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Janet and Andrew would like to thank, most sincerely, everyone who sent messages of sympathy, this was very much appreciated. Also, many thanks to Langholm Health Centre and to the nurses in ward C5 at Dumfries Infirmary for their diligent care and attention during David's final days. Special thanks to Shaun Turnbull for his care and support and to the Rev Morag Crossan for a very meaningful graveside service. Thanks also to everyone who gave donations.

In Memoriam

Jimmy Hotson

*Special memories of Jimmy who died
20th January 2023.*

*A much loved and missed Dad, Father-in-law,
Grandpa and Papa.
Kevan, Pauline, Steven and all their families.*

In Loving Memory of

Eric 'Sparky' Jardine

*As 20 years has past on 25th January and as
the saying goes 'Time is a great healer',
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'Welcome Holm' scheme returns to Buccleuch House

Copshaw's Buccleuch House launched a new series of "Welcome Holm" get-togethers in fine musical style this week with a celebration of all things Robert Burns.

To the delight of the audience which included quite a few of the village's ELC children, Iain Bell piped the haggis in, then they heard the traditional Address to the Haggis before being invited to sample the gushing entrails for themselves.

After the children had left to go back to preschool, Ian played a few more tunes before everyone enjoyed a lunch of Scotch broth and Irn Bru followed by short-bread.

The new Welcome Holm scheme is described as "an enhanced warm and well programme to help combat the cold, dark winter days." Organisers say their goal is to provide a safe, welcoming environment for everyone in the community to come together, connect and share activities. They'll also be given a warm lunch.

The programme of very varied activities hasn't yet been finalised but Seated Yoga is a definite for February 12, Philip Munro will be giving a talk about Golden Eagles on February 19th and



Martin Steed gives his take on medals on April 8. Flower Arranging is also on the list, with date to be confirmed.

The sessions are free and open to everyone.

Meanwhile another new course is just about to get underway at the Enterprise and Learning Outreach Centre based in Buccleuch House. This one combines Maths and Cooking.

Rachel Lewis who will be taking the series of six free classes, says they're more about learning to plan rather than improving culinary skills.

"We'll be using store cupboard items to create hearty meals, learning to use up leftovers and reducing waste," she says. "Alongside this, increasing and reducing quantities and budgeting will help improve maths skills."

It's hoped the course will be run again in the future if funding is granted again



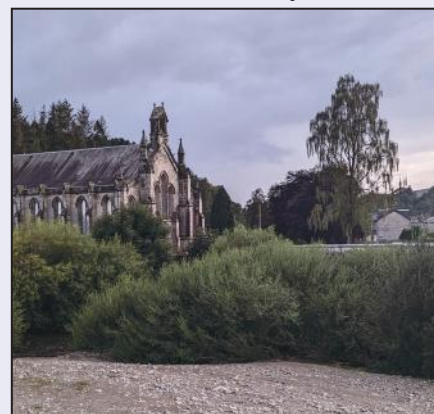
Centre: Piper Iain Bell
Above: Copshaw's Buccleuch House

'Ee, Mei!' - good question!

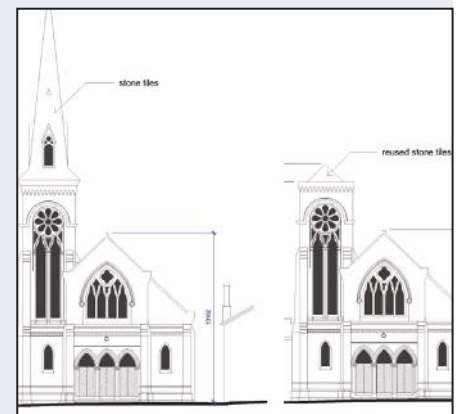
Here are some things the E&L has been asked recently. Rest assured, we will endeavour to find out!



"It's the 25th January, and the Christmas Lights are still up, are they leaving them up for the Common Riding?"



"When are they going to remove the gravel and the willow trees from beside the Kirk brig?"



Baila Developments (Shetland)Ltd have been granted planning permission to remove the Erskine Church Spire... what happens next?

Crossdykes fund offers educational bursaries

Apply to Langholm Community Council for help with learning costs

The aim of the Crossdykes Education and Training Bursaries Scheme is to improve the opportunities and livelihoods of people living in Langholm, Ewes and Westerkirk, Community Council boundaries.

It will provide bursaries to local people to access training and education opportunities that better equip them with the range of skills required to enter or retain employment.

What sorts of courses are eligible?

Courses leading to formal or recognised qualifications will be favoured, however other courses will also be considered where you can demonstrate how the skills and knowledge gained will realistically support you in securing or retaining a job. Apprentices can also apply, provided it is for a cost you cannot claim back from your employer or another agency.

If you are applying for costs linked with an apprenticeship arrangement, then you must be employed within the Crossdykes Community Benefit Fund area of benefit. Langholm, Ewes, Westerkirk, Lockerbie and dis-

trict, Middlebie and Waterbeck, Eskdalemuir and North Milk.

Where can I study?

We recognise that the fund area has limited further education opportunities however any course being undertaken locally will be looked upon more favourably than a course that requires you to leave the area. By local we would generally mean south and central Scotland.

Examples of eligible expense:

The following costs directly related to attending your course or apprenticeship are eligible:

- Course fees where these costs cannot be funded through any other means
- Study aids and equipment, (e.g., laptops, software, stationery)
- Travel costs, (e.g., bus, train or petrol/diesel)
- Childcare costs to allow you to study
- Subsistence (meals, etc.)
- Driving lessons and driving theory test (where an education or training opportunity is distant from the



individual's residence and public transport not viable)

- Technical aids / equipment (e.g., specialist clothing related to the course, tools, other specialist equipment)
- Accommodation costs.

How much can I apply for?

Grants are normally awarded on a one-off basis but, at the

discretion of your community council, in most cases grants (either one-off or multi-year total) should be limited to £1,000. Depending on demand, the grants awarded may be higher or lower than this limit.

You must be able to evidence the full costs, for example a first-time applicant undertaking a week-long course which costs

£400, will only be able to apply for £400 plus related travel & subsistence.

For an application form, please email Stuart Clement, Vice Chair of Langholm, Ewes and Westerkirk Community Council on smclement1985@hotmail.com

Come clean on WhatsApp messages

South Scotland MSP Colin Smyth has commented on the news which revealed during the Covid inquiry that all Nicola Sturgeon's WhatsApp messages during the pandemic appear to have been deleted.

The former First Minister also came under fire from one of her former SNP MSP colleagues Joan McAlpine, who last week described Nicola Sturgeon as a "fraud" but a "convincing one" following the WhatsApp revelations.

Colin Smyth said: "Millions of Scots deserve answers over what happened during the pandemic, particularly those who lost loved ones.

"The potentially criminal deletion of vital messages threatens to prevent this happening.

"Nicola Sturgeon and all others who engaged in this deceitful and secretive practice should come clean about the reason behind their actions."



Colin Smyth MSP

Benty Hall Burns Supper brings mirth and laughter



A well supported Burns Supper was held in Benty Hall on Friday 19th January. The first one for a number of years!

The evening was chaired brilliantly by Billy Johnstone.

Piper Paul Mitchell piped in the haggis carried by Paul Bonser. The traditional haggis, neeps and tatties was served by the hall committee. Shepherd's pie was also served followed by trifle then tea, coffee and shortbread.

The Immortal Memory was proposed by Kenneth Pool.

John Innes gave a humorous, rhyming Toast to the Lassies, followed by a witty reply from Nancy McLure.

The indomitable Grace Brown recited Tam O' Shanter and Billy Johnstone (suitably attired in nightshirt and nightcap) recited Holy Willie's Prayer. Vi and Charlie Graham entertained and had everyone singing along with them.

The raffle was drawn and Lib McNeil gave the vote of thanks.

The evening concluded with everyone joining in Auld Lang Syne.



ABOVE: Billy Johnstone recites 'Holy Willie's Prayer'
BELOW: Nancy McLure, Kenneth Pool, Billy Johnstone and John Innes



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Who would get your Oscar?

With the Oscar nominations for 2024 having been announced we wonder what films E&L readers would nominate?

