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In-spired thinking?

After 20 years, planning permission is sought for removal of Erskine Church spire

By Alan Weatherstone

Could Langholm's biggest eyesore soon become a thing of the past?

That's the fervent hope of one campaigner who says a planning application to remove the spire from the town's Erskine Church is the furthest progress to be made in the last 20 years.

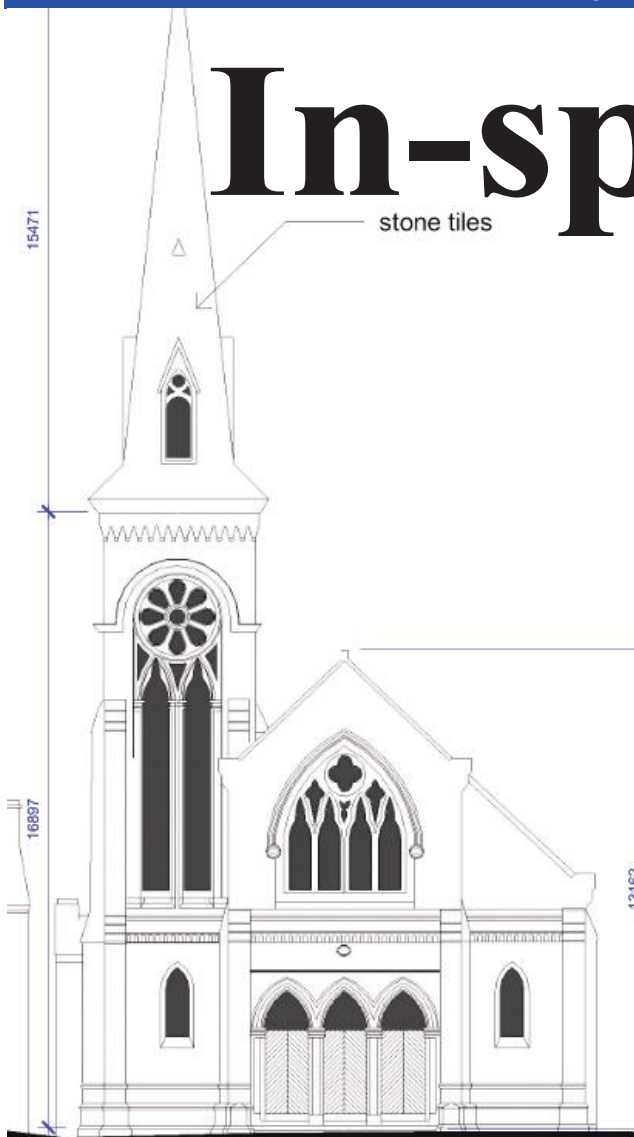
The spire has been a blight on the skyline for many years but local people say concerns that the building is becoming extremely dangerous are even more important than its physical appearance.

Earlier this year, repair and maintenance was carried out on the 20-year-old scaffolding surrounding the spire. However, that only amounts to a temporary fix.

Now Dumfries & Galloway Planning Department has received an application from a Yorkshire-based firm of architects to remove the spire altogether.

That news has provided a glimmer of hope to those who have been calling for a solution to the problem for years.

In 2022, a group of concerned residents formed the Erskine Church Stakeholders Group to try to enforce some kind of action to rectify what was seen as an extremely dangerous situation.



Existing west elevation



Proposed west elevation

In February this year the group presented a petition to Dumfries and Galloway Council demanding that they resolve the situation and stop ignoring the requests of residents.

Following news of the planning application, the E&L contacted Denise Irving-Lang, convener of the Stakeholders Group, and even though she's abroad at the moment, she responded swiftly, showing just how important the matter is to her.

Denise grew up in the direct shadow of the church and knows only too well, how much deterioration the building has suffered over the years.

She told us, "It's encouraging that the owner has taken onboard the petition and has commissioned a planning and technical agent to develop an application. This has been the furthest progress to my knowledge within the past 20 years."

"It's also encouraging that the proposals seek to preserve the aesthetics of the historical building as far as is economically viable, therefore protecting the church's contribution towards the Langholm townscape."

Denise went on to say she has a number of questions including timescales and hopes the owner/agent will meet with the

Erskine Church Stakeholders Group to discuss the project in full.

She is encouraging everyone to look at the planning application online and to submit their comments to ensure the opinions of everyone in the town are formally recorded and heard.

To access the planning application, log in to: www.dumgal.gov.uk/planning select 'Planning Applications' and search for Erskine Church.

The planning reference no is: 23/1567/LBC



GOLD FOR MATILDA

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Family Announcements

Thanks for Sympathy

GRIEVE, Robert

Avril, Mark, Anita, Jill and all their families would like to thank everyone for the flowers, cards and messages received following the passing of Robert. Thank you to Rev Morag Crossan for her support and for the lovely service and to everyone who attended the service and generously donated the fantastic sum of £1032 to Langholm Parish Church, also thanks to David Erskine for his help and support.

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Like a dog with a bone!

The thorny issue of the 'Langholm Eyesore', the Erskine Church, has long filled the conversations of locals and the pages of the E&L.

This week's revelation that planning permission has been sought to remove the existing spire is the most important breakthrough in the last 20 years and everyone hopes that it is, in fact, the start.

All this is down to the tenacity of Denise Irving-Lang and her Erskine Church Stakeholders Group badgering the council for some action. Well done to them!

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Gavin goes geochaching

Over the last few years, our walking correspondent, Gavin Graham, has become very interested in Geocaching, which is finding items hidden all over the country and even worldwide by using an App on an iPhone.

Gavin says "This is particularly enjoyable as an activity with my grandchildren and I have spent many happy walks with them in the UK and in California and found many interesting Geocaches".

In May 2018 Gavin placed this Trackable and this one was called "Langholm Saltire" and the idea is that when people find that particular Geocache, they swop the Trackable and then place it in another Geocache somewhere else.

After about a week in Langholm this particular trackable started its travels and was soon in various



WORLD TRAVELLER: Gavin's Saltire key fob started its journey in Langholm places in Scotland and then moved on to England and after about 6 months it headed to Germany.

After travelling around Germany, someone near Berlin found it and they took it on holiday with them to Australia where over a period of 2 years it covered most of the Australian

States before eventually finding its way back to Europe where it moved round France, Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg, Poland, Czechia, and Austria.

It has, at last, moved back to England and just recently was in Lancashire.

When it was placed in 2018, the message with it was a hope that it would travel round the Scottish Islands as that was to be Gavin's walking adventure during retirement, to walk on every inhabited Scottish Island and to date, he has clocked up 59 of them.

It may yet achieve this as it seems to move somewhere every few days so and after 5 years of travelling many thousands of miles it is still going strong.

There are many Geocaches around Langholm so if you want an ideal way of making a walk entertaining and fun then this is the activity for you.

A step in the right direction

>From P1

The news that the owners of the Erskine Church have applied for planning permission to demolish the existing spire is, indeed, good news but is by no means the end of the story.

Denise Irving-Lang is concerned about the safety of the rest of the structure, particularly the roof.

The condition of the interior of the church is also cause for concern with water known to have been running under the floor for many years.

It is hoped that the owners or their agents will accept the invitation to meet with the Erskine Church Stakeholders Group so that these issues may be addressed.

Far left: part of the crumbling insides of the church

Left: The petitioners hand the document to the D&G Council vice-chairman ichard Brodie in February this year



Kirsty's audacious adventure

154 miles in 67 hours. A somewhat different way to celebrate turning 50!

I wanted a big challenge to mark turning 50. I found it in the Race Across Scotland – 215 miles along the Southern Upland Way from Portpatrick to Cockburnspath.

On August 12th at 6am with 118 runners from as far away as Australia, Malaysia, and the USA, I was piped over the start line in pouring rain and a howling wind, heading straight into a climb up onto cliffs. I had read the first half of the race is often boggy. They weren't wrong.

When we reached checkpoint 5 at Sanquhar a Medic had to clean and dress a couple of huge blisters for me – which become a theme for the next 80 miles. My support crew – Alan and Harris – popped up often along the route to let me change clothes and refuel. Seeing them and other friends and family was always a great boost especially since they brought treats like Cheesy Chips and much-needed hugs.

As the runners thinned out, I spent hours alone and sleep deprivation brought on hallucinations. I saw dancing firemen in the sky coming into Wanlockhead, the full Roman Army in the forest after Glentworth plus many elephants, giraffes, and hippos.

Coming off Lowther hill was probably one of my lowest points,

when I ended up half a mile off route. The OS map on my phone helped get me back on track but didn't show me the knee-deep bogs I would have to go through.

At Beattock, a lady called Kathryn and I decided to run together, but we came across a medical emergency near Ettrick. Kathryn stayed with him while I ran on to find help and eventually found a farmer who alerted the next feed station.

Seeing friends and family at Ettrick cheered me as I was really tired, having had approximately twenty minutes sleep. Mum and Dad sorted out my food and feet, I refuelled, got 10 minutes sleep and was on my way again.

