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# Golden time in Paris for Copshaw's Paralympian

Team GB Paralympic swimmer Stephen Clegg ALSO breaks long-standing record...what a day!

STEPHEN CLEGG took gold on Saturday in the 100 metre S12 backstroke event at the paralympic games in the La Defense arena in Paris. He made the final with a good qualifying time and in the final became a world record holder completing the swim in 59.02 seconds. This was the first medal for a Scottish athlete at the 2024 games.

The S12 category is for people with a visual impairment who have a restricted field of view and cannot see the black line on the bottom of the pool and can only see the end of lane from one metre away.

This is a fantastic achievement for Stephen whose mother Moira Beattie lives in Langholm and who was at the games on Saturday supporting him.

His sister Libby Clegg is a multi paralympic medallist and athlete and brother James is a fellow paralympic swimmer and medallist.

They are an incredible family of Paralympians who have dedicated so much time and effort to their sport. The family are originally from Newcastleton.

Stephen is 29 years of age and has been training hard for these games. Stephen made his paralympic debut in Rio eight years ago when he finished in fifth place and achieved a silver medal in the S12 butterfly event in the



PROUD PARENTS: Mum Moira and Step-Dad Dougie were in Paris to support Stephen all the way.

World Championships in London. At Tokyo 2020 he became a triple Paralympic medallist, winning silver in the S12 100m butterfly final and two bronze medals in the 100m freestyle and backstroke finals.

The E&L managed to contact Stephen's mum, Moira in Paris to get her reaction to Saturday's amazing achievements, she responded as follows:

"We can't put into words how proud we are of Stephen He has worked so hard for this .

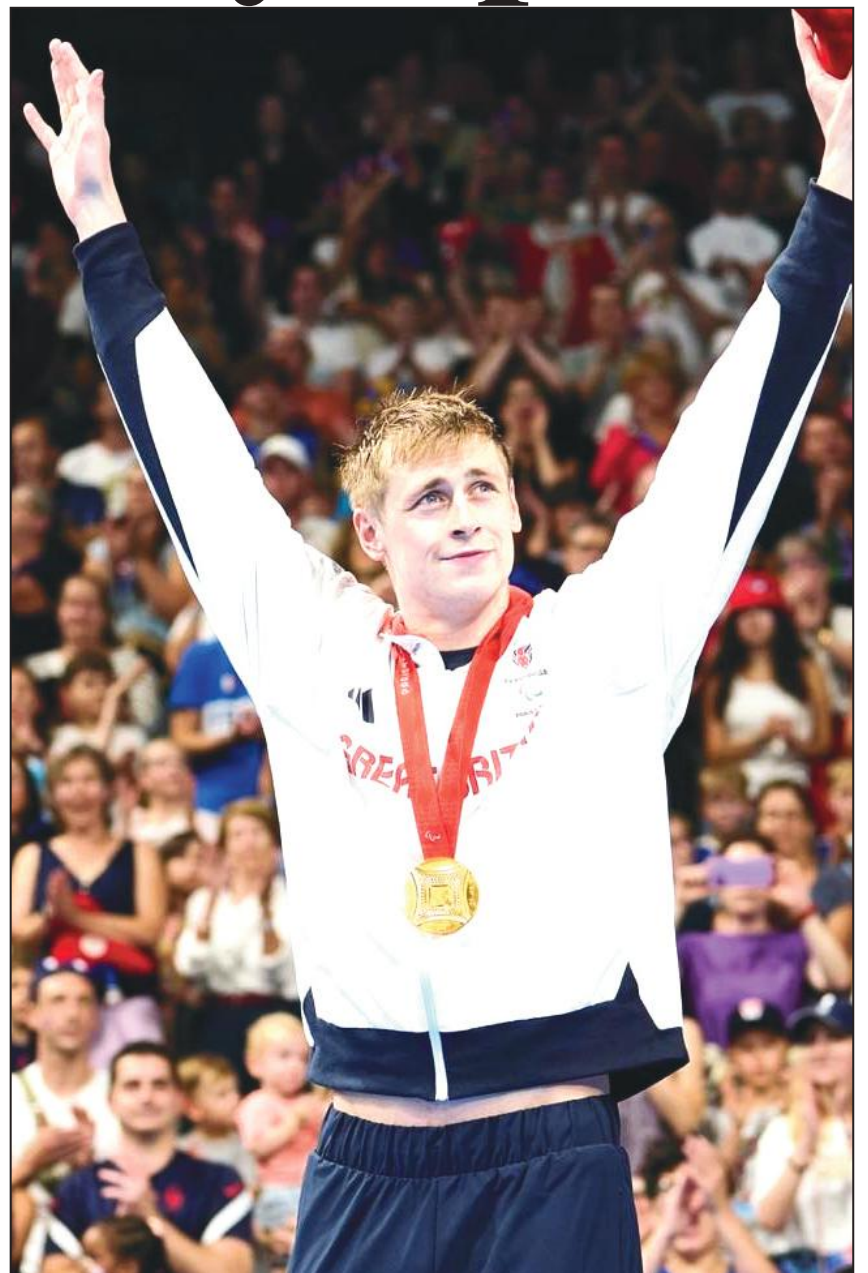
"The majority of the audience

were French and they brought a great atmosphere to the night .

When Stephen won and broke the long-standing world record the noise from the stadium was unbelievable".

Stephen will be competing again this Saturday, 7th September in the 100m Butterfly S12, races start at 4.30pm UK time and will be screened on Channel 4 and More4.

We all wish him well and congratulate him again on his remarkable achievements in the Paris games.



PODIUM PERFECTION: Stephen Clegg acknowledges the crowd after his double success in Paris

# Family Announcements

## Deaths

### HARROWER, Audrey Elizabeth

Peacefully on Thursday 29th August 2024 at Eilean Dubh Care Home, Audrey Elizabeth Harrower née Neill, Flat 46, 11 Clachnaharry Road, Inverness at the remarkable age of 100 years. Beloved wife of the late John and much loved by all who knew her. A celebration of her life and interment of ashes will take place at St Ninians Church, Glenurquhart on Wednesday 2nd October at 12.30pm. Enquiries to William T Fraser and Son, Culduthel Road, Inverness.

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## Birth

### Annie Louise Irving

Neil Irving and Katherine Latimer are  
delighted to announce the birth of their  
daughter Annie Louise  
on 25th August, weighing 8lbs 2oz.  
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Bill and Louise Irving and  
David and Anne Latimer

## Thank You

### Winnie Murdy

would like to thank all family and friends  
for their visits, kind wishes, cards and  
gifts during her recent stay in hospital.  
She would also like to thank the  
paramedics and all staff at the Cumber-  
land infirmary who helped with her re-  
covery. Your kindness and care meant a lot.

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## Teachers face up to the Great North Run



ATHLETIC EDUCATIONALISTS: Karen Vidler, Kerrie Waitt, Andrea Brockley, Lauren McLean, Amy Johnstone and Davidsean Murray will run the Great North Run for NSPCC

In March this year, Headteacher of the Langholm and Canonbie Cluster of Schools, Ms Lauren McLean, approached her staff with a fitness challenge, to run the Great North Run, in aid of the NSPCC.

She shared, "At Langholm and Canonbie schools we strive to teach our pupils that leading healthy lifestyles and focussing on physical and mental health

is important to help achieve academic success. We are continually inspired by our pupils taking part and succeeding in a range of sporting activities, and decided that signing up for the Great North Run would be a fantastic way of us all getting fit, whilst supporting a vital children's charity which is close to our hearts." Teachers from all 3 schools have been supporting each other

over the last 6 months to train, and are looking forward to crossing that finish line on Sunday. The NSPCC is the leading children's charity fighting to end child abuse in the UK. They help children who have been abused to rebuild their lives, protect those at risk and find the best ways of preventing abuse from ever happening.

## Bob's 70 years Bandsman man and boy!

Langholm Town Band took a small break from rehearsals on Friday evening to mark a very special occasion

Bass player, Bob Laidlaw, is celebrating 70 years as a bandsman with the band, a lifetime of music and commitment.

Bob said: "I can remember joining the band as a daft wee boy in long socks and short breeks. After some wrong notes Bandmaster Etherington said. "You are going to have to pull your socks up Robert" I replied "Oh sorry" bent down and pulled them up. I don't think he meant that and have been trying to pull them up ever since because I don't seem to be getting any better!"

"Over the years I have played the cornet, baritone, trombone, Bb and Eb bass. and have probably worn out 16 bandmasters.

"I served 30 years in Cumbria Police but thanks to some great colleagues and decent bosses was always able to get up to the band. Thanks to the band I have been able to attend loads of contests, parades and concerts, played in the Lord Mayors Parade London, played for royalty and even played for the man in the moon.

"After losing my lovely wife Jenny nine years ago the band has kept me going. I hope to remain playing for as long as the band can put up with me."



Congratulations Bob and thank you for your 70 years of such dedication.

Langholm Town Band President, Eric Hislop, presents bandsman Bob Laidlaw with a gift from the band to commemorate his 70 years of service

# Family and friends gather to commemorate Peter

## A seat placed at Cricket Club to remember sportsman and friend

**By Mairi Telford Jammeh**  
A group of friends spent Saturday afternoon at Langholm Cricket Club in glorious sunshine. They were there to celebrate the life of their friend Peter Bart-Smith who died earlier this year. Peter lived and worked in Langholm for many years.

A group of men who call themselves 'The Last of the Summer Wine Walkers', together with Peter's family sponsored Saturday's cricket match between Langholm and Stainton and unveiled a commemorative seat there in memory of Peter. The weather was beautiful, and they had a most enjoyable afternoon in good company.

Tom Stothart, a close friend of Peter's, spoke at the event and said Peter had arrived in Langholm in 1969 and had loved his life here. On his retirement in 2012 he joined his friends in 'The Last of the Summer Wine Walkers' group and took part in their weekly Wednesday walks and also went with them

on 5 week-long walking holidays. His last walk with them was in 2023 and he died in April 2024.

Gavin Graham a friend of Peter's said:

"Peter played cricket for Langholm in the 70s, squash in the 80s and worked in Langholm for many years. He was in the cricket team that were Border League Champions in 1976 and the Langholm Squash team that won the Border League twice in the early 80s. He was also a regular player for Langholm Rugby Club's 3rd team. A real sportsman in every sense of the word and is greatly missed by many."