They could be films that came out in 2023 but might also be films that you've seen on TV, whether on streaming services or, on terrestrial TV.

Oppenheimer seems to have received a lot of nominations for the Oscars but what did you think if you saw it? Was Barbie your favourite? We are looking for people of all ages to tell us about a favourite film and why you liked it.

Please get in touch by emailing us on:

newsdesk@eladvertiser.co.uk. And if you're a regular cinema goer and would like to write reviews for the paper do let us know. We look forward to hearing from you.

Bridge results

N/S - 1, Bob Francombe & George Graham, 2, Nancy McLure & Anne Ferguson, 3, Derek Scott & Louise Grierson.

E/W - 1, Steve Miles & Phil Walters, 2, Doreen Taylor & Lesley McCartney, 3, Sandra Ritchie & Anne Hislop.

Letters to the Editor

Send yours to: E&L Advertiser, 47A High St, Langholm DG13 0JH
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TVNR: Langholm Initiative responds to last week's letter

Murray Hunter's letter to the Editor published in last week's edition of the Eskdale & Liddesdale Advertiser posed some interesting questions for the Langholm Initiative. As the new Chair of the organisation, I'd like to explain some of the things that we are aiming to do on the land that we are now calling the Tarras Valley Nature Reserve.

The land was bought with the key aim of creating a nature reserve and was purchased in two separate parts. The southern part was bought in March 2021 and the northern part, which includes the source of the Tarras, was bought in November 2022. This latter part includes a sheep farm, and the shepherd is now employed by the Langholm Initiative and breeds prize winning sheep.

Our aim remains the same and our staff are working with us towards that aim. They are also working on a wide range of activities including the development of properties, the management of the Cooms sheep farm, forestry work including felling and planting as well as a wide range of other things. We value local knowledge of the area. We also work with school pupils and volunteers and aim to get as many people as possible involved in the reserve.

People do still continue to



TARRAS VALLEY NATURE RESERVE:The land was bought with the key aim of creating a nature reserve

visit the Tarras for picnics and walks, there is still hound trailing on the land, there is still the annual Castle Craigs rideout and, the Common Riding marking the boundaries of the common land. 'People' are an important aspect of our work as is our local culture.

We're still working with people who are monitoring the birds of prey and others who look and monitor other aspects of the nature on our land including our flora and mosses. We also work with a number of other organisations such as

the Crichton Carbon Centre.

We respect the Scottish Outdoor Access Code and ask that visitors to the reserve do the same. We have not owned the land for long and recognise we have a huge job to do to take out as much of the self-seeded Sitka spruce as possible. We welcome support from volunteers to do this. We certainly do not want to create an inaccessible wilderness and we

welcome visitors.

We've had many different groups of volunteers helping on the reserve including veterans and army cadets, students from universities and others who care about the nature and the environment. Animal Rising volunteers asked if they could visit the reserve and assist with various tasks and find out what we're doing.

Over the past few years, we've

hosted a wide range of different organisations representing a large diversity of backgrounds, cultures, politics, interests, and views. We welcome people that are interested in volunteering and learning more about our work but this in no way influences or reflects the values or objectives of our organisation.

We didn't anticipate that the Animal Rising volunteers would lead anyone to the conclusion that we agree with their principles regarding animal rights and plant food systems. We certainly have no intention of insulting anyone as Murray Hunter suggests in his letter.

Our agenda remains as it was before, and we hope that the community will continue to support what we do with activities. In the coming months we hope to improve signage and potentially offer guided walks for visitors so that they too can experience the natural world that is on our doorstep.

If Murray would like to meet staff and board members, we would be delighted to show him some of the work we are doing on the reserve.

Mairi Telford Jamme,
Chair,
Langholm Initiative

Is Animal Rising "an extremist and dangerous group?"

I refer to Murray Hunter's letter in last week's E&L re Animal Rising being welcomed by TVNR to help with some work on the Reserve.

I was also taken aback when I saw TVNR's Facebook post re welcoming such an extremist and dangerous group to the local area. Do those who supported Animal Rising's visit realise this groups agenda? – Ban horse racing or any sport involving animals. Ban animal farming and fishing and replace with a plant based food system? What happens to all the horses bred to race? What happens to all the people employed directly or indirectly in horse racing? What happens to all the sheep and cattle and all those who work on farms around Langholm and elsewhere?

Animal Rising has already disrupted the Grand National, Scottish Grand National and the Derby. Now that they have made a link with Langholm via TVNR we can only hope they do not build on it and return at the Common Riding where they would oppose the Hound Trail, oppose the Riding of the Common, oppose the flapping. Would they then bring their disruptive tactics to Langholm and interfere with the Hound Trail, gallop up the Wynd, the Cornet's Chase or the flapping?

Animal Rising is an extremist group and I suspect those who support them have failed to consider the full consequences of Animal Rising's aims.

John Elliot
25 Whitaside

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Canonbie Post Office: “It’s my lifeline”

Residents are hopeful for community buyout of vital village asset

By Gilly Fraser
 “I would have no shopping, money or newspaper if you close it. It is my lifeline.”

That’s how one Canonbie resident feels about the village Post Office and it’s clearly a view shared by many so a group has now been formed with a view to a buyout of the facility.

Current Postmaster Andrew Scott has run the Post Office and shop for the past seven years. When he announced he wanted to retire, a number of residents got together and formed the Canonbie Community Enterprise.

They say it’s vital for the village to have its own Post Office and shop because otherwise the nearest option is in Longtown. That means a round trip of twelve miles every time which can be a problem especially for older villagers and also adds to the carbon footprint. Many local people also currently use the Post Office’s banking services as there isn’t a cashpoint in the village and banks

in Langholm are only open on certain days which isn’t convenient for everyone, especially people working full-time.

A public meeting held in the village to discuss a possible buyout attracted a large turnout and the Community Enterprise group then compiled a survey to gauge the level of support for the plan.

The survey was hand delivered to all 654 addresses in the DG14 postcode and was also available online. Nearly three hundred people responded with the majority agreeing that a Post Office and Shop is important for the village and also supporting the idea of a community buyout.

The Community Enterprise group are now actively seeking funding to buy the business and say if successful will continue to run it as it is at the moment, with the addition of a few volunteers.

The next public meeting is to be held in Canonbie Village Hall on Tuesday March 5th at 7pm.



LIFELINE: Many residents see Canonbie’s Post Office and Village Shop as a vital resource

Probus’ Burns lunch

One Langholm group was recently inspired by a talk on the Borders’ own great poet.

On Wednesday 17th Jan, Langholm Probus Club held its annual Burns Lunch at the Eskdale Hotel.

To mark the occasion the club invited a Hawick man to speak about Rabbie Burns and his life and work.

Stewart Donaldson had given the club a fascinating talk in 2017 on the Victoria Cross and members eagerly awaited his presentation on Burns.

Stewart did not disappoint. He gave a fascinating, enlightening and passionate insight into the immense contribution of Rabbie Burns to Scottish culture and his world-wide importance as a poet, humanist and socialist.

After receiving acclaim and tumultuous applause, Stewart was persuaded by the members to give an additional address, revealing a passionate, deeply researched, and moving account of Burns’ writings.

This talk focused on an outline of Burns’ political verses and their universal significance, plus their profoundly Scottish context. Members and their guest then enjoyed a traditional Burns’ Lunch served by the Eskdale in honour of the poet himself.

Award-winning Gretna restaurant has closed



Greens Bar and Restaurant in Gretna was hailed as an up-and-coming eatery when it won the Best New Restaurant Award at the 2023 Food Industry Awards in October.

But bosses say the economic climate has worsened and it’s with a mix of gratitude and regret that it’s now to shut.

Executive chairman John Holliday blamed the current cost of living crisis in the

AWARDS: Greens Bar and Restaurant won Best New Restaurant in 2023

hospitality industry for the decision.

“It’s with a heavy heart that we make this announcement and we’ve moved staff into other parts of our wedding’s business.

“We had the pleasure of serving the local community and visitors alike and we are immensely grateful for the support and patronage we

have received,” he added.

Greens was bought out of administration by Gretna Green Ltd in 2016. It was a functional hotel until covid struck in 2020.