I had reced the stretch from Ettrick to St Marys Loch and it was a clear night so thought it wouldn't be too bad, but at the top of the fell, my brain just stopped working. I must have sat down and fallen asleep because the Race Director found me there at 1.30am.

He asked if I wanted to carry on but trying to do another 70 miles on so little sleep would have been daft and so my Race across Scotland finished at 154 miles in 67 hours.

If anything, it has made me want to cross the finish line even more so I will be back!



AT THE START: All smiles in Portpatrick, ready for the off



JIGGERED: A wee rest and a cuddle in Sanquhar, 98 miles in



THUMBS UP: All okay leaving Sanquhar, only 117 miles to go

Hawick based sportive visits Eskdale & Liddesdale

By Mairi Telford Jammeh

The Ken Laidlaw Sportive took place on Sunday 20th August with three levels of rides on offer for cyclists – Gold, Silver and Bronze. All of them passed through Eskdale or Liddesdale or both.

Some of the riders stopped at the Eskdalemuir old school for refreshments.

This is a friendly sportive organised by Hawick Cycling Club and all riders receive a certificate verifying their time.

The ride began at Volunteer Park in Hawick early on 20th and the Gold challenge covered 104 miles. It takes in some steep climbs well known to local cyclists including Eskdalemuir and the Holm Hill.

Hawick Cycling Club was formed in 1881 and is one of the oldest in the country.



Ken Laidlaw from Hawick was the first Scot to complete the Tour de France in 1961 which he finished in 65th place. He rode the professional European circuit in the early 1960s and this sportive celebrates his achievements.

Above:
THE MAN HIMSELF: Ken Laidlaw
Right:
REFUELLING: The cyclists take a break at the Eskdalemuir Hub



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Elliots' homecoming

Gilly Fraser reports as the clan gathers in Liddesdale, their ancestral home



"It's important to me because this is home. It feels like home in my heart when I'm here. Coming as I originally do from a small community in the mountains of North Carolina, that just so happens to be filled with Borderers, it's really interesting to sit around the bar here on a music night and see the same faces and the same mannerisms and even the same names – Elliott, Armstrong, Nixon, Kerr, all the names I grew up with. It really feels like I'm with family."

The speaker is Bill Elliott, former President of the Clan Elliot Society of the USA, now living in Pennsylvania but back in his ancestral home of Liddesdale for one of the most special events in the Elliot calendar – the Clan Gathering. He hasn't missed one for the past 25 years and says it's always a trip he looks forward to enormously.

"It's been way too long –

delayed for two years because of Covid but we're very, very thrilled to be back," he said.

More than 150 Elliots, Elliots and Elliots from all over the world came for the Gathering, drawn together by their Clan Chief, Margaret Elliot and based at her home Redheugh just outside Newcastleton.

Clan Chief

Margaret became the 29th Clan Chief in 1989, inheriting the title following the death of her father Sir Arthur Elliot. He had formed the Society in 1977 though the clan itself can trace its roots back to at least the days of Robert the Bruce if not still further. She has carried out her duties for the past 34 years, running a grand total of nine Gatherings. Now she has decided to step back and hand the reins on but is promising to still be involved in a "supervisory capacity."

As always, Margaret made

sure her guests were able to make the most of their stay, starting with a packed and very special day of events at Redheugh featuring a number of homegrown Elliots

Homegrown

John Elliot provided a demonstration of drystone walling, Rob and Kate Elliot discussed all things stick dressing, Lynn Elliot showed the work that goes into making his beautiful textiles and tartans, and a suitably-clad Derek Stuart brought history back to life with his tales of Liddesdale Reivers. There were also falconry and sheepdog displays and stirring music provided by a pipeband made up of Elliots.

Saturday saw the visitors enjoying the delights of the Holm Show, many of them proudly sporting the distinctive Elliot tartan. They all agreed they had been made so welcome, it was just like coming home.



TOP: A Gathering of Elliots at the Liddesdale home of their Clan Chief Margaret

ABOVE: Elliot Pipers in fine tune at Redheugh

Photos by Phil Wilkinson Photographer

The MacDiarmid Memorandum

The Buccleuch Centre
September 6th at 6.30pm

Hugh MacDiarmid, Christopher Grieve, Langholm boy: poet, journalist, cultural revolutionary, pioneer of Scottish independence and leader of Scotland's 20th-century cultural renaissance, transformed Scotland and what Scotland might be.

In The MacDiarmid Memorandum, Alan Riach, poet and Professor of Scottish Literature at Glasgow University, presents his own poetic patchwork biography of MacDiarmid's life, from a Langholm boyhood in a world of rivers, high moors and a library of books, to the post-World War One cultural revolution, to exile in Shetland with his second wife Valda in the 1930s, and their return – but not retirement – to mainland Scotland and Brownsbank Cottage, Lanarkshire.

The book blends biography, history, poetry and prose. Alan introduces MacDiarmid and reads a selection of the poems with images of paintings by the artists Alexander Moffat and Ruth Nicol.

With Henry Jeffrey playing piano and Iain Bell playing the pipes, this promises to be a refreshing, challenging and above all highly enjoyable evening.

The event is free but ticketed.

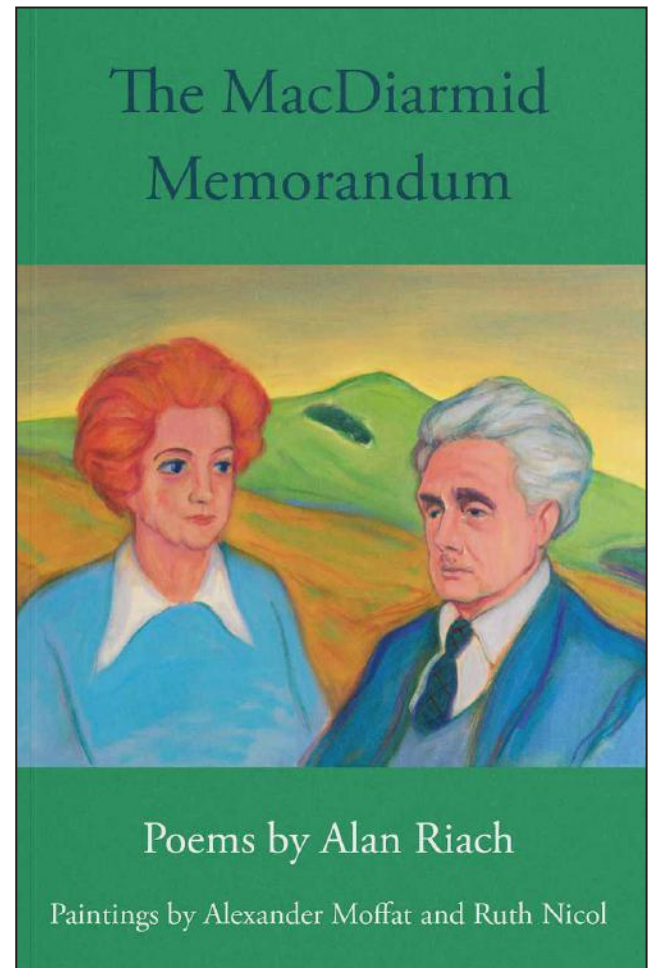
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INTIMATE PORTRAIT: Above: Professor Alan Riach will present his new book in The Buccleuch Centre on September 6th

POETRY, PROSE & PAINTINGS: Left: The MacDiarmid Memorandum



The MacDiarmid
Memorandum

Poems by Alan Riach

Paintings by Alexander Moffat and Ruth Nicol

“So proud to be Langholm born and bred”



The Holywood Trust interviews Chris Tait as part of wider project

Through the means of open-conversation and image-based documentation, “In Our Region” is a project that approaches five young people from five different locations across Dumfries and Galloway. These photo essays pose questions surrounding: identity, belonging, experiences, and the needs of young people.

The initiative was conceived by The Holywood Trust – a grant-giving organisation for young people aged 15-25 years old. One of its core aims is to ensure young people are granted opportunities to influence policy development and service delivery within the region. The ongoing results of “In Our Region” highlight what’s important to young people – they have raised issues surrounding mental health, education, employment, and their future. The images also show that young people care about their community. How-



“There is a common phrase in Langholm: “ay’been”. It’s always been that way, but change needs to happen in order to make this town excel!”

ever, this project is only part of the process, and The Holywood Trust is determined to move forward and improve the voice of young people.

For its first instalment, the project featured Charlie McAdam - a seventeen-year-old from Newton Stewart. The

second instalment features Christopher Tait - a 22-year-old who delved into what it’s like growing up in Langholm, and what young people can do to help a town that’s ‘ay been’. The Holywood Trust first met Christopher through the Xcel Project, one of the many or-

ganisations supported by The Holywood Trust in Langholm.

At a very early age, Christopher started to attend Langholm Youth Club, it was there he first engaged with the Xcel Project, starting the journey that would lead him to be its youngest ever trustee today. Christopher told The Holywood Trust about the importance of early engagement: “You must get involved within your community at a young age, that way you’ll have a positive experience growing up.” Having now achieved his lifelong dream of becoming Langholm’s Cornet, Christopher assured The Holywood Trust that his work within the community will continue: “All we want is Langholm to thrive and the only way we are going to go about that is by working together.”

