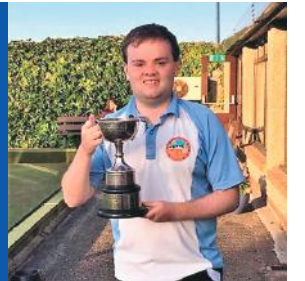


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## Fans stay Cool amid high drama

Medical emergency halts Everest lecture – then the midges descend!



By Nick Brownlee

**Fans of an Everest mountaineer have described the dramatic moment his Langholm lecture was interrupted by a major medical emergency.**

There was a full house at the Buccleuch Centre for the talk by Kenton Cool, the British climber who has just returned from his 17th successful ascent of the world's highest mountain.

In it, he told of heroic attempts on Everest by the likes of Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tensing as well as the doomed 1924 expedition which cost the life of George Mallory.

But the most dramatic moment came

at the end of the first half, when a man in the front row of the audience suddenly fell ill.

Mark Hallam, a retired doctor from Langholm, was just four rows back when he realised something was wrong. "Kenton suddenly jumped off the

stage and headed across to something out of sight below on the front row. Then he asked the audience "Is there a doctor here".

"I stood up at that point, and I could see that a man had collapsed on the floor - and then swiftly two or three people from nearby converged and started to attend to him.

"It was quickly obvious that all the right things were being done, with what looked like good teamwork – all triggered by Kenton's initial reaction."

While the man was being attended to, Kenton and the audience filed out through both exits.

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## School plans approved

**Plans to transform Langholm's former primary school into a community hub for the town have taken a major step forward this week, after councillors approved the asset transfer.**

This will see the sale of the £100,000 building to the Langholm Alliance for just £1.

The transfer went through the council's finance and transformation committee on Tuesday, and was passed unanimously with no conditions attached.

The Alliance now want to transform the Victorian-era building into a centre for arts, heritage, culture and science.

The school, on Thomas Telford Road, has stood empty since 2014 when a new primary school was built adjacent to Langholm Academy. In 2015 it was declared surplus to council requirements and was earmarked for use in the town's health and social provision.





# Family Announcements

## Deaths

### BISSETT, Marion (Mae)

Suddenly on June 15th, at Notwen House, Kirkpatrick Fleming, Marion (Mae) McNeil, aged 85 years originally from Westerkirk, then St Mungo Kettleholm. Beloved wife to George, much loved Mum to Heather and Val, beloved Nee Nee, Granny, Sister, Auntie Sister in law, Mother in law and friend.

Funeral service to take place on Thursday 6th July 2023, 11am at V&M Thomson Chapel Of Rest, Lockerbie followed by interment at St Mungo's Cemetery Lockerbie. Family flowers only, donations in lieu if desired to Red Cross.

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## Nae bother

The wartime slogan "Keep Calm and Carry On" wasn't used during the war, and was most likely made up by some slick marketing man to sell mugs. But it nevertheless sums up the attitude of local folk, as highlighted by two stories in this week's E&L.

First, the audience at the Buccleuch, who, following a medical incident inside the building, stoically trooped outside and watched the second half of Everest mountaineer Kenton Cool's lecture while being divebombed by midges.

Then there are the folk in remote Eskdalemuir, who have rallied round without fuss or favour to supply their neighbours with bottled water after natural supplies dried up in the heatwave.

They all deserve a slogan of their own. Perhaps mugs can be made with "It's Nae Bother" printed on them?

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## Letters to the editor

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Armed Forces Day, on June 24, gives us the chance to collectively show support for the military community, including the RAF, from serving personnel to families, veterans, cadets, and reservists.

The RAF continues to respond to events in Ukraine, including patrolling the skies, delivering humanitarian and military supplies, and the RAF Regiment training alongside the Ukrainian Armed Forces in the UK. In 2022, more than 7,250 personnel were deployed in 75 countries and directly supported 41 operations across five continents and the Falkland Islands.

As we all mourned the death of her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the

RAF conveyed her Late Majesty from Edinburgh to RAF Northolt with dignity, professionalism, and utmost care. And more recently, the RAF also provided both ceremonial and security support for Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla's Coronation.

Armed Forces Day is a great occasion to remind all in our RAF Family, those who have served, are serving, and their families, that the RAF Benevolent Fund is here to support them in their time of need. Whether that be with practical, emotional, or financial support, we are here to help as we have been for over 100 years.

Air Vice-Marshal  
Chris Elliot  
RAF Benevolent Fund



## Day Centre Thanks

May I, through the courtesy of your column, share our heartfelt thanks to all those who very generously supported the Langholm Day Centre Table Top Sale on Sunday the 18th June.

We were overwhelmed by everyone's support and managed to raise the fantastic sum of £2,200. From this we are donating £500 to MacMillan Cancer Support and £500 to Alzheimer's Scotland. Both Charities provide an

amazing service supporting many people. The remaining proceeds will be gratefully put towards the running and support of our facilities at the Day Centre.

Thank you all for your continued and valued support. We wouldn't be able to continue to deliver our key services without your generosity and it is very much appreciated

With warm regards  
Langholm Day Centre

# Kenton keeps calm and carries on

"The scheduled break then happened," said Mark. "And then, since it was evident things were still going on in auditorium, Kenton led us all out of the back of the building to where he kept us entertained for about half an hour."

The Buccleuch's duty manager on the night was Gavin Graham, and he was full of praise not only for Kenton Cool – but the collective cool of the Buccleuch audience.

"Their behaviour was immaculate, there was no fuss, they just exited the building in an orderly manner to enable the man to receive initial treatment at the scene and then when the emergency services arrived.

"The talk continued as before, only alfresco – and the only problem was when the midges descended. Even then, the show went on."

After being treated at the scene the man was taken to hospital by ambulance where

he is understood to have been discharged the following morning. He is expected to make a full recovery.

"We've since had a call from his wife, thanking us for looking after him," said Gavin. "I'd like to pass on those thanks to everyone who was at the Buccleuch to see Kenton."

As well as reflecting on his own career, the mountaineer also stressed that he is a passionate supporter of various charities who support Sherpa well-being. And, as an aside to his talk, he encouraged his audience to purchase T shirts, raising funds for The Juniper Trust, which amongst various actions offers life insurance to bereaved Sherpa families.



CHARITIES: Kenton encouraged the audience to buy T shirts which raise funds for The Juniper Trust



# Village shows a lotta bottle

## As water supplies dwindle, locals rally round stricken families

One of our local communities has rallied round after families were left without water supplies.

Following the recent heatwave, natural springs and boreholes supplying around half a dozen homes in remote locations around Eskdalemuir dried up.

This left them without water for drinking, bathing or clothes washing, and reliant on limited bottled supplies from the council.

That's when members of the village Hub decided to act – not only helping with washing requirements, but dispatching a van to Lockerbie to pick up enough bottled water to keep all the affected homes afloat.

“Quite a few folk in this area live in very remote locations, which means they aren't connected to the water mains,” explained Lara Porter, manager of the Community Hub.

“Over the course of the last few weeks, with the exceptionally hot and dry weather, their usual water sources dried up – leaving about seven homes struggling for bathing and drinking water.

“They'd come to the Hub to get washing done, but it was clear that something had to be done in order to ensure there was enough bottled water for



UP TO THE PLATE: Eskdalemuir Hub acted by helping with washing requirements and sending a van to Lockerbie to pick up bottled water.

all their needs for as long as the drought continued.

“As the main depot is in Lockerbie, Tony Carruthers got hold of a van and made a trip to collect in bulk.”

Despite having higher-than-average rainfall and cloud cover – and regularly recording some of the coldest winter tempera-

tures in the UK – Eskdalemuir regularly experiences high temperatures and periods of heatwave.

### Record highs

These most recently occurred in the spring of 2018, and the summers of 2021 and 2022. Last July, Eskdalemuir experi-

enced a record high of 32.3C while last week we reported how temperatures reached more than 29C in the area, one of the highest in Scotland.

Now the Hub is planning to equip themselves with a bowser, which can be used on site to supply water whenever similar drought conditions arise in

future.