The company urges all customers to use The Old Toll Bar Cafe just across the road or Smiths Hotel for a more luxurious dining experience.

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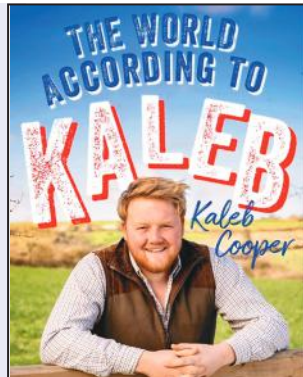
You might think that a rap song entitled "I Can't Stand Sheep" would hit a bum note with the farming community – until you discover the singer is none other than Kaleb Cooper.

25-year-old Kaleb somewhat unexpectedly found himself becoming a national treasure after his appearances in the Clarkson's Farm series starring Top Gear supremo but rather unlikely farmer Jeremy Clarkson.

His wry dry take on life with comments like "There are two types of farming, unless you count whatever it is Jeremy thinks he's doing," won him legions of fans.

In 2022, even though he said he'd never written more than an invoice to a hobby farmer for rescuing whatever he was trying to destroy that week, his first book, 'The World According to Kaleb' became an instant Sunday Times bestseller. Last year he followed it up with, 'Britain according to Kaleb.'

Now he's turning to song to raise money for farming charity



Kaleb and his first book

Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

He's treading in very hallowed footsteps – back in the late 70's the song was recorded by none other than cherished broadcasting institution Terry Wogan who even performed it for a fairly bemused teen audience on Top of the Pops.

This version has been rewritten to reflect Kaleb's genuine feelings about sheep – which he calls 'suicidal morons.' He says he wants the song to help raise awareness regarding current struggles for those within the agricultural sector.

"I wanted to make sure that if people are struggling they have somewhere to reach out to," he said.

Fabulous Fibre project

Lower micron wool is softer to the touch in fabrics

A new year-long project is underway in a bid to help improve sheep farmers' productivity, sustainability and resilience by improving the quality of fleeces.

The scheme – called Fabulous Fibre – brings the National Sheep Association together with a number of industry partners including British Wool, the Centre for Excellence in Livestock (CIEL) and the Wool Testing Authority Europe (WTAE.)

Wool quality is measured by testing wool fibres to establish a micron value. Lower micron wool is softer to the touch in fabrics and more highly valued for textiles used to make high-quality suits or layers worn next to the skin. At the moment there isn't enough data and no routine testing for farms or individual sheep.

NSA Chief Executive Phil

Stocker says the project focuses on production of premium quality. "If farmers can differentiate wool based on micron, they can produce consistent lines for sale, commanding price-premiums, or they can genetically improve wool quality. Wool traits are highly heritable so genetic gain can be fast once protocols for measurement and genetic evaluation are in place," he said.

"Benefits will be delivered to farmers in terms of profitability and sustainability while delivering net zero targets and more widely through environmental protection, increased biodiversity, carbon sequestration, employment and supporting rural communities."

Andrew Hogley, Chief Executive of British Wool says the project is extremely exciting.



"When you look at the wool currently produced in the UK there is very little that falls into the lower micron categories," he said.

"Where it does, we are able to command a significant premium. If we can produce lower micron wool in the UK it should command a significant premium and will

also potentially open up new product opportunities for British wool."

The initial project is focused on one breed on one farm but organisers are in the process of looking for funding to carry out a longer three-year scheme which would involve many more farms and a variety of breeds.

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Big Farmland Bird Count:

How many birds can you count on your land?

That's the question being asked of Scottish farmers and crofters in this year's Big Farmland Bird Count which takes place from February 2nd to 18th.

It's run by the Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust (GWCT), sponsored by NFU, and NFU Scotland is an official partner.

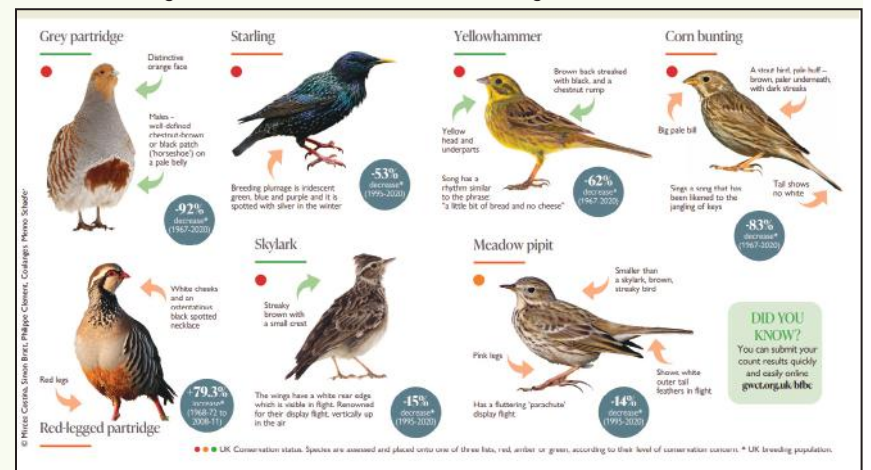
Organisers say the annual count provides a crucial snapshot of the farmland bird population, and also aims to raise awareness of the important role that farmers, crofters and other land managers play in their conservation.

Since the scheme was first launched in 2014, there have been nearly 13,000 bird counts on farms and crofts across the UK.

NFU Scotland President Martin Kennedy is urging members to take half an hour out of their busy schedules to enjoy and record the incredible birdlife around them.

"Scotland's farmers and crofters have a fantastic story to tell on food production, lowering emissions and enhancing habitats and biodiversity," he said. "We need facts and figures to show to everyone the journey that we are on."

"Our stunning birdlife in Scotland is something to be celebrated. I would



encourage as many farmers and crofters as possible to participate in the 2024 count, record how many bird species you spot on your farm or croft this coming February and submit your results to GWCT."

Dr Louise de Raad, Head of Research Scotland at the GWCT says the survey can do a great deal to help the plight of the birds.

"Farmland birds have declined by 63 per

cent since 1970 and desperately need our help," she said.

"With 75 per cent of Scotland's land area used for agriculture, and 72 per cent across the UK as a whole, the key to increasing biodiversity and reversing the decline in wildlife is held by those looking after this land. To figure out how to do this, it is important to have information from long term initiatives such as the BFBC."

Bus services under discussion after review

By Gilly Fraser

Scottish Borders Councillors are considering some major changes to bus services in the region, including Teviot and Liddesdale.

They've been asked to endorse a review of the bus network commissioned last year which proposes a number of changes in order to provide better services.

SBC Director of Infrastructure John Curry says in a report that the review highlighted opportunities for improvement.

"It sought to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the existing commercial and supported bus services, and make recommendations, where appropriate, that could improve the network in relation to better meeting potential outcomes and/or improving service efficiency," he wrote.

"The review found that overall, the majority of the network operates well and provides sufficient coverage but there are opportunities to increase the frequency of inter-town services and town services, while looking at improving the operational durations and the



Passengers have occasionally found themselves stranded in Canonbie

timing of services to key employment, education and healthcare sites.

"The review highlighted the opportunity for more demand responsive services to be introduced across the Scottish Borders to link remote rural communities into key towns."

In last week's E&L we reported that Scottish Borders MP John Lamont has made the council aware of problems affecting services between Newcastleton and Carlisle which have occasionally seen passengers stranded in Canonbie.

'Assorted Marvels' from Langholm musician's band

Seventh album from My Glass World is 'superb and classy'

'Assorted Marvels' is the new album from My Glass World, a duo consisting of Jamie Telford who lives between Langholm and London and Sean Read.