The photographer commissioned on this project is Owen Davies-a local, 21-year-old, authentic lifestyle photographer.



WELL KNOWN: Chris Tait is a born in the wool Langholm lad

Alcohol deaths rising

Action must be taken to tackle problem drinking to stop alcohol specific deaths ‘spiralling further out of control’ - Colin Smyth

Action must be taken now to tackling problem drinking to stop alcohol-specific deaths ‘spiralling further out of control’ in Dumfries and Galloway, according to South Scotland MSP Colin Smyth.

Statistics published on Tuesday have revealed that there were 36 alcohol-specific deaths registered in Dumfries and Galloway in 2022, a 44 per cent increase since 2021. This is the most amount of deaths in the region since the records began in 1979.

Colin Smyth said: “We shouldn’t forget that every one of these numbers represents the loss of someone who was much loved and who leaves behind grieving family and friends. My thoughts are with them.

“Dumfries and Galloway now has the highest numbers of alcohol related deaths recorded in the region since records began, which is really concerning. “These figures come on the back of the recent drug related death statistics and show just how badly we are tackling the health crisis”

A visit from some Glasgow ramblers



A party of 42 Walkers from Glasgow Health Culture Rambling Club, the oldest rambling club in Scotland, visited Langholm on Saturday to do 3 walks of different distances.

Their trip to Langholm was paid for by an ex member who had died and left them a legacy of £25,000 to go on regular walking trips.

They were hosted by Langholm Walks Group and Gavin Graham led the most popular walk of 26 people round Jenny Noble’s Gill.

They finished their day out with a meal at The Eskdale Hotel.

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Flax in bloom

Farmers in Scotland are taking part in a scheme to revive an industry which was once of enormous importance to the country but which many people nowadays are completely unaware even existed.

Fields full of flax were once a common sight in fields throughout Scotland and the fibres of the distinctive blue flowers were used to weave linen which for centuries played an integral role in the country's economy.

Historians believe the plant may have been introduced by the Romans and certainly by the 18th century thousands of people were employed in the production of linen.

That all changed with the introduction of cheaper imported textiles in the 1900's and although flax is still grown in the UK for seed, these varieties are shorter-stemmed plants which don't provide the long fibres needed to make linen.

However, it looks as though

linen may be about to make a comeback thanks to a farmer-led research network called Innovative Farmers which is behind moves to rediscover lost knowledge on fibre crop production.

They hope they can prove that flax could meet a growing demand for sustainable textiles and believe Scotland is the ideal trial ground because its climate and growing conditions are perfect.

As well as the potential to provide a UK grown, biodegradable textile, flax can also be beneficial for nature-friendly farming as it provides food for pollinators and grows well without chemical inputs.

The current trial is due to last for one year but the growers are looking to scale up to establish a commercially viable Scottish linen supply chain in the longer term.

Innovative Farmers Manager Rebecca Swinn says it's a very exciting trial.

All roads lead to Kelso Ram Sales

Kelso once again becomes the hub of the sheep world next month when the town plays host to the popular and prestigious Ram Sales.

Regarded as one of the most important sheep industry events in the UK, it's seen as a phenomenal showcase and is also one of the most important sale fixtures on the calendar of Cumbrian based Auctioneers Harrison & Hetherington who run the day.

More than 4,281 animals representing 20 different breeds will go through the seven rings on September 8, with tups making up nearly two thousand of that total.

On the list there are 794 Suffolk, up by more than 100 on last year, 233 Texel, 57 Border Leicester, 84 Lley, 323 Cross-Bred, 316 Beltex and 57 North Country Cheviots. Berrichon, Hampshire Downs and Blue Texel are also included. A full list can be viewed on the Border Union Kelso Ram Sales web site.

The event always attracts breeders and buyers from far afield and this year sees several new consigners selling there for the first time including some from Ireland, Orkney, and Yorkshire.

H&H Senior Auctioneer Tom Story who's based at St Boswells Mart, says he hopes to see good prices being realised this year.

"The weather, a very good early growing season, and plentiful recent rains have definitely worked to the advantage of our sheep breeders, so we expect to see some tremendous quality stock," he said.

"The increase in Suffolk numbers, I believe, can be directly attributed to the fact that more and more sheep breeders are recognising the commercial benefits and traits of the Suffolk as a terminal sire as heavier lambs in recent years are selling to a premium through the live auction ring.

"There is confidence in the sheep industry at present and



PRESTIGIOUS: Kelso Ram Sales will be held on September 8

early breeding sheep sales have seen good numbers. The lamb trade is good, if not slightly better than last year, and there is certainly more grass in the south of the country this year

compared to last year. So hopefully this bodes well for Kelso and will reflect and transfer through to the rings and we will see good prices and clearance being achieved."

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2,925 prime lambs sold to the same ringside of purchasers, with trade meeting some resistance achieving an overall average of 252.4p (SQ 252.8p). Best export lambs and best heavy lambs were still in demand and proved good to sell.

Selling to top price per kilo of 355p for Beltex lambs shown by M & M Byrne, Thornthwaite Close, Wigton. Top price per head of £140 twice, first for Beltex lambs shown by WC & E Bell & Son, Low Houses, Low Row and secondly for Dutch Spotted lambs from S Herraty, Low Ranachan, Argyll.

Two lambs were donated to raise money for Breast Cancer Charity, with the first one selling to £270 donated by JL & HR Gledson, Buteland, Hexham and the second one selling to £260 donated by Hindmarsh Partners, Warkshaugh, Otterburn.

PRINCIPAL PRICES (PER KILO)
Beltex 355p Thornthwaite Close, 334p Low Houses,

325p West Millhills, 318p Low Houses, 306p Stonehouse.

Texel 291p Balure, 275p Buteland, 272p (x2) Shandford.

Cheviot 273p Brackley, 256p Kirkton.

Suffolk 271p Stonehouse, 267p Shandford, 266p Whins, 261p Cambeckhill & Wallend.

Blue Texel 271p, 256p, 250p Low Ranachan.

Charollais 259p Galleywreay, 256p Hallburn.

Dutch Spotted 258p Low Ranachan.

Lley 248p The Height.

Mule 247p, 245p Whiteside, 245p Clonrae, 244p North Corriellaw & Whiteside.

Dutch Texel 239p Gelston Castle

Oxford 237p Guards.

Blackface 233p Whiteside & Lanehead, 229p Whiteside.

PRINCIPAL PRICE (PER HEAD)
Beltex £140 Low Houses, £135 Stonehouse, £134 Bombie, £132 High Greenhill & Bombie.

Dutch Spotted £140, £124 Low Ranachan.
Texel £139 Buckies, £136 Clatequoy, £131 Whiteside & Kirkbride, £130 Stonehouse.
Suffolk £133 North House

& Stonehouse, £130 Shandford & Wallend, £128 Archerbeck & Wallend.

Blue Texel £128, £100 Low Ranachan.

Charollais £121.50 Galleywreay.

Bluefaced Leicester £120 Archerbeck.

Cheviot £118, £107.50 Kirkton.

Cheviot Mule £113.50 Sorbietrees.

Mule £113 Whiteside, £110 Maidencots, £108.50 Upper Hindhope, £102.50 Whiteside, £101 Penpeugh & Newbiggin.

Dutch Texel £110 Gelston Castle.

Oxford £109 Guards.

Blackface £105 Whiteside, £98 Lanehead, £97 Penpeugh.

Lley £101.50 The Height.

Another bumper show of 5,299 ewes forward to another packed ringside of purchasers. Heavy ewes still selling to recent extreme rates. A big rise in the number of horned ewes and plain ewes forward saw the boning ewes harder to cash whilst feeding ewes sold to a fast trade with several new orders ringside. Heavy best texel ewes were in short supply and are actively sought after by purchaser's

request. Topping at £250 twice, firstly for Texel ewes from WS Robson & Co, Yatesfield, Otterburn and secondly again for Texels from J Dixon & Son, Lesson Hall, Wigton.

Light ewes to £140 for Cheviots from AR Bell & Son, Kirkton, Hawick.

Rams sold to £200 for a Texel from Messrs Bell, High House, Brampton.

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HEAVY EWES
Texel £250 Yatesfield & Lesson Hall, £240 High House & Hill View & Machrihanish, £215 Bordergate & Broomhills, £210 Hill View & High Greenhill.

Suffolk £180, £175, £165 Haven View, £155 Colmslie Hill, £152 Hill View & Archerbeck, £150, £146 Haven View, £145 Currie Inn.

Bluefaced Leicester £168 Colmslie Hill.

Beltex £158 Yatesfield & Woodhead, £150 Lesson Hall & Woodhead, £145 Lesson Hall.

Charollais £154 Upperlands, £140 Beckside, £136 Chasieside, £128 Upperlands & Chesters Brae.

North Country Cheviot £146 Swinside Townfoot, £120 Guardsmill & Swinside Townfoot, £119 Colmslie Hill.

