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Bank of Scotland to close Langholm branch

As High Street loses its last remaining bank, residents are saying “There’ll be nowt left!”



“How we made our decision”



BELEAGUERED HIGH STREET: It has been announced that the Langholm branch of the Bank of Scotland will close its doors to customers in April 2025

Shortly after going to print last Wednesday afternoon, the E&L was notified of the announcement from the Bank of Scotland that the Langholm branch is to close from April 7th, 2025.

In what can only be seen as another blow to Langholm’s already struggling High Street, BoS are citing footfall in the branch and the change in banking practices to online and telephone banking as the reason for the closure but their website states: “When making changes to our branch network, we always look to understand the impact on our customers –

including how they continue to access banking services.

“Because of this, we may sometimes have a Community Banker visit the area after the branch closes. Or as part of an independent review a Banking Hub may be set up in a nearby location.

“We are committed to following the requirements of the Financial Conduct Authority –

‘FG 22/6: Branch and ATM closures or conversions.’”

The E&L asked Councillor Denis Male for his comment on the announcement:

“I have contacted the bank and asked them what will happen to the staff. Will they be re-deployed or be given the job being created to liaise with customers. I have also asked for a joint meeting with the bank and Oliver Mundell MSP who is also keen to talk to the bank.

“I have also approached the Cumberland Building Society to see if they would fit a cash

machine at their premises. I am awaiting answers to both questions.”

Annandale East and Eskdale Councillor Archie Dryburgh who covers Langholm, said:

“It means we will soon only have the Cumberland Building Society in Langholm as other banks continue to put profits before customers.

“It will be especially difficult for local businesses seeking to bank cash. They are told Post Offices are an alternative but that’s now limited to just a couple of days a week in the Town Hall.” >Turn to Page

“Before we close a branch, we carefully consider and analyse how customers will be affected, including:”

- How customers are choosing to bank with us
- How often customers use the branch and how this is changing. Including looking at trends in the year to April 2024 and the four previous years
- Current services available in the branch and the branch opening hours
- Visiting the branch to consider the location and understand the alternative ways to bank in the area
- Assessing the local transport services, and how often they run
- Reviewing the broadband availability in the area
- How our customers, including those who are vulnerable or may need extra support would be affected
- We’ve shared our plans to close this branch with LINK who have independently assessed the access to cash needs of the local community.

Family Announcements

Deaths

DAVIDSON, Marjory (née Scott)

Peacefully at home on the 10th of September surrounded by her loving family, Marjory aged 77 years. Devoted wife of Robert, loving mam of Lynne and a special friend to many. Funeral Service will be held at Carlisle Crematorium on Friday 20th of September at 11:40 am. Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend. Family flowers only, donations if so desired will be for Newcastleton Health Centre. All enquires to Nicholson's Funeral Directors 01228 791098.

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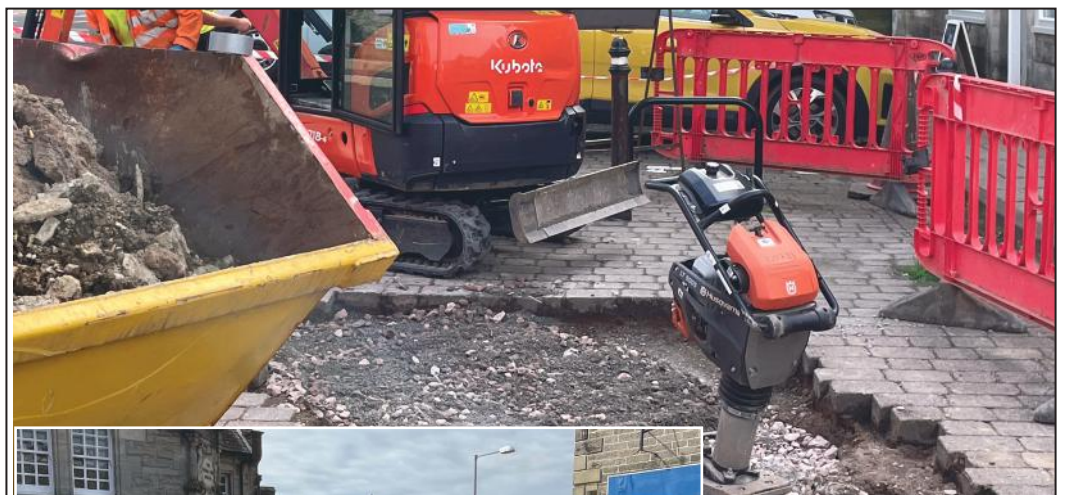


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David St sinkhole is consigned to history

Dip in road is gone after a good few years



Langholm Market Place was a hive of activity earlier this week as Council-appointed workmen were given the task to repairing the dip in the road in front of the Thomas Hope Hospital gates at the junction of David Street and the Market Place.

It is believed that the damage was caused by a faulty water pipe under the road and the workmen said that when they dug down, the hole was full of water.

Oh well, that's one hole in the road fixed, at least!

Mundell's disappointment at Bank of Scotland closure

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Dumfriesshire MP David Mundell and constituency MSP Oliver Mundell have both expressed deep disappointment at the planned bank closure at Langholm.

A joint-statement read: "Our thoughts are with the staff at the Bank of Scotland and their customers. Face-to-face banking remains important for a significant number of residents in the Langholm area, including some small businesses who have used the branch for many years.

"With only limited public transport options, customers without



cars, particularly older residents, will find it difficult to visit Bank of Scotland branches elsewhere.

"We would urge Bank of Scotland to fully consult and engage with the community council and the town's local authority councillors on the closure plan.

"The presence in the town centre of a valued long-established part-time building society branch, a brief weekly visit by an RBS van and twice-weekly Post Office sessions in the Town Hall far from mitigate the loss of the Bank of Scotland branch."

Inaction by BT leaves Hub incommunicado

Eskdalemuir venue unable to function properly without phonenumber

As reported last week, Eskdalemuir community hub is still without phone lines and internet after BT switched them off almost two weeks ago ready to transfer to a digital system. Lack of phone and internet continues to impact on the business at the Hub where cash is the only way to pay for goods and services.

David Mundell MP for Dumfriesshire escalated the Hub's complaint to BT. He highlighted the importance of The Hub to the Eskdalemuir community and visitors, pointing out good communications were especially vital given the remote rural location. He said:

"I've raised this unacceptable situation with BT and stressed the negative impact, both practical and financial, this extended loss of service is having on this valuable charity-operated facility. The phased transfer from the traditional copper wire network to a combined internet-based digital data and voice

communications system has caused apprehension in some parts of my constituency and cases like this do not help.

"It is only right that BT and Openreach pull out all the stops to support The Hub team and bring this damaging loss of service to an urgent conclusion."

Councillor Denis Male raised the issue at Dumfries and Galloway Council and council officers are going to raise the Hub's issue with BT.

The E&L contacted BT, and a spokesperson said:

"Moving (porting) phone lines to a new service or agreement can usually happen without hitch, but very occasionally, there are compatibility issues, meaning that a number cannot be transferred. This should have been flagged sooner, avoiding this temporary loss of service. Our escalations team have been in touch with the customer to apologise for this and to update them on getting their service back up and running as soon as possible.

"We're very sorry for the problems Eskdalemuir Community Hub has experienced with their phone and broadband service.

Error

There was an error on our part in transferring their number to a new digital service which resulted in their services being disconnected. We are now working to get the service restored as soon as possible this week.

"We'll offer compensation for the time the service has been down and an additional goodwill gesture to recognise the problems and inconvenience caused."

This is certainly good news for the Hub and Lara Porter, Operational Development Manager said

"I had a phone call from a senior member of the complaints team on Tuesday and she said she hopes the situation will be resolved by the end of the week.

"The effect of no phone or internet has created considerable extra work, stress for staff and has lost us customers and wasted



FIX?: An OpenReach van appeared on-site on Tuesday

food. It is not just our customers either as we had a loss of sales in the shop. The knock-on effect for the people who sell through our shop has been considerable and there has also been a reduction in use of the therapy room.

"We've had events on during

this period and Sunday lunches and we couldn't market these properly. I dearly hope that the situation is sorted out very quickly. I wouldn't wish this on any other rural organisation. It has really highlighted how vulnerable as an organisation and community we are."

Young Sport Ambassadors

Two young people from every secondary school yesterday had the opportunity to attend the Young SportScotland Ambassadors Conference at the home of Scottish Football, Hampden Park, Glasgow.