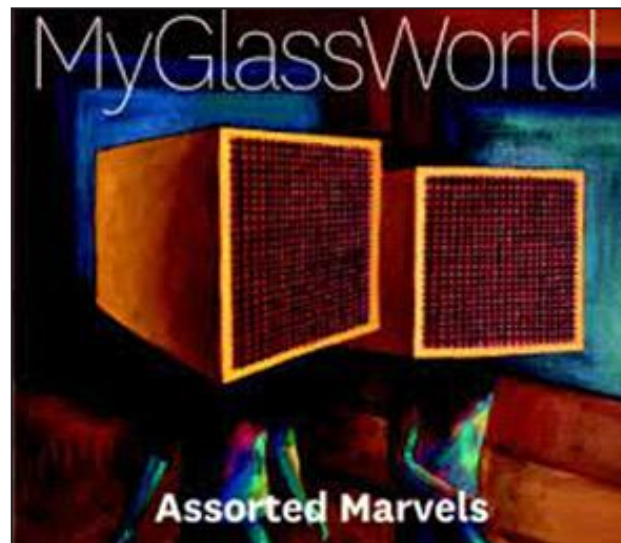
It features songs such as 'Citizen of Nowhere' which according to one reviewer 'hijacks the classic rock drum- handclap template for more pointed intent, with visual refugee-migrant militaristic images'.

My Glass World last played at the Buccleuch Centre in late February 2020, just before the first lockdown.

Jamie, as songwriter, spends a lot of his time when up at Langholm, composing as he finds in less distracting than his London base. He plays piano, keyboards, guitar and whatever comes to hand.

He comes from Langholm and still spends most of his time here.

Sean Read, musician and producer has played with Dexys, Edwyn Collins, Soulsavers, Manic Street Preachers, Beth Orton et al.



So far the album is picking up great reviews and you can listen to it on Spotify, Amazon Music, YouTube and Apple Music.

CDs are available via the Web www.myglassworld.com

"Assorted Marvels the latest in a series of Impressive Albums: My Glass World is a music within Itself, a Universal

Language we all understand." 4 * Andrew Darlington R2 Magazine.

"This is a superb and classy album like its predecessor - there's an uplifting quality to the memorable hook laden songs. The title is very apt." Sean Hamman Hi Fi Monthly "Of rare depth and quality" - Get Ready To Rock

Re-wetting of peat bogs

Around 20% of Scotland's land surface is estimated to be peat bogs and the Tarras valley nature reserve contributes to this total. There are large sections of peat across the reserve.

A meeting was held in the Buccleuch Centre on Tuesday evening to discuss the proposals for Middlemoss which will involve re-wetting the peat bog by blocking up drains. This will slow the movement of water into the little Tarras and the Tarras, improve the habitat for wildlife and help increase the capture of carbon in the atmosphere. Support for this work is available from the Scottish Government.

Peat cutting was also discussed at the meeting and John Armstrong who cut peat on the land for over 50 years attended. Two other people who had cut peat in the past were also there.

Another meeting will be held in March to discuss the proposed work at Middlemoss in more detail. The meeting will be advertised for anyone interested in attending.

On Tuesday, it did not appear as though anyone wanted to resume peat cutting but if anyone does, please feel free to come and talk to Langholm Initiative prior to the March meeting.



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Farewell to a very old friend



The Castleholm chestnut tree will be spreading its boughs no more

Words and photos by Mairi Telford Jammeh

The big horse chestnut tree at the Castleholm has been felled by Storm Isha. Many a person from Langholm and further afield has enjoyed the shade from this tree on the Common Riding day and many a youngster has collected its conkers over the years. It really was quite a landmark and the favourite of many people in the town.

It's quite sad to see it lying there but it seems to have had quite shallow roots. In Winter it was quite a distinctive shape with its boughs spread out like arms. It sat near where the beer tent is pitched for the Common Riding and traditionally Langholm Pipe Band had their photo taken under it.

A suggestion has been made that some benches could be made using its wood and Buccleuch have been contacted for a comment on this suggestion.

Perhaps we could plant a few more chestnuts on the spot so that future generations can enjoy it as we have. It would be interesting to know how old it is and to hear people's stories about this tree. Who planted it and when? Did you collect conkers from it? Did you swing on it? Or did you simply enjoy its shade from sun or rain? We'd love to hear from you.



EASTON'S WALK: Completely closed just before the Beechy Plains

Photo by Anne Reid

Storm Isha leaves her calling card



EASTON'S WALK: Taken from the opposite bank of the Esk. You can see the full extent of the slip

Photo by Gavin Graham

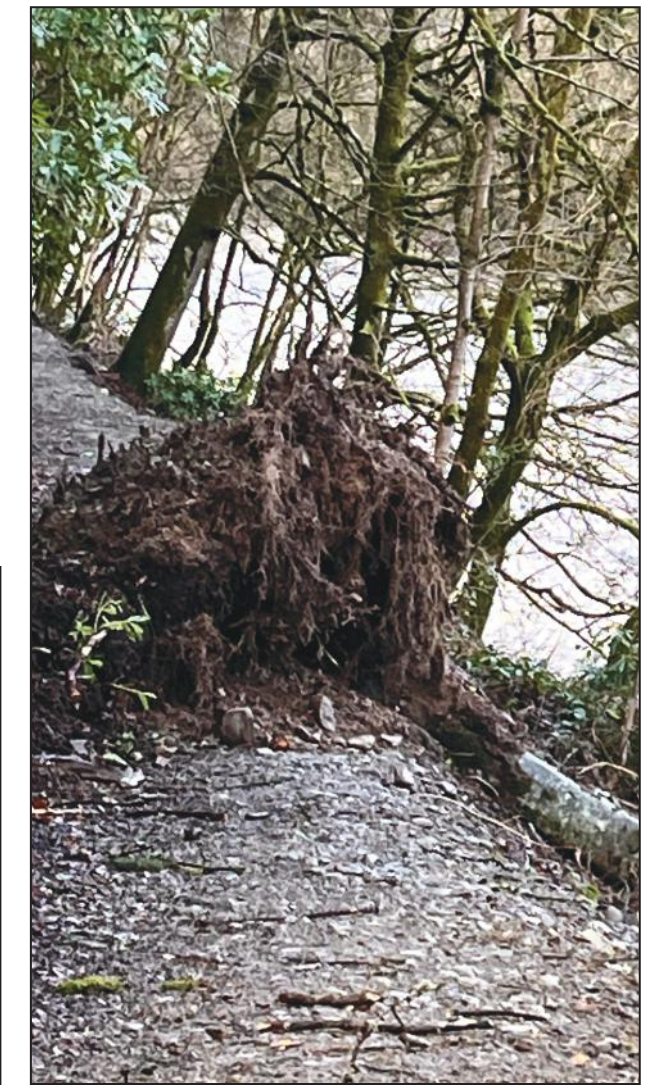
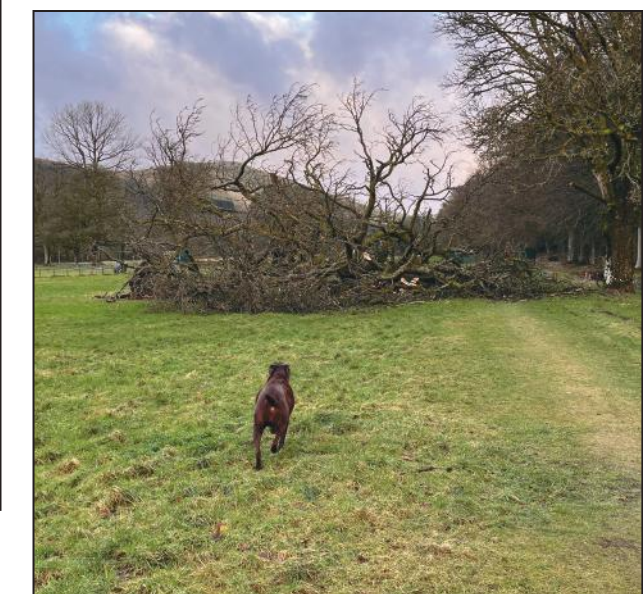


LODGE WALKS: Trees and branches down on the approach to Holmhead

Photo by Mairi Telford Jammeh

The walks around Langholm are taking a battering with the storms. There's been a landslip on Easton's walk (above) and it is not advisable to try to walk it. Gavin Graham of the Langholm Walks Group says that with such an unstable banking on that walk, it's unlikely that a repair will be done because of the expense to do so. This walk, also known as Gaskell's walk, forms part of Walk 1 in the Langholm walks booklet and on the website. The riverside path from the Buccleuch park to the

Murtholm has also been damaged. It's part of Walk 7 of the Langholm walks. The geology around Langholm creates ground that slips when heavily soaked (and with the kind of heavy rain we've had in the last week or so it's hardly surprising) and then the trees on bankings slip with it. It is sad because these walks are great favourites locally and the Langholm walks attract a lot of visitors to the town. In the past the Council supported repairs when walks were damaged but Gavin fears this is unlikely to happen now because of costs.



