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## Dozens take their 'First Bite'

Nicole 'very busy' as her long-awaited new café opens in the Market Place



By Alan Weatherstone

OVER TO YOU: After a mammoth refurbishment, Gillian McCartney of The Stevenson Trust hands over the keys of 70 High Street to Nicole Beattie of Beattie's Bakes

It's always great news when a new business opens up on Langholm High Street, and the recently opened First Bite in the Market Place will put a smile on everyone's face.

Nicole Beattie, the popular owner of Beattie's Bakes, has been looking forward to her new premises for some time now, saying 'it's been hard work and a long haul, but the end result is well worth it'.

The Stevenson Trust, which owns the premises, has carried out a complete refurbishment of the tired old insides

to provide a bright, modern, well-designed interior, more than fit for purpose.

Gillian Mc Cartney of The Stevenson Trust told the E&L "Bearing in mind the original shop was built nearly 200 years ago, the refurbishment of 70 High Street was a bigger undertaking than any of us could have imagined and fraught with challenges too. However, we were fortunate to have a very competent team of local tradespeople and advisers who worked alongside The Stevenson Trust to create such a

fabulous end result.

*From the full strip-out, reconfiguration and renovation, we're delighted to have created a modern, well appointed café and with Nicole and her team at the helm, we have no doubt that First Bite will serve Langholm's locals and visitors very well. We wish her every success."*

Nicole plans to have the café open as much as she can and is currently open at 7am to catch the early birds with some breakfast offerings and stays open till 4pm most days. Pop in, you'll

love it!

David Stevenson, chairman of The Stevenson Trust said "Our team of tradesmen, architects and project manager have put a lot of work into making a 19th century grocer fit for purpose as a modern day café/coffee shop.

"First Bite does Langholm proud and will be open when we need it to be open. We are delighted by the initial reaction to First Bite and hope it will become a catalyst for more people spending more time in the town centre. Making a business viable on Langholm High Street is no mean feat – parking is hopeless and getting worse and this makes the town centre unattractive, particularly to visitors.

"Nicole and her team have a lot of experience in catering and certainly don't lack ideas and commitment. I hope they get the rewards they deserve.

"Next up is to find a solution and a tenant for Welcome to Langholm which is in a poor state of repair and needs a lot of work done to it."

After making a success of her bakery business, Beattie's Bakes, Nicole now has a customer-facing establishment smack, bang in the middle of Langholm which will allow her to expand and progress and make the most of her baking.

With the help of her team of Mum Jackie, Aunt Carol, and friend Ellie, the future looks bright.

Let's all get behind her and give her as much support as we can and be grateful for another little boost to the future of our beloved Langholm High Street!

> Turn to Page 7 for more

## Murtholm: still no answers

Concern continues to grow over the fate of the ambitious Murtholm housing development in Langholm.

Work on Phase One of the proposed 200-home scheme came to a sudden halt in May, with groundwork contractors Cubby moving their heavy plant from the site.

According to developers Loreburn, the problem was down to a dispute over access rights with neighbouring landowners. But a spokesman told the E&L that the issues were close to being resolved and operations would recommence on or around May 22.

This was then pushed back until late June – but there is still no sign of work restarting on 35 extra care bungalows and a new footbridge across the Esk.

Langholm councillor Denis Male says he has approached Loreburn for answers but remains concerned about the future of the development.

"I was told, to begin with, that there was no set date for a restart," he said. "Then I received a second call saying that they hoped to restart in a few weeks but couldn't guarantee it.

"I have now contacted our MSP Oliver Mundell, and he has written to the Loreburn chief executive, so we will see what he gets as an answer."

Loreburn have not responded to requests for information from the E&L this week.

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For locals too, we need to remember that Langholm has a reputation for 'punching well above its weight' we need to use the High Street and keep the punches swinging. Good luck Nicole!

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## Keepin' up wi' Chris...



Langholm Young Riders kicked off the Common Riding season in style at their 'Bowler Hat Do' at the Masonic Lodge on Friday. Sixty members past and present were in attendance.

The proceedings were led by chairperson Ellie Hotson, with Hughie Donaldson entertaining the crowd with two songs, and Cornet Christopher Tait giving a rousing rendition of the Crying of the Fair.

Toasts to the Common Riding, Young Riders and to the Cornet were given by Callum Scott, Glen Jamieson, and Danny Tait respectively. Young Riders Aaron and Cameron Jardine then presented Cornet Tait with his bowler hat, as well as presenting Semi-Jubilee Cornet Devlin, Jubilee Cornet Bell, and Diamond Jubilee Cornet Ellwood with gifts to commemorate their special year.

Cornet Tait will be the sixth member of the Young Riders to carry the flag. Thanks go to Kate, Angela and Sheena for serving a wonderful meal, and Paul for keeping the bar going.



# The Graduates...

## This year's successful students

If you, or a family member have graduated from college or university recently, please send in a photograph and details of your Uni/College and we'll happily publish it.



CATHRYN YOUNG of Langholm graduated from the University of Aberdeen with a postgraduate Diploma in Education Modern Studies (1st class)



MATTHEW GRIEVE of Langholm graduated from Glasgow's Strathclyde University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English and History with Second Class Honours, Upper Division



ELIZABETH CALLAGHAN (TINKER) of Linlithgow graduated from University of Stirling with a Diploma in Teaching Qualification for Further Education (with Merit)



BRAW LADS: Chris with girlfriend Leah and his trusty steed, Ralph, prepare for another day, another Common Riding

# Government urged to order review of controversial Langholm forestry plans



By David Greybe

**MUCH-LOVED:** Warb Law Hill is a natural and precious asset that should be protected at all costs

**Calls are growing for the Scottish Government to intervene and assess the impact of several industrial scale commercial proposals for extensive Sitka spruce forests in the immediate Langholm area, including Warb Law Hill.**

Margaret Pool, long-time member and former Chair of Langholm Initiative, is urging the Government to establish a landscape scale Cumulative Impact Assessment for the Warb Law Hill proposal and other forestry proposals for the Langholm area.

This would take into consideration forestry develop-

ments already approved, some in the process of being planted, as well as those in the pipeline, said Margaret.

## Unchecked

“This is unchecked rapid and large-scale landscape and land use change and I believe the adverse impacts on our community are not being properly assessed as part of the statutory processes,” according to Margaret.