Each year two pupils from every secondary school in Scotland have the opportunity to be selected as Young Ambassadors to promote sport and motivate and inspire other young people to get involved in sport in their schools, clubs and local communities or to be more physically active.



Lennon and Martha, pictured pitch side, also had the opportunity to meet Paralympic athlete Melanie Woods who competed in the T54 400m, 800m and 1500m in Paris.

The Young Ambassadors programme is organised by sportscotland and is funded by the National Lottery. It is a key element of sportscotland's contribution to developing young people as leaders in sport.

Team Freddofrog's marvellous Might Hike



By Lois Lane

On Saturday 14th September four of us, Catherine Lithgow, my two sisters Ilona Boyd and Julia Wilkins, and I took part in the Northumberland

Mighty Hike from Alnwick Castle via Alnmouth and up the coast to Bamburgh Castle, a total of 26 miles, which we completed in just over nine hours.

It was a beautiful day and the scenery was spectacular,

the company was great and we chatted to lots of our fellow walkers along the way.

We have been thrilled by the support we have received and more than doubled our fundraising target, which is incredible, and we are

extremely grateful.

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LEWCC distributes wind farm funding

Langholm, Ewes and Westerkirk Community Council recently awarded a share of £8,950 from the Minsca Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund to the following organisations:

Eskdale Pony Club
Langholm Cricket Club
Langholm OT Bowling Club
Langholm Playcare Ltd
Langholm Social Club
Langholm Young Riders
LEWCC (for School Crossing)

The Community Council also awarded a share of £7,060 from the Ewe Hill 6 Community Benefit Fund to the following organisations:

Eskdale Curling Club
Geography Department at Langholm Academy
Home Economics Department at Langholm Academy
Langholm Accordion & Fiddle Club
Langholm Baby & Toddler Group
Langholm OT Bowling Club
Langholm Social Club Carpet Bowling Club
Langholm Youth Rugby Trust
Muckle Toon Family Events

Citizens Advice announce Partnership in Practice

Welfare rights and money advice may become available in GP Practices

A new way of partnership working is being launched in Dumfries and Galloway, which aims to introduce welfare rights and money advice clinics into GP Practices across the region.

The Welfare Advice and Health Partnership (WAHP), between Dumfries and Galloway Citizens Advice Service (D&G CAS), the Mull of Galloway Medical Practice, Dumfries and Galloway Health and Social Care Partnership and Dumfries and Galloway Council, aims to embed welfare rights and money advisers within general practice, offering support with a range of subjects such as debt resolution, housing, income maximisation, social security and employment issues, in settings which are familiar, accessible, non-stigmatising and trusted.

The first of what is hoped will be many such advice clinics will start at the Mull of Galloway Practice in Drummore, from Monday 30th September, featuring a dedicated adviser from D&G CAS based in the surgery on the fourth Monday of each month.

Practice Manager Tracy Hose said, "As we are in a very rural location, we are looking forward

to welcoming D&G CAS into the practice. It'll be a great benefit to our patients to have the opportunity to use the advice service within our Practice area."

"We hope this is the beginning of a great partnership with our local GP Practices," said Dan Baillie, D&G CAS Stranraer Bureau Manager, "It is a vital service, which will deliver sometimes life-saving advice in the places it is most needed. Health care and wellbeing support are mutually beneficial, and it is often the case that helping someone deal with the stress of a situation can help to avoid health issues further down the line. It is also all part of our commitment to make it easier for people across the region to access vital advice, regardless of their circumstances or location, in the right place, at the right time and in the right way."

Early access

Greycy Bell, Deputy Medical Director for Dumfries and Galloway Health and Social Care Partnership, said, "We know that poverty and financial worry is a fundamental cause of persisting health inequality. Early access to advice can make a dramatic difference to people's



Practice Manager Tracy Hose, D&G CAS Adviser Janet McCulloch and D&G CAS Stranraer Bureau Manager Dan Baillie, outside the Mull of Galloway Practice

financial situation and prevent issues escalating. More financial security can offer more choice, more control and more hope.

"We welcome this initiative and a partnership approach where the welfare and financial advisors will work closely with the practice team and other community support such as Community Link Workers, able to provide advice and assistance

on a range of social welfare and financial issues."

Dumfries and Galloway Citizens Advice Service (DAGCAS) is an independent charity. DAGCAS provides free confidential advice and assistance to the public via its three Citizens Advice Bureaux, which are in Annan, Dumfries, and Stranraer. In addition, outreach advice sessions are provided in

Annandale and Eskdale, Dumfries (hospitals), Upper Nithsdale, Wigtownshire and Stewarty.

Our volunteer advisers are trained to help with a wide range of issues including benefits advice, consumer rights, debt, employment, court appointments, housing and homelessness, immigration, NHS complaints, and relationships.

It's a BIG BLAW for the Toon Ban'

A fundraising event for Langholm's popular Town Band will take place this weekend when they take part in the LTB BIG BLAW.

Band secretary Christine Calvert told the E&L:

"We're gearing up for a 10-hour musical marathon to raise funds for the band and our Youth Development programme.

"Join us for a FREE concert, in Langholm Social Club, drop in anytime and even request a piece for the band to play!

Brass and percussion players (past or present) are welcome to join in at any point. If you'd like to play, email us at kernigal@me.com.

Want to support us? Sponsor forms are available, or pop along to the Social club on the day,

Thank you for your support



LTB'S BIG BLAW
Saturday, 21st September
Langholm Social Club ~ 12 noon - 10 pm (bar open all day)

Dark Sky delights on Langholm Moor

On a clear night in the Tarras Valley, due to low levels of light pollution, you can see a sky filled with thousands of stars, glimpse the milky way or if you're super lucky, the Northern Lights can be visible.

Come join us for a star gazing evening to learn more about the wonders of the night skies right here in Langholm, led by Hayden Goodfellow, local astronomer! Although we can't guarantee the sky will be clear, we will be given a virtual tour of the universe, and hopefully we'll be able to see some real stars too!

Refreshments will be provided.

There are two ticket options to prevent the event from being inaccessible due to cost. Any donations raised will go toward the continuation of our education and engagement programme, but free tickets are available for those who want or need them!

The event will take place at



Cronksbank Farmhouse (location - <https://w3w.co/geology.orchids.warp>), if you need more details please get in touch! Parking is limited at the site, so please car-share where possible.

We will be based under the shelter of the barn, but please wear warm, waterproof clothes, and suitable footwear!

If you have binoculars, they can be useful for looking at the stars, otherwise we will have some that can be borrowed!

The event takes place on Mon 14th October from 7-9pm

Please email kat@tarrasvalleynaturereserve.co.uk or phone 013873 80914 if you have any questions about the event!

Nearly 1,000 objections to Warblaw Woodlands

Langholm locals object to commercial forestry on their doorstep

An unprecedented 959 local signatures have been obtained objecting to the development of commercial forestry on the hill above the town of Langholm. Local residents fear the planting of non-native trees, such as Sitka spruce, will impact on the local scenery and wildlife surrounding the town. For generations local people have accessed the hill for recreation and farming, and they fear this will now be stolen from them.

In a landmark development in recent years the townspeople of Langholm have bought extensive areas of land from the Buccleuch Estate to develop an extensive nature reserve just a short distance from the commercial forestry that is now being developed.

The use of non-native Sitka

spruce in commercial forestry is known to have a major impact on biodiversity, as well as self-seeding beyond the areas it is being commercially grown.

This can have an adverse impact on biodiversity, areas of peat and native woodland. The town has been developing its tourism industry, not least through the popular appeal of the local landscape, scenery, and open hills where there are extensive walks and spectacular views to enjoy.

Deer fencing

Locals point out that dense forestry, surrounded by six-foot-high deer fencing, will destroy this.

Local feelings are running high, and many have vented their anger on feedback forms regarding the proposal. Locals have established the Save Warblaw Action Group

(SWAG) to campaign to oppose the development. SWAG have seen over 60 of the forms that have been submitted and report that not a single one was in favour of the development of commercial forestry in the hills above their town.

Many have also criticised the consultation process.

For example, the feedback forms could not be completed electronically or on-line, forcing people to obtain hard copies of the forms and hand-write their responses and arrange for them to be submitted to the offices in Melrose. However, local people rose to the challenge and hand delivered their lengthy petition and the feedback forms in person. Locals have vowed to continue their fight beyond the consultation period which is now coming to a close.