DUCHESS' WALK: Riverside path heading to the bridge completely blocked

Photo by Clare Marie Richards Dean

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Let kings and courtiers rise and fa'

Literary genius, lothario and political influencer, Robbie Burns is still our main man

Robert Burns (1759-1796), Scottish poet and lyricist, is regarded as Scotland's National Bard. He was born in Alloway, Ayrshire, to William Burnes and Agnes Brown Burnes. Burns grew up in poverty and hardship and the severe manual labour of the farm left its traces in a weakened constitution. He was given irregular schooling and a lot of his education was with his father, who taught his children reading, writing, arithmetic, geography and history. He also wrote for them A Manual of Christian Belief. Burns was also tutored by the young teacher John Murdoch, who taught Latin, French and mathematics to both Robert and his brother Gilbert.

Burns is celebrated worldwide for his poetry and songs, which are written in Scots and English.

He is regarded as a pioneer of the Romantic movement and after his death he became a great source of inspiration to the founders of both liberalism and socialism and a cultural icon in Scotland and among the Scottish diaspora around the world. Celebration of his life and work became almost a national event during the 19th and 20th centuries, and his influence has long been strong on Scottish literature.

Burns wrote many poems and songs that remain well known across the world today.

Some of his most famous works include "Auld Lang Syne", "To a Mouse", "Tam o' Shanter", "Ae Fond Kiss" and "Scots Wha Hae". Burns also collected folk songs from across Scotland, often revising or re-writing them.

His poem (and song) "Auld Lang Syne" is often sung at Hogmanay and at the end of any gathering of people, the world over. "Scots Wha Hae" served for a long time as an unofficial anthem of the country until "Flower of

Scotland" took over.

In addition to his poetry, Burns was also a farmer, excise officer, and political commentator.

He was a vocal supporter of the French Revolution and the American Revolution.

Burns was also known for his amours and his rebellion against orthodox religion and morality.

To recap, Robert Burns was a Scottish poet and lyricist who is widely regarded as the national poet of Scotland.

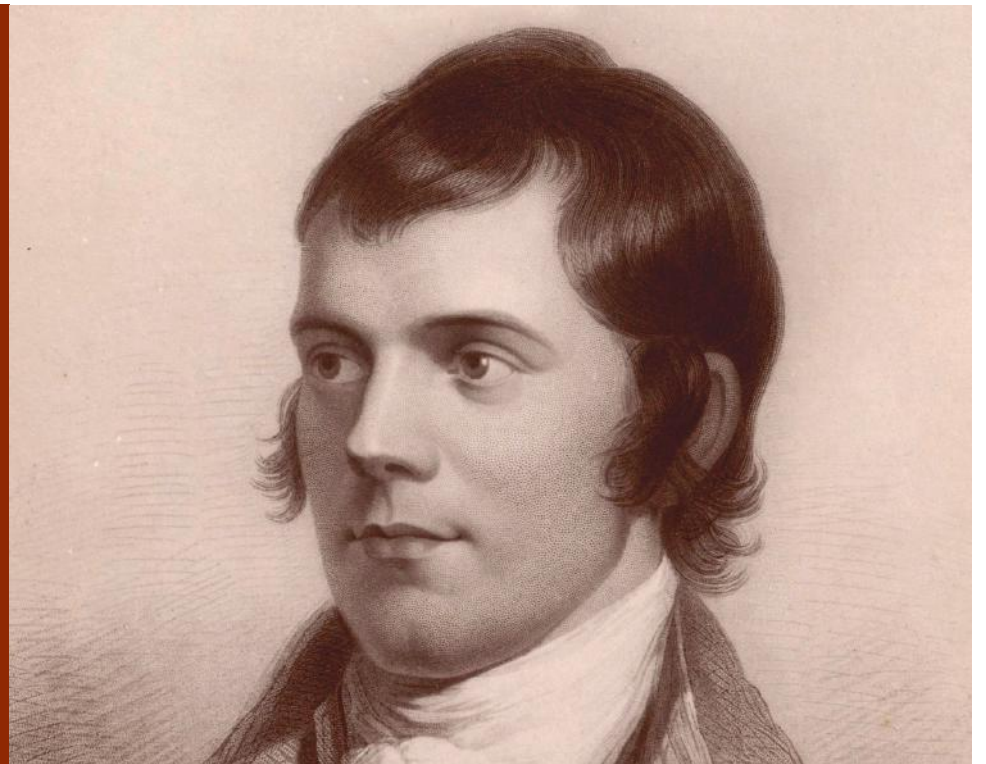
His poetry and songs are celebrated worldwide and have had a significant impact on Scottish literature.

Burns died at the age of 37 in Dumfries.

Whatever your views on Robert Burns you may think, like most Scots, that he was a literary genius and political influencer and provided Scotland and the world with some of the most enduring poetry and song.

Alternatively you may agree with inflammatory journalist Jeremy Paxman that Burns is "no more than a king of sentimental doggerel!"

Either way, we all know he is here to stay.



Langholm artist, Margaret Walby's beautiful painting of Tam o' Shanter



Eskdale Burns Club: members and friends at the unveiling of the seat at the monument in 1954

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The Boatford before The Swing Brig was built.

September 1871 The Boatford (or Swing) Brig collapsed into the Esk shortly before it was due to be opened in September 1871. It's said that after the barriers were removed sixty children and thirty adults stampeded onto it to have their photograph taken. Under this great load the bridge spilt in the middle and collapsed - albeit rather gently - into the river below. Within minutes 2,000 people had descended on the disaster site and it's claimed that desperate mothers were wading into the Esk to pull their children out ... and if they weren't theirs they flung them back in again!



The collapsed Boatford Bridge and below the subsequent re-built version



The re-built Boatford Bridge

The brig was damaged again in July 1904 during a massive flood when a huge ash tree, carried downstream by the force of the river, collided with the walkway causing it to bulge out by several feet on one side. However the damage was only superficial and when the tree was cut away the walkway recoiled back into its original position.



The ash tree collides with Boatford Bridge in July 1904



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Looking back...

Langholm As it Was a further foray into times past

“The herd from Te’iot-heid”

In glancing back I see now that a great share of the enjoyment on those occasions arose from sheer noisiness, especially if our cousins from the country were present. I recall one wedding which created in Langholm what I can only describe as a sensation. One of the most conspicuous guests was “a muckle fallow frae Te’iot-heid”.

He arrived early in the afternoon, accompanied by a terribly cantankerous dog, and immediately the whole town seemed to be aware of his presence. He was dressed in a check jacket of outrageous pattern, and tartan trousers, and on going to the inn he changed his boots, which had very aggressive-looking “neg-plates”, for a pair of carpet slippers. In these he took part in the wedding procession. His governing idea was that we Langholm folk took our joys too seriously, and to do him justice, he did his best to remedy the defect.

As the procession moved up the Front Street he came to a halt every few minutes, and then with a wild yell made a spring into the air, much to discomfiture of the lady he was escorting. The dog trotted near him, but each time he did this it sat down on its



A wedding party in 1909. Much more sedate than the one in our story.

haunches and howled piteously – as well it might. That one man made the evening memorable.

Bewildering

There was never such a sight experienced in Langholm. The wedding was in one of the cottages – and naturally when some thirty couples were crammed into one of those small houses the confusion was somewhat bewildering. Our hero danced in his carpet slippers and he sat out not a single dance. His favourite trick when dancing was to jump up and bump his head

against the ceiling – and then yell! We discussed that wedding for several weeks, and always the herd from Te’iot-heid was the focus to which all our memories turned.

Few presents were then given and such as were made were useful rather than ornamental. There were no silver cigarette cases or dainty vases but instead blankets, frying pans, fenders and salt buckets. I remember one bride who was going to live in a cottage of two rooms, receiving no fewer than seven frying pans! Instead of presents friends would

give a tea party – which both in the way of provision and enjoyment almost rivalled the wedding itself.