“Local residents need an independent assessment of such a swift transition, rather than a scheme by scheme approach, so that the overall impact can be properly understood and

mitigated,” Margaret explained. “I am not against forestry,” she stressed. “Forestry has its place, however, it’s about the right tree, the right place, the right reasons and in appropriate locations for large-scale commercial forestry.”

With the majority of the 700-1000ha of commercial plantation proposals on what was until recently productive farmland, Margaret argues that, if given the go-ahead, the proposals will lead to yet more land being taken out of production.

## Farming

This, in turn, would affect the future of local farming in critical

areas such as food security and opportunities for young farmers.

“People working and living on the land are an integral part of our local culture,” said Margaret. “However, the current proposals for such large-scale forestry risk de-populating our hills and valleys on a huge scale. Dare I pose the question... could this be the beginning of modern day clearances?”

As well as destroying farmland, the proposals, if implemented, will cause environmental as well as aesthetic damage to a much loved area of natural beauty, Margaret said.

“After years of economic decline following the near demise

of the textile industry, the successful completion of the South of Scotland’s largest community land buy-out appeared to be offering the community, if not the country, a glimmer of hope,” Margaret continued. “The buy-out has facilitated the creation of a new nature reserve, dedicated to ecological restoration, wildlife conservation and the opportunity to develop adventure and nature based tourism. However, industrial scale commercial forestry, inappropriately located, will drastically threaten our aspirations as a community to regenerate and create an even better place to live, work and visit.”

## Royal drive-by

The E&L’s very own Alison Aston attended the Royal Garden Party at Holyrood Palace earlier this week along with her friend Mag Latimer.

Being women of the world, they decided to make a trip of it and booked a hotel in Leith for a few nights stay.

Having checked in to the hotel, the two toddled down for dinner in the restaurant and made themselves comfortable.

While sipping on their wine and perusing the menu, Mag happened to look out of the window and exclaimed “Alison, look!” Alison looked and saw a motorcycle outrider speeding past the hotel closely followed by the State limousine carrying none other than the King and Queen.

It is reported by a lip-reader standing close by that the King turned to Camilla and said “Look darling, there’s Mag and Alison, we’ll be seeing them tomorrow”

## Bridge results

N/S - 1, Bob Francombe & John Packer, 2, Doug Dixon & Tom Stothart, 3, Derek Scott & Jim Muir.

E/W - 1, Nancy McLure & Anne Ferguson, 2, Janet Ivison & Lesley McCartney, 3, Sandra Ritchie & Anne Hislop.

## Adam closes in on epic quest

**Two thousand miles down – just another 700 to go!**

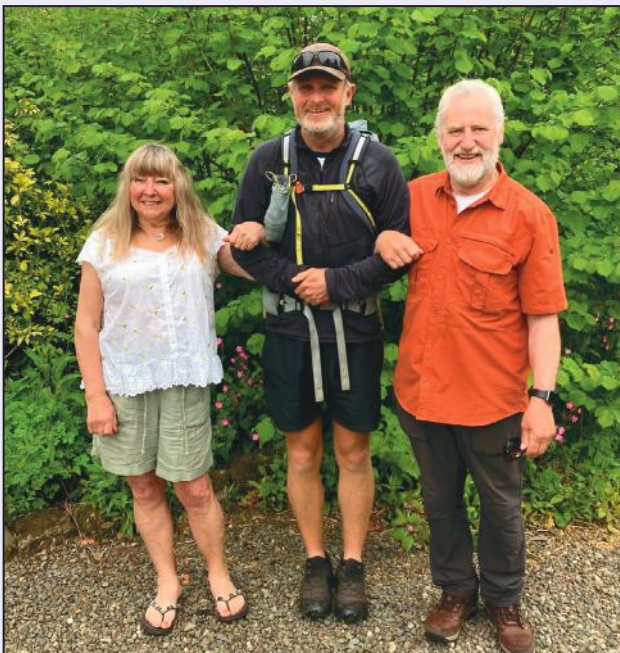
**That’s the challenge still remaining for footsore Adam Brown, who is currently attempting a marathon walk across the UK in memory of a former Langholm teacher.**

Anna Pike, whose parents Nigel and Jenny live in Canonbie, died at the age of 39 after a battle with a rare form of cancer, and towards the end of her life received care from the Eden Valley Hospice in Carlisle. Adam, a close friend, vowed to raise money for the hospice and earlier this year set off on a 2,700-mile walk taking in the Scottish National trail, the Pennine Way and the Wales Coast Path.

“The hospice provided fabulous support to Anna’s family throughout the most difficult of times, and these funds will enable it to continue providing care to adults and children with life limiting conditions in the future,” he said.

Adam is now on his way to Cornwall to complete The South West Coast Path and will then walk to Buckingham Palace, where he intends to end his epic journey.

Donations can be made at [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Adam-Brown113](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Adam-Brown113).



**CLOSE FRIEND:** Adam Brown paid a visit to Nigel and Jenny Pike in Canonbie during his mammoth journey

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## End of an era for Liddesdale

It's a tale of one door opens and another closes in Newcastleton, with the announcement that the village's popular Liddesdale Hotel is set to close.



It has been at the heart of village social life for many years but Manager Tomasz Milkowski says the unprecedented energy price spiral and soaring inflation have placed an immense strain on businesses, making it increasingly challenging to sustain operations. He says the decision has not been an easy one but he believes it's the most responsible choice considering the current economic situation.

Local people have been swift to express their regrets but to thank Tomasz and his partner Aleksandra for their great hospitality over the years.

The Liddesdale will close in September, but meanwhile the Grapes Hotel next door has reopened under new owners brother and sister team Steven and Sharn Swan and their partners.

# Threat of minimum class sizes is worrying parents

## As D&G grapples with the funding gap, rural schools may suffer

Parents of pupils at Langholm Academy say they're gravely concerned about proposals to change minimum class sizes which they say discriminate against smaller rural schools and could mean senior pupils can no longer access some subjects.

Dumfries and Galloway Council is currently facing an estimated funding gap of £40 million over the next three years. The ruling Conservative group's budget stated that changes might include "larger class sizes and a reduction in locally delivered options such as Advanced Highers. The aim would be to ensure that subject choice is increased and broadened so that all young people have access to a similar Senior Phase course choice by using digital means."

Parent Lucy MacLeod who has a daughter in S4 says online learning is no substitute for the rich experience of face-to-face teaching.