Peter's daughter Emily thanked his friends for this gesture and said that her father had really enjoyed his regular walks with friends during his twelve years of retirement.

It was a lovely gesture for Peter's family, and they all had a seat on the bench to watch the cricket. Langholm Cricket Club thanked everyone who had come



along to pay their respects to Peter and were delighted that the weather on Saturday had 'played ball'.

**Above: Family and friends gathered to unveil 'Peter's Seat' at Langholm Cricket Club**

**Right: Langholm and Stainton Cricket teams give a five-minute round of applause in appreciation of Peter**



## Interesting appointment

Oxygen Conservation, the group which bought twelve thousand acres of Langholm Moor from Buccleuch Estates, has appointed Buccleuch Group Executive Chair Benny Higgins as its new Non-Executive Chair.

Mr Higgins, who was formerly Chief Executive Officer with Tesco Bank, took on the role with Buccleuch in 2019 when the Duke stepped down.



**Benny Higgins**

Prior to that he had worked with the Scottish Government on devising an implementation plan for the Scottish National Investment Bank.

Oxygen Conservation say they are excited about the positive impact he is already having on the business.

# Buccleuch Centre feeling the pinch

## Rising running costs have led to funding search

**By Mairi Telford Jammeh**

Langholm's beloved Buccleuch Centre has launched a gofundme page with the aim of raising £10,000 to support the general running costs of the organisation. The arts centre situated in Buccleuch Square, Langholm, is challenged by ever-rising costs and is on a mission to raise the money to keep the doors open.

The trustees and staff want to keep offering a programme of events as well as promote the centre as a wedding venue, for meetings and as a conference centre amongst other things.

The new varied programme

for the second half of the year has just become available and includes a Murder Mystery evening, a concert by Joe McElderry as well as films, a fundraiser and of course the pantomime which this year is going to be Pinocchio.

The Buccleuch Centre is a charity run by trustees who are all volunteers and has no shareholders, so every donation goes towards the running costs. It also raises funds through its patron scheme and people can sign up to that for £2.50 a month. Patrons have access to exclusive cinema, priority over some bookings, prize draws and exclusive events. <https://www.buccleuchcentre.com/info/patrons/>



The Buccleuch Centre is one of the jewels in Langholm's crown, but like most places is struggling with day-to-day running costs

The centre has a popular café and adds to the offering for local visitors to the area and other businesses in the town also benefit by it.

To donate to the gofundme

you can follow the link <https://www.gofundme.com/f/7ra7ty-the-buccleuch-centre> - you can remain anonymous if you wish to do so, or contact the Centre directly.

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## “We can’t eat trees!”

**Could someone advise me as to what the population of our island nation is to eat in the not too distant future?**

We are told there is a housing shortage, hence good land is being built upon destroying agricultural fields, trees and hedges. Yet town high streets now host many empty buildings as well as abandoned industrial land and properties.

Yet again, particularly rural areas i.e. The Lake District, Highlands and coastal areas, around 80% properties are second home or holiday lets. Consequently permanent communities are disappearing with the likes of schools in rural areas closing down. The current news of Spain is local riots due to second homes and the tourist industry where local people cannot afford somewhere to live as well as the environmental damage and refuse.

There is great talk and anger within the residents of south eastern Dumfriesshire and southern Borders, now in some places being referred to as ‘Lowland Land Clearances’ where

large estates are giving notice to tenants, some having farmed or lived in estate properties for up to half a century, to buy or get out.

Much of this land is being sold at top price to be planted with commercial forestry hence acidifying the land and water courses.

We cannot eat trees yet farming is castigated by the environmentalists at every opportunity. Industrial factory farming is seriously questionable and unhealthy. However I can never get my head round the statement ‘Conventional farming and organic’. Organic was conventional farming until the chemical industry moved in.

We are not to have fossil fuelled cars in the future yet communities are swamped with delivery vans and the roads and motorways burdened with lorries. Yes, using fossil fuel.

On B6357 Newcastleton road to the B7201 Canonbie then to A7, 250 to 500 timber Lorries have been recorded travelling a DAY going full, returning empty from early hours in the morning till 10pm. The Lake District roads are blocked with traffic

so much so that emergency services cannot get past due to parked vehicles. The fells eroded by tramping feet yet sheep are supposedly to blame, yet according to the Herdwick Sheep Society, some years ago stated that there were then only 47% registered flocks remaining. Yet, before Henry VIII demolished the religious estates the likes of Furness Abbey were huge sheep owners covering many square miles of land and wildlife still flourished.

### Fossil fuels

Are we really to import the majority of our food, again transported over here using fossil fuels? Global warming protesters, what are your clothes made of and where are they made? Cheap imports possibly made by semi-slave labour made from polyester/acrylic – again oil and coal!

It has been announced that new build houses in Scotland are not to install wood burning stoves due to carbon footprint yet humans have been burning wood since they learned to strike a spark. Yet no one, like no one

questions the residue effect of atomic explosions dating back to the bombing of Japan in the First World War, and for many decades experimental explosions including underground testing, nuclear fallout like Sellafield in 1952, the pollution of satellites and space travel and the earth destruction making these machines, the earth destruction mining lithium, nickel, cobalt, manganese and graphite to make electric car batteries apart from the danger of them setting on fire.

According to the internet today, there are 110 world conflicts taking place, including major wars in the Middle East, Africa and Ukraine the munitions of this causing pollution. We need to feed our people, be like in the WW11 ‘Dig for Britain’. We need to grow and produce in sustainable and as organic as possible. Feed our population and get back to basics and what seems to have become obsolete in humanity – COMMON SENSE.

Christine Hudson  
Rowanburn

## The Laverock Rhymers

### Trees

We all love trees big or small  
They’re beauty stuns us in The Fall  
In spring there’s verdant shades of green  
Brightening up the rural scene

But when people play fast and loose  
With Sitka and Norwegian Spruce  
And blanket all the hallowed hills  
It augers in a battle of wills

Some are unbelievably old  
They’ve seen stories never told  
Olives, yews and bristle-cone pines  
Witnessed life in ancient times

Industrial forestry has its place  
Where there’s lots of open space  
But nature too must get a break  
For hare and rabbit, deer and snake

Woods natural or man made  
Shades of light in a forest glade  
Make a world that pleases man  
That’s where fairy tales began

Also, farmers demand their share  
The clearances have caused despair  
Will sheep and cattle disappear  
And we’ll return to yesteryear

Forests planted by The Crown  
Or by Capability Brown  
Create the features of our land  
From public park to manors grand

The choice is all up to us  
And if we don’t shout and make a fuss  
A blight will make the country worse  
So, readers don’t ignore this verse



## The curse of the self-seeding Sitka

Photo by Mark Hallam



## WARBLAW WALK

Wednesday 11th September  
Meet in Market Place at 9.30am



Mark Hallam and his dog Henry will lead a walk to the summit of Warblaw Hill on one of the ‘Langholm Walks’ routes.

This walk will feature the beautiful views from one of Langholm’s showpiece walks, and highlight the controversial forestry proposals.

Please join us - all welcome

## Musings on Warbla

“For gaunin round our hill,  
We think nae shame,  
Because frae it,  
Oor peats and flacks come hame”  
What does Langholm Common Riding mean tae us?  
The pubs are open a’ day  
A celebration o’ our heritage and traditions  
We mark the Common Moss  
They didn’a leave us bloody much quotes Arthur, it’s a’ symbolic  
The peat road still runs up the side o’ Warbla  
Past the fields and gardens where John Hyslop’s faither had lifted his tatties, black wi blight, would we starve?  
Past the fields where the cow had grazed afore she crossed the road and loupit the dam alang Henry Street coming hame for the milking when the sun is low in the West  
Tae this day you can see the divisions cropped clear by the grazing of generations of sheep, aye Warbla rises high in our heritage and tradition.  
I took a friend, ane o’ natures gentlemen, up Warbla on a canny Simmer forenigh, he wadna leave until the sun went down  
The view ower Langholm, Ewes and Canonbie completely eclipsed Wordsworth’s daffodils. Does nobody write poetry nowadays  
Who would decree to give figures, we can only bow down to landowners who would barely notice the blip in their bank balance  
To obliterate this  
Have oor bairns never see it

John Armstrong  
from Langholm as it Was and Echoes from the Border Hills

# Community Council update: School boundary farce

## Wauchope families at a loss to understand department's thinking

By Mairi Telford Jammeh

Parents who live in the Wauchope valley are having to transport their children to school in Langholm because Dumfries and Galloway's education authority have said that they are actually in the Lockerbie school catchment area. At the Community Council on Monday evening parents and the grandmother of children who live at Bigholms, less than six miles from Langholm, presented their concerns to members and local Councillor Denis Male.

This situation affects six children in the valley from three families and if the Langholm schools were full the children would have to go to Eaglesfield and Lockerbie to school. As they are meant to go to Lockerbie no transport is provided for them and the school authority is saying they have no record of children from the valley going to Langholm for school.

One of those who did go to school at Langholm who lived at the Bloch is Ross Bell, father of two of the children impacted and who lives at Bigholms. The school authorities are drawing the line between the two catch-

ments somewhere between the Bloch and Bigholms which are part of the same farm.

### Challenging

It is unclear who made the decision on this catchment situation, but currently separate cars are travelling down the valley with the children on a daily basis. For one family with a child at primary school and another at secondary school the parent has to pick up the younger child and wait in the car with him until the secondary school ends its school day. For working parents, the situation is challenging.



NO BRAINER: 4 miles to Langholm or 12 to Lockerbie from Wauchope

The community council offered to identify their boundary regarding the Wauchope valley and Councillor Male has promised to investigate further. The community council also agreed to pen a letter to the Director of Education.

Fiona Bell from Bigholms said "We did not think there was an issue until we came to register Poppy at Langholm Primary and

were told it wasn't our catchment, Hottsbridge primary school was (which has now been mothballed and Eaglesfield is the chosen school), she was accepted to Langholm as was James but if the classes were too big, they wouldn't have been, and transport would not be provided. Previously we have appealed for help from various councillors and Oliver and David Mundell but with no resolution.

Denis Male has been a great help in trying to fight our corner, the children of Wauchope (which is one of the school houses) are not supposed to go to their local school.

We have a Langholm postal code, but Poppy should travel 28 miles round trip to attend Lockerbie academy, which the council would provide transportation for but not 4 miles down to the local school.