Quaint divorce custom

Whilst writing of marriage customs I might mention a feature of which one never hears today, but which in my youth was held to be a legal process though that it really was so, I am doubtful. It related not to the uniting process but to the disjoining and may have been a survival of the old

hand-fasting custom of Eskdale.

It was held that if a woman left her husband’s house and refused to return, he might set a plate for her at dinner time, then go outside and summon her to the meal, calling her by name, and if this were continued for a year and a day and she still proved obdurate, then he was legally free. I knew of a man who was said to have adopted this curious method of divorce and rumour had it that after giving forth the summons to come to dinner he ran hastily into the house – and bolted the door.

Not a few couples were then living in the town concerning the strict legality of whose marriages there was more than a doubt. To rectify the scandal and for the sake of the children, Mr Shaw, the parish minister, undertook a kind of missionary tour throughout the town and, where he thought it necessary, performed the marriage service in due order.

I remember his going to one house where the man and woman had lived together many years, without troubling themselves very much on the question of legality. When Mr Shaw went in, the guid-man was up in the loft doing a few repairs to the roof. The woman at once guessed what was the object of the minister’s visit, and going into the “entry” she shouted up “Jock, here’s the minister – come down at yince and get mairrit”.

C & D Marts (Longtown) Primestock Report Thursday, 18th January 2024



C&D Auction Marts Limited had forward 6,824 comprising of 3,653 prime hogs and 3,171 cast ewes & rams at their weekly sale at Longtown Mart on Thursday 18th January 2024.

A much larger show of cows were forward, with the majority being feeding cows. Trade sharper throughout with seven buyers operating. The sale topped at £1,683 for Angus cows shown by G & T Archibald, Craigs, Isle of Islay with top per kilo of 188p for Shorthorns from L Clark, Escart, Tarbert. Numbers sought after for next weeks sale to fulfill buyer demand here at Longtown.

PRINCIPAL PRICES (PER HEAD)

Angus £1,683, £1,494, £1,486, £1,470, £1,422 Craigs.

Whitebred Shorthorn £1,436 Low Greenley Cleugh.

Charolais £1,326 Escart.

Shorthorn £1,231, £1,128, £1,012 Escart.

Limousin £1,003 Escart.

Belted Galloway £910 Chesters Brae.

PRINCIPAL PRICES (PER KILO)

Shorthorn 188p, 176p, 175p Escart.

Angus 186p (x2), 184p, 180p Craigs.

Charolais 178p Escart.

Limousin 176p Escart.

Belted Galloway 175p Chesters Brae.

Whitebred Shorthorn 170p Low Greenley Cleugh.

Hereford 158p Tarbert.

A smaller show of 3,653 hogs were forward to a serious trade. Over 1,476

Mule and hill bred hogs were included in the entry of the sale and proved very good to sell. over 2,000 Continental hogs sold to an absolute ripper with all vendors going home absolutely delighted with their days trading, supply proved to be way short of purchaser requirements and many more hogs are wanted on a weekly basis and can be sold to vendor advantage.

Topping the sale per head was £200 for Texel hogs shown by W Graham & Son, Craigdarroch, Sanquhar.

Per kilo the sale topped at 405p for Beltex hogs from M & J Kennedy, Lurgan, Perth. M/s Moir, Cairness, Aberdeenshire sold a fantastic run of 300 expertly presented hogs to a top of £160 and achieving an average of £144 for 45kg.

All classes of well finished hogs are wanted here at Longtown on a weekly basis to satisfy an ever-growing demand as numbers increase so do purchasers. Please do not hesitate to contact your auctioneers who will be pleased to take your calls. Overall average 292.8p (SQQ 296.4p)

PRINCIPAL PRICES (PER KILO)

Beltex 405p Lurgan, 384p Tercrosset, 369p Maulscastle, 368p Lurgan, 367p Bowsden Moor.

Texel 394p Hadden, 358p Home Farm, 338p Longlea, 334p Morwood, 328p West Housie & Home Farm.

Blue Texel 336p Home Farm.

Dutch Texel 330p Howard House.

Suffolk 323p Newton of Inshewan & Coiliamy, 311p High Cattadale & Donrentin, 307p High Cattadale.

Dutch Spotted 318p Tercrosset, 290p Maulscastle.

Mule 313p Newton of Logierait, 311p Leckuary, 297p Greenburn, 292p Upper Hindhope, 291p Wanwood & Kirkhouse. Cheviot 312p Lurgan, 307p Glendearg, 306p Dippen & Roughet Hill, 305p Ottercops.

North Country Cheviot 306p, 298p Lurgan.

Cheviot Mule 297p Greenmerse, 296p Galleywreay.

Charollais 296p, 294p Tinnishall.

Blackface 295p Galleywreay, 292p

Silloans, 291p Lurgan, 290p Wanwood Hill.

Swaledale 278p, 277p, 270p Ottercops.

Dartmoor 271p, 265p Litharge.

PRINCIPAL PRICE (PER HEAD)

Texel £200 Craigdarroch, £170 Dippen, £160 Home Farm, Beckfoot, Thackwood & Bowsden Moor.

Suffolk £174 Bowsden Moor, £168

Kirkhouse, £166 Bowsden Moor, £160

Blackhill.

Blue Texel £172 West Bow Hill.

Beltex £166 Glenview & Kilnhill, £161,

£160 Crawthat, £160 Bowsden Moor &

Newton of Logierait.

Mule £160 Wydon Eals, £144 Viewley,

£142 West Newlands, £141 Kirkhouse &

Fardingjames.

Dutch Spotted £160 Maulscastle.

Charollais £153 Tinnishall, £152

Thackwood.

Cheviot Mule £149 West Newlands.

Cheviot £144 Roughet Hill, £143 Upper

Hindhope.

Blackface £133 Craigdarroch, £130

Wanwood Hill.

A smaller show of 3,171 ewes were forward to a full ringside of 19 active purchasers ensuring a buoyant trade throughout. All classes maintained last week’s high rates of returns, best continental, Texel and Beltex ewes seriously short of purchaser requirements and are required on a weekly basis to satisfy serious demand.

Texel ewes topped the sale breaking the £300 barrier on two separate occasions at £305 consigned from A & HC Smith, Crumhaughhill, Hawick & J Connell Farms, Wanton Walls, Lauder respectfully.

Mule ewes maintained last weeks high rates topping at £128 for a hefty pen of Scotch Mules consigned by Wanton Walls, with plenty of pens £110 - £118

Hill ewes carrying flesh were in big demand selling to £114 for Cheviots from RJ Tweedie & Co., Buchtrig, Jedburgh with Blackface ewes selling to £92 from R Millar, High Cattadale, Campbeltown. Plenty of Blackie ewes selling £80 - £88

Rams to £215 for Texels from H Currie, Edendales, Carlisle.

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HEAVY EWES

Texel £305 Crumhaughhill & Wanton Walls,

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Crumhaughhill, £240 Linnhead, £230

Stonehouse & Newbigging.

Suffolk £180 Smailholm Mains, £168

Mossburnford, £160 Bowsden Moor.

Beltex £180 Tercrosset, £178 Dundraw.

Blue Texel £170 Edendales, £155

Northfield.

Charollais £152, £148 Viewley, £142

Beckfoot.

Border Leicester £147 Smailholm Mains.

North Country Cheviot £139 Maulscastle.

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Mule £128 Wanton Walls, £124

Sheepriggs, £120 Dipton Foot.

Cheviot Mule £124 Wauchope & Becks,

£120 Newton of Logierait.

LIGHT EWES

Cheviot £114, £106 Buchtrig, £104, £94

Allfornaught, £94 Becks, £93 Fala Hill.

Blackface £92 High Cattadale & Newbigging, £90 Crosshill, £89 Mains of Larg, £88 Allfornaught & Deepsic.

Kerry Hill £76 Sheepriggs.

Swaledale £67 West Newlands, £66

Burnhouse, £62 Townfoot, £60 Broomhills.

RAMS

Texel £215 Edendales.

Beltex £175 Linnhead.

Charollais £148 Viewley.

Bluefaced Leicester £142 Nunsleugh.

Suffolk £140 Beckfoot.