SWAG member Archie Hyslop hands over the 959-strong petition to Scottish Woodlands

Letters to the Editor

"Farming Today" on Monday (16) had a report about a similar tree-planting scheme at Peebles to the proposed Warblaw development, and the owners were said to be a Guernsey company.

This immediately prompts musing if the constant stream of log-laden lorries in the borders has less to do with wood harvesting and more to the suggestion of a tax-efficiency wheeze for the wealthy.

I wonder if any of your readers had the same thought?

Richard Lennox,
Langholm

Bridge results

N/S - 1 Bob Francombe & George Graham, 2 Nancy McLure & Anne Ferguson, 3 Scott Muir & Barbara Addison.

E/W - 1 Doreen Taylor & Lesley McCartney, 2 Sandra Ritchie & Anne Hislop, 3 Brenda & George Bullamore.

Summer School trip for SWI members

President Joan Cubbon welcomed members of Ewes SWI to the first meeting of the new session. Marjorie Pringle and Lorraine Morton of Ewes SWI were joined by Liz Walters of Canonbie SWI to talk about their experiences of the SWI Summer School held at Strathallan School in Perthshire.

Their accounts of the three-day event made for great entertainment. Liz learned more of the intricate work of 3D Decoupage, Lorraine worked hard on Animal Painting and Marjorie grappled with Shetland Lace Knitting. All agreed it had been a very worthwhile trip and they had enjoyed meeting other SWI members from all over Scotland as well as the other groups staying at Strathallan at the same time.

The competitions were judged as follows- Holiday Photo - 1 Leila Hallam, 2 Kate Elliot, 3 Anne Hannah.

Jar of Preserve - 1 Anne Wood, 2 Kate Elliot, 3 Fiona Grant.

Aileen Cavers and Susie Grant served a delicious supper, the

raffle was drawn, and business matters were dealt with before the evening ended with a quiz.



Marjorie Pringle, Lorraine Morton and Liz Walters with their creations

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Farming with Gilly Fraser

Lorraine is BFA awards finalist

Westerkirk farmer in the running for Sheep Farmer of the Year

Well-known local farmer Lorraine Luescher has been named as one of the finalists in the Sheep Farmer of the Year category of the prestigious British Farming Awards.

The award organisers say the finalists in this category have been selected because of all they do to safeguard the land for future generations and for the steps they are taking to embrace sustainable farming practices which work in harmony with the environment.

Lorraine, who has been a hill sheep farmer since 1988, manages Glendinning Farms with 2,200 hectares of hillside pasture, where she carries out the traditional practice of hefting sheep. It relies on the sheep's natural homing instincts to see them return to their native ground.

In a recent E&L article, Lorraine told us that it was all about teamwork.

"I am an out and out traditional hill sheep farmer," she

said. "At Megdale the sheep are all South Country Cheviot and we have a hefted farm system. The sheep are grazed extensively with approximately one ewe to two acres. To me sheep and hills are synonymous. The hills need sheep and these native breeds need hills, so I consider it a complete privilege to do what I'm doing. I'm very fortunate to have a great team working with me."

Lorraine employs three shepherds who are all skilled stockmen and play a vital role in maintaining the health and welfare of the sheep. The flock consists of five age groups, with all replacement females sourced from resilient home-bred ewes. This deliberate breeding strategy ensures strong genetics and immunity to local challenges.

In recent years Lorraine has focused on improving flock health through a combination of veterinary expertise and preventive measures. She is also committed to the Five Free-



Lorraine at the recent Benty Show

doms of animal welfare as outlined in the UK government's Animal Welfare Act 2006, namely freedom from hunger and thirst, freedom from discomfort, freedom from pain, injury or disease, freedom to express normal behaviour and freedom from fear and distress. This enhances sheep productivity and creates loyal customers who value the quality of the



Lorraine Luescher in her happy place

lambs produced.

The award organisers say Lorraine has also made it on to the shortlist because she advocates for the hill sheep

sector's essential role in food security and biodiversity, and she actively works to educate others about the numerous public goods provided by well-

managed hill livestock farming. Now in its twelfth year, the British Farming Awards ceremony will be held at The Vox in Birmingham on October 17.

Battery storage in Cumbria gets green light

Plans for a new battery storage facility to be built on 18 acres of agricultural land near Aspatria in Cumbria have been given the green light.

The application from the group Net Zero Seventeen will store energy generated by renewables like wind and solar panels, with hopes that the power stored could provide for almost 162,000 homes for two hours.

Using a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), the proposal will see the site be operational for 40 years on the 7.4ha site and will be home to 56 battery units.

A Net Zero Seventeen said the benefits would be seen on a national scale and beyond.

"The proposed development will also facilitate the storage of electrical energy to power approximately 161,897 homes for two hours – 129% of the



total households within Cumberland."

The spokesman added that the development was much needed and would help to meet the need to increase energy security.

The battery storage compound will consist of batteries that can store energy and are able to release or absorb energy from

the power network, which will help balance out demand on the National Grid.

The energy will be used during periods of high demand when there is not enough power.

The new facility will include battery storage containers, control rooms, a road for site access, and landscaping.

Digital Dairy's Dragons Den

A new Dragon's Den style competition is being launched later this month in a bid to encourage young farmers from across Scotland to come up with innovative ideas to help the dairy industry.

The scheme's been launched by the Digital Dairy Chain in co-operation with the University of Strathclyde and Skillfluence.

Those pitching ideas will be able to work alongside researchers from SRUC, University of Strathclyde, and University of The West of Scotland (UWS) to make their ideas a reality. Then they will present them at the Scottish Association of Young Farmer's Club Agriculture and Rural Affairs Conference in November in front of peers and a panel of industry experts and business leaders.

The initiative hopes to find projects that help to solve some of the sector's big challenges, such as animal welfare, energy consumption, the use of digital



Pauline Murray of Digital Dairy Chain

with a grant of up to £10,000 through the Innovation Voucher scheme.

Pauline Murray, Digital Dairy Chain and University of Strathclyde Project Lead says it's crucial to engage with young farmers.

"They will be the future workforce for the industry, we want them to be empowered to come forward and pitch their ideas and shape the future of farming," she said.

technology and even animal nutrition. Ideas don't have to be huge – organisers say researchers from across the spectrum will be teamed up with the ideas that suit their area of expertise to bring it to life.

The winning pitch will receive £250 of Amazon vouchers and any of the proposals could also be taken forward by the Digital Dairy Chain team and developed into a real research project

The Digital Dairy Chain Innovation voucher project has awarded 35 projects from across the region with £320,000 in total to tackle challenges such as educating young people on where milk comes from, to reducing carbon emissions using novel technologies and finding innovative solutions to transporting milk to a vending machine at the perfect temperature.

The launch event will take place in The Social Hub,

Top children's author talks to Langholm pupils

Tom Palmer actively encourages kids to read and to write stories

Langholm Academy English department, under the leadership of teacher Emma Thompson invited children's author, Tom Palmer, to come to the school and talk to the pupils about how he became a successful writer.

Yorkshireman, Tom cites football articles for getting him interested in reading as a child.

He was encouraged to read by his adoptive mother, and this developed, over the years, to his sitting exams later in life and eventually graduating from university and working in libraries and book shops before becoming a published author.

He published his first book in 2002. His first children's book for Puffin, Foul Play was short-listed for the Blue Peter Book of the Year Award in 2009.

In 2018, Palmer wrote a new book for the Roy of the Rovers series and in 2019, he received the Ruth Rendell Award.

Now with over 60 books to his name, Tom started visiting schools to talk to the children about his career, his books and his motivation to write.

By doing this, Tom hopes to get the message across that authors are not all "posh, rich and from London - ordinary people write books too!"

Talking to the E&L, Tom said "Firstly, I really enjoyed the drive here, it's beautiful. I particularly enjoy the sessions with the children, and the questions they ask are really good and some of them are really interested in becoming a writer."

"I think it's really important for them to meet a real author because a lot of us think that they are special, magical people, but they're not, they're just ordinary people like us. I want them to go away thinking that they can be writers too."