### Parking

■ Parking continues to be an issue in David Street despite residents having parking permits. There is clearly not sufficient parking spaces in the centre of town for residents particularly if they have more than one vehicle. This was raised once again at the Community Council but there seems to be no resolution to the problem. A disabled parking space appeared in David Street without any prior notification.

### Police report

■ Shoplifting has been reported to Police twice in Langholm in August. In mid August goods were stolen from High Street shops, including Latimers and Bill Barbour's and the Co-op by young people, none of whom are understood to be local.

A week later what are believed to be travelling criminals stole medicines and alcohol from the Co-op. Shoplifting crimes have been on the increase across Scotland with figures to June 2023 showing an increase of 10,000 cases in a year. Other items in the police report to the community council included the theft of a quad bike, an assault by youths on Common Riding day and an assault near the Kilngreen. The youths on Common Riding day have been reported to Social Work and the Children's Panel.

## Understated importance of the humble Crab Apple

By Mairi Telford Jammeh

Leaves from crab apple trees in Eskdale are winging their way to the Royal Botanic Garden in Edinburgh to assess their 'native-ness'. This work to look at the DNA of the crab apple trees in Dumfries and Galloway is led by an organisation called Dumfries and Galloway Woodlands who held a 'Galloway Crab Apple Action' event in January this year.

This event was to explore the work to date to understand where and why native crab apples existed in Galloway in such numbers. The event covered recipes and historic uses of the Crab Apples, or 'Scroggies'. People in this area used to make crab-apple jelly and we wonder if anyone still does this?

Recently Dumfries and Galloway Woodlands put out a call for 100 samples of crab apple trees from across Dumfries and Galloway and received 125 samples from across the region from places as far apart as Eskdalemuir



and Wigtownshire. The Eskdalemuir samples were taken from trees near the Loupin Stanes by Liz McQueen who lives just up the road.

The research is trying to understand why there are so many native trees in this region. People were instructed to collect 2 leaves from trees during the week of 19th – 25th August (with permission of the landowner) and send them off

stating the exact grid reference of the tree/s.

There is only one apple that is considered 'native' to the UK, the Crab Apple (*Malus sylvestris*). The Crab Apple's tendency to hybridise with other, non-native varieties means native, 'wild' trees are rare. Previous work has identified that Galloway hosts a major proportion of the UK's wild Crab Apple Trees.

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## Podcast: Quality Meat Scotland

This month's deep dive into podcast land takes us into the world of Quality Meat Scotland.

QMS describes itself as the public body responsible for helping the Scottish red meat sector improve its efficiency, sustainability, integrity and profitability and maximise its contribution to Scotland's economy.

Over the course of eleven seasons it has been hosted by different voices including agricultural marketing and PR guru Jane Craigie and veteran BBC Radio Scotland broadcaster Mark Stephen.

In one episode, Mark found time while enjoying the delights of the legendary Turiff Show to chat with QMS Chief Executive Sarah Miller, and Chair Kate Rowell about the company and its ethos.

In another, he visited a farm in the Borders to discuss the best ways of reducing winter feed bills, while another saw him learning about Farmstrong, the well-being movement which originated in New Zealand but has proved very popular here too.

Teaching youngsters about the importance, taste and value of Scotland's red meat provided the topic for one of Jane Craigie's episodes, and in it she spoke to two QMS personnel whose working lives are centred on that very issue.

Health and Education Managers, Jen Robertson and Alix Ritchie, talk about their work with Scotland's local authorities, and the creative ways of encouraging red meat inclusion in school dinners and cookery classes.

In one academic year, initiatives including cookery demonstrations and food and farming events, reached over 2,500 of Scotland's primary aged pupils from 80 different schools and 320 secondary schools.

Of course environmental matters can never be far away – in one episode Jane talks with Professor John Gilliland about an Environmental Baseline programme which aims to recruit 170 farmers and growers in Scotland and England to understand and improve their environmental performance.

## Numbers down, but quality still up there

Numbers at this year's Border Union Kelso Ram Sales are slightly down on last year, but organisers say the quality of animals being put forward will be as high as ever.

This year will see nearly 3,800 rams go under the hammer, including 1532 by Cumbrian auctioneers Harrison and Hetherington.

H&H Market Manager Adam Grieve says the dip in numbers is largely due to the strong hogg trade in the Spring when prices reached more than £280 per head.

"Many breeders chose to sell their lower quality tups at this time to capitalise on the exceptional prices," he said. "This has allowed breeders to bring their best stock to Kelso, so we are expecting the quality this year to be second to none, possibly the best we've seen in some time."

"This I believe bodes well for the sheep industry, because



This year's Kelso Ram Sales is on Friday September 13

maintaining the highest quality rams will enhance the national flock at all levels. While top-quality sheep are expected to fetch good prices, we must also acknowledge that flock numbers are reducing, so this will balance out the market."

Mr Grieve believes Blue-tongue restrictions could also

impact numbers this year and have definitely cut the number coming from Northern Ireland.

First held in 1838, the Border Union Kelso Ram Sale is seen not just a marketplace but as a vital networking platform for the sheep farming community.

The event attracts vendors and purchasers from across the UK

and Ireland, and gives them the chance to select top-quality rams for the upcoming breeding season.

It's also a great social occasion, bringing together stakeholders in the industry, fostering connections and allowing the sharing of knowledge between farmers, reeders, suppliers and agricultural professionals.

## Call for more action on rollout of mobile network

A coalition of rural, wildlife and conservation bodies is calling for an urgent review of the rollout of mobile network infrastructure to the most remote areas of Scotland.

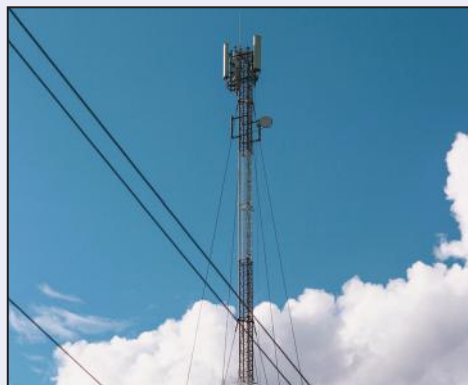
The John Muir Trust, Scottish Land and Estates, RSPB Scotland, Mountaineering Scotland, the National Trust, Ramblers Scotland and the Woodland Trust are among 46 signatories to the letter sent to Sir Chris Bryant MP, the Minister of State for Digital and Data Infrastructure.

They have also copied in Ian Murray MP, the new Secretary of State for Scotland, asking for a meeting.

They say they all want better digital connectivity for rural communities, but believe expensive investment is being put into placing 4G masts in remote places that would benefit very few people.

They want to make the politicians aware of what they see as an opportunity to avoid unnecessary damage to some of Scotland's wildest and most beautiful landscapes. They say hundreds of millions of pounds of taxpayers' money could be redirected to other projects which they believe could deliver better value for money.

John Muir Trust Head of Campaigns Thomas Widrow says decisions taken in Westminster are impacting beautiful and incredibly important wild places hundreds of miles away.



A mobile telephone mast: Rollout is slow in remote areas

"As a charity whose purpose is to protect wild places, we are alarmed that damage will be inflicted on landscapes and wildlife with no evident public or environmental benefits."

RSPB Scotland Head of Species and Land Management, Duncan Orr-Ewing agrees.

"We stand together with landowners, communities and other conservation eNGOs in calling on the UK Government to review the current programme, and to listen to the genuine and deepfelt views of the various stakeholders in Scotland."

## Milk's healthy performance

The Cumbrian based farmer-owned dairy co-operative First Milk has reported a 'healthy performance' over the past financial year, with competitive returns for its members and strong growth in performance.

Its Annual Financial and Impact Report shows that turnover has grown to £476m from the 2023 figure of £456m. The operating profit went up from £5.1m to £16.8m and the total group capital and reserves increased from £46.7m to £58.5m.

Chief Executive Shelagh Hancock says she's pleased with the results and confident they mean the company is well placed for the future, despite the wider economic and geopolitical challenges.

"This year has seen us broadening our capability with capital investment to access the specialist protein market, and the strategic acquisition of BV Dairy, extending our market reach into the food service sector and product mix, into fermented products and creams," she said.

### Regenerative

"In addition, our members have made great strides in the last 12 months scaling their regenerative farming practices with the support of our customers. I'm also encouraged to see regenerative farming becoming more widely understood and invested in across the UK food sector, with an increasing number of brands and retailers supporting its development.



"We remain confident that its tangible outcomes will help to solve the climate, nature and biodiversity crises and improve farm resilience and we are pleased to be leading in this area.

"Ultimately, our vision for the future is clear – we are working to enrich life every day to secure the future for our members, colleagues, customers and communities. We will do that by ensuring First Milk is a distinctive, regenerative farmer co-operative, efficiently producing great tasting, quality dairy products for our customers and consumers."

# Special Day, special guests at the Holm Show



## ...and she got the weather spot-on reports GILLY FRASER

If you want good weather for your event – try inviting a weathergirl along. That certainly did the trick for the Holm Show. After weeks of what felt like unrelenting dreichness and rain, the last Saturday in August dawned bright, beautiful and sunny and even managed to stay that way, all day.

The weathergirl in question was none other than BBC Scotland's meteorological queen, Judith

Ralston. She was an honoured guest at the Holm Show not to explain jet streams and prevailing pressures however, but to record a segment for the popular TV show, Scotland's Greatest Escapes.

She was accompanied by co-Presenter Graeme Staveley, better known to one and all as Grado, a man who has somehow managed to seamlessly merge the occupations of actor (Think Two Doors Down) and professional wrestler, and still

have time to roam around Scotland looking for the best places to get-away. In this case – Newcastleton.

One of Judith's tasks was to judge all of the highly colourful and imaginative entrants in the Pony Fancy Dress class, and she did a grand job, accompanied by Show President Andrew Douglas and shadowed by her camera crew who eavesdropped on every word she had to say.

Later she and Grado toured the

showfield, chatting to visitors and exhibitors and enjoying some of the many entertainments.

The Holm Show is renowned for drawing back Copshaw exiles, and this year proved no exception, reuniting families and friends who hadn't seen one another for ages. One familiar face was missing though and there can't have been a single committee member or regular showgoer who didn't take a moment to remember former Show

**CELEBRITY:** BBC Scotland Weathergirl, Judith Ralston is show round by the Holm Show President Andrew Douglas

Chairman Philip Hedley who died last year.