“A pattern is developing and we need to plan ahead,” Lara said. “Our resilience group works with the council, and we will be looking at raising funds for the bowser.

“Meanwhile we'll continue to provide help and assistance for anyone who needs it.”

## Pothole payout

Dumfries and Galloway Council has paid out more than £500,000 to drivers as a result of potholes in the last five years.

In total 61,196 potholes were reported to the council since 2017/18 of which 31,782 were repaired with £543,035 being paid out by the authority's insurers.

The figures have been revealed as part of a Freedom of Information request to the council from The Standard newspaper.

The local authority received 2,737 claims in five years of which 1,024 were paid out, a rate of 37 per cent. In the last year just a quarter of the 827 claims were paid out (217) for a total of £86,295; 2021/22 saw 525 claims with 237 of them being paid for a total of £172,533, the highest in the five year period.

A council spokesperson said: “In February this year the council allocated more than £30 million of additional funding over the next five years and we are growing our team to be able to undertake more repair work and to fix more potholes.

“The condition of roads right across Scotland is a major challenge with the total funding needed to bring council managed roads up to a good standard across Scotland being estimated at nearly £1.7 billion.

“So while the council is making important additional investment it will still be necessary for us to carefully prioritise repair work to ensure we target the areas of greatest need.”

## Rosie's coming up roses

### Scholarship success at last for Langholm theatre star



STAR IN THE MAKING: Langholm's Rosie Hogg impressed judges with her real maturity

After six determined years, Langholm's Rosie Hogg has been announced as the winner of this year's The Stage Scholarship

And the team at the Carlisle-based Razzamatraz theatre school, where Rosie has performed for many years, say they can't think of “a more dedicated, passionate and hard working student to be awarded this accolade.”

Commenting on her performance, the judges said: “Rosie's entry showed real maturity in her performance, with a clear beginning, middle and end to her storytelling.

“Rosie has impressive control over her voice, and used a lovely blend of belt and speech quality in her vocals. An exciting future ahead for this young performer we predict!”

A spokesman for Razzamatraz said: “We're so proud of Rosie. After six years we are thrilled that in her graduating year, she is the deserving winner of this very special award.”

## Keepin' up wi' Chris...



SUITED & BOOTED: Langholm's Front Three cutting a dash at Selkirk Common Riding, last Friday, as they head to the ball



**NEWS  
in brief**

**Car theft  
& burglary**

Two people have been arrested following the theft of a car and a house burglary in Langholm last week. The vehicle was later found abandoned and damaged in the Waterbeck area.

**Road  
poll**

A new poll shows more than 90 per cent of people want to see two key roads in our region upgraded. The South West Scotland Transport Alliance – which is led by Stena Line, P&O Ferries and Belfast Harbour – has also revealed more than three-quarters of people want the A75 and A77 improved for safety reasons.

**Bridge  
results**

N/S - 1 Ann Smart & Barbara Addison, 2 Bob Francombe & George Graham, 3 Derek Scott & Avril Bannatyne.  
E/W - 1 Doreen Taylor & Lesley McCartney, 2 Doug Dixon & Tom Stohart, 3 Anne Ferguson & Janet Ivison.

# Round Copshaw town they did roam!

Build-up is almost palpable as The Holm prepares



**Tub 2023 Sophie Mitchell has had her first taste of the kind of Pureous Bunkumus that only Copshaw Common Riding can provide.**

Loyal flag-followers congregated at The Trap which is the event's official watering hole on Saturday before playing their part in an afternoon of ancient brand-new traditions for the Ride-Oot.

Braving scorching temperatures they took to their saddles or hitched a lift in the new Bunkum Bus to ride the few hundred yards to the sports field.

Then on Shank's Pony they processed along the riverside to the Holm Brig for other stuff before witnessing Sophie claim back the stolen flag as Tubs before her have done since time immemorial-ish.

In the evening Sophie and her supporters were serenaded by former Tub Ian Nichol with the very first rendition of her special song, with its strong overtones of Beach Boys classic Sloop John B.



**READY FOR THE OFF:**The trusty steeds waiting for their riders at The Trap



**CRUSADE?:** Tub Sophie reclaims the stolen flag in time-honoured fashion



**ALL ABOARD:** The Bunkum Bus – Karen Copeland, Sandy Richardson and Moira Rowan

## Profile of a Tub

**K**nown to her friends as Smitchell, this year's Copshaw Common Riding Tub is a lady of many talents. At the age of just 20 Sophie Mitchell has a list of achievements many a much older person would envy.

Four years ago she played a starring role in Copshaw Cabaret, a much acclaimed show staged by the Liddesdale Performing Arts Society in the village. Sophie transformed herself into Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz with a rendition of Somewhere Over The Rainbow that would have made Judy Garland proud.

She then became a regular columnist for this newspaper's

popular supplement E&L Life, often writing about her passion for motorbikes and sharing tips for favourite bike rides.

Not content with the written word alone, Sophie took to the airwaves after learning the skills of radio presenting with a series of podcasts for the Edinburgh Fringe. She and former Tub Robbie Turnbull co-presented a monthly show called Chart Uncut on popular online audio streaming service Mix Cloud.

Now Sophie's the Copshaw Tub, a role she's longed to play ever since she was a little girl, first watching the Common Riding and then taking to the saddle as a loyal supporter.

Go Tub Smitchell!



# Sunday Fun Day in the park



With everything from an inflatable assault course to teas in the church, the Langholm Parish Church Fun Day promises something for all the family.

Everyone is invited to come along to Buccleuch Park this Sunday from

1pm and bring your own picnic and refreshments.

Langholm Town and Pipe Bands will be in attendance and there will be lots of games and activities to keep everyone amused.

Once you've tackled the assault

course, then had a cup of tea you'll be ready for the highlight of the afternoon, soaking the Cornet!

Chris has had a long, hot summer so far and can think of nothing better than a drookin! Come along to the park on Sunday! Admission is free.

## 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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# Cast your vote for our local heroes!

Awards will celebrate folk who make a difference to communities

People in Langholm are being asked to vote for their local heroes in a national awards scheme aimed at recognising folk who have made a difference to their community.

The Scotland Loves Local Awards celebrates those whose dedication and innovation is making our region a better place to live in the face of unprecedented challenges.

Nominations have opened for the awards, which will see heroics on the high street rewarded, along with responses to the climate crisis.

Artistic flair, work to create new town centre homes, encourage enterprise, make streets more attractive, and digital innovation will also be recognised.

Organised by Scotland's Towns Partnership (STP), the awards celebrate all that's great about local towns and neighbourhoods and tireless work taking place to secure a stronger future in them.

Kimberley Guthrie, STP's Interim Chief Officer, said: "In many ways, the challenges facing our communities have never been greater as we face up to the climate emergency, cost of living and the legacy of coronavirus.

### Challenges

"But many people and organisations across Dumfries and Galloway are stepping up to those challenges. In so many ways, this has brought out the best in our people and places. It's unleashed a desire to make a difference, to create a new future - one which has localism at its heart, with better places in which to live and work.

"The Scotland Loves Local Awards are a chance to shine a spotlight on all of this and so much more. To do that, we need you to tell us about the inspiring people and projects whose dedication and innovation is making a real difference in your community."



- The award categories are:
- **High Street Hero (an individual or organisation making an exceptional difference in their community)**
  - **Place Leader Award**
  - **Climate and Netzero**
  - **Creative Town**
  - **Streets and Spaces**
  - **Digital Town**
  - **Town Centre Living**
  - **Enterprising Community**

Spearheaded by STP and supported by the Scottish Government, Scotland Loves Local is the movement encouraging people to create a better future for their community by choosing local. This is the third year in which the awards have been held.

Nominations can be made at [lovelocal.scot/awards](http://lovelocal.scot/awards), where full category criteria can also

be found. There, you can briefly share the details of your nominee and why you would like to see them recognised.

**The closing date for nominations is 5pm on Monday, September 4 2023. Winners will be announced at a celebration being held in November.**

## Clatter milestone

Newcastleton's Copshaw Clatter reaches its 40th birthday this year and to celebrate, the July edition will be dipping back in time.