English teacher, Emma Thompson said "We were thrilled to have an award-winning children's author with us working with our P7, S1 and S2 pupils in the Academy hall. Tom spoke about how he writes a novel, from initial ideas on pieces of paper and in scrapbooks, with post it notes, pictures and words, then moving on to a first draft, and then eventually



LISTENING: The pupils were fully engaged by Tom's presentation

a typed-up manuscript. He inspired our pupils by talking about his own struggles at school and how by believing in yourself and focusing on your passions, you can achieve anything. Our pupils made us very proud as they were engaged throughout and asked a lot of intelligent questions. The queue for book and bookmark signing was very long at the end of each session! Tom said he really enjoyed himself and would love to come back

"I want to sincerely thank the Bowman Little Trust who funded the event. Without their generosity, we wouldn't have been able to broaden our pupils' horizons, by getting Tom Palmer in."



FAN: Tom signs one of Langholm P7 pupil Douglas Elliot's books

Dentistry shambles

South Scotland MSP Colin Smyth has slammed the Scottish Government after it was revealed patients in Dumfries and Galloway are experiencing huge waits for dental surgery.

According to an FOI carried out by Scottish Labour, patients in our region waited an average 43 weeks for surgery in 2023/24, a shocking rise of 330 per cent when compared to 2019/20.

In every part of Scotland except Forth Valley and Orkney patients were waiting longer than they were in 2019-20.

Colin Smyth said: "These statistics are completely shocking but sadly, no-one in our region will be remotely surprised that once again, people are forced to suffer while waiting for dental surgery."

"For years, dentistry in Dumfries and Galloway has been, and remains, in crisis."

"The double whammy of the Brexit, which meant there are almost no EU dentists coming to the UK anymore, and more significantly, the Scottish Government's failure to properly fund dentists means this practices across the region have axed adult NHS services, forcing people to get private. When people need specialist dental care they are having to wait longer and longer."

Ladies Burns happy to welcome new members

Thursday September 26th sees the start of the new session of Langholm Ladies' Burns Club.

The club describes itself as a friendly, welcoming group that meets monthly from September to March, usually on the last Thursday of the month. Meetings are held in The Buccleuch Centre at 2.30pm.

Over the coming months, the club will present a varied programme including a talk by multi-talented crafter Jo Elliot of Holmspun and Diana Stewart, podiatrist, will tell us how best to care for our feet.

The club's guest for the opening meeting will be Judith Johnson whose topic will be Centre Stage Community Theatre which supports young folk to become involved in stage work.

The ladies also hold an annual Burns Supper in January with a host of local talent in attendance.

If you are new to the group or the town, do come along and join in the chat with coffee, cake and a raffle; you will be made very welcome.

The annual subscription is £10.



Langholm Ladies' Burns Club President, Nancy McLure, addresses the haggis at a past Burns Supper

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Warblaw Walkers witness potential desecration

By Mark Hallam



Despite it being relatively short notice and a weekday there was a good gathering of regular walkers and dogs, as well as some visitors, meeting for the 'Warb Law Walk' on Wednesday 11th September. None present professed to be in favour of the Scottish Woodlands/James Jones & Sons Warblaw Woodland Creation plans, but some came with the agenda to gain greater understanding of how the plans affected not just walking routes but also scenery in general and the town. We were indebted to one of the group who brought A3 sized prints of Woodland Creation and Deer Fencing mapping, relieving the need to squint at same on phone screens. Thus we were able to retain a clear idea of how the proposals would be impacting not just on the walk but all over the entire Woodlands Creation scheme.

We loosely followed Langholm Walks "Walk 5 - Warb Law", in reverse - so starting in town centre, crossing foot-bridges over Esk and Wauchope before making the steep ascent up out of Buccleuch Park and accessing the principle track to/from 'Warbla', near the start of Gaskells Walk - which is another path compromised by the Forestry Plans.

We then walked all the way up the track to the summit area and the radio mast where, after photos and discussions, the group divided to descend via various different routes, to the valley.

On the way up we passed other walkers, visitors to the area, who were unaware of the 'Warb Law Woodland Creation proposals' and voiced their regret when plans were explained to them - and expressed interest in filling in Feedback forms/signing the petition, at one of several venues on the High Street, on their return to the town.

Viewpoints

We paused at viewpoints to check maps and consider impacts of the forestry proposals on the beautiful vistas we were seeing. There was general consensus that the walk will be irretrievably ruined if the proposals go ahead; through the imposition of 6ft deer fences alongside much of the track but including, in one of the prettiest sections, where fencing would be on both sides - with behind it all the ugly back-drop of commercial forestry, with unnatural parallel lines of closely planted trees, much of which being 'monoculture', most notably unattractive and invasive Sitka Spruce.

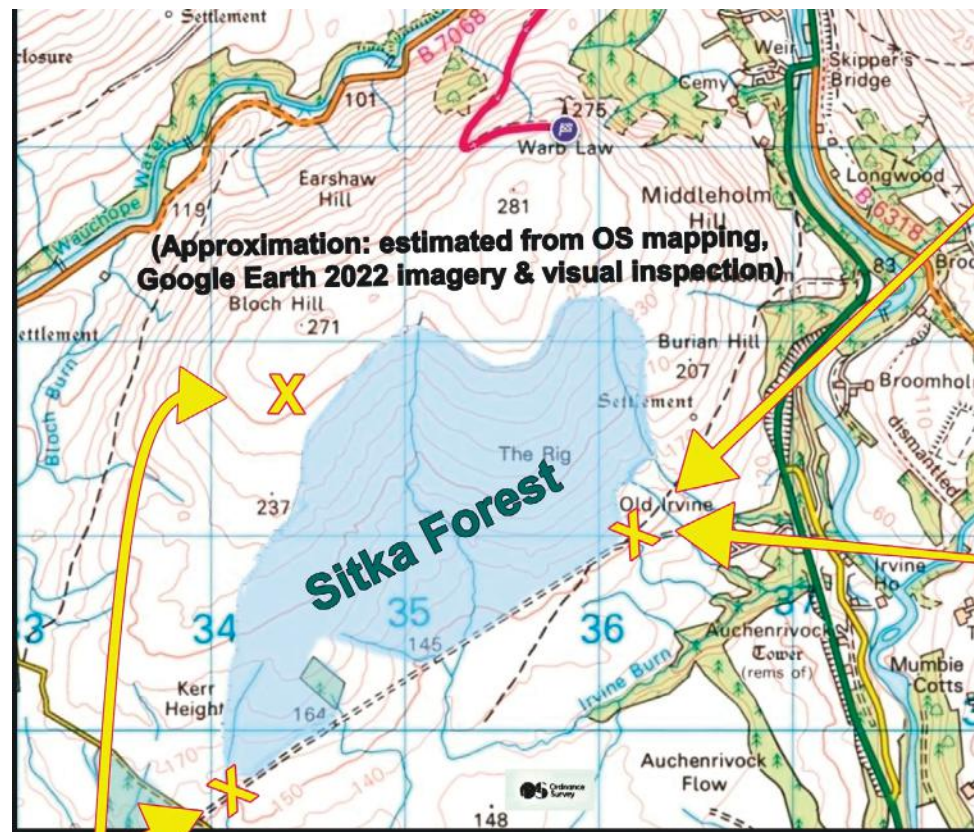
Furthermore, we also reflected, that in addition to Walk 5, ALL Warblaw walk-

ing routes would be severely compromised, including another of the 14 Langholm Walks: Walk 1 - Becks and Gaskells. Additionally there are currently large open spaces either side of the summit area, where walkers are able to choose from a variety of possible routes - but plans suggest these areas will no longer be accessible, being locked into densely packed plantations enclosed by deer-fencing. Thus the freedom of being able to choose your own route, and to exercise the right to roam will be lost forever.

Cemetery

There was discussion on how the proposed plans impact on much more than just walking routes: the beautifully situated and much loved local Langholm Cemetery, as well as numerous private dwellings and farms would also be severely compromised. The classic, show piece Warblaw skyline will also be swiftly and permanently transformed and spoiled from all directions - and for up to some considerable distance away. There is also the factor of the noise and disruption of the forestry works taking place in such close proximity to the community.