In his memory the show decided to raise money for Prostate Cancer UK and special badges were given out to all who donated. Judith also very kindly did the honours of officially naming the liquid refreshment area as Philip's Bar in his memory.

# Happy photos, happy days at The Holm

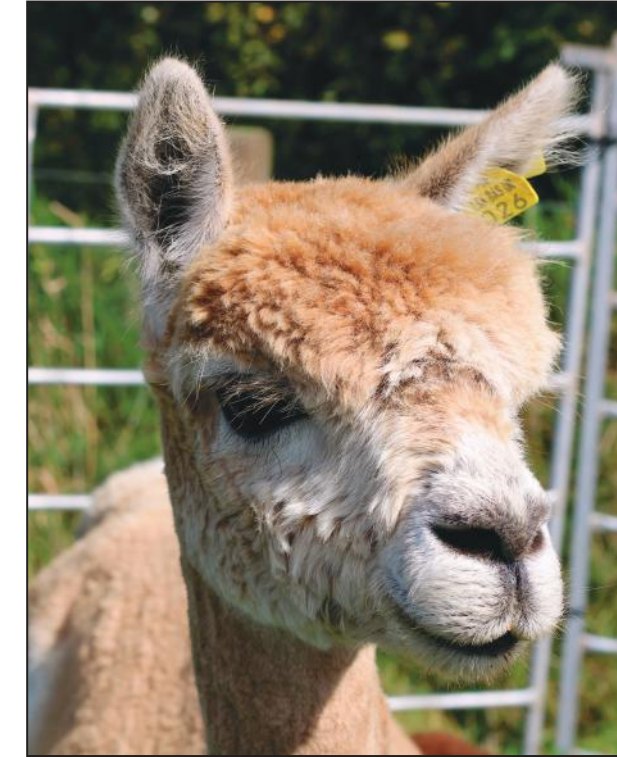
Huge entries in all classes, prove that Copshaw event is as popular as it ever was...especially when the sun shines!



Chewing over the results in the sheep section



A glorious display of prize-winning vegetables



One of Newcastle's Blue Skye Alpacas

### INDUSTRIAL WINNERS:

**Flowers**  
 Cochranes Nursery Trophy for the best Pot Plant - Mrs I. Nichol  
 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 Quaich for best in class 221 - Mr P. O'Shea  
**Floral Art**  
 Newcastleton SWRI Cup for the most points in classes 230, 231, 232 and 233 - Mrs. B Scott

**Eggs**  
 The Graham Waddle Trophy for Best Eggs. Mr J. W. Hetherington

**Vegetables**  
 'Tinnis Cup' for Most Points in the Section Winner - Miss S Oliver  
 Cup and £10 for Most Points in Classes 251, 261, 262, 264, (Open) - Mr W Jeffrey

**Baking**  
 Jean Mitchinson Shield (Open) for Most points overall in Home Baking, Jams, Jellies & Dairy Produce - Mr N. Barber  
 Alison Mitchinson 'Holm Show' trophy for Most points in Jams, Jellies & Soft Drink - Mr N. Barber  
 Martin Mitchell Annual Challenge Cup for most points in the children's section. - Master A Cropper

**Home baking**  
 The Anderson Cup - Mrs K. Ireland

**Children's section**  
 The Rev & Mrs Brydon Maben Trophy most points in all Children's sections (industrial) - Master A. Cropper

**Industrial section**  
 The Holm cup for most overall points - Mrs C. Warwick  
 The Barbra Robson Trophy with most points in knitting & Crochet classes - Mrs C. Warwick  
 The Linda Scott Memorial Trophy for best Exhibit in the industrial section - Kate Ireland

**Walking Sticks**  
 The Leonard Parkin Perpetual Challenge Cup for Outstanding Exhibit - Mr Ian Paterson  
**Novice Sticks**  
 Marius Carruthers Trophy for best novice stick - David Bowman  
 The Kirndeane Junior Crookmakes Trophy for Champion Junior - M. Ritson

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



Anyone for tennis? Fancy dress frolics in the Pony section



Equine Champion Emma Brown and Reserve Jessica Telford



Cool dude enjoying the Copshaw sun



Best seats in the house - on a giant straw bale



Great place to meet up with friends



Judith and Grado in fine form at the Holm Show



More Champions than you could shake a stick at...



PHOTOGRAPHY CHAMP: Ms S. Bernhard-Smith  
Photo by George White



PHOTOGRAPHY ENTHUSIASTS: Robbie Adamson, Margaret Elliot, Billy Lockerby & George White

# Many entries in many classes



Judith Ralston nips in to Philip's Bar for a photo with the bar-keepers



## OVERALL SHEEP CHAMPION

This is a gimmer called Queen O' Tarras. She is bred by a home-bred tup Cooms Grumpy who was sold at Lockerbie last year for £1,000.

She won the South Country Cheviot Undressed section at the Holm Show then the Overall South Country Cheviot and then went on to win the Overall Sheep Champion.

She was shown by William Nixon from Langholm Initiative, Cooms.



## RESULTS & TROPHY WINNERS 2024

### SHEEP

South Country Cheviot Sheep  
Liddesdale Junior Agricultural Challenge Cup (Champion) - W Nixon, Cooms  
The Eskdale & Liddesdale Advertiser Trophy for Reserve Champion- Z. Hall & M. Batty, Horsleyhill, Hawick  
Most Points - R. Wood, Potholm, Langholm  
Cumberland and Westmorland Farmers Ltd Challenge Cup - Champion Undressed - W. Nixon, Langholm Initiative, Cooms

**CLASS 1.** South Country Cheviot Ram Aged  
1/ W. Nixon, Langholm Initiative, Cooms  
2/ R. Wood, Potholm, Langholm  
3/ R. Wood, Potholm, Langholm  
**CLASS 2.** South Country Cheviot Shearling Ram  
1/ R. Wood, Potholm, Langholm  
2/ G. Jackson, Toftholm  
3/ R. Bell, The Bloch, Langholm  
**CLASS 3.** South Country Cheviot Ram Lamb  
1/ W. Nixon, Langholm Initiative, Cooms  
2/ G. Jackson, Toftholm  
3/ G. Jackson, Toftholm  
**CLASS 4.** South Country Cheviot Group Male (Aged Ram, Shearling & Lamb 1, 2 & 3)  
1/ R. Wood, Potholm, Langholm  
**CLASS 5.** South Country Cheviot Ewe  
1/ R. Wood, Potholm  
2/ R. Wood, Potholm  
**CLASS 6.** South Country Cheviot Gimmer  
1/ G. Jackson, Toftholm  
2/ R. Wood, Potholm, Langholm  
3/ W. Nixon, Langholm Initiative, Cooms

**CLASS 7.** South Country Cheviot Ewe Lamb  
1/ G. Jackson, Toftholm  
2/ R. Wood, Potholm, Langholm  
**CLASS 8.** South Country Cheviot Ewe with own lamb at foot  
1/ R. Wood, Potholm, Langholm  
2/ W. Nixon, Langholm Initiative, Cooms  
3/ R. Bell, The Bloch, Langholm  
**CLASS 9.** Hill Ewe Undressed  
1/ R. Bell, The Bloch, Langholm  
2/ R. Bell, The Bloch, Langholm  
3/ N. Manning, Tweedshaw, Biggar

### Cumberland & Westmoreland Farmers Challenge Cup Undressed

**CLASS 10.** South Country Gimmer Undressed  
1/ W. Nixon, Langholm Initiative, Cooms  
2/ R. Bell, The Bloch, Langholm  
3/ R. Wood, Potholm, Langholm  
**CLASS 11.** South Country Cheviot Lamb Undressed  
1/ R. Wood, Potholm, Langholm  
2/ W. Nixon, Langholm Initiative, Cooms  
3/ W. Nixon, Langholm Initiative, Cooms  
**CLASS 12.** South Country Cheviot Pair Ewe Lambs Undressed  
1/ T. Elliot, Hindhope  
**CLASS 13.** Female Group (Ewe, Gimmer, Lamb taken form, 5,6,7,10,11 & 12)  
1/ R. Wood, Potholm, Langholm

### BLACKFACE SHEEP

Jimmy Nixon Trophy for champion undressed -G. Jackson, Toftholm, Newcastleton (Gimmer)  
The Larriston Perpetual Challenge Cup (Champion).  
S. Anderson, Penchrise, Hawick (Gimmer) Reserve Champion  
G. Jackson, Toftholm, Newcastleton (Ewe)  
**CLASS 21.** Blackface Ram Aged  
1/ S. Anderson, Penchrise  
2/ S. Anderson, Penchrise

**CLASS 22.** Blackface Shearling Ram  
1/ G. Jackson, Toftholm, Newcastleton  
2/ N. Manning, Earlshaugh, Tweedsmuir  
3/ S. Anderson, Penchrise  
**CLASS 23.** Blackface Ram Lamb  
1/ M. Stewart, 3 Buckham Farm Cot, Gala  
2/ M. Stewart, 3 Buckham Farm Cot, Gala  
3/ G. Jackson, Toftholm, Newcastleton  
**CLASS 24.** Group, Blackface Ram, Shearling and Ram Lamb taken from **Classes 21,22,23**  
1/ S. Anderson, Penchrise  
**CLASS 25.** Blackface Ewe to have reared Lamb this season  
1/ G. Jackson, Toftholm, Newcastleton  
2/ S. Anderson, Penchrise, Hawick  
3/ M. Stewart, 3 Buckham Farm Cot, Gala  
**CLASS 26.** Blackface Gimmer  
1/ S. Anderson, Penchrise, Hawick  
2/ S. Anderson, Penchrise, Hawick  
3/ G. Jackson, Toftholm, Newcastleton  
**CLASS 27.** Blackface Ewe Lamb  
1/ G. Jackson, Toftholm, Newcastleton  
2/ M. Stewart, 3 Buckham Farm Cot, Gala  
3/ S. Anderson, Penchrise, Hawick  
**CLASS 28.** Blackface Ewe with own Lamb at foot  
1/ S. Anderson, Penchrise, Hawick  
2/ M. Stewart, 3 Buckham Farm Cot, Gala  
3/ Dalglish & Waugh, The Crew, R/head  
**CLASS 29.** Blackface Ewe to have reared Lamb this season shown undressed  
1/ S. Anderson, Penchrise  
2/ N. Manning, Earlshaugh, Tweedsmuir-  
**CLASS 30.** Blackface Gimmer shown undressed  
1/ G. Jackson, Toftholm, Newcastleton  
2/ S. Anderson, Penchrise  
3/ N. Manning, Earlshaugh, Tweedsmuir-