Not only will it carry a reproduction of the very first Clatter, which was produced in July 1983 thanks to funding from the then Liddesdale Chamber of Trade but it will be sold at the original price of just 10p.



The Clatter is currently run by husband and wife team Steve and Camille Juliff, who found it to be an invaluable source of advice and information when they first came to live in the village. Little did they think they would soon be editing it. "We arrived in the village towards the end of covid restrictions," Steve says. "A few copies of the Clatter had been left at the house and we learned about the village and contacted trades through the adverts. Many of them have become friends."

## Student Mallory takes a break – on our new bench



SITTING PRETTY: Mallory Stewart Robison tests out the latest bench from the Langholm Walks Group

American student Mallory Stewart Robison took a few minutes out from her studies this week to sample the new bench at Hallpath.

Mallory, who studies at Edinburgh University, was in Langholm to conduct interviews for her thesis on Scottish Land Community purchases. This has taken her to the Isle of Eigg and

now to the Muckle Toon.

The seat is one of seven, along with two picnic tables, which have been placed around and on the Tarras Valley Nature Reserve by the Langholm Walks Group, with funding from the Langholm Charitable Trusts and the Weatherstone family.

This is the area at Hallpath, nine months since it was all

felled. The foxgloves have all appeared and it's a riot of colour. Many wild flower seeds have been spread over the area and once the rains come it will be spectacular.

Also placed there is the final seat from The Langholm Walks Group Seat Project. A pond has been created as well.

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# Farming on the Border



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Farming with Gilly Fraser

## MSPs learn about managing moors

Members of the Scottish Parliament's Rural Affairs and Islands Committee were in the Borders this week to learn about wildlife management from those actively involved.

They visited Roxburgh Estates to find out from land managers how they manage moorland using techniques such as wildlife traps and muirburn, as well as using moorland for grouse shooting.

This is because of the Wildlife Management & Muirburn (Scotland) Bill which aims to address raptor persecution and to ensure that management of grouse moors and related activities are undertaken in an environmentally sustainable and welfare conscious way.

Finlay Carson, the MSP for



MSP: Finlay Carson

Galloway and west Dumfries, who is also the Committee Convenor, said the visit would help members to inform their on-going consideration of the Bill.

"Having recently received well over 5,000 responses to our call for views on this Bill, we understand the passionate interest stakeholders and the wider community in Scotland, and beyond have in the detail of the Scottish Government's proposals," he said.

"It is the Committee's role to ensure that legislation passed by the Scottish Parliament provides a proportionate and workable solution that works for all."

The committee will also focus on the animal welfare and environmental impacts of the wildlife management measures.

## Is rewilding contributing to increase in wildfires?

Could rewilding be one of the culprits behind the increasing number of wildfires?

That's the theory being put forward by Scottish Tenants Association director Alastair Nairn who is calling for further rewilding to be put on hold until the facts can be established.

Mr Nairn's comments come following a spate of wildfires including one in the Highlands which lasted for more than two weeks and was said to be the biggest the UK has ever seen.

Meanwhile nine appliances and specialist resources had to be called in to tackle a fire in Dalshangan Forest near Dumfries.

So far this month four wildfire warnings have been issued by Scotland's Fire and Rescue Service who said even a small flame could spark a fire after a long dry spell.

Mr Nairn believes that large areas left to grow wild allow fire to spread much more easily



MORATORIUM: Scottish Tenants Association director Alastair Nairn is calling for further rewilding to be put on hold until the facts can be established.

than on managed land.

### Culling

He's also calling for an end to deer culling as he believes the animals play an important role in land management by eating much of the vegetation which

could otherwise go on fire.

However a spokeswoman for NatureScot says rewilding can play a positive role in reducing wildfires.

"Restored habitats that are good for nature are often wetter, with soils and vegeta-

tion retaining moisture," she said. "This can help to reduce the risk of wildfires and tackle the climate and biodiversity crises."

She added that deer could have a "negative impact on woodlands and peatlands."

## Farmers' vital role

The vital role that dairy farmers can play in reducing emissions to help get the country to its target of net zero was demonstrated on a Lockerbie farm this week.

Farmer David Hyslop and sons David and Martin of Meinside Farm who milk 460 Holstein Friesian cows at Meinside, played host to cross-party MSPs Finlay Carson, Oliver Mundell, Emma Harper and Colin Smyth.

The meeting was organised after the UK Climate Change Committee wrote to the Scottish Parliament's Rural Affairs and Islands Committee in April, claiming that Scottish dairy cow numbers needed to be cut by 29% to meet emissions targets.

Meinside has a renewable energy system consisting of a 1-megawatt boiler and 2 x 45 kilowatt CHP machines producing electricity to be self-sufficient. Solids are separated from slurry which is then dried using heat from the renewables with the resulting product used to bed all



L-R Tracey Roan and Rory Christie of NFUS; Finlay Carson MSP; Colin Smyth MSP; host farmer David Hyslop; Oliver Mundell, MSP; Emma Harper, MSP and Colin Ferguson, NFUS.

the animals, thus improving sustainability.

NFUS Scotland's Regional Chair Colin Ferguson, and the region's Milk Committee representative Rory Christie were also part of the visit along with NFUS Scotland's Dairy Policy Manager Tracey Roan and Political Affairs Manager Beatrice Morrice.

Tracey Roan, who manages the Scottish Dairy Hub said it was a valuable opportunity to give MSPs an insight into how the dairy sector is sustainable and

show that it is already very much a part of the nation's transition to net zero.

"The dairy sector is playing a vital role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions – at farm level to milk processors – it's happening right along the supply chain," she said.

"On this family farm, the Hyslops provide a great example of how our sector is producing milk with less than half the average emissions per litre compared with global dairy produc-

## The 'wind' of change

The suggestion that the burps of cows are seriously harming the environment may seem ridiculous but the methane they emit is 28 times more potent than CO<sub>2</sub> and cows with a wind problem can produce up to 500 litres of the gas every single day.

Now scientists at Scotland's Rural College have set themselves the task of cutting that amount by half in less than ten years through selective breeding.

Professor Rainer Roehe who's leading the SRUC research team says not all cows are to blame.

"We have found some animals produce half the emissions compared to others, even though they are kept on the same diet and have eaten the same amount of feed," he said.

"They have lower methane emissions because they have inherited genetics that makes the rumen microbe more efficient and thus producing less excess hydrogen."



The project is now looking at using ruminal microbiome-driven breeding on beef cattle, taking semen from bulls identified as inheriting low methane emissions with a view to producing less windy offspring.

### Paramount

Eileen Wall, Head of Research at SRUC, says working together with the farming industry on schemes like this is of paramount importance.

"Our farmers are not only the custodians of the land, but also critical partners in developing and implementing solutions that support sustainable food production and environmental protection," she said.

"By linking science with the invaluable insights and experience of our farming industry, we can accelerate our efforts to tackle climate change and bolster the resilience of our agricultural sector."



# Mountain man Kenton thrills the Muckle Toon

17-times Everest climber's talk attracts a packed house at The Buccleuch

Review by Mark Hallam

Just four weeks after his seventeenth ascent of Everest, mountaineer Kenton Cool was in Langholm last week to deliver a spirited, often hilarious, and wholly engaging talk to a full house at The Buccleuch Centre.

Having taken a 64-year-old Sir Ranulph Fiennes – once described by Guinness Book of Records as “the world’s greatest living explorer” – to the highest place on earth, as well as up the infamous north wall of the Eiger, arguably the toughest climb in the Alps, it could be fair to describe Kenton as “the world’s greatest living mountain guide”.

Despite a medical emergency which meant an unexpected evacuation of the venue, Kenton, cool as ever, switched to alfresco mode and guided his audience outside for half an hour where he continued to fully engage the gathering,

despite an absence of slides and the presence of the June heat, spiced by marauding midges.