"The measures outlined in the budget document indicate that staff may be lost and that in-person teaching for smaller class sizes will be substituted for on-line learning - something that this generation of young people have had quite enough of,



DISCRIMINATION?: A £40 million funding gap has caused the council to say "larger class sizes and a reduction in locally delivered options like advanced Highers

having struggled through the pandemic.

"Working with young people I know well that they struggle to engage on digital platforms - the pandemic has profoundly affected confidence and social skills, and this measure is a giant step backwards.

"This proposal discriminates against smaller schools such as Langholm Academy - potentially removing key subjects

that broaden knowledge, skills and understandings and improve further education prospects."

The council says there is no mandate for minimum class size and that Head teachers and school leaders, in consultation with young people and parents, agree options and create school timetables to meet the learners' needs.

A consultation opened at the beginning of April and closed

at the end of June.

Local councillor Denis Male says the council has no option but to make cuts and that there could be more to face in the near future.

"Education along with Social work accounts for 60% of the council budget and is protected as much as it can be," he said.

"The other services in the Council have been pared to the bone and things we all used to

take for granted like street sweeping, cemetery and river bank cutting, youth work, road repairs, etc. are either not being done or are working on seriously reduced budgets as they have taken the brunt of the cuts over the last six years.

"Unfortunately there could be another £50m to come out of the budget in the next 4 years."

# NHS workers pedal towards a brighter future for all

By Mairi Telford Jammeh

A leading medical college is helping to inspire the next generation of healthcare professionals through an innovative cycling initiative that also aims to raise awareness of the impact of knife crime.

In partnership with South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and the Cleveland Unit for the Reduction of Violence, (CURV) the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh is pedalling towards a brighter future by promoting health, fitness, and career opportunities in the medical field.

Over the past three days, a group of 10 passionate NHS workers embarked on the gruelling cycling journey of 100 miles from Middlesbrough to the Royal College of Surgeons Edinburgh grounds in Edinburgh.

On route on Friday, they stopped at the Eskdalemuir community hub for refreshments after riding from Carlisle in

the rain. Despite having just had a puncture they remained very positive. After filling up on much needed food their next planned stop was Innerleithen.

### Promoting

Each day of their run they stopped off to conduct a series of talks and workshops to over 100 young people aged 12-16 years promoting careers in the NHS and talking about life saving skills. On Thursday night in Carlisle they spoke to some Army cadets just over the road from the castle. As part of the presentation the group are also warning of the dangers and impact of knife crime as part of their presentation.

Barney Green is a vascular surgeon at the James Cook hospital in Middlesbrough and he came up with the idea. He said:

"We are delighted with the tremendous success of this exhilarating race and the remarkable achievements it

has unlocked along the way.

"Our dedicated team of NHS workers cycled their hearts out, crossing finish lines and breaking barriers, all while inspiring countless young minds to embark on a journey towards a fulfilling career in healthcare.

"Together, we have not only conquered miles, but we have also conquered doubts and ignited a passion for healing and serving others. The impact of this cycling initiative will ripple through generations, leaving a lasting imprint on the future of healthcare.

"I couldn't be prouder of our team and the incredible difference they have made. This is just the beginning of a transformative path we have set foot upon, and we invite everyone to join us in this incredible journey."

The groundbreaking initiative was launched to create awareness among young individuals about the exciting possibilities within the healthcare industry."



STOP-OFF: The intrepid cyclists had a refreshment break at the Eskdalemuir hub

# Langholm waiting restrictions on schedule

## Update from the A7 Action Group on happenings affecting Langholm

**Proposed waiting restrictions for traffic in Langholm are still on schedule to be implemented this summer.**

The restrictions would see double yellow lines implemented at either end of the High Street, in a bid to ease congestion on the busy A7 through the town.

Initial plans have received very few objections, according to Transport Scotland, although some are still being reviewed.

Meanwhile, other updates include:

- BEAR Scotland's Strategic Road Safety Team is continuing to work on the Langholm Sign Rationalisation scheme. Removal of all redundant signage will be done first.
- A CCTV survey of flooding at Kilngreen and Town-

foot is being planned

- The timing and scope of an embankment stability scheme at High Mill, north of Langholm continues to be monitored. BEAR Scotland is currently in discussion with SEPA

- A notice has been served on adjacent householders/landowners at The Dunk in respect of drainage and wall repairs to alleviate seepage through the wall adjacent to the A7. Work is planned early summer, while repairs to the wall are planned for late summer 2023.

- The issue of 24-hour burning lamps in Langholm will be resolved in August with a new remote management system.

- There is nothing further to report about drystone walls at Kilngreen and Townfoot, as they are not part of the trunk road infrastructure.



DOUBLE YELLOW PERIL: Plans for parking restrictions on Langholm High Street will be implemented this summer

## Results from 54th Festival

The Newcastleton Music Festival has just completed its 54th event last weekend.

The results of the various competitions are as follows:

- Women's Open Singing**  
Beth Brooks-Taylor
- Men's Open Singing**  
Peter Brown
- Women's Novice Singing**  
Corinne Male
- Children's Singing**  
Rowan Crawford
- Border Ballad**  
Richard Hardaker
- Original Song**  
Andrew Bachell
- Original Song traditional**  
Beth Brooks-Taylor
- Storytelling**  
David Duncan
- Tin Whistle**  
Richard Simmons
- Miscellaneous Instruments**  
- Trevor Wilkinson
- Traditional Instrumental Pairs** - Rosie Lindsay & Craig Crawford
- Original Tune**  
Mike Stark



## Roger takes the wheel at Rotary



At last week's Rotary meeting retiring President Frankie Steele handed over the chain of office to new President Roger Maxwell. Roger said he was looking forward to the forthcoming year and thanked Frankie for all he had done during his time as President. Roger also congratulated Neil Gass on becoming new Vice President of the club.

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# Farming on the Border

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Farming with Gilly Fraser

## Do farmers 'refuse to consider the impact of biodiversity?'

Many people who claim to love the environment, wildlife and conservation tend to view the subject only as it applies to their own area of interest or work.

That's the opinion of Rich Stockdale, boss of Oxygen Conservation, the company which has bought Blackburn and Hartsgarth farms on Langholm Moor.

Writing in his company's website, Mr Stockdale says he frequently meets people who want to optimise the environment for something that is of particular importance to them rather than making their primary objective the delivery of positive environmental and social impact for the planet as a whole.

He highlights several categories including sporting enthusiasts, energy producers and gardeners, as well as those involved in food and farming.