Much discussion was around proposals including the planting of yet more Sitka Spruce, which is already impacting negatively around the area, including on Tarras Valley Nature Reserve, where considerable precious resources are having to be diverted to clear large areas where seeding is taking place. Various people reflected that it would be appropriate for governing bodies to compel large Commercial Forestry organisations



ABOVE: Serious concerns were raised about major omissions in Warb Law Woodland Creation mapping, with the missing out of an existing 'young' Sitka Spruce plantation

such as James Jones & Sons to pay a substantial amount towards these costs. Serious concerns were raised about major omissions in Warb Law Woodland Creation mapping, with the missing out of an existing 'young' Sitka Spruce plantation, over the back of Warblaw and

covering an area of between 2-3 square kilometres. From a recent traverse of this area by one of the group, photos were taken showing clear evidence of this 'Phantom Forest' from several directions as well as early seeding across the peatlands between the plantation edges and Warblaw

top; already reaching to within 200m of the radio mast. Sitka is not supposed to be planted on peatlands, but clearly effects of seeding are already breaking this rule and will potentially result in this plantation spreading to cover all of this area, over time.

We were aware that a number of people who wanted to come on the walk were

unable to attend, not least with the event being on a weekday. We are looking at options to offer a Sunday - soon - to repeat the walk, for the benefit of families, the working population and any others for whom the date didn't work.

On a final note, one of those unable to attend, Gavin Graham, chairman of Langholm Walks Group, shared the fol-

lowing thoughts: "With the demise of the textile industry in Langholm over 1,500 jobs were lost over a 20 year period. The future is tourism and especially eco-tourism. The Tarras Valley Nature Reserve and Langholm Walks Group will play an important part in attracting the right kind of visitors to the area but that won't happen if this continued planting of Sitka Spruce goes ahead."



TOP: Summit. Phantom Plantation behind near horizon.

MIDDLE: Descent. This part of hill will no longer be accessible if planning goes ahead...

BOTTOM: Cemetery surrounds and outlook will be desecrated

LEFT: Earthworks Sitka and windfarms...new normal for Warblaw?

TOP: Warblaw Walk Group at start

MIDDLE: Warblaw Walk 1st stop - deer fencing 200m beyond

BOTTOM: Warblaw Walk 2nd stop. deerfencing both sides here. Sitka to the right

RIGHT: Warblaw miscellaneous self-seeding Sitka collage

CENTRE RIGHT: Classic view of Warblaw will be permanently spoiled



A FURTHER WARBLAW WALK will take place on Sunday, 29th September meeting at Town Hall at 2pm Everyone welcome

...Liddesdale Lineup...
By Gilly Fraser

80km cross-border electricity connection

Southern Scotland system needs reinforced

Newcastleton residents are being given the opportunity to find out more about plans for a new 80km long cross-border electricity connection.

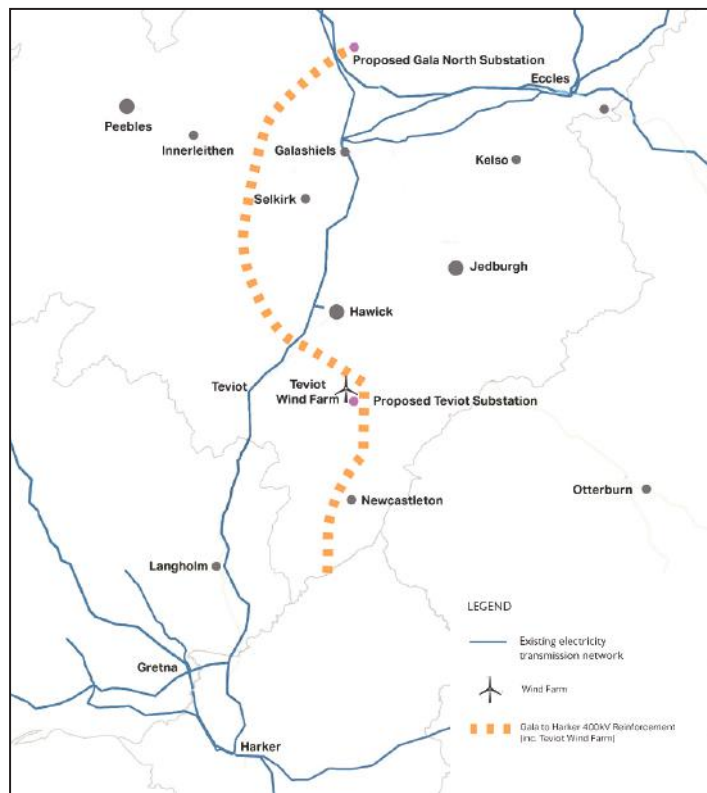
SPEN are holding a meeting in the village hall on Wednesday September 25 from 3pm until 7pm. People are invited to drop in to ask questions and air their views.

The company says the transmission network in southern Scotland needs to be reinforced to support the decarbonisation of the electricity system.

The new connection is designed to both strengthen the electricity network between the two countries for increased home-produced renewable energy and to connect proposed onshore windfarms in the Borders to the network.

The proposed overhead line would use a 400kV double circuit line supported by steel lattice towers.

SPEN say the preferred route option would be routed southwest from the proposed Gala North Substation, crossing the River Tweed east of Innerleithen. It would then continue south over the Tweedsmuir Hills over steeply undulating ground and including crossing of the Yarrow and Ettrick Water.



The route would then cross the A7 and the River Teviot heading southeast around 6km southwest of Hawick. It would continue through Wauchope Forest to the proposed new Teviot Substation near Whitrope.

From there the preferred option heads south along the western slopes of the Liddel valley to

Map of proposed route of the electricity connection

the west of Newcastleton until it reaches the border south of Kershopefoot.

The Cross-Border Connection project is a joint development between SP Transmission and National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET).

Holm family's winning ways



Sam Cropper with his trophy

Newcastleton's Junior dog handler supremo Leo Page has been adding to his already impressive haul of showing wins – at the Pennymuir Show, he and his own Border Terrier Fenn won the Child Handler class.

Then at Wolsingham Show in County Durham – which proudly boasts that it's England's oldest agricultural Show - he and Fenn took third place in a competitive Border dog class.

Now he's looking ahead to this weekend's Teviothead Show and hoping to repeat last year's successes – when he and Fenn won both the MossPaul Trophy and the Reserve Championship.

Leo's little brother Adam Cropper is following in the family's winning ways – at the Holm Show he won the Children's Egg Championship, won the Martin Mitchell Challenge Cup for the third year running and also won a trophy brand new to the show – the Reverend Brydon and Mrs Betty Maben trophy awarded for the most points in the children's section.

Lads Lodge vaults to success

Penton-based riding centre brings home the trophies

The Penton-based riding centre Lads Lodge had a highly successful trip to the English Vaulting Championships.

The team came home from the event at Moreton Morrell College in Warwickshire with no less than four championships plus lots of good placings.

They won the Team Championship, Para Championship and Trio Championship.

Then to round off an excellent outing, Newcastleton's Jessica Telford won the Novice Individual Championship.

It's the latest excellent result in a string for twelve-year-old Jessica. In December she was named Most Fearless Rider in the annual Eskdale Pony Club Awards.

In July she won the Overall Championship at the Pony Club's first Open Show, held at Underburnmouth with her horse Twiggy. Then the pair took the Overall Reserve at the Holm Show a few weeks later.



Jessica Telford with her Vaulting trophy



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Community Council Elections 2024

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Polling will take place between the hours of 3pm and 7pm on Thursday 3 October 2024 for the election of 14 Community Councillors for the following Community Council area:

LANGHOLM EWES AND WESTERKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The details of the validly nominated candidates, their proposer, and the number of vacancies to be filled are detailed below. Self-nomination is not permitted.

You are entitled to vote at this election if you are 16 years of age or over on the date of the Poll; you reside within the boundary of the Community Council area; and your name appears on the Register of Electors for that Community Council area.

Details of the polling venues and times of opening/closing are below.

There will be NO provision for postal or proxy voting at this election.

Polling will be held in The Buccleuch Centre, Langholm DG13 0AW

between the hours of 3pm and 7pm on Thursday 3 October 2024.