He started his audience on a breath-taking journey through the history of Mount Everest, and how its confirmation as the highest mountain on earth kick-started an age of exploration dogged by immense challenges; from political hostility to world wars - and not least to the sheer savagery of the terrain, compounded by serious cold and the poorly understood effects of low oxygen at altitude.

He told of the 1924 expedition, where the lead duo of Mallory and Irvine were to disappear high up on the mountain, leaving the mystery of whether they had succeeded in being first to summit Everest – which still wasn't solved even when the frozen body of Mallory was found 75 years later by an American expedition.

Failure to summit, World War Two and a different political



MOUNTAINEERS: Our reviewer, Mark Hallam (l) meets Kenton Cool at last week's event

scene caused attention to switch, in first instance, to the 1950's and second to the largely unexplored South side of Everest. Kenton then spent some time explaining the series of events culminating in the successful 1953 British

Expedition led by Colonel Sir John Hunt, a British soldier, but where summit pair was Edmund Hillary, a New Zealander, and Sherpa Tenzing.

Famously, the news of this triumph was released just in time for the Coronation of

Queen Elizabeth II.

Kenton went on to explain that the entire decade of the 1950's represented an age of first ascents of the world's 14 peaks of over 8000m or 26,240ft, of which Everest is the highest.

In the 1960s and 70s. Briton Sir Chris Bonnington led a successful ascent of the SW Face in 1975.

The latest era, of the 1990s onwards, has been one of guided expeditions, enabling enthusiasts with lots of money, but insufficient experience, to reach highest places on earth. It has also enabled Kenton to have made the current record number of ascents of Everest, for a non-Nepalese national.

To at least partially answer the question as to why he loves Everest so much, Kenton showed a wonderful slide taken at sunrise from South Summit, showing the shadow of the mountain, stretching to the far horizon...

## Langholm flies the flag

Langholm has been joining in celebrations as the region celebrates Armed Forces Day this weekend.

Events have been held all week being held as part of the annual Armed Forces Day national campaign to provide everyone with the opportunity to show their support for the men and women of the Armed Forces, past and present, including serving troops, their families, Reservists, Veterans and Cadets.

A flag was raised at Langholm Town Hall on Monday and will continue to be flown until next Monday.

An Armed Forces Day Parade will take place from 11.40am until 12.30pm on Saturday, in Dumfries Town Centre. The parade will be led by members of Dumfries and Annan Town Bands, followed by representatives of our retired and serving Armed Forces personnel and by members of our local cadet units.

Cllr Archie Dryburgh MBE, Dumfries and Galloway Council's Armed Forces Champion, said: “For the last 14 years, all but one owing to the pandemic, we have been parading in Dumfries High Street to show our support to our Armed Forces.

“I am pleased to say that we will be parading again this year, and I am asking all Veterans, Reserves, Cadets and Serving Personnel to come along and mark the occasion with us.”

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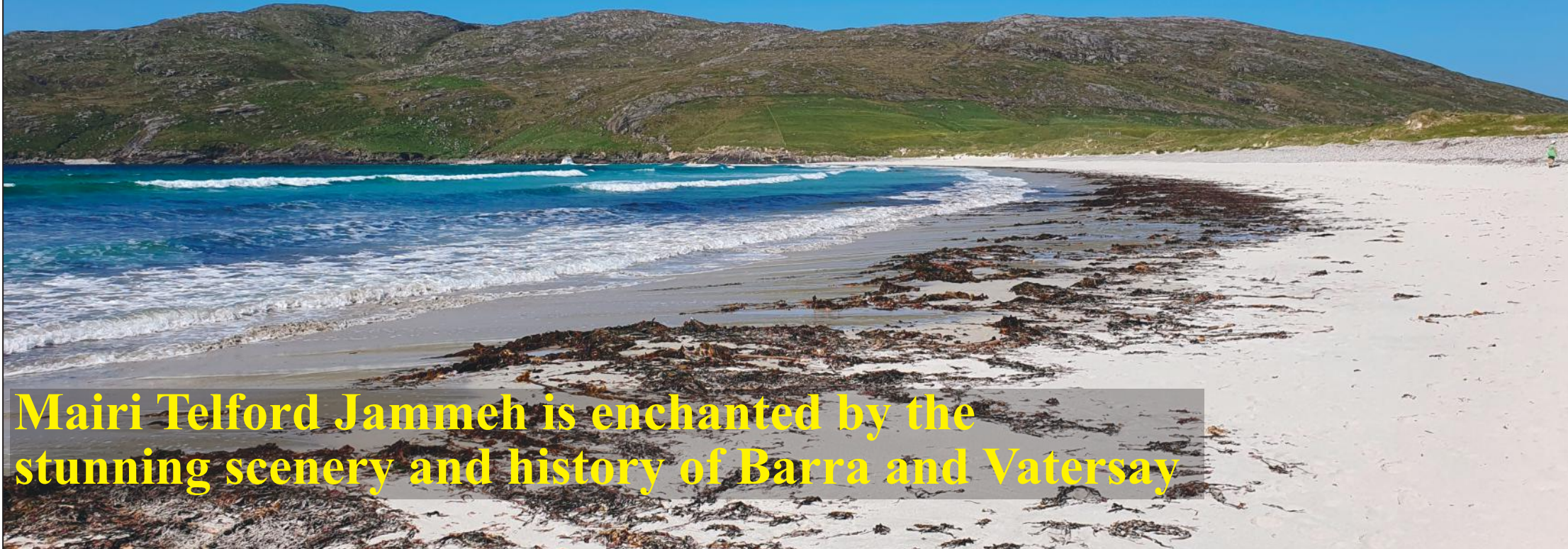
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# Who needs Greece, when our own Western Isles are just a short hop away?



**Mairi Telford Jammeh is enchanted by the stunning scenery and history of Barra and Vatersay**

**A**n island-hopping holiday is more often associated with Greece than Scotland – but travelling around some of the Western Isles can also be wonderful.

I had never visited the most southerly islands and opted to sail to Barra from Oban. The ferry takes five hours, and the sea was calm the whole way.

Those of us on the open deck were lucky to see dolphins alongside the ship and enjoy the scenery as we sailed up the sound of Mull and past the Ardnamurchan point, the most westerly point on the British mainland.

Even as we moved out of the sound and passed Coll to the south, the sea continued to be calm making it a very pleasant crossing.

Arriving into the Castlebay harbour at Barra you are greeted by Kisimul Castle, which is situated on a small rocky island in the bay. The name in Gaelic means the castle of the rock of the small bay.

The castle was the home of the Macneils of Barra for about 400 years. Unfortunately, it is closed to visitors at the moment, but there was a small exhibition by Historic Scotland about it in the Castlebay community centre.

Barra has a small population – approximately 1000 people live there – but it is attached to the island of Vatersay by a causeway. Both islands have beautiful beaches and the machair – the sandy grassy areas on the west side of the islands – were covered in a marvellous display of wildflowers. Skylarks provided the soundtrack for the islands with the familiar peep of the oyster catchers accompanying them.

There is so much interesting history to both islands, and during my visit the islanders were preparing for a homecoming event to welcome descendants of emigrants who left for Canada and America in the nineteenth century.

The people had been

cleared off the land to make way for sheep and were actively encouraged to leave. Some arrived in Nova Scotia in winter without homes or work to go to. The Heritage centre had some moving stories about the departure and subsequent lives of some of the emigrants.