"Many farmers are genuinely lovers of nature but in trying to find a route to economic viability



OXYGEN: Blackburn Farm, Newcastleton

of their businesses, seek to maximise yields often in the short term at the expense of wildlife, their soil system, and water quantity," he writes.

"Farmers and associated interest groups will argue passionately about food security whilst refusing to consider the impact of biodiversity loss and the irony that pesticides used to protect certain crops (neonicotinoids) decimate pollinators, presenting a much greater threat to food security than

conservation ever will.

"Other groups argue for the importance and cultural heritage of certain types of farming, most often sheep farming, whilst simultaneously lamenting the damaged state of the natural environment and the losses they've seen in flora, fauna and fungi that result from over grazing."

Mr Stockdale says that over time he and his company will craft a masterplan for each of the estates they manage, max-

imising positive environmental and social impact, but will never seek to optimise any landscape for one single purpose.

However he acknowledges that he won't always get things right.

"To me, it is obvious that the next generation, should we leave them a world to look after, will almost certainly prove our thinking wrong and be lost as to how we made so many mistakes, me very much included."

## Clarity required on funding

Scotland's farmers and crofters need far greater clarity and certainty when it comes to future funding prospects.

Speaking at the Royal Highland Show, union President Martin Kennedy said the UK and Scottish governments had to stop hiding behind one another because lack of certainty was eroding confidence in the industry.

"The Scottish Government claims it can't commit to a direct support allocation as it doesn't have the budget commitment from the UK Treasury," he said. "Meanwhile the UK Treasury, at our recent meetings in London, claims it can't provide us with the reassurance we need as it is ultimately the choice of the Scottish Government as to how the ringfenced funds provided to Scotland are allocated."

Mr Kennedy said the solution was clear. "Given the certainty on funding provided to farmers in England, a multi-annual commitment equating to at least £620 million for Scotland on funding for agriculture from Treasury beyond the next election is within the gift of the UK Government," he said.

"In turn, the Scottish Government must



SOLUTION CLEAR: Martin Kennedy NFUS Chairman was speaking at the Royal Highland Show

back that up with a commitment to use its ringfenced allocation as the mainstay of an agricultural budget.

"Those producing the nation's food are well aware that funding is no longer there to deliver the status quo seen under the Common

Agricultural Policy but to manage change allowing us to deliver on agricultural production, climate change and biodiversity and support and grow the thousands of Scottish jobs and supply chain companies supported by our members.

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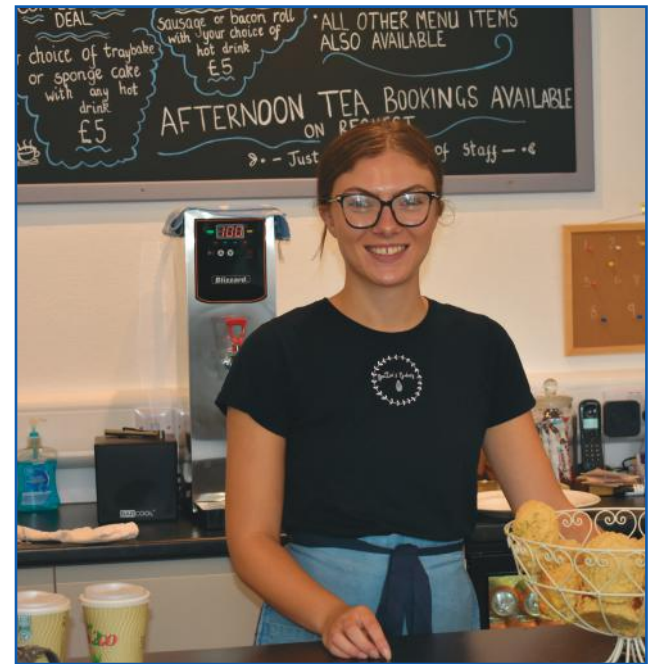
## A mammoth refurbishment task by a great team



TOP TEAM: Nicole (l) with Ellie Hotson, mum Jackie and aunt Carol



CLASSY: An interior shot of First Bite from the rear shows the high standard of the fixtures and fittings



MINE HOST: First Bite proprietor Nicole Beattie will embrace the challenge head-on



LOGO: Nicole sporting a First Bite tee shirt



WINDOW SEAT: Looking out onto Langholm's Market Place



FIRST BITE: New kid on the block and a welcome addition to Langholm High Street



BEATTIE'S BAKES: How it all started



PATISSERIE: Nicole is already well known for her cakes and baking

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# 25 years of down-right uniqueness

## Copshaw Common Riding fills the heart and mind with something only the initiated understand



Copshaw's very stylish Tub - Sophie Mitchell

It was the kind of day when the weather just didn't know what to do with itself, so settled on offering up a bit of everything. Blue skies one minute turned to glowering clouds the next and the wind though intermittent was strong and gusty enough to force the cancellation of the bouncy castle planned for the Garden Party later in the day.

Copshaw is well accustomed to such weather vagaries so the loyal legions following their brand new Tub just tucked a rainmac into their saddle bags and got on with the job.

By common consent it was a great day – another Copshaw

Common Riding classic to add to the annals of event's 25-year long history.

### Unique

Sophie Mitchell cut a real dash as Tub 2023, bringing her own unique style to the traditional outfit and supported ably by Smitchell's Merry Archers, distinctive in their green garb amidst a sea of yellow. The format of the day has been known to shapeshift a little over the quarter-century to accommodate new ancient modern traditions. This year that came in the form of a stag party from Bonchester Bridge who joined in the shenanigans on blow-up horses.

Evening saw local builder Barry Jackson deftly display his celebrated broom-chucking skills as he led Jedburgh Pipe Band and the Common Riding faithful to the Village Hall to open the Music Festival Concert – always a surprisingly emotional occasion.

Then having Got Oot and Got In as per constitution requirements, the official events of the first Saturday in July and Melissa were brought to a close back in the square with the handing back of the Pureous Bunkumus flag to be safely taken care of for another year.

Well done Tub Smitchell – you did the village proud. As we knew you would.