No. of vacancies on Community Council = 14

Names of Candidates remaining validly nominated	Address and Number as in Register of Electors*	Names of Proposer	Address and Number as in Register of Electors*
ARMSTRONG-CRISP, Adam	17 Drove Road, Langholm, DG13 0JW *12N3R/481	HODGSON, Mark R	19 Caroline Street Langholm, DG13 0AG *12N3R/10
BEECHEY, David, John	Glendivan, Ewes, Langholm, DG13 0HJ *12N3R / 711	MASSIAH, Gillian	Gilley Law, Ardill Road, Langholm, DG13 0DT *12N3R / 205
BROWN, J Grace	Glenelg, Walter Street, Langholm, DG13 0AX *12N3R/1806	BROWN, Shonah	Sunnyside, Wauchope Place, Langholm, DG13 0AZ *12N3R/1845
CLEMENT, Stuart, Martin	56 William Street, Langholm, DG13 0AU *12N3R/1999	TAIT, Christopher, William	12 Holmwood Drive, Langholm, DG13 0PX *12N3R/1098
DICKSON, Robert	Ewesbank Cottage, Langholm, DG13 0ND *12N3R / 671	COTTER, Elizabeth	Ewesbank House, Langholm, DG13 0ND *12N3R / 672
DONNELLY, Rachael L. H.	58 Holmwood Drive, Langholm, DG13 0PX *12N3R / 1138.5	DONNELLY, Catrina, Victoria	112 High Street, Langholm, DG13 0DH *12N3R / 925
DUNCAN, Emma, Louise	28 Eskdale Place, Langholm, DG13 0BE *12N3R/665	DUNCAN, Leanne, Elder	28 Eskdale Place, Langholm, DG13 0BE *12N3R/666
HARKNESS, Elizabeth	9 David Street, Langholm, DG13 0AB *12N3R / 453	ARMSTRONG, Janice A	18 David Street, Langholm, DG13 0AB *12N3R / 466
HODGSON, Mark, Robert	19 Caroline Street, Langholm, DG13 0AG *12N3R/10	LEITH, Philip, Peter	Roundwood, Wauchope Street, Langholm, DG13 0AY *12N3R/1858
HUDSON, Mary	Carlesgill House, Westerkirk, Langholm, DG13 0NZ *12Q3/0021	BURKE, Mark W.	The Stable House, Westerkirk, Langholm, DG13 0NZ *12Q3/0113
SANDERSON, Margaret, Waugh	Westerkirk Schoolhouse, Bentpath, Langholm, DG13 0PB *12Q3/128	JOHNSTONE, Hazel	2 Greenside, Bentpath, Langholm, DG13 0PB *12Q3/57
SCOFIELD, Stephen, John	1 Albert Place, Langholm, DG13 0AT *12N3R/159	ARMSTRONG- CRISP, Adam	17 Drove Road, Langholm, DG13 0JW *12N3R/481
TAIT, Stella	Inglisdean, Langholm, DG13 0JZ *12N3R/1173	SANDERSON, Margaret, W	Westerkirk School House, Bentpath, Langholm, DG13 0PB *12Q3/128
TAIT, Ronald, Earsman	Inglisdean, Langholm, DG13 0JZ *12N3R/1172	SANDERSON, John I.	Westerkirk School House, Bentpath, Langholm, DG13 0PB *12Q3/127
TAYLOR, James, Andrew	24 Henry Street, Langholm, DG13 0AS *12N3R/835	TAYLOR, Charlotte	24 Henry Street, Langholm, DG13 0AS 12N3R/834

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Looking back...

Fifty Years On for the E&L... ...A snippet or two from 1974

Fishing on the Esk & Liddel

After a very poor August on the Esk and Liddel Fisheries Association Waters in the Esk and Liddel and its Tributaries September is proving to be a much better month for both Salmon and Sea-Trout.

The Canonbie stretch of the river Esk has provided most sport, with several good kills of sea-trout, one of 20 and quite a few salmon accounted for with some anglers taking two in a day.

The Willow Pool has also yielded some good returns over the past fortnight and the Liddel and Langholm stretches have also had odd salmon taken from them.

In all since the rivers first rose in spate some 19 days ago there have been in the region 40 salmon and 3250 Sea Trout killed.

Some of the sea-trout were in the five to six pound range while the average weight of salmon was 10 lbs.

Even with the late improvement in conditions this must surely be one of the worst seasons in living memory and though reports say that there are a good run of sea-trout and salmon lying in the Estuary, the big question is will they move up the river in time for the anglers to have a last fling?

Langholm Courtesy Acknowledged

The helpfulness of the staff of the Town Hall at Langholm towards



Langholm Girl Guides back in the day

a continental holidaymaker brought an acknowledgement in the shape of an outside picture postcard from France.

The grateful French tourist said he was writing in appreciation of the courtesy offered to him when he called to enquire about a day's fishing in the River Esk, and to buy a sheepskin.

He added that they had been enchanted with their visit to Scotland and had been particularly pleased with

Langholm where they had received the greatest courtesies.

Ladies Hockey

Langholm 5, Carlisle 2nds 0

Langholm in their first match of the season had a convincing win over Carlisle.

The successful team was Kate Fenton, June McMillan, Muriel Johnstone, Elizabeth Bart-Smith, Elma Little, Marie Ritchie, Marie Telford, Linda Hamilton Fletcher, Barbara Sedges, Alix Stevenson and Vicky Hamilton-Fletcher.

Hawick 0, Langholm 2

Langholm's first league game of the season against Hawick proved to be a good one.

Langholm forwards pressed all through the game leaving the backs with little to do. Hawick's defence held them well, only letting two goals past.

Scorers for Langholm were Alix Stevenson and Betty Coates.

Newcastleton Youth Club

The Newcastleton Youth Club Riding Section held its meeting on Saturday when the following results were achieved:

Junior Games: 1 Christine Adamson; 2 Carol Murray; 3 Lesley Adamson.

Senior Games: 1 Ann Elliot, 2 Neil Elliot, 3 Maureen Elliot, 4 Chris Nichol.

Junior Jumping: 1 Neil Elliot; 2 Ann Elliot; 3 Chris Nichol.

Senior Jumping: 1 Elizabeth Fitzsimmon; 2 Maureen Elliot.

Newcastleton Bowls

Success at Jedburgh on Sunday when W Elliot and W Nichol (Skip) both from the Newcastleton Club, were the winners in a Bowling Pairs Tournament sponsored by the Jedburgh Club.

In addition to the prize the players received custody of a handsome trophy to commemorate their win.

This is the first success the Newcastleton Club has had in major tournaments this season.

Royalty Visit for Carlisle

The Duchess of Kent will make a flying visit to Carlisle on 22nd November when she will lay the foundation stone for the new City Baths in the morning and then open the "Heirlooms Tomorrow" exhibition in the Civic Hall, for the Cumbria Federation of Women's Institutes.

The Duchess, who will be met by an official welcoming party at the airport, will be given a civic reception at the Civic Centre prior to visiting the new site for the baths and will later lunch at the Cumbrian Hotel.

Guide Thanks Badge

Hundreds of Langholm Guides and ex-guides, spanning the past fifty years, will be delighted to learn that Miss Mary E Dalglish, now resident in Greenbank, has been acknowledged for her service to Guiding.

Last week the County Commissioner, Mrs McGowan of Dumfries and the District Commissioner, Mrs Lang of Canonbie, accompanied by senior guides and officers of the local company, went along to Greenbank and presented Miss Dalglish with the "Guide Thanks Badge" and Long Service Certificate.

Miss Dalglish has been associated with the Langholm Company since 1915 and was appointed Guide Captain in 1939.

C & D Marts (Longtown) Primestock Report Thursday, 12th September 2024



PRIMESTOCK

C&D Auction Marts Limited had forward a tremendous entry of 7,105 sheep comprising of 3,505 prime lambs and 3,600 cast ewes & rams at their weekly sale at Longtown Mart on Thursday 12th September 2024.

Cast cows remain in demand with more numbers required on a weekly basis to fulfil buyer requirements. The sale topped at £1,897 for a Charollais shown by Shankbridge End Farm Ltd, Hethersgill, which also topped at the price per kilo at 204p. South Devons sold to 175p from J Thomson & Son, Howcleugh, Hawick with British Blues to 174p from G & F Davies, Upper Glendiven, Langholm.

A larger show of 3,505 lambs forward, well bred and well fed lambs sold regularly over 300p per kilo with a large proportion of leaner grass fed lambs on offer, comprising of 641 lambs weighing between 25-33kg.

Best lambs in short supply throughout the sale.