**CLASS 32.** Pair of Ewe Lambs shown undressed

1/ S. Anderson, Penchrise  
2/ S. Anderson, Penchrise  
3/ Dalglish & Waugh, The Crew, R/head

**CLASS 33.** Group Blackface Ewe, Gimmer and Ewe Lamb taken from **Classes 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31 & 32.**  
1/ G. Jackson, Toftholm, Newcastleton

2/ S. Anderson, Penchrise  
3/ S. Anderson, Penchrise

### Prizes

The Blackface Association Rosette for Champion. S. Anderson, Penchrise, Hawick  
Sorbietrees Farm Ltd. Special £25 for most points in section.  
S. Anderson, Penchrise, Hawick  
The Wattie Robertson Memorial Cup between Undressed Cheviot and Blackface  
G. Jackson, Toftholm, Newcastleton

### GREYFACE SHEEP

Rickerby Ltd (Carlisle) donated Tankard for Best Greyfaced Ewe Lamb - A. Carruthers & Sons, Peela Hill, Bewcastle

**CLASS 34.** Greyface Ewe to have reared Lamb this season

1/ R. Fox, Greengate, Waterbeck  
2/ R. Fox, Greengate, Waterbeck

**CLASS 35.** Greyface Gimmer

1/ R. Fox, Greengate, Waterbeck  
2/ R. Fox, Greengate, Waterbeck

3/ R. Fox, Greengate, Waterbeck

**CLASS 36.** Grey face Ewe Lamb (ex Blackface)

1/ A. Carruthers, Peela Hill  
2/ A. Carruthers, Peela Hill

**CLASS 37.** Greyface Ewe Lamb

1/ T. Telford, High Parkfoot  
2/ T. Telford, High Parkfoot

**CLASS 39.** Pair Greyface Ewe Lambs (ex Blackface) not to be shown in **CLASS 36**

1/ A. Carruthers, Peela Hill

**CLASS 40**

1/ T. Telford, High Parkfoot

**Prizes**

Sorbietrees Farm Ltd. Special £25 for most points in section.

R. Fox, Greengate, Waterbeck

**BLUEFACE LEICESTER SHEEP**

The 'Raeburn' Perpetual Challenge Cup for Champion.

A. Carruthers & Sons, Peela Hill, (Gimmer)  
The Thomas Watson Memorial Challenge Cup opposite sex to Champion

A. Carruthers & Sons, Peela Hill, (Tup Lamb)

**CLASS 41.** Blueface Ram, Aged  
1/ A. Carruthers & Sons, Peela Hill,

**CLASS 42.** Blueface Shearling  
1/ A. Carruthers & Sons, Peela Hill

**CLASS 43.** Blueface Ram Lamb  
1/ A. Carruthers & Sons, Peela Hill

**CLASS 44.** Blueface Ewe to have reared Lamb this season  
1/ A. Carruthers & Sons, Peela Hill

**CLASS 45.** Blueface Gimmer  
1/ A. Carruthers, Peela Hill

**CLASS 46.** Blueface Ewe Lamb  
1/ T. Telford, High Parkfoot

2/ T. Telford, High Parkfoot  
**CLASS 47.** Group of 3: 1 male, 2 female

1/ A. Carruthers & Sons, Peela Hill  
Sorbietrees Special Prize £25 most points.

A. Carruthers, Peela Hill

**CLASS 48.** Continental Sheep other than Texel

1/ Z. Hall & M. Batty Horsley Hill,  
2/ R. Fox, Greengate, Waterbeck

**CLASS 49.** Continental Shearling  
1. R. Fox, Greengate, Waterbeck  
2/ R. Fox, Greengate, Waterbeck

**CLASS 50.** Continental Ram Lamb  
1/ Z. Hall & M. Batty, Horsleyhill

2/ Z. Hall & M. Batty, Horsleyhill  
3/ C. & F. Frame, Hawthornbank,

**CLASS 51.** Continental Ewe  
1/ Z. Hall & M. Batty, Horsleyhill

2/ Z. Hall & M. Batty, Horsleyhill  
3/ J. Thomson, Hartwell

**CLASS 52.** Continental Gimmer  
1/ Z. Hall & M. Batty, Horsleyhill  
Special £10 donated by Mr G. McGimpsey for most points in section.  
Z. Hall & M. Batty, Horsleyhill

**TEXEL SHEEP**  
Carrs Billington Trophy for Champion.  
R. Fox, Greengate, Waterbeck  
**CLASS 54.** Texel Ram Aged  
1/ R. Fox, Greengate, Waterbeck  
**CLASS 55.** Texel Shearling  
1/ R. Fox, Greengate, Waterbeck  
**CLASS 56.** Texel Ram Lamb  
1/ A. Carruthers & Sons, Peela Hill  
2/ A. Carruthers & Sons, Peela Hill  
3/ R. Fox, Greengate

**CLASS 57.** Texel Ewe  
1/ A. Carruthers & Sons, Peela Hill  
2/ R. Fox, Greengate, Waterbeck+

**CLASS 58.** Texel Gimmer  
1/ R. Fox, Greengate, Waterbeck

**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, Waterbeck

**Any Other Breed of Sheep**  
Jobson Animal Health Challenge Trophy for Champion.  
C. & F. Frame, Hawthornbank, Douglas

**CLASS 62.** Any Other Breed Ram Lamb  
1/ D. Robertson Shawhead Farm, Easton

**CLASS 63.** Any Other Breed Ewe  
1/ C. & F. Frame, Hawthornbank, Douglas

**CLASS 64.** Any Other Breed Gimmer  
1/ S. Swanston, Peela Hill, Bewcastle  
2/ C. & F. Frame, Hawthornbank, Douglas

**CLASS 65.** Any Other Breed Ewe Lamb  
1/ S. Swanston, Peela Hill, Bewcastle

**PRIME LAMBS**  
Titheburn Challenge Cup for Best Prime Lambs.

Z. Hall & M. Batty, Horsleyhill, Hawick

**CLASS 66.** Pair Prime Lambs up to 40 kilos Liveweight  
1/ Z. Hall & M. Batty, Horsleyhill

2/ R. Fox, Greengate, Waterbeck  
3/ A. D. Hope

**CLASS 67.** Pair Prime Lambs over 40 kilos Liveweight  
1/ Z. Hall & M. Batty, Horsleyhill

2/ R. Fox, Greengate, Waterbeck  
3/ A. Carruthers, Peela Hill

**Prizes**  
£20 Special donated by Carrs for Best Prime Lambs Hill Breeds  
A. Carruthers, Peela Hill

**Prizes**  
£20 Special donated by Carrs for Best Prime Lambs Hill Breeds  
Z. Hall & M. Batty, Horsleyhill, Hawick

**Young Handlers**  
Bedda Cup for Champion of Classes 71 & 72.  
Poppy Park

**CLASS 70.** Any Breed not shown in any other **CLASS** - Handler under 10 years old  
1/ Poppy Park

**CLASS 71.** Any Breed not shown in any other **CLASS** - Handler age 10 - 16 years old  
1/ Daniel Robertson

2/ Ella Ballantyne  
3/ Poppy Park

**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

## Holm Show 2024

# Benty readies itself for it's 'once a year day'

Change of field for this year's show but everything else stays the same

By Gilly Fraser

**It's all systems go for the Benty Show, even though the organisers have had to opt for a slight change of venue this year.**

"We have changed the field the show's normally in," says General Secretary Allison Little. "Usually it's held right beside the Benty Hall, but because of the weather, plus the fact that the field was ploughed at the beginning of the year and we don't want to mash it up, we've decided to move it to the field beside the houses, just for one year only.

"It is quite a dry field and so far it's been holding up very well. So we should be fine."

Weather has played a massive part in the success of many shows and events this year, with several having to cancel altogether. Allison says the forecast for Saturday is looking good so far, though many people will be keeping their fingers tightly crossed right till the day dawns.

"We decided not to go for any-

thing new this year just because of fears for the ground, but we have all our old favourites, like the Hound Trails, the Fell Race, Kids' Games and Terrier Racing. We'd really love to have more entries in the Fell Race, especially as it has a first prize of £75 plus a lovely shield donated by the Scott family in Langholm.

## 150 entries

"We've got about 150 entries for the sheep classes which is about the same as last year and the Industrial section entries only close a few days beforehand so we don't have a number for those yet. I'm not sure how the horticultural section is going to go because of all the bad weather we've all had but we'll just have to wait and see."

Allison says the kids' classes are usually the most popular with the biggest number of entries in classes like Miniature Garden, Painted Stones, Tinfoil Creation and Decorated Biscuit, but she's also seeing a general increase in



Industrial and Craft entries every year.

"It did go through a bit of a lull period a while back but I feel things like crochet are becoming more popular again with more people taking up crafts."

Tracy and Eric Goodfellow of Castleview Catering will be busy all day in the village hall serving

up snacks and meals for hungry showgoers, with everything from filled rolls to steak pie dinners on offer.

Then the whole day winds down with a barbecue in the field at around half past five and the bar will remain open till 9pm so everyone can relax after all the fun and games of the Show.



## Maxi raises £650 for Lydiafield

Maxi Wright, who lives in Canonbie, raised £650 for Lydiafield care home in Annan, and Prostate Cancer UK.

The challenge was to cycle, walk or run 100 miles in August for Prostate Cancer. Maxi cycled 75 miles on the static turbo trainer for Lydiafield using Zwift and 108 miles for Prostate Cancer UK.

The money raised will be split between the two organisations. These fundraisers help support the organisations that help people around the UK but also act to raise awareness of the illness and the need to seek medical advice early if men experience urinary symptoms.

Maxi enjoys cycling on the open road too.

## Ceramics at the Hub

A new ceramics course for beginners has just started at Eskdalemuir Hub and is being delivered by Ruth Elizabeth Jones. The sessions will take place on Friday afternoons from 1pm – 4pm. People are very excited about the opportunity to take part in this course, and it is now fully subscribed. Funding to run this course was received from Ewe Hill 16 community windfarm benefit fund.

Ruth Elizabeth Jones is a ceramic artist and educator. She works from her studio in South West Scotland and creates hand-built and wheel-thrown vessels. Ruth's work has been shown at The London Art Fair 2024 with Ruup & Form and at Collect 2023 in Somerset House, London with Craft Scotland.