Mule £133 Hassendean, £130 Chapel, £128 Hassendean & Moorhills, £126 Hassendean & Chesters Brae.

Cheviot Mule £128 Colmslie Hill, £120 Mid Glen, £119 Auchlin, £117 Bordergate, £116 Clackmae.

LIGHT EWES
Cheviot £140 Kirkton, £106 Sorbietrees, £98 Auchlin.
Goat £100 Rockhallhead.
Blackface £97 Whiteside, £92 Greensburn, £90 Minsca & Penpeugh.
Swaledale £77 Newbiggin, £72 Broadmea.
Easycare £76 Treaton.
Shetland £64 Treaton.

RAMS
Texel £200 High House, £188 High House & Upperlands.
Charollais £200 Beckside.
Suffolk £180 & £140 Upperlands.
Cheviot £148 Sorbietrees.
Beltex £145 Woodhead.
Dutch Spotted £142 Coxhill.

12 peaks and 27 miles later



Six good men and three dogs take on Tarras' daunting challenge

By Mark Hallam

On Sunday 20th August a team of 6 men and 3 dogs made the 2nd round of the 27 mile 'Tarras Valley 12 Peaks' challenge walk, around the hill-tops of the boundaries of the Tarras Valley Nature Reserve, first walked in 2022. Several ladies had been invited to join but had declined due to other engagements such as running The Southern Upland Way or, regrettably, suffering a last minute injury.

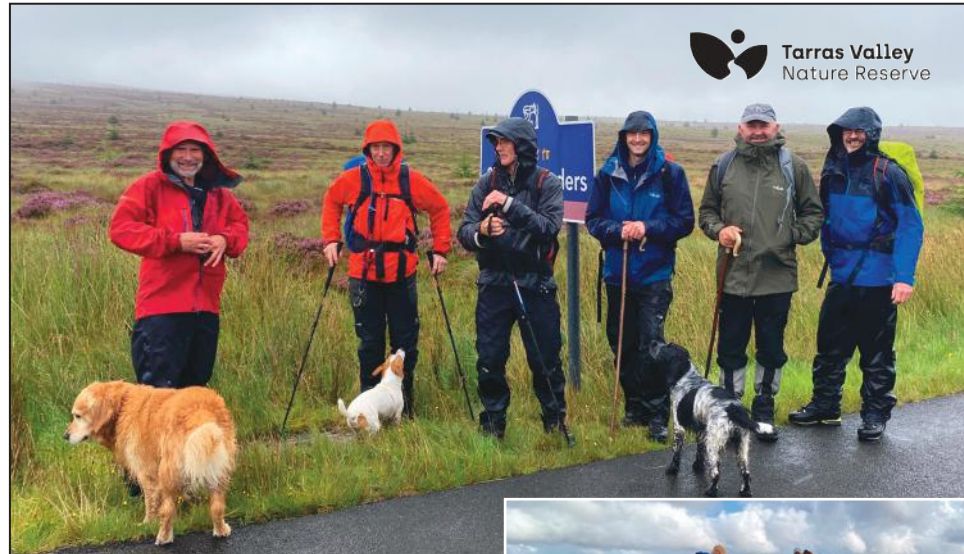
The team included Andrew Walton and Jess, Roger Maxwell and Cooper, Kieran and Ian Cuthbert and Mark Hallam with Jon Watt and Henry.

The walk started at 5am from the town centre, progressed up a dark rain slicked Hallpath and thence into the soggy depths of the Lower Tarras Valley and up a very wet and windy Tinnis Hill before meeting support team at County Marches, some 4 hours into the walk. Still lashed

by rain and wind, the walkers ascended up into the mist, heading north for the tops of Cooms, Watch Hill, the high point of Roan Fell and on to Hartsgarth Fell, the furthest away point, before turning west, for a very welcome lunch stop on top of Scawd Bank, just as the rain finally stopped.

Thankfully the second leg of the walk was into increasingly clear and dry conditions as the now weary team turned south at Pike Fell and tackled the hardest climb, to the top of Arkleton Hill, on the other side of which was a re-supply cache of spring water and the world's finest biscuits and dog treats, placed the previous day, at the top of the forestry road.

Thus fortified, the team proceeded to another challenging ascent, up over Hog Fell - and on over two more hill-tops, before a final and sunny climb to 12th and last hilltop, of Langholm's iconic Whita Hill at around 6.30pm.



Above: Ian Cuthbert joins team at the County Marches at 9.15am. Full team L-R Mark & Henry, Roger & Cooper, Andrew & Jess, Kieran & Ian Cuthbert, Jon Watt - with thanks to Carolyn Cuthbert!

Half an hour later at 7.10pm, exactly 14 hours after starting, a tired but happy team gathered for a final group photo in Muckle Toon centre.

Right: - Hog Fell No 9 at 17.14pm (23 miles out, 4 to go)



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The Holm Show: Another Cracker

Abundant entries,



Walking Sticks Junior Champion Sam Mitchison



Americans by birth – but Liddesdale Elliots by heart



Viewed from afar – all the fun of the showfield



Ribbons galore for Edith Graham



Jessica Telford – winner of two prized equestrian trophies



Young Adam Cropper trying out his tractor skills



Something's caught their eye – sheep on alert



Wendy Patterson with her lovely Connemara Cragg Lady Aspen



Warm, woolly and worthy of first prize



Time for celebration after a day of wins for Ian Copeland

Eggs
The Graham Waddle Trophy winner: Nathan Grierson
Children's Champion: Leo Page

Flowers
Cochranes Nursery Trophy for the best Pot Plant – Mrs K. Elliot
The Bell Cup (most points in cut flower section) – Mr P. Hutton
The Centenary Cup for most points in cut flowers – confined to Liddesdale Exhibitors – Mr P. Hutton
The Jean & Ell Little Quail for best in class 221 – Mrs L Barber
Newcastleton SWRI Cup for Most Points in Classes 230, 231, 232 & 233
Joint winners: Mrs E. Kennedy & Mrs B. Scott

Vegetables
"Tinnis Cup" for Most Points in the Section Joint Winners – Mrs I. Nichol & Miss A. Elliot
Cup and £10 for Most Points in Classes 251, 261, 262, 264, (Open) – Mr C. Martin

Baking
Jean Mitchinson Shield (Open) for Most points overall in Home Baking, Jams, Jellies & Dairy Produce – Kate Ireland
Alison Mitchinson 'Holm Show' trophy for Most points in Jams, Jellies & Soft Drink – Mr N. Barber

Home baking
The Anderson Cup – Kate Ireland

Children's baking section
Martin Mitchell Annual Challenge Cup for most points – Master Adam Cropper & Miss Margo Hutton-Keith

Children's section closed
M L Adamson & J R Bee Cup – Amelia Calvert

Industrial section
The Holm cup for most overall points – Mrs Isobel Nichol
The Barbra Robson Trophy with most points in knitting & Crochet classes – Mrs V Barber
The Linda Scott Memorial Trophy for best Exhibit in the industrial section – Mrs Isobel Nichol
Christmas card competition – Miss Sarah Oliver

Walking Sticks
The Leonard Parkin Perpetual Challenge Cup for Outstanding Exhibit – Mr A. Warwick
Perpetual Challenge Cup for most points in Walking sticks – Mr A. Warwick
Novice Sticks
Marius Carruthers Trophy for best novice stick – Mrs C. Cook
The Kimdean Junior Crookmakes Trophy for Champion Junior – Sam Mitchinson

Photos
The Barbour challenge cup for best photo in show – Ms J. Peden
The Caerba Cup for most points in the coloured section – Ms S. Bernhard-Smith
The Rowtingburn challenge Cup for most points in the Black & White Section – Ms S. Bernhard-Smith

Wrestling (Under C&W Rules)

		Under 18's			
1/	Myles Stainton	1/	12 1/2 Stone		
2/	Oskar Sigurdsson	1/	Hugo Chonavel		
3/	Porarinn Porarinnsson	2/	Youenn Moal		
		Ladies	3/	Paul Le Person	
		1/	Rosie Hodgson	All Weights	
		2/	Kristin Gunjonsnot-	1/	Thomas Gibson
		3/	Aziliz Rolland	2/	Richard Fox
		1/	12 1/2 Stone	3/	Hugo Chonavel
		1/	Isaac Stainton		
		2/	Scarlett Hodgson		
		3/	Ollie Stainton		
		1/	Porarinn Porarinnsson		
		2/	George Peacock		
		3/	Bobby Stewart		



Holm Show, you were great



Show summary by Gilly Fraser

Oh what a day that was – a day of delight for some and disappointment for others as must always be the case when any kind of competition is involved. We can't all be winners alas – but actually we did all have something to celebrate at this year's Holm Show and that was the weather. It may not have given us wall-to-wall sunshine or scorching temperatures but after a disappointing summer, plus several foreboding forecasts in the days leading up the Show, slightly overcast skies that occasionally threatened but never delivered rain, seemed most acceptable.

The last Saturday in August is always a prime day in the Copshaw calendar and one that's looked forward to for months on end. As soon

as the schedule comes back from the Printers, people start planning their classes. The committee members do their bit by coming up with new ideas to keep everything fresh, even if sometimes the new classes can take a little while to bed in and become familiar friends.