Berrichon £125 Harden.

Cheviot £120 Buchtrig, £116 Clerk Hill,

£115 Bedshiel.

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Standard to 405.0p (290.6p)

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Heavy to 339.0p (286.4p)

Ewes

Light to £114.00 (£76.42)

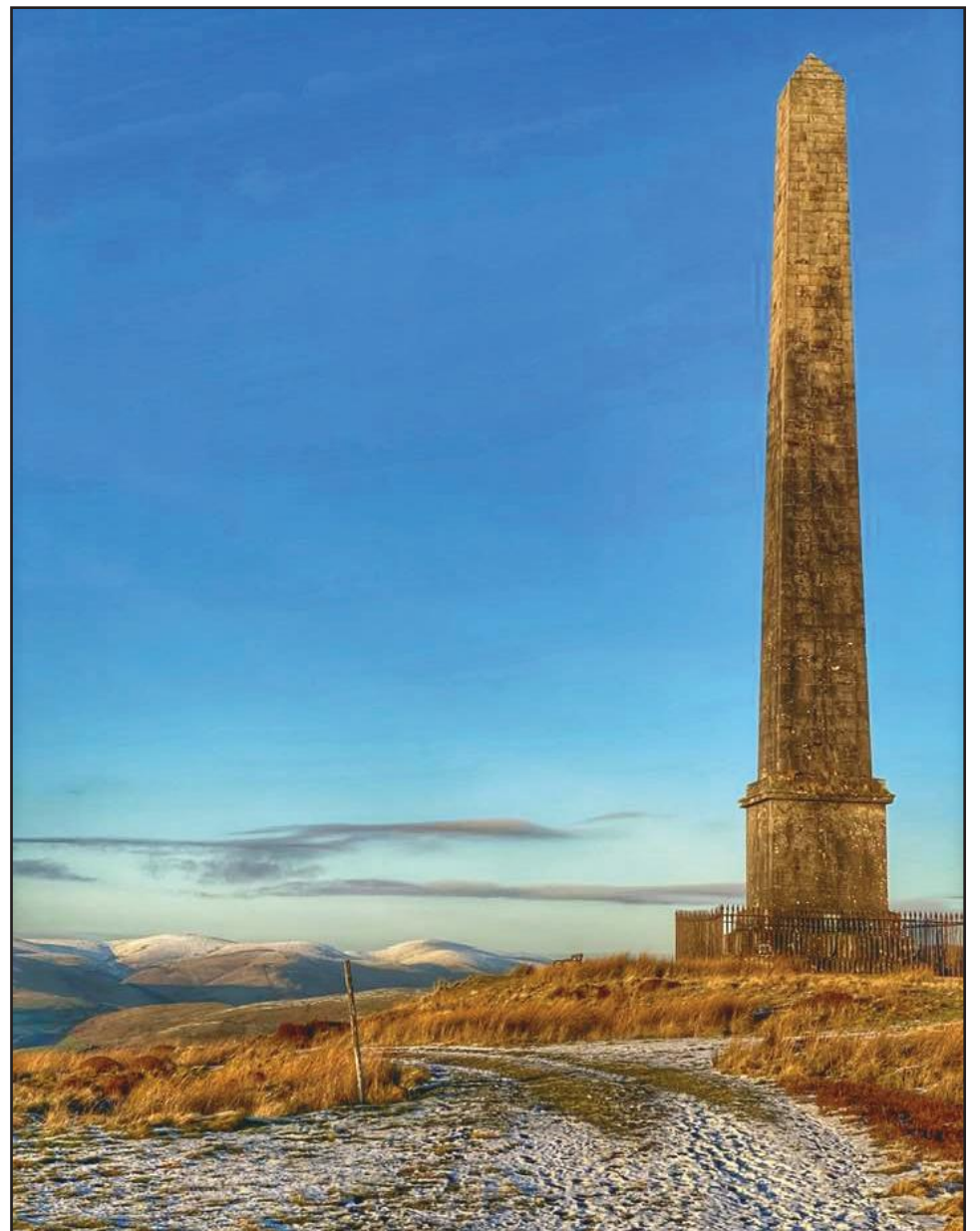
Heavy to £305.00 (£113.81)

Rams to £215.00 (£100.55)





The E&L Gallery



Langholm's Stan Wilson captured these beautiful opposing views of a frosty Monument and the scenery beyond

Camera: Sony

A real mystery at the Hub

By Mairi Telford Jammeh

Having been invited to a murder mystery night I really didn't know what to expect. I thought I might have to dress up or play a role but no, none of that was required. Instead the folk from Highly Suspect UK organised us and we spent the evening in teams trying to make sense of the clues. Every now and again the actors halting that process to throw in new pieces of information. Personally, I found the whole thing quite a challenge but my team members got on with it, cracking codes and trying to make sense of the mysterious letters and police notes we had been given. I might have benefited from one of those flip charts where names of suspects are put up and lines of connection drawn.

The four actors dressed in 1940s outfits kept up their role as American actors and people connected with a film studio throughout which was the setting of this murder mystery. One body had been found without a head and someone else found dead in a trailer. It was really the latter murder that we were asked to solve. We were well supplied with popcorn throughout the evening which helped maintain the movie theme.

Finally, each team was asked to give their name – ours was the Bent(y) Coppers – and reveal who they thought the murderer was,

how it had been done and the motive. This was hilarious as for some reason one of the teams had not picked up on the fact that we had to select one of the four actors in the role of the murderer and chose a character that had been created by them. Our team got certain things right but failed to identify the real murderer.

One of the groups managed to successfully guess the answers and were greatly pleased that their sleuthing had paid off. Our group managed to win the best limerick prize and were rewarded with a box of Maltesers.

The actors were brilliant throughout and one of them had written the whole show. Calling themselves Highly Suspect UK they have appeared at the Edinburgh Fringe and the Buccleuch Centre.

The evening was organised as a thank you to volunteers who support the Eskdalemuir community hub and was great fun and a good antidote to a wet cold Saturday evening in January.

Eskdalemuir hub relies on donations and volunteers to keep it running and support the rural community.

<https://www.highlysuspect.co.uk/>



COMPLEX PLOT: The team from Highly Suspect UK entertained volunteers at The Hub

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Mon 29th	Langholm Agricultural Society AGM	The Eskdale Hotel 7.30pm
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The E&L General Knowledge Quiz

No. 2403 answers next week

- Which British band, known for hits like "Yellow" and "Fix You", released the album "A Rush of Blood to the Head"?
 - Russell Brand
 - John Oliver
 - Sacha Baron Cohen
- Which comedian starred in the 2009 film "Bruno" and is known for his satirical characters such as Ali G and Borat?
 - T.S. Eliot
 - W.H. Auden
 - Dylan Thomas
- In the TV show "Blackadder", who plays the titular character, Edmund Blackadder?
 - Oasis
 - Pulp
 - Blur
- The film "28 Days Later", which redefined zombie movies for a new generation, was directed by which British filmmaker?
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 - Blur
- Which British actor portrayed Professor Charles Xavier in the "X-Men" film series starting from "X-Men: First Class"?
 - Patrick Stewart
 - Ian McKellen
 - James McAvoy
- Which British actor starred in "A Single Man", "The King's Speech", and played Mr. Darcy in the 1995 BBC adaptation of "Pride and Prejudice"?
 - Keira Knightley
 - Kate Winslet
 - Emma Watson
- The iconic British fashion designer known for her punk-inspired designs and close association with the Sex Pistols is?
 - Stella McCartney
 - Mary Quant
 - Vivienne Westwood
- The British TV drama "Call the Midwife" is set in which London neighborhood?
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- Which British sketch comedy show, which aired from 1969 to 1984, was known for its catchphrase "And now for something completely different"?
 - Keira Knightley
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- Which British sci-fi writer is best known for novels like "Neuromancer" and "Count Zero" that largely contributed to the cyberpunk genre?
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- Which British poet wrote "Do Not Go Gentle into That Good Night", a villanelle about death and dying?
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- Which seminal British band released the album "Parklife" in 1994?
 - Keira Knightley
 - Kate Winslet
 - Emma Watson
- Dame Judi Dench portrayed which British monarch in the film "Mrs. Brown"?
 - Keira Knightley
 - Kate Winslet
 - Emma Watson
- "Being Human", a series about a ghost, a werewolf, and a vampire living together, was a production of which British broadcaster?
 - Keira Knightley
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- Which British actress starred alongside Leonardo DiCaprio in "Titanic"?
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Crossword Solutions from last week

GK Quiz 2402

- The B-52s
- b) Peckham
- Sarah Kane
- Brendan Gleeson
- Andy Serkis
- Science Fiction
- Ed Sheeran
- Stephen Merchant
- 1960s
- Black Mirror
- Agatha Christie
- a) Christopher Eccleston
- The Royal Albert Hall
- Snatch
- c) Liverpool
- John Cleese
- Damien Hirst
- b) The Cure
- Terry Pratchett
- Kate Winslet

Crossword 2402

Across: 6 Knoll, 8 Photos, 9 Anchored, 10 Time!, 11 Gears, 12 Freight, 15 Spooner, 16 Gully, 18 Flag, 20 Openings, 21 Screens, 22 Donna.