Celebrating the Holm Brig's Swiss link with Toblerone



Carrying the flag with pride, Tub Smitchell leads the way



With his trusty broomstick - Barry Jackson leads the evening procession



Former Tub Nichol and a bit of speechifying



Sophie's Merry Band of Archers



The Kipper Ceremony carried out by nose-pegged former Tub Martin Pearson

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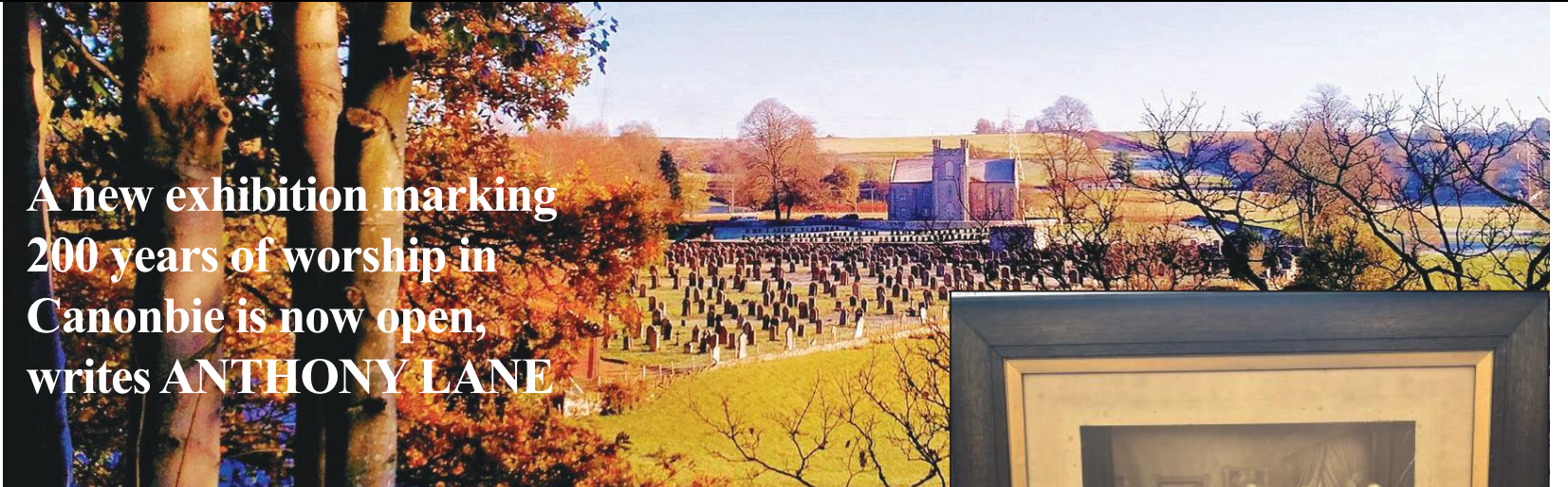
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# Marvellous milestone for the 'Canvas Church'

A new exhibition marking 200 years of worship in Canonbie is now open, writes ANTHONY LANE



Last October, the E&L ran a centre page spread announcing a year of celebration for the 200th birthday of Canonbie United Parish Church building.

A year-long celebration was planned, to include a bicentennial service of worship, fun days for children, concerts, a Christianity Explored course and an exhibition.

As the church climbed out of the impacts of the pandemic and started to face the difficult reforms that are sweeping across the Church of Scotland, members were asked for exhibition ideas – and while there was no shortage of them, the resources to research and display them were in short supply.

By Christmas, a few items had been gathered. A half-term Writing Project run by Canonbie School gave some interesting insights into the understanding of children from the village of their church building.

Pictures of the Sunday School from 1990s and the Elders of the Parish Church in 1910 with their Minister, Rev Robert Kerr were found. Plans produced as part of the church refurbishment in 2008 were available along with pictures of the church interior as it was.

Since 2002, Canonbie United Parish Church has been an association between the Church of Scotland and the United Free Church, which until then had its own building on the 'top road' in the village. Canonbie Free Church (predecessor to the United Free Church of Scotland) was born

out of the 'Great Disruption' in the Church of Scotland in 1843.

It achieved national prominence as the 'Church-in-the-Field' or 'Canvas Church' when worshippers were denied access to land to meet in the Hollows by the Duke of Buccleuch. Poles from the tent that protected the first ministers from the elements whilst conducting that early worship were available for the exhibition as was one of the first bibles used by the church – a donation from a Presbyterian Church in New York in 1853.

These people were able to bring in several items to display including: - Communion tokens from the Free Church; a map of the parish and surrounding areas from 1804; a piece of tent fabric from the 'Canvas Church', Statistical Accounts for Canonbie, 1795, 1836 and 1959. These can be seen in the exhibition in Canonbie United Parish Church.

**Free**

Entrance is free and is open during normal church opening times: Sunday: 10:30am - 1:30pm (weekly worship 11.30-12.30) and Wednesday: 2-4pm (Cafe opening times). Or ring: 07754427351 to arrange a more convenient time to visit.

A kind loan of display stands by Canonbie Village Hall Committee has made the exhibition possible. It will mean the exhibition will be closed temporarily for two weeks at the end of August for the stands to be used in the Village Show. After this, it is expected the exhibition will remain open until the end of the year.



The United Free Church has a rich heritage in the village and members felt it was crucial to include as much detail from the church's history as possible in the exhibition.

In the new year a small team of interested church members came together to build the exhibition and develop themes within the story it could tell

**Activity**

Laraine Wotherspoon was able to research the details behind key events in the histories of the two churches as well as looking at Christian activity in Canonbie before the building of the present church. Joanne Campbell researched and displayed details of all the ministers of the Parish Church over the last 200 years.



CURATED: A large number of documents and artefacts are on display covering the 200 years of Canonbie Church

# Play-away day for Playcare

## A superb £500 realised at fun fundraiser at Arkleton Walled Garden



WONDERFUL WICKERWORK: Having a rest on a really interesting bench at Arkleton Walled Gardens

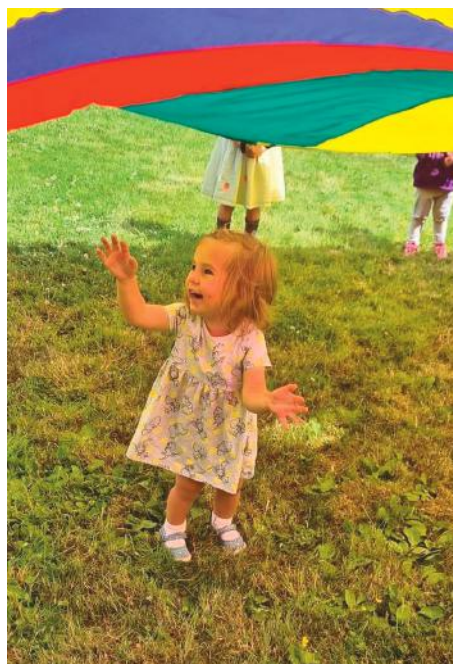
Langholm Playcare held a Family Fun day up at The Walled Garden Arkleton on Saturday 24th June.  
Thank you to everyone who supported the fundraiser either by coming along or donating. It was a fabulous day and the sun shone.....eventually!  
An amazing £500 was raised!  
There was a tombola, raffle, hook a duck, parachute games, storytelling, face-painting, a craft table, cakes and refreshments, catch the rat, coconut shy and a scavenger hunt.  
It was a really great day and a fantastic venue!