Rosettes

The equestrian section saw a real boost in numbers this year, largely thanks to the Lads Lodge Riding Centre in Penton. Owner Sabine Bliss kindly allowed a number of her regular riders to enter their favourite ponies and even operated a kind of shuttle trailer service to get them all there and back – from the tiniest Shetland to a very impressive 17hh+. Happily they had quite a bit of extra baggage on the

return trip with a healthy serving of rosettes.

As always the Show had plenty to suit everyone, from Wrestling under C&W rules, to Terrier Racing, the Rare Breeds enclosure and the Children's Sports. Perhaps one of the most entertaining moments of the day came during the Tug-of-War when a particularly strong tug not only knocked one team clean off its feet but almost toppled a portaloo at the same time. Fortunately, no-one was in it at the time.

The fun lasted well into the evening thanks to Falkirk band VH5 who proved a great hit, especially when they played a selection of ceilidh numbers.

So well done Holm Show 2023, you were great. And here's to your successor in 2024.

RESULTS & TROPHY WINNERS 2023

SHEEP

South Country Cheviot Sheep
Liddesdale Junior Agricultural Challenge Cup (Champion) - Hislop Farm (Gimmer)
The Eskdale & Liddesdale Advertiser Trophy for Reserve Champion- G. Jackson, Blackburn (Tup lamb)
Most Points - G. Jackson, Blackburn
Cumberland and Westmorland Farmers Ltd Challenge Cup - Champion Undressed - W. Nixon, Langholm Initiative, Cooms (Ewe lamb)

CLASS 1. South Country Cheviot Ram Aged1/
1/ R. Wood, Potholm
2/ W. Nixon, Langholm Initiative, Cooms
3/ G. Jackson, Blackburn
CLASS 2. South Country Cheviot Shearling Ram
1/ Hislop Farm
2/ N. Manning, Tweedshaws
3/ G. Jackson, Blackburn
CLASS 3. South Country Cheviot Ram Lamb
1/ G. Jackson, Blackburn
2/ G. Jackson, Blackburn
3/ T. Elliot, Hindhope

CLASS 4. South Country Cheviot Group Male (Aged Ram, Shearling & Lamb 1, 2 & 3)
1/ G. Jackson, Blackburn
2/ R. Wood, Potholm
3/ Hislop Farm
CLASS 5. South Country Cheviot Ewe
1/ T. Elliot, Hindhope
2/ R. Wood, Potholm
3/ Hislop Farm
CLASS 6. South Country Cheviot Gimmer
1/ Hislop Farm
2/ G. Jackson, Blackburn
3/ T. Elliot, Hindhope
CLASS 7. South Country Cheviot Ewe Lamb1/
1/ G. Jackson, Blackburn
2/ T. Elliot, Hindhope
3/ Hislop Farm
CLASS 9. Hill Ewe Undressed
1/ Hislop Farm
2/ R. Wood, Potholm
3/ R. Bell, Bloch
CLASS 10. South Country Gimmer Undressed
1/ R.W. & V Elliot, Hermitage
2/ R.W. & V Elliot, Hermitage
3/ R. Bell, Bloch
CLASS 11. South Country Cheviot Lamb Undressed
1/ W. Nixon, Langholm Initiative, Cooms
2/ R.W. & V Elliot, Hermitage
3/ Hislop Farm
CLASS 12. South Country Cheviot Pair Ewe Lambs Undressed

1/ T. Elliot, Hindhope
CLASS 13. Female Group (Ewe, Gimmer, Lamb taken from, 5,6,7,10,11 & 12)
1/ T. Elliot, Hindhope
2/ Hislop Farm
3/ G. Jackson, Blackburn
BLACKFACE SHEEP
Jimmy Nixon Trophy for champion undressed - N. Manning, Earlshaugh (Ewe lamb)
The Larriston Perpetual Challenge Cup (Champion).
P. & I. Hunter, Nickies Ha Farm (Ewe) Reserve Champion
S. Anderson, Penchris (Gimmer)
CLASS 21. Blackface Ram Aged
1/ S. Anderson, Penchris
2/ S. Anderson, Penchris
CLASS 22. Blackface Shearling Ram
1/ S. Anderson, Penchris
2/ N. Manning, Earlshaugh
3/ S. Anderson, Penchris
CLASS 23. Blackface Ram Lamb
1/ P. & I. Hunter, Nickies Ha Farm
2/ P. Jackson, Scott Street, Newcastleton
3/ P. Jackson, Scott Street, Newcastleton
CLASS 24. Group, Blackface Ram, Shearling and Ram Lamb taken from **CLASSES** 21,22,23
1/ S. Anderson, Penchris
CLASS 25. Blackface Ewe to have reared Lamb this season
1/ P. & I. Hunter, Nickies Ha Farm
2/ G. Jackson, Blackburn
3/ S. Anderson, Penchris

CLASS 26. Blackface Gimmer
1/ S. Anderson, Penchris
2/ G. Jackson, Blackburn
3/ N. Manning, Earlshaugh
CLASS 27. Blackface Ewe Lamb
1/ S. Anderson, Penchris
2/ G. Jackson, Blackburn
3/ N. Manning, Earlshaugh
CLASS 28. Blackface Ewe with own Lamb at foot
1/ P. & I. Hunter, Nickies Ha Farm
CLASS 29. Blackface Ewe to have reared Lamb this season shown undressed
1/ S. Anderson, Penchris
2/ P. Jackson, Scott Street, Newcastleton
CLASS 30. Blackface Gimmer shown undressed
1/ P. Jackson, Scott Street, Newcastleton
2/ S. Anderson, Penchris
3/ P. Jackson, Scott Street, Newcastleton
CLASS 31. Blackface Ewe Lamb shown undressed
1/ N. Manning, Earlshaugh
2/ N. Manning, Earlshaugh
3/ S. Anderson, Penchris
CLASS 33. Group Blackface Ewe, Gimmer and Ewe Lamb taken from **CLASSES** 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31 & 32.
1/ S. Anderson, Penchris
2/ G. Jackson, Blackburn
2/ P. & I. Hunter, Nickies Ha Farm
Prizes
The Blackface Association Rosette for Champion.
P. & I. Hunter, Nickies Ha Farm
Sorbietrees Farm Ltd. Special £25 for most points in section.
S. Anderson, Penchris
Greyface Sheep
Rickerby Ltd (Carlisle) donated Tankard for Best Greyfaced Ewe Lamb
A. Carruthers, Peel a Hill
CLASS 34. Greyface Ewe to have reared Lamb this season
1/ R. Fox, Greengate
2/ R. Fox, Greengate
CLASS 35. Greyface Gimmer
1/ A. Carruthers, Peel a Hill
2/ R. Fox, Greengate
3/ R. Fox, Greengate
CLASS 36. Grey face Ewe Lamb (ex Blackface)
1/ A. Carruthers, Peel a Hill
2/ A. Carruthers, Peel a Hill
CLASS 39. Pair Greyface Ewe Lambs (ex Blackface) not to be shown in **CLASS** 36
1/ A. Carruthers, Peel a Hill
Prizes
Sorbietrees Farm Ltd. Special £25 for most points in section.
A. Carruthers, Peel a Hill
Blueface Leicester Sheep
The 'Raeburn' Perpetual Challenge Cup for Champion.
I.C. Copeland (ewe)
The Thomas Watson Memorial Challenge Cup opposite sex to Champion
I.C. Copeland (ewe lamb)
CLASS 43. Blueface Ram Lamb
1/ I.C. Copeland, Peters Crook
CLASS 44. Blueface Ewe to have reared Lamb this season
1/ I.C. Copeland, Peters Crook
2/ A. Carruthers, Peel a Hill
CLASS 45. Blueface Gimmer
1/ I.C. Copeland, Peters Crook
2/ A. Carruthers, Peel a Hill
3/ A. Carruthers, Peel a Hill
CLASS 46. Blueface Ewe Lamb
1/ I.C. Copeland, Peters Crook
2/ I.C. Copeland, Peters Crook
CLASS 47. Group of 3: 1 male, 2 female
1/ I.C. Copeland, Peters Crook
Sorbietrees Special Prize £25 most points.
I.C. Copeland, Peters Crook
Prizes
Sorbietrees Farm Ltd. Special £25 for most points in section.
I.C. Copeland, Peters Crook
Continental Sheep Other Than Texel
Mr G McGimpsey and Mr G Rae Cup for Champion
J. Wilson, Wauchope Farm (ewe)

CLASS 48. Continental Sheep other than Texel
1/ Z. Hall, Horsley Hill
CLASS 50. Continental Ram Lamb
1/ J. Wilson, Wauchope Farm
2/ J. Wilson, Wauchope Farm
CLASS 51. Continental Ewe
1/ J. Wilson, Wauchope Farm
2/ J. Wilson, Wauchope Farm
3/ Z. Hall, Horsley Hill
CLASS 52. Continental Gimmer
1/ R. Fox, Greengate
2/ Z. Hall, Horsley Hill
CLASS 53. Continental Ewe Lamb
1/ Z. Hall, Horsley Hill
Prizes
Special £10 donated by Mr G. McGimpsey for most points in section.
J. Wilson, Wauchope Farm

