to Longtown from all corners of the British Isles, from Northern Ireland, Cheshire, the northern counties, Argyll, Aberdeenshire, Thurso and Caithness all to take full advantage of the most competitive ring of buyers in the country. Haulage can be arranged from anywhere so please do not hesitate to contact our auctioneers, who will be pleased to take your calls for all further enquiries or entries.

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HEAVY EWES

Texel £295 Kopje, £265 Beck Farm, £248 Langdyke Cottage, £240 Beck Farm, Kopje, Rigghead, Abbots Close & Waltonwoodhead. Continental £225 Breconridge. Charollais £205 Abbots Close £185 Beckfoot. Suffolk £185 Gaurdsmill, £175 High House, £168 Inamay, £165 Stouslie, £164, £160 Beckfoot, £160 Chaseside. North Country Cheviot £158, £138 Falnash. Beltex £150 Heatheryknowe. Mule £148 Tremeer, £131 The Bush, £129 Greengatehouse, £127 Rig-

ghed, £125 High Airyolland. Cheviot Mule £148 Corriehills, £131 High House. Bluefaced Leicester £140 Spoutbank.

LIGHT EWES

Cheviot £118 Corriehills & Largie, £112 Corriehills, £108 Falnash, £106 Gall. Blackface £98 Largie, Swaledale £90 Spoutbank. Herdwick £84 Crowdieknowe. Easycare £82 Mossfennan.

RAMS

Texel £212, £210, £198 Seat Hill, £185 Chaseside, £180 Seat Hill. Blue Texel £185 Chaseside. Charollais £170 Beckfoot. Suffolk £158 Seat Hill. Blackface £112 Meggethead.

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Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 as amended
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	Legends of American Country	The Buccleuch Centre 7.30pm
Tue 18th	Canonbie Tennis Club Men's Social Tennis	Canonbie Tennis Courts 6.00-7.30pm
Wed 19th	Coffee Time	Liddesdale Parish Church 10-11.30am and every Wednesday
Thu 20th	Bloch Wind Farm Drop-in Sessions	Langholm Pop-up Shop 74 High St 2pm - 7pm
Sat 22nd	Langholm Rugby Club Sevens Tournament	Milntown, Langholm First Tie 2pm
Sun 23rd	Langholm Walking Event	From The Kiosk, Kilngreen 10am-4pm
Thu 27th	Creation Mill Fashion Revolution Week Let's Talk Fashion	The Buccleuch Centre 6pm - 9pm
Fri 28th	The Carpenters Experience	The Buccleuch Centre 7.30pm
Sat 29th	Canonbie United Church Soup Kitchen & Table Top Sale	Canonbie Public Hall 11.30am - 1.30pm

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WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK W/C 17th April

Day	What	Time	Where
Mon	Scrap store	12-2	CM Space DG13 oES
Tues	After School Club	4-5:30	CM Space DG13 oES
Wed	Warm Wednesday & Scrap Store	10-3	CM Space DG13 oES
Fri	Scrap store In Stitches	10-12 2-4	CM Space DG13 oES Social Club DG13 oDN
Sat	Zero waste Jacket	Fully Booked	



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The E&L General Knowledge Quiz

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- 1) Tom Cruise plays Ethan Hunt in which movie franchise?
- 2) Duroc, Berkshire and Mangalica are breeds of which type of animal?
- 3) What is the surname of the character who owns Roy's Rolls in Coronation Street?
- 4) The BFI acts to preserve filmmaking and television in the United Kingdom. What does BFI stand for?
- 5) Which Irish comedian and actor starred opposite Richard Ayoade in The IT Crowd?
- 6) Which British actress played Claire McGory in 'Save Me' and Dr. Gemma Foster in 'Doctor Foster'?
- 7) In Dutch folklore they are known as Kabouters, but what are they known as in Ireland?
- 8) Fans of which US singer-songwriter call themselves the 'Fanilows'?
- 9) The phrase "Let them eat cake" is often wrongly attributed to which Queen of France?
- 10) What flying insect is the symbol of Manchester?
- 11) The 'Girl with Kaleidoscope eyes' features in which Beatles song?
- 12) The Labrador Peninsula is in which country?
- 13) Which common phrase originates with British naval hero Horatio Nelson's refusal to use his good eye when looking through a telescope at oncoming opponents?
- 14) Which value coin was introduced to Britain in 1998?
- 15) The red rose is the symbol of which British political party?
- 16) Which comic strip dog has been called "the world's most famous beagle"?
- 17) 'Dreams From My Father' is the title of a 1995 memoir from which US politician?
- 18) Taking its name from the Greek word for 'to give what is due', who is the Greek god of Revenge?
- 19) By population, which is the largest city in Yorkshire?
- 20) Figaro is a barber and character in which Rossini opera?



Never a Crossword!