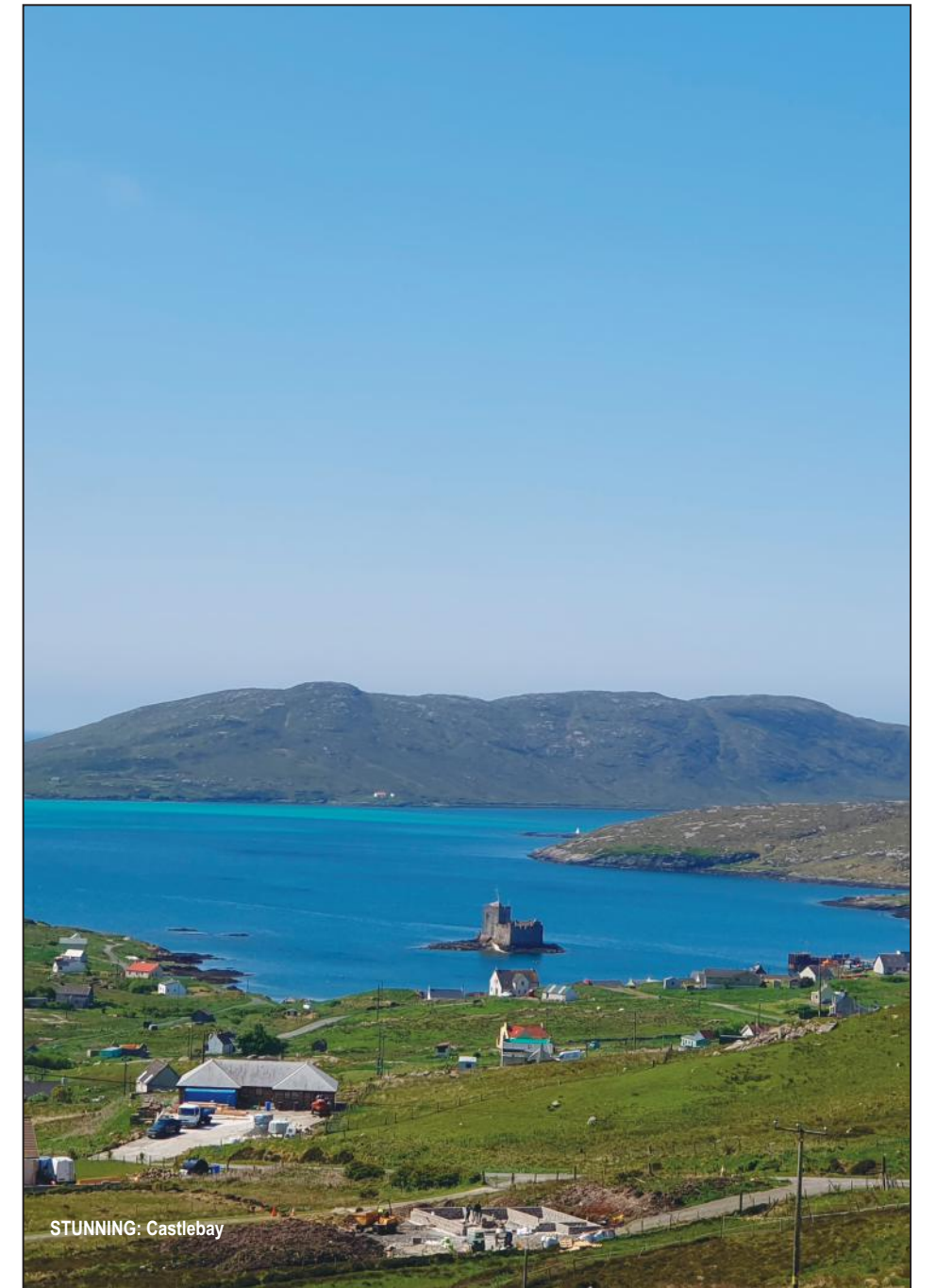
I met the descendant of one emigrant who was visiting Barra for the second time along with her husband. She and I had a tour of several old graveyards and landmarks including the memorial to the Annie Jane – an emigrant ship which sunk off Barra in 1853 with the loss of 350 lives. We also saw the wreckage of a plane which crashed during World War 2, which is still to be seen on Vatersay.

MAIN PICTURE: Vatersay beach

RIGHT: A sandy landing on Barra



ISLAND STRONGHOLD: Kisimul Castle



STUNNING: Castlebay

**O**ne of the names the American woman was interested in was Johnstone and I told her that perhaps that family name was more likely to have come from Dumfriesshire. I know that sometimes when the landowners put sheep on their land in the Highlands and Island the shepherds were brought from our area as they knew how to look after them.

I was lucky to see the small Loganair plane both land and take off from the runway of the Barra airport which is a large beach called Traigh Mhor at the north end of the island. I met several people who had decided to come to the island that way and were staying for a few days. The flight had been on one woman from Cumbria's bucket list, and as she was celebrating a big birthday this was her treat.

On one of the evenings, I managed to get to a fiddle concert by Tued – the Hebridean fiddle project – comprised of three fiddlers

– one from Barra, one from Tiree and one from Lewis. The songs were all in Gaelic and the Northbay village hall was full. The music was a delight, and the audience were very appreciative.

The beaches of Barra and Vatersay are beautiful – white sand and bays of turquoise and blue and, in the weather I had, were sparkling and as stunning as those of the Greek isles.



ABUNDANT: Wild flowers on the Machair



WHITE SANDS: Stunning, both land and sea



AZURE: The seas off the Western Isles were sparkling and as stunning as those of the Greek Isles



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# Crew commander Ian takes a bow

## Copshaw firefighter steps down after 33 years

**Newcastleton Fire Service Crew Commander Ian Nichol has retired from his post after eight years and handed over to his successor Scott Adamson.**

Ian, who runs his own Joinery business in the village, first joined the fire service in 1990 and served until 2002, then took a four-year break before rejoining in 2006 and staying with the crew 'til now. In his role as Crew Commander he supported the Watch Commander and had to take charge at some of the many incidents the firefighters have been called to over the years.

His team-mates say they will really miss Ian not only for his hard work but for the many laughs he brought to the crew and all the tall tales he liked to tell.

Ian says he is taking many

memories with him, but one that really sticks in mind, happened when he was working with fellow former firefighter Philip Hedley.

"We were called out with the Fire Service to Hewsbridge End when it flooded and Philip and I were volunteered to go in and rescue the lady and her daughter," Ian said. "As we were wading across the yard through waist-deep water, Philip suddenly disappeared beneath the water, then reappeared a few moments later coughing and spluttering.

"We rescued the casualties and got them back to the fire engine and then I said something like, "Wow, you really gave me a shock there Philip," to which he replied, "Well it wouldn't be so bad but it was me that dug that hole in the yard a couple of weeks ago!"



Newcastleton Fire Service Crew Commander Ian Nichol handing over to his successor Scott Adamson

## Save water plea

**A fresh plea has been issued for people in our region to use water efficiently.**

Scottish Water has issued the call after the average levels of reservoirs across the country fell by three per cent to 77 per cent – a tenth lower than the average for this time of year.

The hot, dry weather has seen demand for water increase by 20 per cent, resulting in an extra 150 million litres a day being put into the network.

Scottish Water spokesman Jes Juskowiak, said: "We're working hard to maintain normal supplies for all but would again ask that customers consider how they use water and to protect this precious resource.

"We believe that a large part of the additional water use is within gardens so we would ask that customers are mindful of how much water they use in outdoor spaces such as lawns.

"One tip would be for customers to let their garden lawns go brown during the dry weather because its appearance will be temporary and it will recover, but not watering lawns will help save significant amounts of water."

Other water-saving tips include taking shorter showers, turning the tap off when brushing teeth, only using washing machines and dishwashers when full and using a bucket not hose to wash a car.

## Firefighters survive marathon yomp

### Copshaw crew brave heatwave for fundraiser

**Intense, demanding... and definitely not for the faint-hearted!**

That's how one member of Newcastleton Fire Service summed up last weekend's 26-mile Mighty Hike around Ullswater in the Lake District.

Fortunately the weather proved kind for the 11 members of the crew who took part in the event, with overcast skies providing a welcome respite from the sweltering temperatures of recent days.

The Mighty Hike is held every year in different parts of the country to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support. The Copshaw firefighters did it in memory of their very much-missed crew member and friend Jayne Cooney, who died last year from cancer.

With money still coming in, they've already reached more than double the original target of £1,000, placing them in the top 10 percent of fundraisers.

"It was intense and demanding



GALLANT CREW: Copshaw's finest completed the 26-mile Mighty Hike

at times, however doing it with the crew meant the banter and conversation distracted us most of the time," said firefighter Robbie Turnbull.