Beltex lambs topped the sale at 343p consigned by W Stewart & Son, Newton of Inshewan, Angus with top

per head of £222 for Texels from J Coghill, Burnside, Caithness. Overall average of 290.5p (SQQ 289.6p)

PRINCIPAL PRICES (PER KILO)

Beltex 343p Newton of Inshewan, 333p Swaites, 329p Linnhead & Crawthat, 328p Low Tirfergus.
Suffolk 322p Low Tirfergus, 316p, 310p Maulscastle.
Texel 316p Lingey Field & Cubbyhill, 315p Newton of Inshewan, 313p High Cattadale & Cubbyhill.
Roussin 305p Cubbyhill.
Dutch Texel 303p, 300p Rowanburnfoot.
Charollais 302p Swaites, 301p Rigfoot, 300p Foulshild.
Millennium Blue 300p Porterstown.
Lleyn 298p, 293p The Height.
Herdwick 298p Bridge End.
Cheviot Mule 290p Bankhead.
Mule 289p, 288p Mouldyhill, 285p Penpeugh.
Cheviot 288p Balure & Catslackburn, 287p, 284p Castle Crawford, 284p Earlside.
Easycare 278p, 275p East Fortissat.
Blackface 273p, 265p Penpeugh.

PRINCIPAL PRICE (PER HEAD)

Texel £222 Burnside, £198, £181.50, £178 Smerral, £173 Solwaybank, £170 Burnside & Byreburnside.
Suffolk £170 Beckfoot, £165 Woodside & Hardriding, £163 Woodside, £158 Maulscastle.
Charollais £167, £161 Tinnishall.
Beltex £155 Solwaybank & Linnhead, £152.50 Nether Bog, £152 Solwaybank & Drumburn, £150 Roughet Hill & Linnhead.
Cheviot Mule £152 Bankhead.
Lleyn £150 The Height.
Zwartble £147 Flagstaff Farm.
Mule £138 Mouldyhill, £135 Woodside, £130 Mouldyhill.
Millennium Blue £132 Porterstown.
Easycare £130 East Fortissat.
Cheviot £128 Earlside, £125 Nether Bog.
Herdwick £125 Bridge End.
Roussin £122 Cubbyhill.
Blackface £120 Mains & Penpeugh.

A smaller show of 3,600 ewes and rams were forward. A good selection of the best ewes forward which were keenly bid for and well fleshed heavy ewes very good to sell, however a slight resistance met for leaner hill ewes

today.

Do not hesitate to come to Longtown to take advantage of an ever-increasing ring of purchasers and contact our auctioneers or field personnel who will be delighted to take your calls regarding the marketing of your cast ewes and tups.

The sale topped at £380 for Texels from Messrs Hall, Nether Bog, Cumnock. Hill ewes sold to £126 for Cheviots from LG Luescher, Glendinning, Westerkirk. Rams to £200 for Texels from D & W Agri, Kirtleside, Hollee.

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HEAVY EWES

Texel £380, £340, £300, £280 Nether Bog, £275, £265 Becks, £265 Beckfoot, £250 Becks & Sandilands.
Beltex £255 Whitstonehill, £225 Woodhead, £210 Whitstonehill.
Charollais £210 Bogrie, £195 Nether Bog, £185 Beckfoot.
Suffolk £202 Whitstonehill, £200 Hightown, £195 Nether Bog.
North Country Cheviot £182 Clyth Mains, £165 Baillie, £158 Bankhead & Armadale, £155 Hillside.
Cheviot Mule £175 Mavis Bank.
Mule £158 Staffler, £154 Meikle Barncleugh, £148 Broomhills, £145 Chapel.

LIGHT EWES

Cheviot £126 Glendinning, £122 East Deloraine, £110 Skelfhill & Solwaybank, £105 Becks.
Lleyn £108, £98 Noss.
Blackface £100 Shankston, £88 Hightown, £84 Hoscote.

Swaledale £80 Cardney.

RAMS

Texel £200 Kirtleside, £175 Broomhills.
Suffolk £155 Oakfield, £140 Middlesteads.
Blackface £150 Whiteside.
Beltex £150 Tercrosset.
Cheviot £142 Springwells.
Swaledale £122 Westernhopeburn.

Averages:

Lambs
Light to 303.0p (245.5p)
Standard to 333.0p (284.4p)
Medium to 343.0p (293.8p)
Heavy to 329.0p (294.3p)
Overweight to 307.0p (282.9p)
Ewes
Light to £126.00 (£61.33)
Heavy to £380.00 (£111.11)
Rams to £200.00 (£117.07)



The E&L Gallery



Beautiful early-Autumn classic view of the Ewes Valley from Langholm Monument captured by Stan Wilson

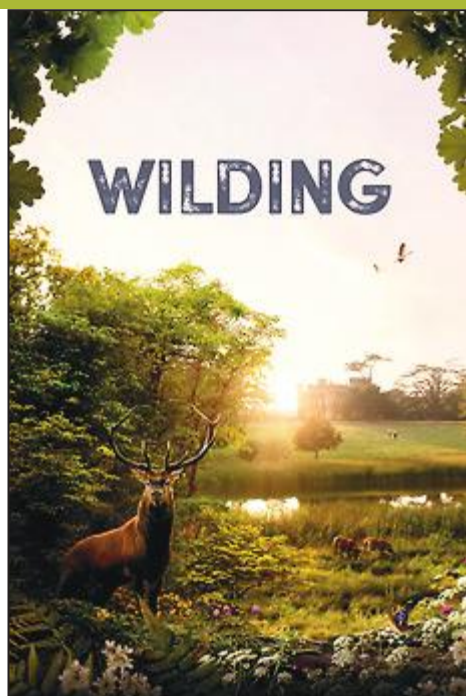
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Wilding, the movie

The Langholm Initiative has organised a community film screening of the inspiring story of Knepp which is based on the best selling book by Isabella Tree.

Knepp is an estate in Sussex and the film Wilding tells the story of a young couple who bet on nature for the future of their failing, four-hundred-year-old estate. The couple battling entrenched tradition put the fate of their farm in the hands of nature. It is the beginning of a grand experiment which will become one of the most significant rewilding experiments in Europe.

Isabella says:
 "Since we began rewilding just twenty years ago, endangered species such as nightingales, turtle doves and purple emperor butterflies have found sanctuary here. The sheer abundance of life is mind-blowing. Herds of old English longhorn cattle, Tamworth pigs, Exmoor ponies and red and fallow deer wander the landscape, their disturbance shaping the water meadows, shrubland and wood pasture, creating new habitats for wildlife. Knepp's dynamic, rebounding ecosystem is a story of hope, showing how nature can bounce back if we let it. Thousands of nature-lovers come here to take in the astonishing sights and sounds."



and there is a small entrance charge of between £1 and £5 and tickets can be booked through the Buccleuch Centre.

Cera Impala at The Hub

Eskdalemuir community hub is proud to present Cera Impala live in Concert on Friday 20th September.

Cera Impala creates songs that feel instantly familiar. Her whiskey-honeyed voice takes intimately crafted pieces to another time and place, one of dreams and magic - sensual as they are savage. Her music has been heard all over the world. Impala has toured internationally with her handpicked band, The New Prohibition.

In 2019, Cera debuted a new duet project, Delightful Squalor. She has previously been a member of The Blackberry Bushes, Dark Green Tree, The Dance Bandits and the fabulous queens of sass and harmony, The Bevv Sisters. She has released her fifth album of original work, "Wildest Dreams" which is out on all digital platforms, CD and Vinyl.

Tickets are only £10 per person and Under 16s are Free. The doors and bar open from 6.30pm, show starts 7.30pm.

On Saturday 21st she is offering a songwriting workshop. If you're interested in participating in this event email hub@eskdalemuir.com



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WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK W/C 23rd 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
	Trouser Making <small>FULLY BOOKED</small>	1-3	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	McMillan Coffee Morning	10-12	CM Space
	Langholm In Stitches	1-3	Social Club DG13 0DN
Sat	Langholm Show	All day	Castle Holm
	Yarndale	10-5:30	Skipton BD23 1UD
Sun	Yarndale	10-4:30	

Langholm Golf Club

EGM

Tuesday 1st October, 2024
To be held in the Clubhouse at 7pm
All Members Welcome

WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER

Fri 20th	Police Mobile Surgeries	Langholm - Town Hall 3.30pm - 4.45pm Canonbie - Hall Car Park 4.30pm- 5.00pm
	Joe McElderry The Classics Collection	The Buccleuch Centre 7.30pm
Sat 21st	LTB's BIG BLAW	Langholm Social Club 12 noon - 10pm
	Ceilidh Pie & Peas Music by Bon Accord	Longtown Memorial Hall 7.30pm - 11pm
Wed 25th	Wilding The Movie	The Buccleuch Centre 6.30pm
Sun 29th	Langholm Accordion & Fiddle Club William Scott Band	Langholm Social Club 2pm - 5pm
Sat 28th	The 172nd Langholm Show	Castleholm, Langholm from 8.30am

WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER

Thu 3rd	Langholm, Ewes & Westerkirk Community Council ELECTIONS	The Buccleuch Centre 3pm - 7pm
Sat 5th	Langholm Producers' Market	The Buccleuch Centre 9am - 1pm
	The Stars of Irish Country Show	The Buccleuch Centre 7.30pm
Mon 14th	TVNR Dark Skies Evening	Cronksbank Farmhouse 7pm - 9pm

The E&L General Knowledge Quiz

No. 2435 answers next week.