Down: 1 Skin-deep, 2 Mother tongues, 3 Spidery, 4 Contributions, 5 Boom, 7 Lark, 13 Hologram, 14 Remorse, 17 Bend, 19 Lack.

Never a Crossword!

No. 2403...answers next week

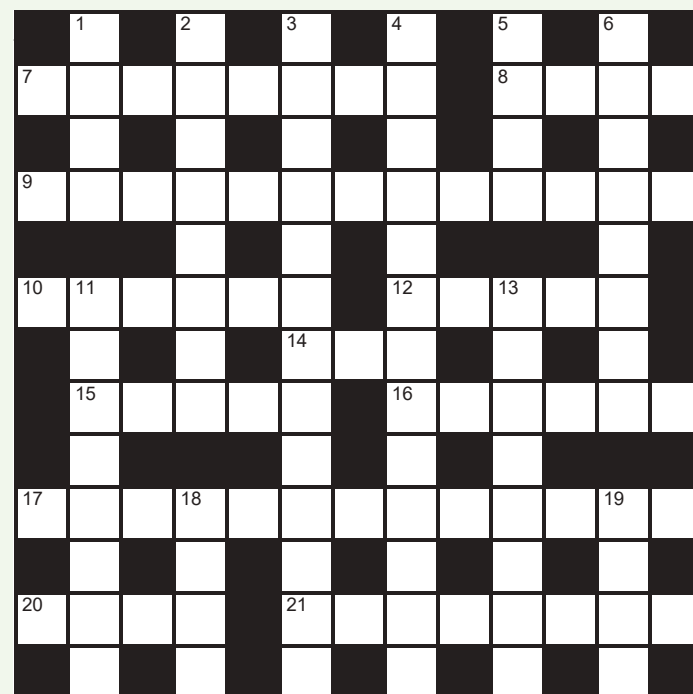
A wee mix of cryptic and general knowledge puzzles to get the grey cells moving!

Across

- Laconic (8)
- Garnish (4)
- Finish it once and for all (3,2,4,4)
- "Deep ---" (1998 Morgan Freeman film) (6)
- More secure (5)
- Humble dwelling (3)
- Big name in harvesters (5)
- Be that as it may ... (6)
- Bedfordshire/Essex neighbour (13)
- Principal (4)
- Nude song about old lockups (8)

Down

- One of Eve's three (4)
- Contest at the bar? (8)
- Safe (3,2,3,5)
- Seeing daunting nerds in error (13)
- Defect (4)
- South Africa's administrative capital (8)
- Of the Middle Ages (8)
- Steam or internal combustion engine component (8)
- Look after (4)
- Offensively malodorous (4)





Share of the points was fairest result



Johnstone shows 'fantastic vision and an exquisite touch'

Football

By Martin Thomlinson

Tweedmouth Amateurs 2
Langholm Legion FC 2

After the snow and hard frost through the week, this match was one of only two to beat the weather in the Borders on Saturday.

With a crispy top coating and a strong wind across the pitch, the match kicked off with the home side in the ascendancy. They hit the post early doors and forced a few corners before taking a fifteenth minute lead after being awarded a penalty when Lee Irving was adjudged to have brought down his opponent in the box.

Soon after this, Cole Hamilton had to leave the field with a head knock and was subsequently taken to hospital with suspected concussion. Top scorer Brian Mattinson introduced to replace him. All at the club wish Cole well.

The Legion then came more into it with a good threat down the left with Ryan Johnstone and Iain Little causing problems



FLYING: Craig Cuthbert who undertook a ten-hour flight, an early morning drive from Manchester airport then straight onto the bus to Berwick (Photo from 2019!)

before Tweedmouth grabbed a second with a scrappy strike.

The scoreline stayed the same until half time when Alistair Hogg was introduced for Callum Grieve at left back.

Two down and playing down the slope, the next goal was crucial and after a good start we gave ourselves hope when Brian Mattinson's goal-bound shot took a deflection and went in.

End to end stuff followed before parity was restored with the best goal of the match with fifteen minutes left. Ryan

Johnstone picked up the ball in the middle of the field and showed fantastic vision and an exquisite touch to release his onrushing Captain Lee Irving who showed great coolness and composure to beat the keeper.

Both sides were going for the winner now with the match becoming stretched as the surface became heavier and heavier in the middle. Young Andrew Whittall had a great chance to seal a wonderful comeback but saw his effort off target after doing well to round the keeper.

A share of the points was probably the fairest result and from our point of view a well-earned one after six weeks without a match, the distance travelled and the conditions we encountered. The sides don't have to wait long to meet again as they play each other again at Langholm this weekend.

It was a real team effort to get the point, but a special mention must go to newly engaged Vice-Captain Craig Cuthbert who undertook a ten-hour flight, an early morning drive from Manchester airport then straight on to the bus to Berwick. He produced a typically committed display in the middle of the park. Also, Callum Ireland who was absolutely outstanding at the back for us and didn't set a foot out of place the whole match.

Team

A Little, C Grieve, F Dell, C Ireland, A Paisley, C Cuthbert, L Irving, I Little, R Johnstone, C Hamilton & D Winter.

Subs

B Mattinson, A Hogg, A Whittall, B Borthwick & B Porteous.

Eskdale curlers take the title



Curling

Last week saw the culmination of Eskdale Curling Club's Mixed Rinks League Competition.

It has been running over the last few months and all participating rinks played each other twice. Games were very friendly but strongly competitive.

The eventual winners were the rink Skipped by Duncan Greenhaugh. They won all but one game which they drew and ended up with most points to take the title.

Winning rink is shown above with (L to R) Norman Elliot, Anne Vevers, Marilyn Muir and Skip Duncan Greenhaugh.

Langholm lass Aoiffion is ranked no. 1 in Scotland for the under 13 Girls 60m

Athletics

Four pupils from local schools were in action last weekend at the first qualifying event for the Scottish Athletics National Indoor Championships.

With The Emirates Arena closed due to renovations for the World Indoor Athletics Championships at the start of March, three qualifying events are in operation this year, with a finals day held in February, possibly in The Emirates Arena ahead of the World Championships.

On Saturday, 14-year-old Ava Bell, competing in the U15 60m set a new personal best time of 8.57seconds. 14-year-old Antonia Brockley whose birthday falls earlier in the year and therefore competes in the U17, qualified for the eight seconds. Matilda Brockley, who also competes in the U17 qualified for the national finals in the 60m Hurdles

and Triple Jump. All three will also compete this weekend at the second qualifying event at Pitreavie Athletics Club in Dunfermline in further events.

On Sunday, 11-year-old Aoiffion McVittie Brangan who, still of primary school age, was competing in her first 60m indoor sprint. She ran an excellent race and also finished with a time of 8.57 seconds. Aoiffion qualified as the fastest U13 Girl of the weekend. This also propelled her to the top of the Power of 10 placing her as the current No.1 rank in Scotland for the U13 Girls 60m.

Ava, Matilda, Antonia and Aoiffion are supported by the "Welcome to Langholm" Future Champions Awards.

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Ava Bell (left) and Aoiffion McVittie Brangan are flying high in the athletics world

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