### Spread out

"We stayed together at the beginning of the hike but soon spread out into different groups due to our different paces. But we finished relatively close together and it took us around

seven hours and 50 minutes, which included lunch breaks and stops.

"At the end everyone said they had really enjoyed it, but I think it's a bit too soon to ask if they would do it again!"

Robbie added: "We can't thank everyone enough for the support. It has been absolutely amazing to see how much people want to help. I have felt really proud to be involved in such an important

## Secret history of horses



**There's a special visitor to the Benty Hall tonight.**

Many will remember Dr Miriam Bibby from her time as curator for the Clan Armstrong Trust, helping to set up the Border Reiver trail, as well as working in Gilnockie Tower.

And those interested in Ancient Egypt, may still recall her night classes at Langholm Academy teaching Egyptology.

Tonight, the focus of Miriam's talk at the Benty is another passion – that of the contribution of Scotland's native horses and ponies, in particular the Galloway Horse.

Miriam feels strongly that this aspect of Scottish history should

become better known. The Galloway Nag was once famous beyond Scotland and has been influential on many of the world's major horse breeds. It is also referenced in literature – check out Shakespeare.

She is now co-editor in chief of the Cheiron: the Journal of Equine and Equestrian History.

Miriam's ability to combine her depth of knowledge with humour guarantees an insightful and entertaining evening.

This will be the first in a series of events hosted by the library, thanks to funding from Crossdykes Community Fund. The talk is free although donations to the library are welcome.



# District Digest

## Kirkpatrick Fleming



### AWARD-WINNING MEMORIAL

The war memorial at Kirkpatrick Fleming is situated just outside the village on the Annan road. It has just been awarded top regional prize in the Best Kept War Memorial Competition 2023.

The War Memorial won the National All category and the Champion of Champions and will now progress on to the Scotland-wide competition.

The judges said "Fantastic work by the community, a war memorial fit for its accolade, it just made us smile."



### VICTORIA HALL

Kirkpatrick Fleming's Victoria Hall is very much the hub of village life.

Many groups make use of the impressive facilities and the hall has undergone a series of improvements over recent years to make it a very well appointed centre for the community.

The photo above shows the hall in use by Kirkpatrick Fleming's Baby and Toddler group which is attended by around 20 youngsters accompanied by their mums.



MTM Chairman, John Hammond meets Maureen Sharp who is secretary/treasurer of both Kirkpatrick Fleming's Victoria Hall and the community council.

# The E&L General Knowledge Quiz

No. 2318...answers next week

- 1) 'I am not afraid of death, I just don't want to be there when it happens' is a quote attributed to which comedian/film director/writer one of whose early films was 'Sleeper'
- 2) What is the name of the Polish trade union founded in 1980 by shipyard workers?
- 3) According to Jewish folklore, Lilith was the first wife of which biblical character?
- 4) Who became Leader of the House of Commons in May 2021?
- 5) What does the 'C' stand for in the United Nations organisation known as UNESCO?
- 6) What is the county flower of Lancashire?
- 7) The animal with the longest life span is a species of what?
- 8) According to Greek mythology, who defeated the Minotaur in its labyrinth in Crete?
- 9) Which musical duo were previously known as Tom and Jerry?
- 10) The Battle of Tewkesbury in May 1471 took place during which war?
- 11) This card game is known as 'solitaire' in the US. What's the traditional name for the game in the UK?
- 12) In Roman mythology, who did Apollo curse to always be disbelieved?
- 13) Who was the only wife to survive Henry VIII?
- 14) The film 'Moneyball' is based around which sport?
- 15) In 1992 puppets Zig and Zag found fame in the UK appearing on which TV show?
- 16) English metallurgist Harry Brearley is credited with the invention of which material that brought affordable cutlery to the nation?
- 17) True or false; The makeup artist behind the 'Max Factor' brand was called Maximilian Faktorovich?
- 18) Approximately how many muscles are there in the human body? a) 650 b) 1650 c) 2650
- 19) Gary Anderson and Phil Taylor are famous names in which sport?
- 20) Queens and Staten Island are two of the five boroughs that make up which US city?

# Last week's puzzle and Crossword Solutions

## Quiz 2317

- 1 £2
- 2 1900s (1909)
- 3 Newcastle Upon Tyne
- 4 25
- 5 Cricket
- 6 Football Association Cup 1872
- 7 Catherine Parr
- 8 The Merchant of Venice
- 9 Rowan Williams
- 10 Albert Einstein
- 11 Donald & Keifer Sutherland
- 12 Stella
- 13 Nigel
- 14 Martin Sheen & Emilio Estevez
- 15 Jerry
- 16 False; it's Jon Voight
- 17 George H W Bush (64 vs 54)
- 18 Coppola (Francis Ford & Sofia)

## Crossword 2317

Across: 6 Burr, 7 Stressed, 9 Pronouns, 10 G D P, 11 Self-conscious, 14 Starting lines, 17 Foe, 18 Bereaved, 19 Missiles, 20 Calf.

Down: 1 Nutrient, 2 Transformers, 3 Pseudo, 4 Crusts, 5 Hemp, 8 Significance, 12 Nun, 13 Unevenly, 15 In bulk, 16 Garish, 17 Fair.

# Never a Crossword!

No. 2319..answers next week

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

### Across

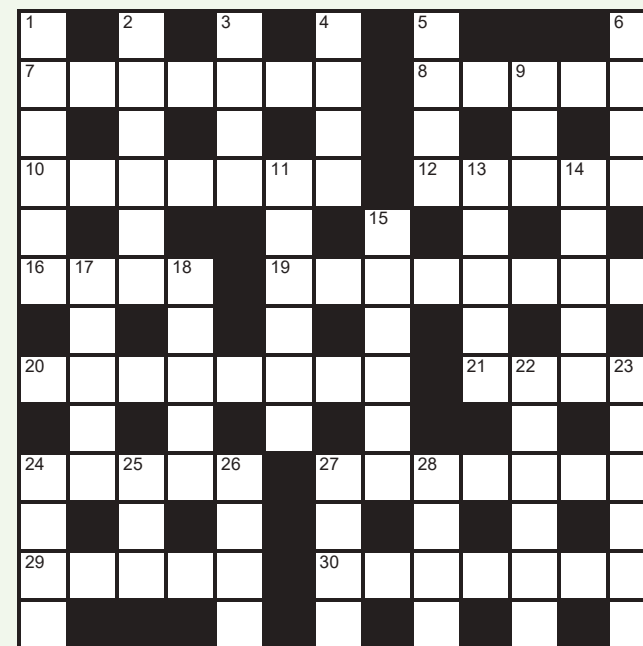
- 7 Pleasant feature (7)
- 8 A long time (2,3)
- 10 Observes (5,2)
- 12 Like a promenade on a wet day (5)
- 16 "Eh?" (4)
- 19 Alaska's --- Islands (8)
- 20 One who quarrels noisily (8)
- 21 Ice melter (4)
- 24 Fictions (5)
- 27 Does very well (7)
- 29 Enter (3,2)
- 30 Embassy specialist (7)

### 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)







Looking back...

## Inns and Hostleries...a muckle boozy history!

The E&L's ALISON ASTON delves back in the archives to discover an astonishing number of 'boozers' that once existed in the Muckle Toon. The article is from the E&L in 1973.

Recent mention of Mossypaul in the Notes and Comments column has apparently caused quite a bit of controversy in the town – not about the Ewesdale hostelry in particular, but of the number of similar establishments in the Muckle Toon which offered facilities to the travelling and tipping customers over a century and a half ago.

In this connection there appears to be a bit of confusion of thought as to where exactly were the sites of those now defunct "pubs" and in response to numerous requests we give the following list of the places where Langholm worthies used to sit and quench their thirst.