- 1) What was the name of the Bronze Age civilization which grew up on and around the island of Crete in the Mediterranean?
- 2) Saint Petersburg, Stockholm, Helsinki and Riga are all cities situated on which sea?
- 3) Which film has the following as its last line - "I do wish we could chat longer, but... I'm having an old friend for dinner. Bye."
- 4) Shirley Crabtree Jr was a huge presence on the UK wrestling scene under what name?
- 5) What was the Manhattan Project?
- 6) In which city is the famous Edvard Eriksen statue, The Little Mermaid?
- 7) Which book by Ray Bradbury starts with the words - 'It was a pleasure to burn.'
- 8) What is the capital city of Canada?
- 9) Which actress, writer and producer wrote the first series of Killing Eve and was the creator and writer of Fleabag?
- 10) In 1953 Edmund Hillary was the first man to reach the summit of Everest along with which other person?
- 11) In what US state is the city Nashville?
- 12) What is the currency of Denmark?
- 13) What is the capital city of New Zealand?
- 14) Which American poet wrote the famous poem "The Raven"?
- 15) What is the capital city of Australia?
- 16) Who painted the Mona Lisa?
- 17) Which country is commonly referred to as the Land of the Rising Sun?
- 18) What is the primary ingredient in hummus?
- 19) Who painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel?
- 20) Which gas do plants primarily absorb during photosynthesis?



Crossword & Quiz Solutions from last week

General Knowledge Quiz 2434

- 1 Josiah Wedgewood
- 2 Canada
- 3 The Salvation Army
- 4 Entebbe, Uganda
- 5 Jaqueline Lee Bouvier
- 6 1776
- 7 Louis Pasteur
- 8 Amelia Earhart
- 9 The storming of the Bastille
- 10 Rembrandt van Rijn
- 11 Yorkshire (Pudding)
- 12 Lancashire Hotpot
- 13 Champ
- 14 Large, round, flat bread rolls
- 15 Welsh rarebit
- 16 Bakewell Tart
- 17 Cider
- 18 Cullen skink
- 19 Taco
- 20 Risotto

Crossword 2434

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

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

Never a Crossword!

No. 2435...answers next week

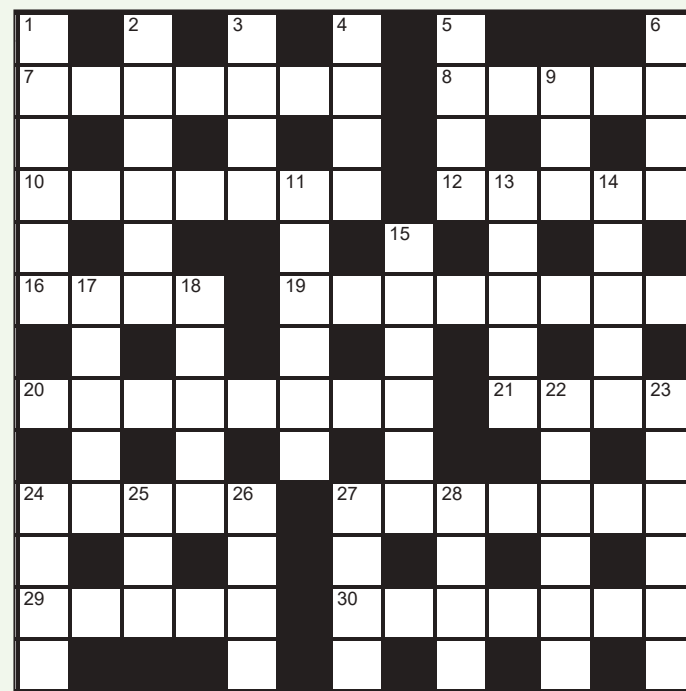
A wee mix of cryptic and general knowledge puzzles to get the grey cells moving!

Across

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

Down

- 1 Accountant's concern (3,3)
- 2 "Romeo and Juliet" setting (6)
- 3 "Driving --- Daisy" (4)
- 4 Blue-green (4)
- 5 Uncovered (4)
- 6 Repudiate (4)
- 9 Smartphone download (3)
- 11 Mouthpiece of the gods, in mythology (6)
- 13 Fingerless gloves (5)
- 14 Dragnet (5)
- 15 Stirring up hatred for a serious shortage (6)
- 17 Hasten (5)
- 18 In old money, a florin to a quid (5)
- 22 It's easy to give but hard to take (6)
- 23 Predilections (6)
- 24 Talk-show clip-on (4)
- 25 Small dog breed (3)
- 26 Chinese dynasty at the time of the Norman Conquest (4)
- 27 Easing of tensions (4)
- 28 Memorization by repetition (4)





Fabulous fight-back as Langholm win in Tranent

Tries by Wilson bros., Hope, Martin and Tait seal the deal

Rugby

By Kenneth Pool

Ross High 21 Langholm 29

Langholm RFC took to the road on Saturday to play Ross High at Tranent.

The game was played in dry conditions but with a strong wind which played its part in the match. Playing with the wind, Ross High started with a series of attacks that led to their first converted try after just four minutes. Langholm were finding the conditions difficult but stuck in well and a good move resulted in a well worked try from fullback Aidan Wilson. Jeffery missed the difficult conversion.

The home side were soon back on the scoreboard with another converted try to lead 14-5. This did not deter the Langholm side and a good move from the forwards saw Tom Hope crash over for a fine try. Jeffery was spot on

with the conversion. Half time score 14-12

With wind now in their favour it was the visitors who looked to get some more points on the board. However, it was Ross High who scored a converted try after 44 minutes to extend their lead to 21-12. This seemed to galvanise Langholm, and the pack started to put a lot of pressure on the home side which resulted in a try for prop Ronnie Martin which Jeffrey converted. It was all Langholm now and with the match in its final quarter they pushed hard for another score.

With 75 minutes played it was flanker Brady Wilson who broke the deadlock with Langholm's fourth try. Now in the lead 21-24 and with a bonus point guaranteed, Langholm stepped up the pace and captain Chris Tait went in for another fine try with 2 minutes left to play

Final score Ross High 21 Langholm RFC 29



HIGH HOPES: Tom Hope scores Langholm's second try of the game

Langholm lassies kill the Kiltwalk!



Eileen Beattie (l) and Morag Pool with their medals after their 21-mile walk

Kilt Walk

Two Langholm friends, Eileen Beattie and Morag Pool, took on the gruelling 21-mile Kiltwalk in Edinburgh last weekend.

Eileen raised £908 for Super Sam's Fund (brain tumour charity). Her cousin's son died, aged just five and half years old with an aggressive brain tumour.

Eileen said that she and Morag did a lot of training leading up to the Kiltwalk by adding in a couple of 14-mile walks.

We managed to do the 21 miles in the Edinburgh Kiltwalk and our time was 6 hours 20 mins.

Morag, who was walking for Cancer Research, said: "I've raised £515 so far plus another £125 from Gift Aid

"We had a great day, but the last four miles was tough.

"There were 9,000 people doing the Edinburgh Kiltwalk."

Soccerbees play Langholm Girls

Girls' Football

Langholm Girls' Under-8s were in action last Friday evening, when the club hosted a strong Soccerbees team from Lochmaben.

This was another great opportunity for the Langholm girls to get some much-needed game time, with some playing in only their second game.

All of the girls continue to improve their game in training and worked very hard against a team that has been training and playing together for a number of years.

Many thanks to Soccerbees for the game and to two of the home side's Under 14s team who helped set up, referee, and clear up after the game.



Langholm Girls' Under-8s took on Lochmaben's Soccerbees at the 3G last Friday

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