## Bridge results

N/S - 1, George & Brenda Bullamore, 2, Bob Francombe & George Graham, 3, Alison Mullock  
E/W - 1, Doreen Taylor & Aileen Graham, 2, Sandra Ritchie & Anne Hislop, 3, Tom Stothart & John Packer.

## OASIS tickets dry up in the heat of the sale!

Over the weekend Oasis fans locally have been desperately trying to get tickets for their concerts announced for 2025 but most have been very frustrated. Having not played for so long it was announced last week that the band would play a series of gigs next year in Manchester, Cardiff, Edinburgh and Dublin and London. Tickets went on sale online on Saturday. One or two Langholm fans are believed to have managed to get tickets but didn't want to make any comments. Sharon Irving who was unable to purchase tickets said:

"I didn't get any tickets. I entered the pre-sale ballot but was unsuccessful. I was looking to go to Murrayfield or Heaton Park Manchester and looking to pay £155 for each ticket and go as a family of four. I logged in at 8.45am and sales were opening at 9am. My Ticketmaster app already had errors, so I logged in via the generic



Sharon Irving thinks Ticketmaster needs to give its system an overhaul

Ticketmaster and was in a queue to get onto it never mind the ticket sales.

"I eventually got into the queue via my app, and I was around 245,000 in the queue for Edinburgh on the Saturday and daughter Regan was queuing for Friday in Edinburgh. After 3 hours I just gave up. I then re-logged in at 4pm got

straight through to Edinburgh. I picked my seats then the app said 'not available' so I picked other seats and app said I left one spare seat. I picked 2 sets of separate seats, and it then said, 'dodgy activity on the app' and thought I was a bot.

"Ticketmaster needs a serious upgrade as people spent five hours and got to the point of paying and it chucked them out. They knew the demand would be unprecedentedly high, but it was already in meltdown before 9am. There were tickets for £375 standing, but I was not willing to pay that much. Tickets ended up on resale site Viagogo for £7K each. I'm hoping more dates will be released but this fiasco has put me off."

According to 'The Observer' even while online ticket prices rose unexpectedly to double in some cases, due to a policy of 'dynamic pricing'. Web portals struggled to cope with the demand for tickets with lots of social media posts expressing folks' frustrations.

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Looking back...

## 50 years ago: From the E&L Advertiser 4th September, 1974

### Eskdale Winners at Copshaw Show

At the Liddesdale Agricultural Show, first prize for a donkey foal born 1973 or 1974 was won by Mrs JG Milne Home, Irvine House, Canonbie with White Heather Lochinvar and Mr Murray, Mosspebble, Ewes won first prize showing his Hill Pony under 15 hh.

In the Handy Pony competitions run by the Eskdale Pony Club, first place in the class for 17-year-olds and under was taken by Miss Sandra Statham, Meikledale, Ewes and her brother's entry, Jock, in the Rough Haired Working Collie class, dog or bitch, also took first place. Mr David Anderson's entry was placed second in the class for Smooth Haired Working Collie, dog or bitch.

### Westerkirk

One of the principal winners in the Blackfaced Sheep classes was Lt Col R Johnson-Ferguson, Westerkirk, who had four second prizes and two thirds to his credit. Mr Malcolm Little, Megdale, Westerkirk, one of Col Johnson-Ferguson's shepherds, also won a second prize in the Blackface Sheep classes.

From the point of view of entries and prizes the Walking Stick classes were dominated by

two Westerkirk makers and exhibitors. - Mr JW Moscrop, Bombe and Mr RH Little, Calkin. With the exception of two entries by Mr L Parkin, Hermitage Schoolhouse, one of which gained a third prize, all other entries were made by and prizes gained by the Westerkirk exhibitors. Mr Moscrop's total being four first prizes, three second prizes and two third prizes whilst Mr Little's entries drew two first, three seconds and three fourths.

### Eleven firsts

The Cut Flower Section was also dominated by a local exhibitor, Mr J Moody, 44 Henry Street, Langholm. Not only did Mr Moody win the special prize for the most points in the section but also the special prize for the most outstanding exhibit which was a magnificent gladiolus. His entries also dominated the dahlia section and took first, second and third places in no fewer than five strongly entered classes. His total included 11 first prizes, seven seconds and seven thirds.

The Floral Art section attracted a large number of very interesting spectators who gazed with great admiration at the variety of exhibits and the artwork and ingenuity of the exhibitors. Well-known local exhibitor Mrs Rita Murray, 116 High Street, gained two first, one second and four



Eskdale Thistle in the Seventies: Back l to r: Ramsay Johnstone, Geordie Wylie, Brent Thomlinson, David Yarrow, Kenny Gordon, John Armstrong, Billy Kinnear, ??, MacDonald  
Front l to r: Dav Bell, Tony Mattinson, ??, ?? Robbie Trussler

thirds with her six entries.

### Sheep killed when lorry crashes

Sixty-three sheep were killed outright, and eight others had to be humanely destroyed by a vet, when an articulated sheep float overturned at Kinmount Lodge on the Canonbie-Longtown road whilst travelling from Hawick to Manchester on Friday morning. The driver of the lorry, and his mate, were slightly injured but were allowed to go home after treatment at the Cumberland Infirmary.

### Penalty decision upsets Thistle

Annan 4 - Eskdale Thistle 1  
Eskdale Thistle travelled to Annan for another division one game last night and put up a tremendous performance against the side who had just recently beaten Gretna. After withstanding early pressure Thistle started to push forward and Scott and Irving went close. Annan scored twice but just before half-time G Irving scored a good goal from out on the left

but to the amazement of the players the ref disallowed it and gave Thistle a penalty instead which J Stark missed. Second half Annan added another two goals but Thistle came back to stage a grandstand finish with G Irving scoring one and having another effort brilliantly saved. W Scott also saws a great effort somehow pulled out of the top corner, before Lindsay was brought down to appeals for a penalty.

# 1974

## C & D Marts (Longtown) Primestock Report Thursday, 29th August 2024



C&D Auction Marts Limited had forward a tremendous entry of 7,105 sheep comprising of 3,045 prime lambs and 4,060 cast ewes & rams at their weekly sale at Longtown Mart on Thursday 29th August 2024.

A larger show of cast cows forward, trade remains similar although leaner weathered cows meeting some resistance. The sale topped at £1,568 for an Angus from M Baxter, Kilnhill, Gilsland with Friesian cows to £1,378 from CT & J Wigham, Hethermill, Kirklington. Beef Shorthorns peaked at £1,313 from Meikle Whitriggs, Lockebeie with other Angus to £1,312 from EAP Glendinning, Over Cassock, Eskdalemuir. Top per kilo of 189p for Angus from Kilnhill, with Shorthorns to 189p and 180p from Meikle Whitriggs, Friesians sold to 185p from Hethermill.

A similar show of 3,045 lambs forward, consistency is key and Longtown has it in spades, today's average includes a run of 75 Shetland tup lambs weighing in at 19kgs. Commercial lambs regularly achieved 310-320ppk with best Beltex lambs 360ppk - 400pp. An outstanding Beltex lamb topped the sale at 440p Consigned by DH McKendrick, High Dalrioch, Campbeltown with top per head of £210 for Texels D & T Bradley-Farmer, Wester Parkgate, Dumfries.

Lambs are in demand and showing large quantities of lambs are wanted at here at Longtown.

Overall average of 303.0p (SQQ 303.3p)

### PRINCIPAL PRICES (PER KILO)

**Beltex** 440p High Dalrioch, 413p Crawthat, 382p Hardriding, 371p Crawthat.  
**Suffolk** 342p Shalmstry, 331p Chapel House, 320p Cottage, 317p Chapel House, 315p High Cattadale & Outertown.  
**Texel** 333p Cubbyhill & Shalmstry, 331p Wester Parkgate, 327p Oaklands.  
**Charollais** 313p Hallburn, 306p Viewley, 302p Brocklebank.  
**Cheviot** 311p, 306p Penchrise, 302p Kinnelcutty, 300p North House & Cottage, 295p West Deloraine.  
**Lleyn** 307p, 304p The Height.  
**Cheviot Mule** 304p North House, 300p Dodgsonstown, 297p Uras, 295p Southdean Lodge.  
**Blue Texel** 303p Nunwick.  
**Mule** 293p, 292p Whiteside, 289p Penpeugh, 288p Greensburn, 280p Paddockhole.

### PRINCIPAL PRICE (PER HEAD)

**Texel** £210, £200 Wester Parkgate, £185 High Dalrioch, £178 Kirkton, £172 Viewley.

**Beltex** £190 Crawthat, £160 Cambeckhill & Hardriding, £159.50, £157 Crawthat, £157 Hardriding.  
**Suffolk** £167 Tarrasfoot, £160 Faugh Beeches, £156 Guardsmill & Tarrasfoot, £151 Elfhills.  
**Blue Texel** £167 Nunwick.  
**Dutch Spotted** £164 The Snab.  
**Cheviot** £153, £142, £132 Kirkton, £130 West Deloraine.  
**Charollais** £148 Brocklebank, £144 Viewley, £140 Knowe.  
**Cheviot Mule** £147 Howahill, £143 Uras.  
**Lleyn** £143 The Height.  
**Mule** £131 Mount, £126 Paddockhole, £124.50 Penpeugh, £120 Fordland & Whiteside.

**A larger show of 4,060 ewes and rams were forward, as Longtown has been centre stage all week, it didn't stop today, top of the tree again putting the jack back in his box. New and old vendors alike flock to Longtown to take advantage of the competitive marketplace provided by the 19 active purchasers that attend C&D Auction Marts weekly.**

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The sale topped at £340 for Texels from D & T Bradley-Farmer, Wester Parkgate, Dumfries.

Suffolk ewes topped at £210 consigned by Moir Livestock, Home Farm, Cairness.

Mule ewes topped at £174 from DA & MA Teasdale, Grindon Hill, Haydon Bridge.

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**Texel** £340 Wester Parkgate, £270 Newton of Tulloch, £255 Linnhead, £245 Beckfoot, £240 Viewley, Linnhead & Crawthat.  
**Charollais** £215 Braithwaite Hall.  
**Beltex** £215 Fearn.  
**Suffolk** £210 Home Farm, £200 Corrie Mains, £190 Marygate, £188 Wester Parkgate £182 Marygate.  
**Bluefaced Leicester** £188 Laidlawsteel.