FUN, FUN, FUN::Everyone enjoyed the afternoon at Langholm Playcare's Fun Day at Arkleton




PRETTY: Ceara Stewart shows off her lovely face paints



LAUGHING: Maya Stewart under the rainbow parachute



STORY TIME: Listening to John in the story-telling tent



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# Looking back...

## 25 Volunteers rewarded with a trip to the Palace

When Ian Proudfoot's Langholm garage went up in flames with him inside it 13 years ago he little realised the tragedy would lead to an invitation to Buckingham Palace.

But next week that is exactly where Ian and his wife Pat will be heading as their reward for over 10 years of voluntary work with the Scottish Ambulance Service.

The Royal Garden Party on Tuesday is a special one to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the National Health Service and Ian and Pat will be among employees and volunteers to be invited.

Their voluntary work came about as a direct result of the tragic fire which left Ian badly burned and in Newcastle's Burns Unit and later attending as an Out Patient three times a week. During that time he was taken by two elderly volunteer Annan women to Newcastle and

Pat realised the great job they did.

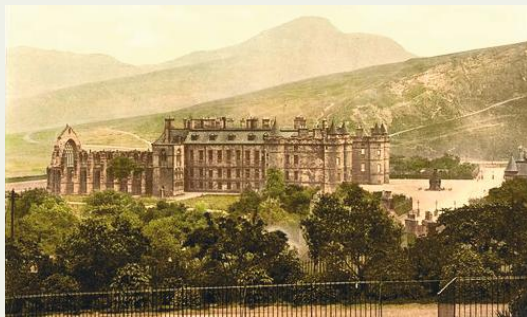
After the birth of her son she had six months off work and volunteered her services as a driver.

"I wanted to put something back into the system and it started from there," explains Pat.

Ian was unable to return to work and after 12 months they sold the garage.

She returned to work and as Ian recovered he decided to volunteer as a driver. But after the birth of her daughter Pat gave up work and she too became a volunteer driver again.

But while the two, who live in Oliver Place, Newcastleton, are being honoured for their services with the invitation to the Palace it is says Pat, thanks very much to both of their mothers and close friends who turn their hands to babysitting at a moment's notice.



## 1998

## 50 'Notes and Comments' column July 4, 1973

## 1973

### Oor turn

Yes, in so far as Border Common Ridings and Festivals are concerned it is indeed 'oor turn' because we are now into Langholm Common Riding month – the month of July – "auld style". And in this connection we have read columns and columns in our Border contemporary Press about tradition, legend, history etc. etc. but here in Langholm and in so far as our own "great day" is concerned we always term the ceremonial and a' the rest as "auld style".

In this connection there seems to be a consensus of opinion in those Burghs or in others when it was later discovered that one day in the year must be set apart to do something of the kind where the word "tradition" seems to be a bit of a misnomer in that "tradition" is now used for a sort of "plastic" ceremonial which just dates back for three or four decades. Here in Langholm we have already celebrated the bi-centenary of our Common Riding and there is no doubt that on "the day after the Simmer or Lamb Fair" all the hallowed ritual which for over 200 years has been associated with Langholm Common Riding will be "kept to a hair".

*"While other men by Fashion led astray  
To blindly follow when she leads the way  
He 'gainst all her gaudy tricks secure  
Preserves the manners of our fathers pure"*

These were the words which were put into the mouth of that "doyen" of Faircriers – the fabulous Bauldy Beattie by General Pasley and general Pasley perhaps when he penned these words did not know that successive generations of Langholmmites would certainly see to it that the "manners of their fathers we preserved and pure and that despite what fashion dictated all the ritual and ceremonial of Langholm Common Riding will be preserved for all time to come, yes from the heather-besom days until the end of the chapter.

## 75 Sunday School Prizegiving

## 1948

Last Sunday brought to a close for the summer the Sunday School in the Old Parish Church and as usual the occasion was marked by the annual Flower Service and Prize-giving at the evening service.

The children were presented by the Superintendent, Mr William Stuart, and the gifts of books bibles and hymnbooks were handed over by the minister, Rev JL Cotter.

The following were those who received prizes:

Primary – Alexa Armstrong, Anne Ewart, Sheila Bell, Elliot Bell, Tommy Cotter, Mary Beverley, Mac Hotson, Janet Hotson, Frances MacCartney, Kathleen MacCartney, David McVittie (Meikleholm), David McVittie (Eskdail Street), Adrienne Irving, Malcolm Johnstone, Carol Paisley, Billy Smith.

Class 1 – Logan Cotter, Robert Paisley, Alex Graham, Kenneth Webb, William Woodhouse, Malcolm Smith, David Calvert.

Class 2 – Margaret Clerk, Hilda Morrison, Colin Milligan, Ian McVittie, Ian Hotson, Ian Bell.

Class 3 – Clark Irving, Michael Snadden, Neil Grant, Ian MacCartney, Andrew Morgan, James Graham.

Class 4 – Robert Morrison, Colin Turnbull, John Irving, Bertie McCrindle, Jim Woodhouse, Andrew Etherington.

Class 5 – Irene Beverley, Brenda Morrison, Margaret Morrison, Ethel McCrindle, Helen Telfer, Doreen Nixon.

Class 6 – Lila McVittie, Shirley Simmons, Jean Herbertson, May Bell, Wilma Hogg.

Bible Class – Mamie Mitchell, Mary Little, Rae Morgan, Jean Ferguson, Maureen Simmons, George Webb, Ian Grant, Robert Donaldson, Dery Morrison, Murray Hotson, Billy Bell, Buchan Etherington

# C & D Marts (Longtown) Primestock Report Thursday 29th 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, Kilnford 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 Kilnford Croft.  
Texel 352p, 348p Kilnford Croft, 339p

Frost Hall, 333p Kilnford 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 Kilnford Croft, £154 Kimmeter Green, £153 Dian House, £150 Kilnford Croft & Kimmeter Green.  
Beltex £154 Kilnford 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 Midtoldholes, £137 Tetcott, £135 Midtoldholes.  
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 Depsic Lane.