Beginning at the Townfoot the Inns were as follows – "The George" at the head of the Gas Entry; "The Salutation", later the Buccleuch Hotel, now the residence of Mr AJ Jeffrey; "The Cross Keys" where the shop of Messrs Little, bakers is situated; "The Royal Oak" which used to stand in The Straits which have now entirely disappeared; "The Shoulder of Mutton" now the Douglas Hotel, the latter name being given after Robbie Douglas who was for so long the genial landlord of the premises; "The Swan" where Langholm Library now stands; "The King's Arms" now the Eskdale Hotel; "The Highland Laddie" now the shop occupied



TOP: Horse and carts outside the Buccleuch Arms at the south end of the High Street

BOTTOM: For the more pious, The Eskdale Temperance Hotel is still in the Market Place (but no longer temperance!!)

Thanks to Langholm Archive for the photos

by Miss Jean White; "The Globe" now the shop occupied by Messrs Latimer; "The Commercial" now the café and shop of Mr James Morrison; "The Crown" as at present; "The Shepherd" where the shop of Mr Winter is; "The Buck" as at present; "The Bull" where the shop of Mr W Hotson is.

### Drovers

In the High Street were also "The Crown and Thistle", probably named after the Common Riding emblems, "The Ship Inn" and "The Little Oak" were near the junction of Drove Road and the Kirk Wynd; and near to the former Congregational Kirk was "The Ewe and Lamb" which it is said was greatly patronised by drovers.

In the New Town there was Jamie Yeoman's at the foot of the Factory Entry on the south side and "The Trap" at the foot of the entry of the north side; "The Wheatsheaf" was in Buccleuch Square; "The Plough" in Thomas Telford Road; "The White Swan" at Moodlawpoint just at the junction of Caroline Street and Henry Street. There was another one in Henry Street and one in the Free Kirk Entry near to the present entrance to the Health Centre.

These were all dignified with the name of Inn, and in most, if not all of them, refreshment in the shape of meals could be had. In addition it is chronicled that there was a large number of what were termed at the time as "dram shops", where drink could be obtained in plenty but which made no pretence of offering any other accommodation or refreshment, while there were also four shops in the town where drink could be purchased over the counter.

# C & D Marts (Longtown) Primestock Report Thursday 15th June, 2023



C&D Auction Marts Limited had forward 6,486 sheep comprising of 2,034 prime hogs, 722 spring lambs and 3,730 cast ewes & rams at their weekly sale at Longtown on Thursday 15th June 2023.

Cast cows easily maintain recent high rates, more numbers required on a weekly basis. The sale topped at £1,548 for a Limousin cow shown by Shankbridge End Farm Ltd, Shankbridge End, Hethersgill. Angus cows to £1,504 from JA & E Dinwoodie, Archerbeck, Canonbie who also sold Simmentals at £1,483. Top per kilo of 215p and 209p from Archerbeck.

A smaller show of 722 spring lambs forward, less quality forward and meeting slight resistance but easier sold than other centres earlier in the week. More lambs are required for next week's sale and will be sold to vendor's advantage.

Top per kilo of 379p for Beltex lambs shown by CJ Roots, Kilford Croft, Dumfries who also went on to top the price per head with Texel lambs selling to £160.

Overall average 300.7p (SQQ 305.8p)

### PRINCIPAL PRICES (PER KILO)

**Beltex** 379p Kilford Croft.  
**Texel** 352p, 348p Kilford Croft, 339p Frost Hall, 333p Kilford Croft, 333p, 331, 330p Dian House.  
**Rouge** 326p, 320p Crawfordhall.  
**Suffolk** 312p, 311p, 307p Cambeckhill, 305p Grindon Hill, 304p Drumburn, 302p Cambeckhill.  
**Charollais** 311p Crawfordhall.  
**Dutch Spotted** 289p Maulscastle.  
**PRINCIPAL PRICE (PER HEAD)**  
**Texel** £160 Kilford Croft, £154 Kimmeter Green, £153 Dian House, £150 Kilford Croft & Kimmeter Green.  
**Beltex** £154 Kilford Croft, £150 Woodhouse.  
**Suffolk** £150 Southfield, £149 Kimmeter Green, £146 Barnhill Mews, £145 Grindon Hill, £144 Drumburn, Cambeckhill, Englishtown, Maulscastle & Westend.  
**Rouge** £150 Crawfordhall.  
**Hampshire** £140 Midtodholes, £137 Tetcott, £135 Midtodholes.  
**Charollais** £137 Crawfordhall.

**A larger show of 2,034 prime hogs** were forward. Small hogs sold to realisation, over weight hogs still coming to good money and can still be sold to vendor advantage. Top per kilo of 314p for Beltex hogs

from N Retson, Maidencots, Abington. Top per head of £185 for Beltex from S Stoddart, Hillside, Wigton. Achieving an overall average 234.4p (SQQ 225.2p)

### PRINCIPAL PRICES (PER KILO)

**Beltex** 314p Maidencots, 308p, 300p Hillside, 296p Netherhill, 289p Breckon Hill.  
**Texel** 304p Mount Pleasant, 296p Lower Ardmannoch, 286p Breckon Hill & Mount Pleasant, 285p Maidencots.  
**Suffolk** 304p Maidencots, 273p Depsic Lae, 272p Mount Pleasant, 263p Lower Ardmannoch.  
**Cheviot** 291p Mount Pleasant, 269p The Anvil, 264p Maidencots, 262p Cairnbowie.  
**Mule** 264p Kingside, 262p Breckon Hill, 254p Mount Pleasant, 250p Hoddamtown & Townfoot.  
**Blackface** 263p Hoddamtown, 250p Little Tongue, 249p Mount Pleasant, 244p Deepsic Lane.  
**Charollais** 263p Mount Pleasant.  
**Herdwick** 245p Breckon Hill, 242p Causey View.  
**Swaedale** 240p Mount Pleasant.

### PRINCIPAL PRICE (PER HEAD)

**Beltex** £185 Hillside, £172 Orthwaite

Hall, £160 Netherhill, £157 Maidencots, £155 Orthwaite Hall.

**Texel** £176 Barnglies & High Parson Bridge, £175 Lanehead, £174 Barnglies, £172 High Trewhitt & Breckon Hill.

**Suffolk** £170 Evertown, £168 Barnglies, £160 Guards, £158 Maidencots, £156 Townfoot.  
**Mule** £160 Camphill, £148 Kingside, £145 Unthank, £140 Camphill, £139 Maidencots, £138 East Polquhirter.

**Cheviot** £150 Upper Hindhope & Hindhope, £143 Mount Pleasant, £138 High House.

**Cheviot Mule** £148, £140 Thornship.  
**Oxford** £140 Guards.  
**Blackface** £134 Hoddamtown, £130 Little Tongue.

**A larger show 3,730 cast ewes and rams** were forward, meeting slight resistance for over fat ewes whilst good selling texels and shapley continental ewes sold to recent high rates of return.

Texel ewes topped at £250 shown by RD Fleming, Hillhead, Kirkpatrick Fleming & Whitehill.  
Hill ewes to £112 for Cheviots from B Verrill, Sundaysight, Hexham.  
Rams sold to £235 for Texels from WJ Skelton, Homerigg, Maryport.

John Walton 07880 527 066  
Sam Hogg 07584 207 323  
Norman Douglas 07786 366 833

### HEAVY EWES

**Texel** £250 Hillhead, £250, £240 Whitehill, £225 Kingside, £218 Rowan Garth, £215 Raggettsyke.  
**Suffolk** £180 Tercrosset, £158, £150 Maulscastle, £150 High House, £144 Maulscastle & Park Nook.

**Beltex** £170 Tercrosset, £162 Maulscastle, £160 Seymour House.  
**Charollais** £148 Beckfoot, £145 Outer Wood Head, £138 Whitehill.

**Rouge** £145 Crawfordhall.  
**Roussin** £138 Coxhill, £132 Redhall.  
**Cheviot Mule** £132, £127 Seymour House, £127 Jethart, £126 Lower Ardmannoch.

**Bluefaced Leicester** £132 Nunsclough.  
**Mule** £130 Craighead, £118 Hyde Park, £116 Whitehill & Unthank, £115 Broomhills & Old Rectory.  
**North Country Cheviot** £127 Whitehill, £120 East Mains & Marygate.