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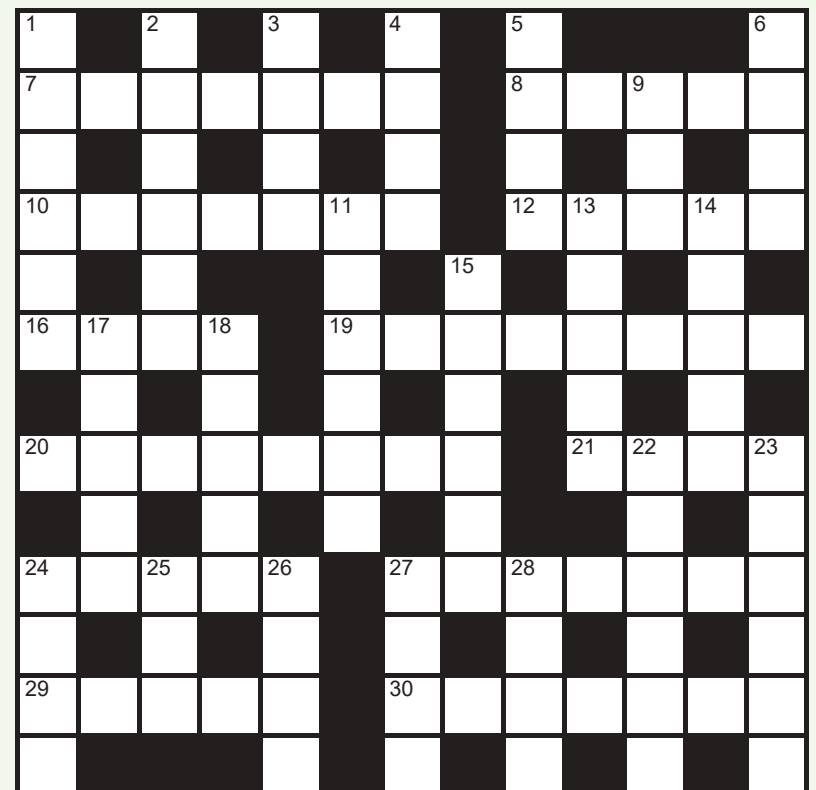
A wee mix of general knowledge and cryptic clues to get the grey cells moving!

Across

- 7 Pleasant feature (7)
- 8 A long time (2,3)
- 10 Observes (5,2)
- 12 Like a promenade on a wet day (5)
- 16 "Eh?" (4)
- 19 Alaska's --- Islands (8)
- 20 One who quarrels noisily (8)
- 21 Ice melter (4)
- 24 Fictions (5)
- 27 Does very well (7)
- 29 Enter (3,2)
- 30 Embassy specialist (7)

Down

- 1 Accountant's concern (3,3)
- 2 "Romeo and Juliet" setting (6)
- 3 "Driving --- Daisy" (4)
- 4 Blue-green (4)
- 5 Uncovered (4)
- 6 Repudiate (4)
- 9 Smartphone download (3)
- 11 Mouthpiece of the gods, in mythology (6)
- 13 Fingerless gloves (5)
- 14 Dagnet (5)
- 15 Stirring up hatred for a serious shortage (6)
- 17 Hasten (5)
- 18 In old money, a florin to a quid (5)
- 22 It's easy to give but hard to take (6)
- 23 Predilections (6)
- 24 Talk-show clip-on (4)
- 25 Small dog breed (3)
- 26 Chinese dynasty at the time of the Norman Conquest (4)
- 27 Easing of tensions (4)
- 28 Memorization by repetition (4)





Back of the net!



Girls' Football Club thrilled by new goals and first aid kits

Football

Football-mad youngsters are celebrating after receiving new training and first-aid equipment.

Langholm Girls run regular sessions at U10, U12 and U14, with teams now regularly travelling outside the town for away fixtures.

They've now been given £459 by the Chapelcross Snowball Fund, which will go towards travel first aid bags and new portable Progoal goalposts.

"The goal posts are excellent for small-sided games and training drills and the first aid bags are essential with teams at Under 10, Under 12 and Under 14 regularly travelling to away games," said Active Schools and Community Sport Officer Calum Graham.

"As always, we are grateful for the amazing support our girls club have received from local organisations, and in this case especially so as it comes from voluntary contributions from Chapelcross Site employees and retired employees."

The Snowball Fund is monies raised solely from voluntary contributions made by members of the current site workforce and retired employees to



ON TARGET: Langholm Girls show off their new portable goalposts and travel first aid kits

support and help local charitable organisations.

The committee meets on a quarterly basis and makes awards between £50

- £1,000 to local charities, good causes and organisations that write in requesting support.



Tour heads our way

The popular Tour O' The Borders cycle event comes to our region for the first time this year – and to mark the occasion, residents from South of Scotland can get 25 percent off the entry price.

The new 120km route will take riders through the wilds of the upper Tweed basin, passing the source of the River Tweed and legendary views of the Devil's Beeftub. The route then descends to Moffat before passing through one of the country's most stunning landscapes: the famous glacial valley of Moffat Water. Riders can expect wild glens, a view of the famous Grey Mare's Tail waterfall and some stiff climbs.

This year's course promises to be Scotland's most spectacular sportive yet, says Event Director, Neil Dalgleish: "The south of Scotland has miles and miles of quiet roads and dramatic views – as road cyclists we're spoiled for choice. We want to give riders a day to remember on the bike and this year's course is an absolute cracker."

To sign up go to tourotheborders.com and use the code SOUTH25 for your discount. You'll be asked for your postcode on the entry form. Offer ends 17 April.

Football Result

FORSYTH CUP QUARTER FINAL
Tweeddale Rovers 3
Langholm Legion 0

Funding means tennis fun for Canonbie!

Tennis

Canonbie Tennis Club has received funding from Ewe Hill Windfarm to support its "Well-being Wednesday, Tennis For All" Spring programme.

The programme promotes an inclusive program for people of all ages and impairments. The club has also received support through the LTA Open Court delivery plan.

The free programme starts on April 19th at Canonbie Public Hall and tennis courts and will have sessions for seniors, learning disabled, walking tennis for beginners, people recovering from injury, (or those who want

to play at a slower pace), adults and tots, rusty rackets (for beginners and those who have not played in a while) and improvers,

There will also be sessions featuring, pickleball, a relatively new fast-growing sport played indoors on a badminton-sized court with a paddle a bit larger than a table tennis bat.

The sessions run from 10am to 8.30pm, under the expert guidance of LTA-registered coaches.

All equipment is provided, just turn up in comfortable clothing and trainers type footwear.

To book go to the Canonbie Tennis Club website.



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