TEXEL SHEEP

Carrs Billington Trophy for Champion.
R. Fox, Greengate (Gimmer)
CLASS 54. Texel Ram Aged
1/ R. Fox, Greengate
CLASS 55. Texel Shearling
1/ R. Fox, Greengate
2/ R. Fox, Greengate
CLASS 56. Texel Ram Lamb
1/ R. Fox, Greengate
CLASS 57. Texel Ewe
1/ R. Fox, Greengate
CLASS 58. Texel Gimmer
1/ R. Fox, Greengate
CLASS 59. Texel Ewe Lamb
1/ R. Fox, Greengate
Prizes
Special £10 donated by Mr G. McGimpsey for most points in section.
R. Fox, Greengate
Any Other Breed of Sheep
Jobson Animal Health Challenge Trophy for Champion.
A. Carruthers, Peel a Hill
CLASS 62. Any Other Breed Ram Lamb
1/ A. Carruthers, Peel a Hill
CLASS 63. Any Other Breed Ewe
1/ A. Carruthers, Peel a Hill
CLASS 65. Any Other Breed Ewe Lamb
1/ A. Carruthers, Peel a Hill
Prime Lambs
Titheburn Challenge Cup for Best Prime Lambs.
J. Wilson, Wauchope
CLASS 66. Pair Prime Lambs up to 40 kilos Liveweight
1/ R. Fox, Greengate
2/ A. Carruthers, Peel a Hill
CLASS 67. Pair Prime Lambs over 40 kilos Liveweight
1/ J. Wilson, Wauchope
2/ A. Carruthers, Peel a Hill
CLASS 69. Pair of Prime Lambs Hill Breeds - Blackface
1/ A. Carruthers, Peel a Hill
2/ A. Carruthers, Peel a Hill
Prizes
£20 Special donated by Carrs for Best Prime Lambs Hill Breeds
A. Carruthers, Peela Hill

Young Handlers

Bedda Cup for Champion of **CLASSES** 71 & 72.
Rory Laing, Twiselhope
CLASS 70. Any Breed not shown in any other **CLASS** - Handler under 10 years old
1/ Rory Laing, Twiselhope
2/ Brook Hedley
3/ Charlie Elliot, Hermitage/Blackhall
CLASS 71. Any Breed not shown in any other **CLASS** - Handler age 10 - 16 years old
1/ Aaron Hedley
2/ Poppy Bell, Bloch
3/ Douglas Elliot, Hermitage/Blackhall

GOATS

Nova Brodie Cup J. Thomson
CLASS 74 Best Nanny Goat, Any Age
1/ J. Thomson, Hartwell
2/ J. Thomson, Hartwell
3/ J. Thomson, Hartwell

VINTAGE

The Agroweld Cup - K. Thompson
Classic Car ChallengeCup - R. Douglas

Witness the wonders of Wester Kirk

Everyone loves the Benty Show

By Gilly Fraser



Will it see bumper classes this year or will the temperamental weather have played havoc with the entries?

Well, the Benty Show likes to keep itself in suspense right up till nearly the last minute. Unlike other shows which impose a closing date some weeks before the event, the Benty doesn't close its lists till a few days beforehand.

"We know our Industrial entries are looking good but it's hard to tell with the Horticultural because we don't put the entries into a catalogue, so we don't need an early closing date," says the Show's General Secretary Alison Little.

"It's been such a funny summer, especially for the horticultural side, the flowers and vegetables, so it's hard to know what they're going to be like this year. And for many of them it's a case of the later the better for them to be able to enter their exhibits."

This week has seen a flurry of activity in the

Benty Showfield, with sheep pens being put in place and marquees being erected ready for the big day. Alison says it has all been going well and the signs are hopeful for a decent day weather-wise.

"Things can change of course but at the moment the forecast for Saturday is good and the guys who put the sheep pens up say the field is in good order."

Future-proof

The Benty may be small in stature, but it holds a very large place in the hearts of local people who always do their bit to support the show. Local youngsters are also great fans, which bodes well for the show's future.

"We normally get a big entry in the Children's section," Alison says. "All the entries are free for the kids and we've got a good selection of classes for them with prize money, so that encourages the youngsters to enter."

And for all those who visit on show day, there's

plenty to see and do.

"As well as the Industrial and the Horticultural sections we also have Sheep classes, a fell race for adults and children with a first prize of £75 and entries for that can be made on the day. We have a bouncy castle, children's sports, hound trails, dog classes in the afternoon, there's food available all day and a barbecue in the evening."

Alison says the schedule generally sticks to the same classes which have proved popular over the years, but the committee keep their eye on changing trends and new ideas.

"At the AGM every year we review the classes so if for example there had been a few years where there hadn't been a lot of entries in a specific class then we'll maybe look to see if there's anything that could be added. We also consider feedback from people who come to the show and of course when we're visiting other shows we will have a look to see if they've had any new ideas."



The Faces & Places of Eskdalemuir Community



By Mairi Telford Jammeh

GOOD SPORTS: The egg and spoon race

Eskdalemuir Community Hub has been buzzing over these past few weeks. In response to a funding opportunity from the National Lottery commemorating the King's Coronation, project leaders Angie Ball and Mark Gamblin have been photographing members of the Eskdalemuir community and its environment since early May of this year.

The National Lottery's remit was to offer funding to create events where the community can come together and celebrate the wide variety of local people and the natural environment. The local project entitled the 'Faces & Places of the Eskdalemuir Community' aims to leave a legacy.

A part of this project has been to resurrect the community sports day, once a popular annual event which, ended around 10 years ago. This was held last Saturday August 26th.

Young and old joined in with games such as the egg and spoon race, the welly throw and the fell race.

The sense of community on the day was lovely and a dry day definitely helped to make this a memorable day. The organisers wish to thank David Cartner senior for his donation of a trophy for the winner of the fell race and the local landowners of Clerkhill for the use of their fields. The day was made special due to all the volunteers and everyone who took part.

Another part of this project was the creation of an impressive ten foot high willow sculpture created by well sculptor Trevor Leat from Auchencairn. The sculpture is now situated at the front of the Hub.

The structure has been created to represent the 'Being of the White Esk River', a thread that con-



CRAFTSMANSHIP: The willow sculpture by Trevor Leat



CHAMP: Nancy Chinnery wins the day

nects the Eskdale community together. This initial creation was the combined inspiration of several children and their families living in Eskdalemuir with the help of project leader, Angie Ball.

The idea was then transformed into a 3D willow sculpture by Trevor Leat. A song of the Being of the River will be sung during the exhibition opening on Saturday September 2nd by the Eskdalemuir singing group and led by Jilly Jarman,

musical director of Blue Jam Arts, Penrith. Jilly has been a regular singing tutor for a number of years

with the Eskdalemuir singing group.

On Friday August 18th an initial practice session with Jilly Jarman was held at the Hub alongside a percussion workshop with a definite Samba flavour where adults and children were invited to 'have a go' in this fun session.

All will be able to join in the exhibition opening on Saturday September 2nd or to visit the art gallery and Community Hub at any time to view the photographs. The photographic exhibition will be on display until the end of September.

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BETTER LATE THAN NEVER: The butterflies have arrived at last and Tom Hutton of Langholm captured this stunning peacock in all its iridescent glory.