Charollais 263p Mount Pleasant.  
Herdwick 245p Breckon Hill, 242p Causey View.  
Swaledale 240p Mount Pleasant.

**PRINCIPAL PRICE (PER HEAD)**  
Beltex £185 Hillside, £172 Orthwaite Hall, £160 Netherhill, £157 Maidencots, £155 Orthwaite Hall.  
Texel £176 Barglies & High Parson Bridge, £175 Lanehead, £174 Barglies,

£172 High Trehwitt & Breckon Hill.  
Suffolk £170 Evertown, £168 Barglies, £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.  
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### 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 Nunsleugh.

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.  
Swaledale £110, £103 Whitehill.  
Blackface £107 Unthank, £101 Mouldy-hills, £99, £98 Unthank, £98, £96 Whitehill, £94 Mouldy-hills.

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:

#### Hoggs

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)





CLOSE CALL: Langholm's Corrie Graham captured this dynamic photo of a near-collision between a heron and a duck

Camera: Nikon D500

# Jazz duo causes a Hub-bub!

REVIEW BY  
MAIRI TELFORD JAMMEH

A jazz duo consisting of Ian Millar and Dominic Spencer, and billed as 'Jazz in the Village', approached Eskdalemuir Hub to see if they could play a gig there – and the staff and volunteers there were delighted to welcome them for one night only.

The duo has been touring from the south coast of England, making their way northwards back to their homes in Edinburgh and Penicuik.

They like to play in all kinds of venues including in small halls and churches and were delighted with the venue they found at the old school last week. They've even converted an old ambulance to keep accommodation costs down and clearly like to bring their music to all corners of the country. One recent old church venue they played saw mice running across the floor during their playing!

Their jazz consisted of standards and original compositions, with Ian on tenor and soprano saxophone and Dominic on piano. Both are very good musicians and their love of their craft shone through.

## Mellow

At the Hub the result was a lovely mellow evening with two experienced musicians delivering a perfect antidote to the misty and wet night outside.

The concert was performed in the exhibition hall and with the current art as a backdrop and ambient lighting provided by the musicians, the atmosphere was relaxed and had the feel of an up-market jazz venue.

The duo play regularly at the Edinburgh fringe and this year will be performing every lunchtime at the Novotel.

It's great to see these excellent musicians seeking to play small venues such as this and the Hub put on food before the gig to cater for the audience.



ATMOSPHERIC: A splendid night of jazz was enjoyed by the audience at the Eskdalemuir Hub and Old School Café

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Fri 14th	Hard of Hearing Group Brew & Blether 2nd Friday of month	Langholm Day Centre 10.30am
Sat 15th	Castle Craigs Club Benty Rideout	Leaves Kilngreen at 1.30pm
	Castle Craigs Club Benty Night Disco	Langholm Social Club at 10pm - 1am
Sun 16th	Castle Craigs Club Pony Rideout & Family Fun Day	Langholm Cricket Club from 11am Rideout leaves Castleholm 1pm
Thu 20th	Langholm Flute Band AGM & Social Evening	The Buck Hotel 8pm

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WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK W/C 3rd July			
Day	What	Time	Where
Mon	Scrap Store	11:30-2:30	CM Space DG13 oES
Tues	Canonbie In Stitches	12-2	Village Hall DG14 oUX
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# The E&L General Knowledge Quiz

No. 2320. answers next week

- Complete the name of this famous Brazilian statue: 'Christ the ...'?
- Adele, Oasis, Eminem, Lionel Richie and Beyonce have all recorded songs sharing the same one word title. What's the title?
- Adam Peaty has won Olympic golds for Great Britain in which sport?
- The 'Old Fashioned' cocktail was the drink of choice for Don Draper in which television series?
- In the nursery rhyme 'Sing a Song of Six Pence', what was the king doing in his counting house?
- Complete the title of this famous Johannes Vermeer portrait: 'Girl with a Pearl ...'?
- Which Latin phrase translates to 'before midday'? 'Ante meridiem' or 'Post meridiem'?
- Which Canadian singer has a 2012 hit with 'Call Me Maybe'?
- Khaled Hosseini's novel 'The Kite Runner' is mostly set in which Middle Eastern country?
- Which actress has played Emmerdale's Mandy Dingle since 1995?
- On UK roads, the 'National speed limit applies' sign is a white circle with a diagonal stripe. What colour is the stripe?
- Which newsreader won the first series of 'Strictly Come Dancing'? Natasha Kaplinsky or Victoria Derbyshire?
- Who replaced Donald Trump as the 46th President of the United States?
- Roland-Garros is a tennis competition which takes place in which country?
- The Seven Dwarfs appear in which 1812 fairy tale written by The Brothers Grimm?
- Jodie Foster plays Tallulah in which 1976 gangster musical comedy film?
- In the body, the Eustachian tube connects the throat to which other part of the body?
- Which James Cameron directed film starring Zoe Saldana, Sigourney Weaver, and Sam Worthington was released in 2009 and went on to become one of the highest grossing films of all time?
- Air Commodore Sir Frank Whittle is best known for which invention; the jet engine or television?
- Charlotte Worthington won gold at the Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympics whilst competing in which Cycling event?

## Last week's puzzle and Crossword Solutions

### Quiz 2319

- Kevlar
- Paris
- Denmark
- Jazz
- Wrist
- RuPaul
- Jack Horner
- Italy
- Coronation Street
- Poland
- Rose & Crown
- Robert Galbraith
- Michael Jordan
- Spanish
- Victoria I
- Jewish
- Brigadoon
- Paul McCartney
- Burger King
- Blackburn Rovers
- Tuscan

### Crossword 2319

Across: 1 Gained, 4 Ocean, 9 Alabama, 10 Rouge, 11 Nips, 12 Et cetera, 14 Foul-mouthed, 17 Surveyor, 18 Star, 20 Leave, 21 England, 22 Messy, 23 Weaker.

Down: 1 Granny, 2 Inappropriate, 3 Edam, 5 Corrects, 6 Amusement park, 7 Bartholomew, 8 Began, 13 Sleepers, 15 Psalm, 16 Trader, 19 Ogre.