**Mule** £174 Grindon Hill, £168 Greengatehouse, £160 Hoscoate, £159 Smallholms, £158 Elfhills.  
**Cheviot Mule** £155 Trowknowes, £152 Springwells & Newton, £150 Ormiston.  
**North Country Cheviot** £150 Brae Edge, £148 Uras, £145 Lower Gils, £144 Marchbank.

### LIGHT EWES

**Blackface** £120 Whiteside, £112 High Tirfergus, £108 Gibblaston.  
**Cheviot** £118 Terrona, £112, £98 Springwells, £95 Sundhope, £90 Granton.  
**Swaledale** £110 Whitton, £14 Orthwaite Hall, £94 Whitton.  
**Herdwick** £100 Cottage.

### RAMS

**Suffolk** £240 Ridings Hill, £200 Nethertofts.  
**Texel** £240 Dale House, £205 Toft House.  
**Beltex** £235 Kilford Croft.  
**Charollais** £185 Viewley.  
**Cheviot** £180 Gall House.  
**North Country Cheviot** £178 Lower Gills.  
**Blackface** £145 Toft House, £142 The Yett.

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# LOCAL NOTICEBOARD

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK W/C 9th Sept 2024			
Day	What	Time	Where
Mon	Scrap Store	12-2	CM Space
	Mending Monday	1-3	
Tues	Canonbie In Stitches	12-2	Village Hall DG14 0UX
	Intro to Sewing	1-2:30	CM Space
	After School Club <small>FULLY BOOKED</small>	4-5:30	
Wed	Kirkpatrick Fleming In Stitches	10-12	Victoria Hall DG11 3AU
	Welcome Wednesday & Scrap Store	10-3	CM Space
Fri	Scrap Store	10-12	CM Space
	Langholm In Stitches	1-3	Social Club DG13 0DN
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*The theme for 2024 is heritage of routes, networks and connections – find out about Thomas Telford and other people from the area who travelled far and wide*  
**All Welcome**



# The E&L General Knowledge Quiz

No. 2433 answers next week...questions submitted by a reader, many thanks

1. What spirit is the main ingredient in a Moscow Mule cocktail?
2. The word mail is an anagram of the capital of Peru. What is it?
3. If a century is divided by a score, what is the answer?
4. What is the name of the straits which separate Anglesey from Wales?
5. Whose music provided the score for the film The Sting?
6. What title was taken by Prince Edward following his marriage in 1999?
7. Sloes are the fruit of which tree?
8. Which biblical character's name beginning with J is used to describe a scheming woman?
9. Which organ of the body produces bile?
10. Which shellfish produces pearls?
11. Which anniversary is celebrated after one year of marriage?
12. Quantas is the national airline of which country?
13. What is the answer if you subtract a decade from a millenium?
14. In the Harry Potter books, what is the name of the only all-wizarding village in Britain which lies close to Hogwarts school?
15. In which city does the Australian Open tennis tournament take place?
16. Which band had sixties hits with "I'm A Believer" and "Daydream Believer"?
17. In which of the four Gospels is the shortest verse in the Bible: "Jesus wept"?
18. What building was adorned by the Elgin Marbles until the start of the 19th Century?
19. The French call it La Manche, or the sleeve. What is it called in English?
20. Which public transport service runs for 11 miles from Starr Gate to Fleetwood Ferry?



## Crossword & Quiz Solutions from last week

### General Knowledge Quiz 2432

1. Feet
2. Kermit the Frog
3. Seven
4. Buck
5. None
6. Po
7. Jupiter
8. 21
9. White
10. 22
11. Both
12. Key
13. Hannibal Lecter
14. Random Access Memory
15. Three
16. Atlantic
17. Three (Two Annes and One Jane)
18. Accordion
19. Bishop
20. Who Dares Wins

### Crossword 2432

**Across:** 6 Bora, 8 Twilight, 9 East West, 10 Kant, 11 Kilns, 12 So what?, 14 Nephew, 16 Icing, 18 Char, 20 Cochlear, 21 Time to go, 22 Tess.

**Down:** 1 Part and parcel, 2 Steed, 3 Bistro, 4 Milk chocolate, 5 Then, 7 Ovarian, 12 Sew, 13 Ten days, 15 Escrow, 17 Scion, 19 Haig.

## WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER

Fri 6th	Philomena Begley and Friends	The Buccleuch Centre 7.30pm
Sat 7th	Benty Show	Bentpath from 8.30am
	Langholm Producers Market	The Buccleuch Centre 9am - 1pm
	Open Doors Days	Westerkirk Parish Library 10am - 4pm (plus Sun 8th)
	Strictly Come Dying Murder Mystery	The Buccleuch Centre 7.30pm
Sun 8th	Nicky Ian Live and in Person	The Douglas Hotel from 9.00pm
	Eskdale Pony Club Dog Show (rescheduled)	Castleholm, Langholm from 12 noon
Sat 14th	Langholm Old Bowling Club Online Auction	Online or at the Clubhouse from 7pm
Sat 28th	Langholm Show	Castleholm, Langholm from 8.30am

# Never a Crossword!

No. 2433...answers next week

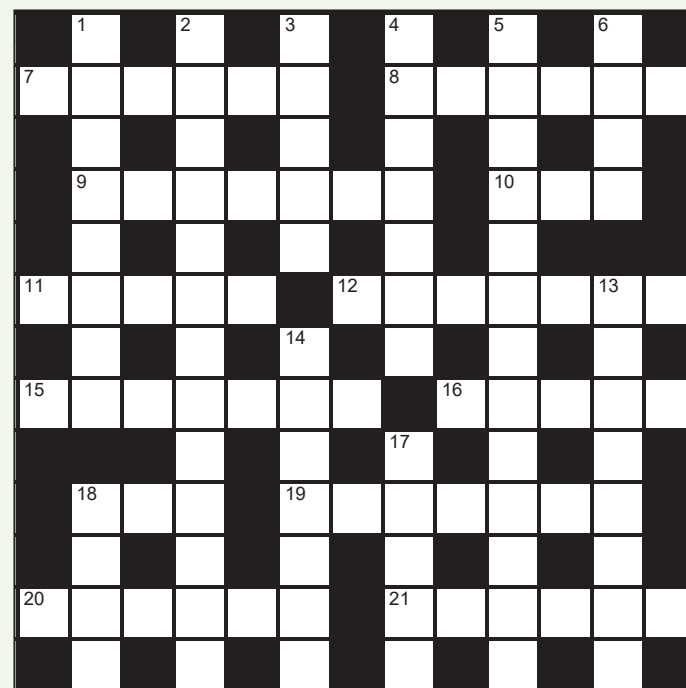
A wee mix of cryptic and general knowledge puzzles to get the grey cells moving!

### Across

- 7 The BBC (6)
- 8 They're sniffed at (6)
- 9 Extinguishes (4,3)
- 10 Chinese dynasty at the time of Jesus Christ (3)
- 11 Mountain-climbing aid (5)
- 12 Besmirch (7)
- 15 Body make-up? (7)
- 16 Baby transport? (5)
- 18 Sum charged (3)
- 19 Settings (7)
- 20 Wet cement mixture (6)
- 21 Arranged like matryoshka (6)

### Down

- 1 Horse sense (8)
- 2 Most sophisticated, technologically (5-2-3-3)
- 3 Andrea Bocelli, for example (5)
- 4 Butler's underling (7)
- 5 A zero-risk position (7,2,4)
- 6 St. Paul's' architect (4)
- 13 Underscores (8)
- 14 Engages (7)
- 17 Perfume (5)
- 18 Abrading tool (4)



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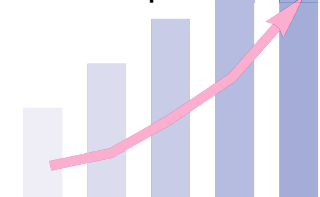
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## Secondary school extracurricular sports programme



Langholm Academy Extracurricular Sport



### School Sport

A new programme of extracurricular sporting sessions has started in the Langholm Academy. These include: –

- BASKETBALL (S1 – S3) – Monday (3.30pm – 4.30pm)
- NETBALL (S1 – S6) – Tuesday (3.30pm – 4.45pm)
- BASKETBALL (S4 – S6) – Wednesday (3.30pm – 4.30pm)
- BOYS RUGBY (S4 – S6) – Thursday (3.30pm – 4.30pm)
- GIRLS FOOTBALL (S1 – S6) – Thursday (5.15pm – 6.45pm)

Competitive opportunities may be provided in each sport should there be enough interest.

Calum Graham, Dumfries & Galloway’s Active Schools and Community Sport Officer for the area said:

“There are a number of opportunities on the programme and without the support of teachers, sports clubs, coaches, volunteers and external funding much of this would not be possible.”

# 11.92m jump secures gold for athletic legend

Langholm’s Matilda Brockley is progressing in leaps and bounds

### Athletics

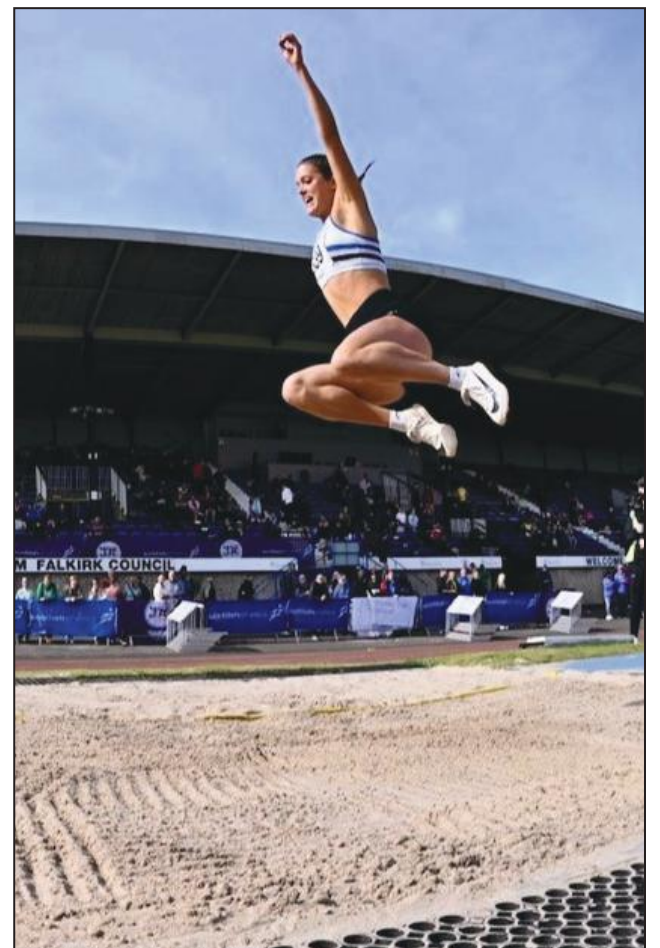
16-year-old Matilda Brockley, who left Langholm Academy this week, extended her recent run of success on Friday when she won a Gold Medal at the UK School Games held at Loughborough University representing Scotland.