Camera: Nikon D7000

The Bohemians

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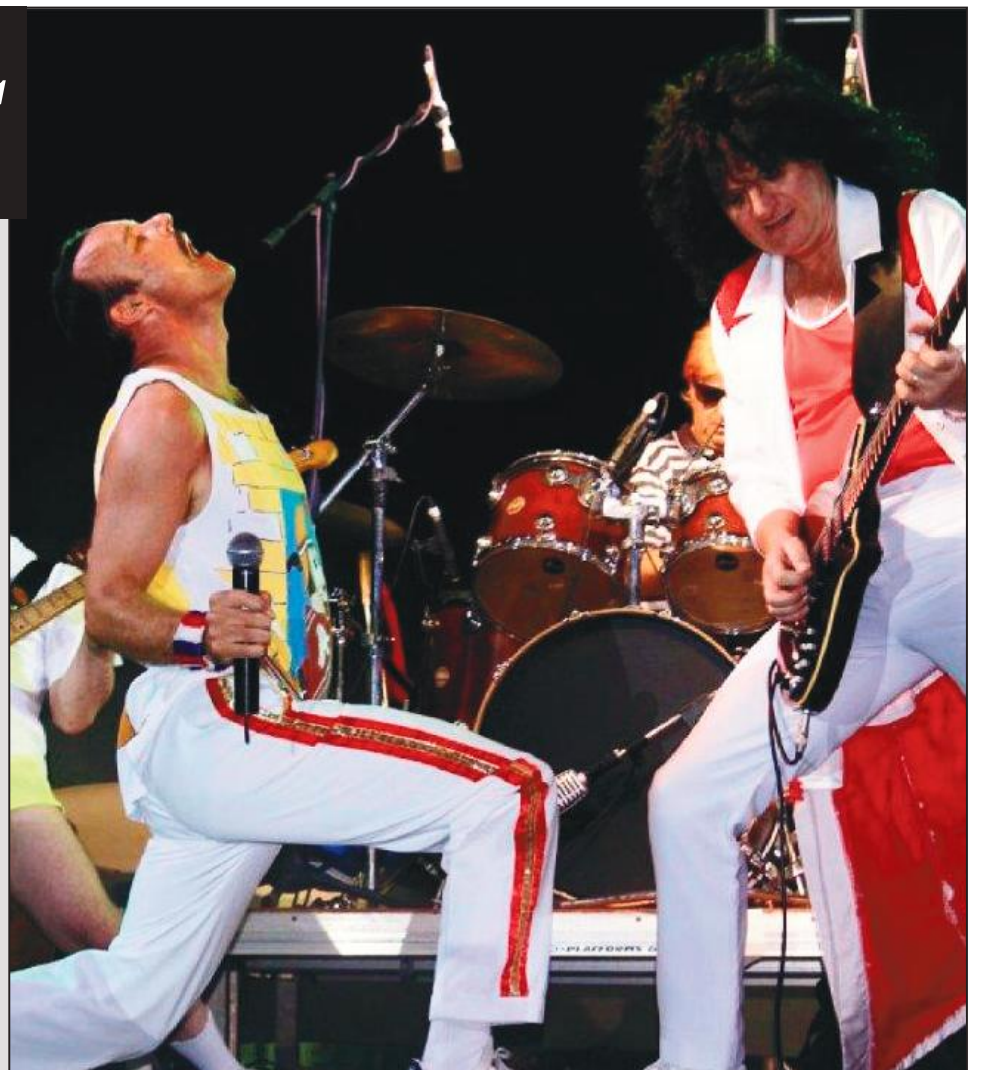
The second Hour concentrates on the later hits and once again there are so many to choose from.

The stunning, Breakthru provides both the introduction and the costume presentation for this part of the set which includes a new feature of the Bohemians stage show, a slick rendering of classics from the late eighties and early nineties era. I Want it all, The Show must go on and the haunting, Days of

our Lives are just some of those featured.

Next up it's the sights and sounds of the famous Live Aid performance and of course, the awesome Bohemian Rhapsody. Then it's back to Wembley '86 for a suitably rousing finale when The Bohemians will have you on your feet, singing, dancing and clapping along to the likes of We Will Rock You and We Are the Champions. The appropriate climax to a truly memorable live re-enactment of the world's greatest Rock Band.

After a hugely successful show in 2022, The Bohemians return to the The Buccleuch Centre stage on Thursday 14th September at 7.30pm
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Day	What	Time	Where
Mon	Scrap Store	11:30-2:30	CM Space DG13 0ES
Tues	After school club	4-5:30	CM Space DG13 0ES
	Langholm Evening In Stitches	6-8	
Wed	Eskdalemuir In Stitches	10-12	Eskdalemuir Hub DG13 0QJ
	Welcome Wednesday & Scrap Store	11:30-2:30	CM Space DG13 0ES
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E/W 1, Doug Dixon & Tom Stothart, 2, John Packer & Avril Bannatyne, 3, Louise Grierson & Janet Ivison.

The E&L General Knowledge Quiz

No. 2325..answers next week

- Who wrote the play "Romeo and Juliet"?
- What is the chemical symbol for gold?
- Which famous scientist developed the three laws of motion?
- In Greek mythology, who was the king of the gods?
- What is the largest type of penguin in the world?
- Who wrote the classic novel "Pride and Prejudice"?
- How many bones are there in the adult human body (approximately)?
- What is the national flower of Japan?
- Which artist painted the famous mural "The Last Supper"?
- What is the chemical symbol for the element tungsten?
- In 1497, which Portuguese explorer set sail on his first voyage to India?
- Kim Jong-il became the supreme leader of which country in 1994, succeeding his father, Kim Il-sung?
- The New Horizons spacecraft performed an historic flyby providing the first close-up images of which dwarf planet in 2015?
- What was the name of the Russian nuclear submarine that sank in the Barents Sea in 2000, resulting in the deaths of all 118 crew members.
- When an unidentified object crashed in New Mexico in 1947 it sparked a conspiracy theory which became known as what?
- In 2014 Germany won the FIFA World Cup by defeating which country 1-0 in the final held at Maracanã Stadium in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- Who piloted the American U2 Spy plane that was downed by the Soviet Union in 1960?
- The rescue mission to save 12 boys and their soccer coach trapped in a cave complex began in July 2018 in which country?
- Which bell cracked while being rung during the funeral of the U.S. Chief Justice John Marshall in 1835.
- In July 2020 which associate of Jeffrey Epstein, was arrested and charged with multiple crimes related to Epstein's sex trafficking ring?

Last week's puzzle and Crossword Solutions

Quiz No. 2324

- Manchester United
- Ross Kemp
- Rome
- Ludwig von Beethoven
- Five (Five Guys)
- Robyn
- Football
- Labour
- Ted Lasso
- Ken
- Leonardo DiCaprio
- Poseidon
- Steve Brookstein
- Brazil
- Ten Pund note
- 33 years old
- Carl Weathers
- Grandmother-granddaughter
- Jeff Bezos
- Rioja

Crossword 2324

Across: 1 Skills, 4 Magnet, 9 Allegro, 10 Often, 11 Comma, 12 Sugary, 14 Perpendicular, 17 Eclair, 19 Epsom, 22 Maori, 23 Termite, 24 Saying, 25 Cyrene.

Down: 1 Seascape, 2 Islam, 3 Luggage, 5 Among, 6 Natural, 7 Tuna, 8 Considerate, 13 Premiere, 15 Rectory, 16 Clearly, 18 Alien, 20 Smile, 21 Xmas.

Never a Crossword!

No. 2325..answers next week

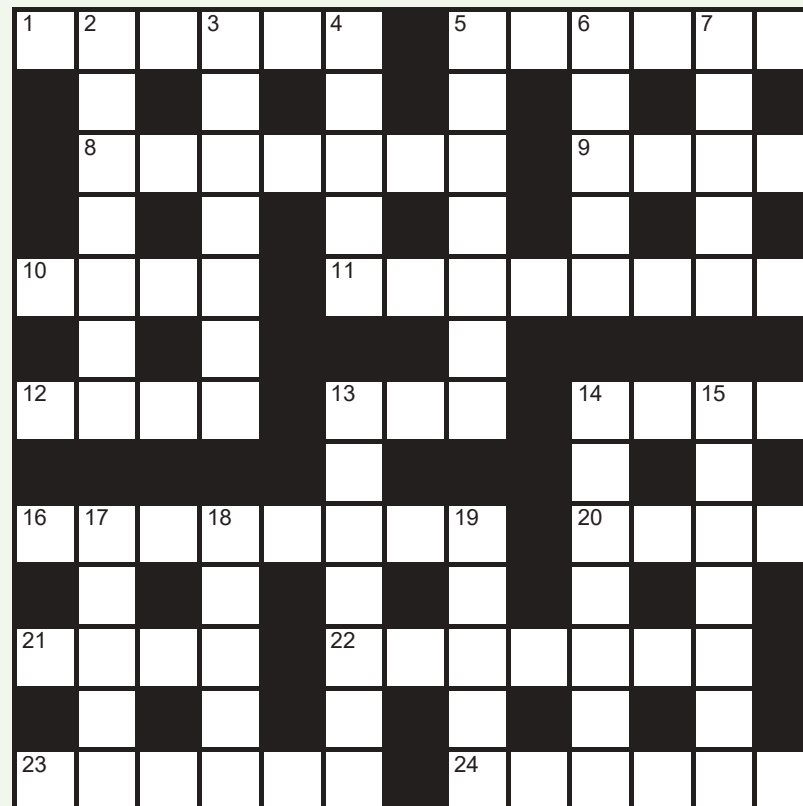
A wee mix of general knowledge and cryptic clues to get the grey cells moving!

Across

- Likenesses (6)
- Unhealthy (6)
- South-eastern American state (7)
- From a distance (4)
- Explosive weapon (4)
- Control (8)
- Ripped (4)
- Sum charged (3)
- Russian news service (4)
- One-celled organisms (8)
- Formerly Persia (4)
- Before long (4)
- Forbidden by law (7)
- Carved image (6)
- Astute (6)

Down

- Member of the Mob (7)
- Farewell (7)
- Snow sportsperson (5)
- Glitter (7)
- Move slowly (5)
- Smallest (5)
- Prolific (7)
- Set off (7)
- Devour (7)
- Take as one's own (5)
- Dogma (5)
- Collection of maps (5)



Dave is LRFC Development Officer

Rugby

Langholm RFC Rugby Development Officer Dave Montgomery is greatly looking forward to the new rugby season both at the Langholm Schools cluster and at the Club.