### LIGHT EWES

**Cheviot** £112 Sundaysight, £107 Morebattle Tofts, £106 Kingside & Kirkton, £104 Lawesknowe & Priestthaugh, £103 Morebattle Tofts.  
**Swaedale** £110, £103 Whitehill.

**Blackface** £107 Unthank, £101 Mouldyhill, £99, £98 Unthank, £98, £96 Whitehill, £94 Mouldyhill.  
**Leyn** £95 The Height.

### RAMS

**Texel** £235 Homerigg, £195 Newbigging, £180 Half Mark.  
**Beltex** £160 Whitehill.  
**Bluefaced Leicester** £140 Kingside & High Parkfoot.  
**Suffolk** £140 Treloy, £130 Beckfoot.

**Blue Texel** £130 Slealands.

**Cheviot** £128 Upper Hindhope, £124 Hindhope.

### Averages:

**Hogs**  
Light to 262.0p (173.6p)  
Standard to 300.0p (220.7p)  
Medium to 300.0p (237.3p)  
Heavy to 314.0p (247.7p)

**Lambs**  
Light to 339.0p (338.7p)  
Standard to 379.0p (314.1p)  
Medium to 352.0p (303.3p)  
Heavy to 333.0p (291.5p)  
Overweight to 283.0p (253.8p)

**Ewes**  
Light to £112.00 (£72.97)  
Heavy to £250.00 (£110.12)  
**Rams to** £235.00 (£121.96)



# The E&L Gallery



SOUTH BANK SHOW: A summer evening of riparian splendour captured from Mary Street, Langholm by Mairi Telford Jammeh

Camera: Samsun Galaxy

# Do you have ‘Any Questions?’

The Buccleuch Centre is to host a live recording and broadcast of BBC Radio 4’s Any Questions?

Any Questions? is one of the longest-running political panel shows in the world, turning 75 this year. Presented by Alex Forsyth, Radio 4’s flagship political panel programme is heading to Langholm on Friday 07 July.

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PRESENTER: Alex Forsyth is in the chair



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	Welcome Wednesday & Scrap Store	11:30-2:30	CM Space DG13 0ES
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Sun 25th	Langholm Parish Church Family Fun Day	Buccleuch Park from 1pm
Mon 26th	Esk Valley Red Squirrel Group Annual General Meeting,	Langholm Social Club 7pm
Tue 27th	Youth Beatz Fringe Bubble Football	Langholm 3G Pitch 7-9pm
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# Scott's Memorial Bowls

## Great day, great bowls, great memories

The second Scott Morrison Memorial Bowls tournament once again proved a huge success, with a full entry of 64 pairs drawn from across the area to an event jointly organised by both of Langholm's bowling clubs.

And thanks are due to to every person who entered, and to the members of Old and New clubs who helped make this special gathering such a triumph.

The eventual winners were the Ancrum pair of Gregor Law and

Jimmy Renwick who defeated Chris MacDougal and Dinah Crozier of Wilton in the final.

Beaten semi-finalists were Steven Barker and Kevin Irving from Langholm Old and Hawick's Alan and Gavin Brady.

In the quarter finals the beaten pairs were Jamie Johnstone and Gavin Lynch from Gretna, Colin and Evelyn Sutherland from Wilton, Kevin and Eddie Murray from Annan and Wilton's Irene Bennet and Alastair Taylor.



CHAMPIONS: Gregor Law and Jimmy Renwick triumphed at Saturday's tournament and are seen here being presented with the trophy by Diane and Tommy Morrison



SQUAD!: Simon Wood, Neil Campbell, Luke Tolson and Lawson Reid man the bar at the New Town



APPROVAL: A thumbs up from club veteran Mackie Johnstone



VOLUNTEERS: Linda Irving and Anne Wilkinson, Trish Keeney and Caroline Phillips and Karl Nawrocki keeping score. Everyone played their part in making it a special day in memory of a special lad





# Langholm spin king Chris proves decisive

## Four-wicket blitz propels Castleholm to another win

### Cricket

Langholm entertained Edenhall on Sunday and just managed to squeeze out a victory before the rains arrived.

Edenhall batted first and managed 130, with Chris Stewart taking four wickets; in reply Langholm reached the target in the 31st over, mainly due to a 92-run partnership between Duncan Elliott and Tony Steele.

Edenhall skipper Johnny Kidd won the toss and elected to bat on the extremely dry wicket. Their opener Rob Bland looked in great form, with some exquisite drives reaching 16 in four overs.

Fortunately for Langholm he was caught behind off Corey Park with Elliott taking a low catch in the slips. And the old saying one brings two couldn't be more apt, as next over the visitors skipper Kidd hit a short Ryan Johnstone long hop straight to Chris Stewart at point leaving Edenhall 26 for two.

Langridge and Holland were now at the crease and Langholm found it difficult to contain them



as they added 45 for the 3rd wicket.

It was the Langholm skipper Steele who made the breakthrough, clean bowling Langridge for 37. Next to go was Wentworth caught by Stewart off Graham Park's bowling for 13 with the score now 102 for four.

Langholm were beginning to get on top even more so when Johnstone took a good catch off Holliday off Dave Steele's bowling to leave Edenhall 110 for five.

The introduction of spinner Chris Stewart proved decisive as the visitors batsman had no answer to his looping off spin as he claimed four wickets in 13 balls.

First McDonald was stumped by Duggan for four, then Holliday followed the same way for 0. Next over he had

Bowman caught by Elliott for 0 and finally Dave Steele took the catch for a spirited 19, leaving Edenhall all out for 130.

In the bowling for Langholm, Stewart had 4-5, Dave Steele 2-19, Graham Park 1-9, Ryan Johnstone 1-16 and Corey Park 1-28. Although well within Langholm's reach 130 is never a bad score on the Castleholm and they would still have to bat well.

Langholm did not make a good start as with only four on the board Stuart Duggan was out LBW to Wentworth.

This brought Hughie Donaldson in to join Big Dunc and they added 13 before Hughie on 8 gave Wentworth his second wicket with a caught and bowled.

Tony Steele now joined Elliott and slowly but surely they

rebuilt the Langholm innings, passing 50 in the 14th over.

The run rate began to increase as the clouds grew overhead and the 100 was brought up in the 26th over. Dunc had just passed his 50 when he was run out for 54 with 22 still needed, and when Steele was stumped on 44 Langholm were on 115.

The only danger was the weather, but Nicky P and Graham Park soon knocked off the winning run to secure a six-wicket victory.

Another victory takes Langholm to second in the League with a game in hand. There's a brief hiatus from league action this weekend, with the 100 Cup with games against Carleton and Appleby 2nds.



## Schools honour for Matilda

### Athletics

Langholm student Matilda Brockley has been selected to represent Scottish Schools in the International Track and Field match which is being held next month.

The match is taking place in Grangemouth and also includes school teams from England, Ireland and Wales. Matilda, 15, will compete in the triple jump.

# Canonbie Primary are netball heroes

### Netball

The Annandale and Eskdale Primary Schools Netball Festival was held at Hecklegirth Primary School which is part of the annual primary schools sporting calendar.

The event, run by Active Schools and Community Sport for Dumfries and Galloway Council had 16 teams from 11 local primary schools competing in both the small and large schools in Fun 5's netball.

In the small schools' final, the A Team from Canonbie Primary School were the overall winners after a round robin competition, with Carrutherstown Primary runners up and Cummertrees Primary School in third place.

In the large school event, Elmvale Primary A won the final against

Newington Primary A who took home the silver medals and Hecklegirth Primary won the bronze medal match with Langholm A in fourth place.

### Sportsmanship

Two awards, chosen by the umpires were awarded to players who showed best sportsmanship, effort and general all round good play. These were presented to Mia Elliott from Gretna Primary School in the large school's event and Nadia Grzechowiak from St Columba's Primary School in the small school's event.

A council spokesperson said "It was a great event to watch and the standard of play from all the players was excellent. Congratulations to all involved in showing great determination, team spirit and enthusiasm for the game."



CHAMPS: Canonbie Primary School A Team were the overall winners in the small schools' final

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