Matilda, who started her athletics journey at Langholm Primary School in events such as Cross Country Super 4s and Sportshall Athletics, was competing for the Scottish athletics team in the triple jump and won the Gold Medal with a jump of 11.92m on her 6th and final jump.

Only last week, Matilda was competing for the Scotland U20 National Team at the Manchester International against England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Ulster and a GB Under 20 team as well as being a representative of a British League invitation team.

Two weeks ago, Matilda was competing at the Scottish Athletics National U17 Age Group Championships and won the U17 Triple Jump with a new personal best and, a first time jump over 12m with a jump of 12.08m. This jump is the longest jump by any female athlete in Scotland this year. This makes Matilda No.3 in the UK rankings for U17 this year and moves her up to No.3 in the all-time rankings for the U17 Triple Jump in Scotland. She also won a silver medal in the Long Jump the following day.

Matilda is supported by the “Welcome to Langholm” Future Champions Awards which help fast-track young sporting talent to become the medal winners of the future.



Matilda in full-flight at a previous championship event

WELCOME to LANGHOLM  
FUTURE CHAMPIONS AWARDS

## First win of season for Legion

### Football

By David Borthwick

Langholm LFC 4 Ancrum 3

At home last Saturday on the scholars we faced Ancrum in the Colin Campbell Cup.

Determined to get our season on track with our first win, we had a strong squad of 16 players.

The game started scrappy and a combination of 3 Langholm errors one after another led to the visitors taking an early lead.

We quickly got back into the game when a Craig Cuthbert header found Daniel Winter who’s lofted shot found the back of the net. 1-1.

The visitors found the net again early in the second half when we didn’t clear the ball. 1-2

Fighting to get to level again, a quick one two between Dan

Winter and Ben Borthwick put Ben through one on one with the Ancrum keeper and he tucked his shot away in the bottom corner. 2-2.

Just minutes later Craig found Dans head from a corner and we were in front, a well-finished goal. 3-2

In the final minutes of the game, it all got a bit frantic and we conceded with just minutes to go. 3-3. It looked like we were heading for penalties until Craigs corner found Finley Dell, who flick on was met by Dan Winter who headed home to become a hatrick hero for us with the final touch of the game. 4-3.

We are elighted to get our first win of the season and progress to the next round.

Thanks to Eddie Walsh for officiating today, and to those who came out to support.

## MTB Marathon Championships to set-off from Newcastleton

### Cycling

British Cycling has announced that it’s partnering with the Newcastleton-based Rock UK team to host the 2024 Lloyds Bank National MTB Marathon Championships.

The event takes place on Sunday, starting off from the centre of the village before heading up into the hills. Organisers hope the competitors will get a great send-off and are encouraging villagers to cheer them on their way.

The first part of the marathon will see riders will head out of the village, over the Holm Bridge and up to Dykecrofts and this will mean the main road has to be closed for a short time.

They will then go to complete three laps of forest trails – a distance of 90k. The route in-

cludes sections of trail, wild trails, fire roads in the forest and trails in and around Whithaugh.

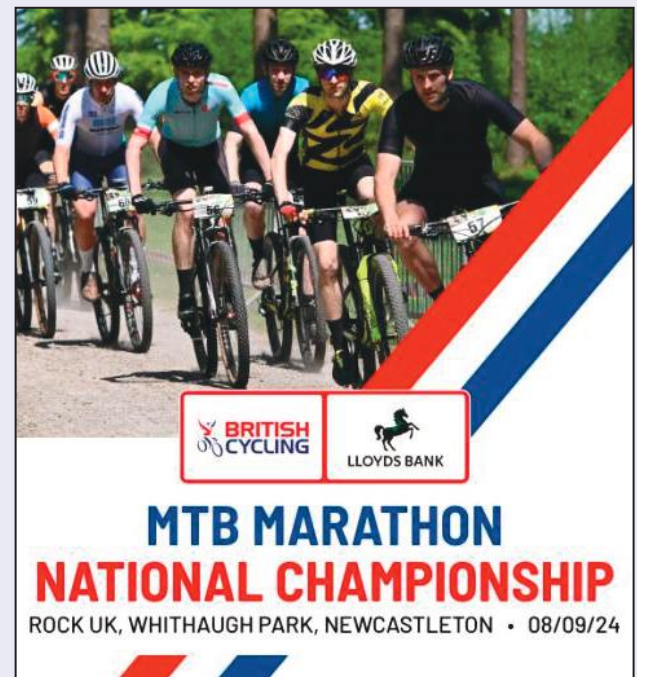
### Mountainous

Elevation for each lap is around 1,700 feet which means it won’t be the most mountainous of courses but will provide a challenge for all competitors.

The competition will finish at Rock UK which also hosted an XC series event several years ago.

Rock UK say they hope this exciting event will be seen as a real blessing for the village and local businesses and that it will cause minimal disruption.

They’ve extended an invitation for local people to spectate at Whithaugh Park, where food and refreshments will be available all day.





# Wigton forwards put pressure on Langholm

## Tries by Gordon and Martin couldn't stave off home side

### Rugby

By Kenneth Pool

Langholm RFC made a rare journey across the border to play Wigton RFC on Friday night. As it turned out the score line did not fully reflect the performance of the visitors

Langholm were unfortunate to have Josh Duffy yellow carded after only 3 minutes due to what the referee considered to be persistent offside. Wigton took the lead soon after with an unconverted try. Langholm got stuck in about the home side and a well-executed move by the backs saw Jay Gordon cross the line to make the score 5-5.

With Duffy back on the field, Langholm felt the pressure of the bulky Wigton forwards, and this led to another try for Wigton which this time was converted. After 21 minutes one of the Wigton players was yellow carded for a high tackle. Langholm however were unable to take advantage of having an extra player before his return.

Two further tries extended Wigtons lead to 22-5. On the stroke of half time, persistent pressure from Langholm led to a good Ronnie Martin try which Ben Jardine converted. Half time score 22-12,

Wigton piled on the pressure in the second half and scored another converted try after 45 minutes and a further try and conversion 5 minutes later to take the score to 36-12.

Although Langholm failed to score any further points in the final 30 minutes, they stuck in well and their well organised defence stopped any further scoring from the home side. Final score 36-12.

It was a useful run out for the Langholm squad and despite the 2 quick tries from Wigton in the first half and the same in second half, there wasn't much between the sides for most of the match.

With 4 friendlies played in August, it has been good preparation for the squad ahead of Saturdays first East League 1 match against Murrayfield Wanderers at Milntown (KO 3pm)



LRFC try-scorer, Ronnie Martin in action against Wigton RFC on Friday

# Mother and Son win American Pairs



Carolle and Paul Warwick are presented with the J A Irving Trophy by Club President Robert Phillips

### Bowling

Langholm Old Town Bowling Club held their final tournament of the season at the weekend with an American Pairs.

The winners were Paul and Carolle Warwick from the Langholm New Town Club with A. Elliot and R. Blaikie from Newcastleton as runners up.

# Good effort by Langholm but Stainton prevail

### Cricket

A bottom of the table clash as Langholm were defeated by Stainton by 33 runs on Saturday after managing to get a game on what was still a soft pitch. Before the match a bench in memory of ex-player Peter Bart-Smith was unveiled by his family and friends.

Winning the toss Stainton would choose to bat on the artificial wicket. Langholm would restrict the run rate early with Tony Steele and Andrew Paisley keeping the openers penned in. It would be Steele who took the first wicket removing Martin Ruddick caught by Dave Steele in the 7th over with the score on just 6.

Nick Hodgson came to the

crease to join Ed Tallis this pair would frustrate Langholm. Drinks would come with Stainton on just 50 but Hodgson began to celebrate, and the score would get to 125 in the 33rd over before Tallis would be smartly caught by Aiden Wilson off the bowling of Jamie Gormley. Jay Gordon bowled Jonathan Ridley for 5 four overs later with the score at 144. Paisley would come back into the attack and take 2 wickets in the 39th Over bowling both Jonathan Greenwood and Cameron Wilson. Gordon then removed Tim Jackson caught by Gregor Park before the close of the innings. Stainton finished 175 for 6 from their 40 overs with Nick Hodgson 112 not out being the large thorn in Langholm's side.

Hodgson's good day would continue in the field where he would take a brilliant catch in the covers to remove Tony Steele for a duck in the 4th over with the score on 3. Duncan Elliott and John Bell took the score to 30 before the skipper was caught trying to go big off the bowling of Ridley for 21. Nicky Piszczkiewicz came to the crease and would be the major player in Langholm's chase. Bell would make it to drinks before spooning one up to mid-off off the bowling of Hodgson, out for 10 with the score 54 for 3 at drinks.

Gregor Park would add 1 before being bowled by Hodgson. Aiden Wilson would join Nicky and take the score to 81 before Wilson was caught off the bowling of Ridley for 6 in the 25th

over. Andrew Paisley would fall two overs later with the second brilliant catch of the innings, middling on right back to bowler Ridley scoring just 1. Dave Steele came to the crease and would help Nicky keep Langholm in the hunt, but Piszczkiewicz would be bowled by Martin Ruddick having scored 75 with his usual big hitting. With Langholm requiring 41 from the last four overs, it was always going to be hard for Steele who was joined by Jay Gordon and these two would see out the innings, Steele finishing on 18 and Gordon on 4 with the total on 142.

A similar story for the home team this year with one player having a particularly good day and struggling to remove them but a fighting chase saw Langholm earn 4 bonus points which could be massive with two games left and just 7 points separating 7th and 9th.

Next week's penultimate game of the season sees bottom of the table Wigton visit the Castleholm.



REMEMBERED: Ex- Langholm Cricket Club player Peter Bart-Smith

# E&L SPORT