Twenty-six-year-old Dave who is originally from Belfast has been involved with Langholm Youth Rugby since February has been taking sessions at Langholm and Canonbie primary schools as well as at Langholm Academy.

Dave who normally plays at flanker or Inside centre has lived in Hawick for a number of years and was a personal fitness trainer before becoming the rugby development officer for Langholm and district. Dave along with the Xcel youth Project and the Youth Rugby Trust played a big part in the very successful youth rugby camp at Milntown 2 weeks ago.

Dave says he is looking forward to working with the



KEEN: Dave Montgomery

Langholm Youth rugby set up and will hopefully provide some game opportunities and help to continue to grow youth rugby off the back of a very successful season for the 1st XV. He added that rugby has provided him with many great memories and life lessons. He is excited to be part of new memories for budding players and is looking forward to getting to know everybody in the upcoming season and to further develop rugby at Langholm.

Bowling bonanza



TRIUMPHANT AT HOME: Back row- Mark, Roddy, Paul, Tommy, Gordon, Alan, Ian. Front row- Duncan, Luke, David, Ian.

Bowling

On Friday evening the New Town bowling club held the third Scott Morrison memorial Top 10 competition in which they played their rivals from across the water - the Old Town.

After some great bowling, the winners were the host club - Langholm New.

The rink made up of Gordon Stewart, David Pool, Roddy Innes, and Luke Tolson recorded a good win of 20-4 against Kevin Irving, George Cuthbertson, Lauren Scott & Raymond Redmond. The Pair of Mark Grieve & Ian Scott had a riveting game against Duncan Ritchie

and Callum Ogilvie, however they managed to record a 21-17 win.

The Triple of Duncan Johnstone, Ian Earsman & Paul Warwick had a great game which ended up a draw of 10-10 against Alan Aitken, Dougie Irving & Ronnie Johnstone. The home managed to lose out in the singles match with Alan Warwick facing a tough opposition in Steven Barker. With a score of 7-21.

The club would like to thank Tommy for presenting the winners medals and trophy and the cup to Paul Warwick, president. Thanks also to Roy Park who marked the singles tie.

Another successful day for the new town club was on Sunday with 2 tournament wins for club members.

Firstly Luke Tolson, won the Newcastleton open Singles competition sponsored by Danny Hetherington. There was an entry of 46 and players came from border clubs and Cumbria to compete. The runner-up was George Beagley from Hawick.

Beaten semi-finalists were Dougie Irving (Langholm Old) and Ged Smith (Hawick). Beaten quarter finalists were Ian Scott (Langholm New), John Smyth (Wilton), Wendy Cowan (Gala Waverley) and Lauren Scott (Newcastleton).

Meanwhile Paul & Carolle Warwick along with Kevin Irving managed to win an open triples competition at Lauder on Sunday. They won 4 group games which granted them a place in the semi-final where they beat a strong team from Melrose. In the final they were struggling to keep up with the Duns team, however they score 8 shots in the last 2 ends which secured their title. Well done all for a great end to a busy weeks bowling.



AND AWAY: Carolle, President of Lauder Alan Gilchrist, Paul and Kevin

New 100m PB for Ava



Athletics

Langholm's Ava Bell was competing yesterday for Edinburgh AC at the Forth Valley League meeting at Grangemouth.

It is a 2 division, 3 meeting format with a full track and

field programme and Ava was competing in long jump, 100m (new personal best of 13.5 sec) and relay.

Participating teams were from Harmeny, Borders, Dunfermline, Musselburgh, Pitreavie, Corstorphine, Central and Edinburgh.

Park breaks record

Cricket

Langholm got back to winning ways on Saturday in decisive fashion with a 269 run victory over Gamblesby, featuring a record breaking innings from Gregor Park.

Getting off to an inauspicious start with Tony Steele falling for just 1 with the score on just 7 it could have been a long day for the Muckle Toon Men. But the Partnership of Ben Edmonds and Gregor Park would put Langholm in command. With Park taking on the big hitting and Edmonds playing a fantastically controlled innings at the other end the score would get to for 1 before 17 year old Edmonds would fall for 22.

With the base well and truly set Nicky Piszczykiewicz joined Park and the score began to rapidly accelerate with some massive sixes. Park would pass his 150 and go on to score a Castleholm record total of 173 before holing out attempting to take on another 6.

A flurry of wickets would follow in the final over of the innings, Nicky was next to go, bowled after scoring a rapid 77. Skipper Dave Steele was out bowled for 10. Chris Stewart

would then fall off the last ball of the innings for a Golden Duck. John Bell would finish not out on 4, with the score 318 for 6.

After his start with the bat Tony Steele keen to make amends would get Langholm off to the perfect start with the ball getting Coleman out bowled first ball of the innings. Jay Gordon removed the next after getting the batsman to edge onto his stumps. Steele would get the next two with Edmonds taking a brilliant catch hit hard at him to remove Carter for 5 before Rogerson was trapped lbw for 1. Chris Stewart was the next bowler in on the action with two wickets removing the first bowled then getting Langholm Exile Ben Weatherstone caught by John Bell.

It would be the return of Andrew Paisley to the first team that would bring the next wickets after a brilliant spell of swing bowling he would take two wickets in two balls both clean bowled. Stewart would clean up the tail getting Benson lbw for 7 and Hodgson bowled for a duck leaving Gamblesby 49 all out after 18.5 overs. A great effort from all the bowlers with Stewart finishing with figures



of 4-19, Steele 3-11, Paisley 2-7 and Gordon 1-10.

A brilliant win with big hitting and skilful bowling that sees Langholm hold Second place with two games to play and promotion in their own hands.

BIG HITTER: Gregor Park welcomes Andrew Paisley back to the fold



Jumping Matilda!

Langholm athlete takes triple-jump gold in Cardiff



Welcome to Langholm **FUTURE CHAMPIONS AWARDS**

Athletics

By Calum Graham

15-year-old Langholm Academy pupil Matilda Brockley won a gold medal for the Scotland U20 National Athletics team at the weekend.

Competing in the Triple Jump at Cardiff International Sports Campus against teams from England U18, England U20,

Channel Islands, Northern Ireland U20, Wales U20 and Welsh Schools, she jumped 11.51m to secure the gold medal for Scotland.

This is another fantastic achievement for Matilda in what has been a brilliant athletics season for her and, for someone competing so far above their age group.

Matilda is supported by the Welcome to Langholm Future Champions Awards



FANTASTIC: Matilda's has been competing far above her age group



Ian Henderson remembered

Bowling

The Ian Henderson Memorial Bowling Tournament was held at Langholm Old Town Bowling Club at the weekend.

Winners, skip Ian Scott & Duncan Ritchie, were presented with the trophy by Ian's grandsons Nicky & Callum Henderson.

After the final Nicky performed in the clubhouse for several hours entertaining the audience.

Great win for Legion despite ending with ten men

Football

By Martin Thomlinson

Tweeddale Rovers 2
Langholm Legion F. C. 3

Looking to build on last weekend's win against Hawick Legion, Langholm made the trip up to Peebles on Saturday and came away with a great win on the road after twice falling behind and ending the match with ten men.

The Legion made a good start to the match with some good attacking play down the left, but it was the hosts, through Sykes, who took the lead with an attack of their own down

their left.

An equaliser wasn't long in coming when Craig Cuthbert scored for the second week in a row with a brave finish on a well-timed run after a fine defence splitting pass from Brian Mattinson.

Daniel Winter then had a brilliant long-range effort tipped onto the bar for the second match running with Ali Little unable to hit the target with the rebound with the goal at his mercy as the score remained tied at half time.

Two quick changes in the second half with Cole Hamilton and Ali Little both feeling unwell brought early opportunities for Ryan Johnstone and Andrew

Whittall with the latter again looking like causing problems with his pace and tenacity.

Tweeddale took the lead again after Cain Maxwell parried a shot and the home striker Sykes was first to the rebound to bundle the ball over the line for his second of the match.

Captain Lee Irving drew his side level again when he also scored for the second consecutive match when his left footed effort eventually trickled over the line after what seemed an eternity.

The match then became stretched with chances at both ends before Brian Mattinson showed fantastic class and composure to start and finish a goal

worthy of winning any match.

The Legion were then reduced to ten men when Callum Ireland was extremely unfortunate to receive his second booking.

To a man the lads showed great heart, desire, and bravery to see out the remaining ten minutes of normal time plus the six and a half minutes of injury time the referee added on.

Bodies were thrown on the line time after time with young keeper Cain Maxwell proving his worth with a couple of great saves late on to seal a fine win.

A huge three points for the lads with a win that should do wonders for their confidence and belief in themselves and each other. There were some



big standout performers out there and a few sore bodies the next day too I'd guess.

This weekend we welcome newly promoted Biggar United to the Scholars 3G and having made a solid start of their own, will no doubt provide stiff opposition.

C Maxwell, C Grieve, F Dell, L Irving, C Ireland, C Cuthbert, D Winter, K Reid, C Hamilton, A Little & B Mattinson.

Subs (Used) R Johnstone & A Whittall. (Unused) C Ewart, B Borthwick & B Porteous

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