# Never a Crossword!

No. 2320 answers next week

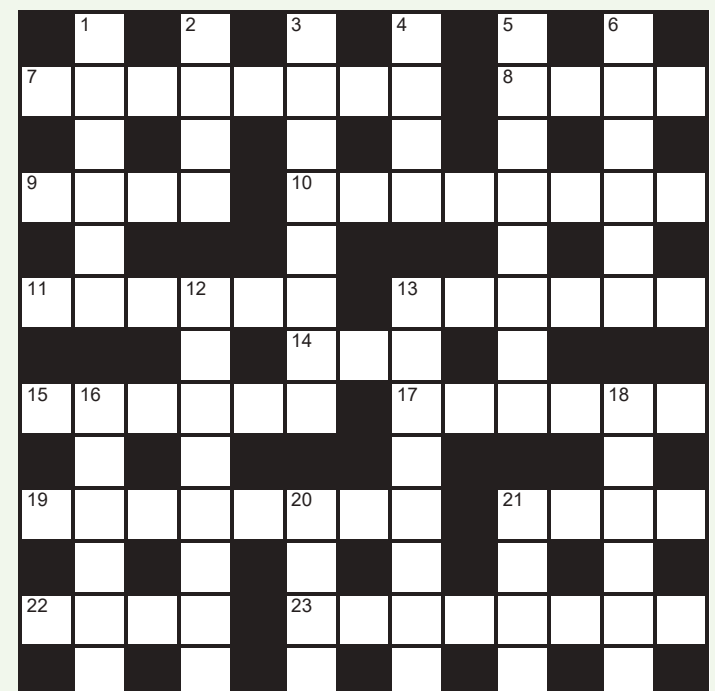
A wee mix of general knowledge and cryptic clues to get the grey cells moving!

### Across

- Progressive (8)
- Money (4)
- Inner surface of the hand (4)
- Gambling game (4,4)
- Dated (3,3)
- Walked lamely (6)
- Bind (3)
- Bother (6)
- Large, strong woman (6)
- Investigate (8)
- Push with the head (4)
- The wise men (4)
- Newcomer (8)

### Down

- Particular (6)
- Composition in verse (4)
- Beaten egg dish (8)
- Extent of space (4)
- The world of schools and universities (8)
- Mind (6)
- Emotional outburst (8)
- Tough and pliable (8)
- Rock guitarist (6)
- Stableman (6)
- Hazard (4)
- Financial institution (4)





# Jake Reid remembered by 40 pairs of bowlers

## Memorial Tournament brings Langholm clubs together

### Bowling

By Luke Tolson

The Jake Reid Open Pairs was played on Saturday with an excellent entry of 40 pairs!

Winners were Steven Barker & Mark Grieve.

Runners-up were Luke Tolson & Duncan Ritchie.

A very close final that went to an extra end, but a great final end to watch that took the game to an extra end.

Beaten semi-finalists were - Steven Devlin & Scott Dickson of Langholm Old and Paul & Carolle Warwick of the host club.

Thanks to everyone for making the day a great success. The weather was kind for the majority of the day with only a few light showers and wind being present.

Thanks go to the friends and family of the late Jackson Red who were present for the whole day and very generously sponsored the tournament.



TEAM WORK: Mark Grieve and Steven Barker were the winners of the Jake Reid Open Pairs Tournament held at Langholm New Town Bowling



THEER MUN!: David Pool trying to show Scott Reid the ropes



WORTHY LOSERS: Paul Warwick presents Duncan Ritchie and Luke Tolson with the runners-up handshake



CATERING CORPS: Pauleen Innes, Mag Latimer (raffle queen) and Ethel Johnstone were in charge of refreshments

# A trio of golf champions



Golf

Winners of Langholm Golf Club's 2023 Club Championship

Brady Wilson (l) B Championship  
Gary Paisley (c) Club Championship  
Ailsa Tweddle (r) Ladies Championship  
Runners-up: Ryan Johnstone, Nathan Bell and Morag Pool

# Another day, another win for Langholm

## Spectacular season continues as Staffield are put to the sword

### Cricket



Once again Langholm were victorious on the Castleholm, defeating Staffield in damp conditions by six wickets with skipper Dave Steele taking four wickets.

Steele won the toss and elected to field, and Staffield made a great start as Xander Vasey punished anything loose. Together he and

Armstrong added 40 before, in the eighth over, Corey Park had him caught in the covers by Euan Coates for 28 – a pretty simple one by young Ewan's standards.

Corey struck again next over, clean bowling Armstrong for 16 with the score now 45 for 2.

Housby and Hinkley batted well against some good Langholm bowling but just before drinks Housby succumbed to Chris Stewart, lobbing a catch to Jay Gordon for 11 with the score on 68.

Just after drinks a rank long hop from Steele was hit by Hinkley straight to Nicky P who caught it to leave Staffield

68 for 4. And when Steele struck again, clean bowling the experienced Bamber for 0, Langholm were back in control with Staffield 69 for 5.

Thomlinson then fell, caught behind by Duggan for 0 off Stewart, then Mark Vasey lobbed a catch off Steele to leave Staffield 78 for 7.

Stewart had the on-loan Carp caught at mid-off by Hughie Donaldson, and Steele clean bowled Telford for 0 to leave the visitors 9 down for 82. One ball was all it took for Jay Gordon as he clean bowled Chubb, clipping the top off stump as Staffield were bowled out for 82.

Steele was the pick of the bowlers with 4 for 8, but Chris Stewart's 3 for 16, Corey Park's 2 for 25 and Jay Gordon's 1 for 0 represented a great effort in the field for Langholm.

The home side made a disastrous start in response, however, as Duncan Elliott lobbed his third ball off Carp to Armstrong at mid-off. And things did not get any better as Tony Steele was unlucky, playing on off his pad and bat for 8 to leave Langholm 12 for 2.

Opener Stuart Duggan fell for 9, lobbing a catch to keeper Thomlinson off Carp to leave Langholm on 26 for 3. Nicky P was joined by Graham Park and

took the score to 42, before Nicky fell clean bowled by Vasey for 17.

This brought Dave Steele out to join Park and the pair gradually ticked the runs off. At drinks Langholm were 64 for 4, and a couple of fours from Steele and the odd two from Park eventually brought Langholm past the Staffield total in the 25th over, with Steele finishing on 24 and Park 17.

Another win for Langholm, making it a hugely impressive 8 out of 9. The Common Riding looms, but first Steele's men meet Staffield again next week for the return fixture.

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