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No pot of gold at the end of this 'rainbow'

SNP to form a minority administration after Conservative split in D&G Council



Councillors Stephen Thompson and Katie Hagmann of the SNP are now leading Dumfries and Galloway Council replacing the ousted Gail Macgregor, Conservative

The Scottish National Party has assumed leadership of Dumfries & Galloway Council, following the dramatic resignation of Conservative leader Gail Macgregor and a significant split in the Tory ranks. Councillor Stephen Thompson was elected council leader at a specially convened meeting on Tuesday afternoon, while Councillor Katie Hagmann was named convenor. The SNP will form a minority administration.

This marks the fourth change of administration in just three years for the region, underscoring continuing political instability. Councillor Macgregor stepped down just moments before a scheduled vote of no confidence. In a note to council officials, she described her departure as made with "the heaviest of hearts," adding: "It has

been an absolute privilege to serve the people of Dumfries and Galloway as Leader of the Council for the past 26 months.

Her resignation comes amid fractures within the local Conservative group, with seven councillors breaking away to form two new groups: Novantae, and the Dumfries and Galloway Independent Group. The SNP

now holds 11 seats, with the Conservatives reduced to nine and Labour close behind with eight. The previous Tory-led administration had governed since 2023, following the collapse of a cross-party coalition that included the SNP, Labour, Liberal Democrats, and independents.

Take over

A move by the newly formed independent group to take over the council leadership failed when a motion proposing Councillor Ian Carruthers be elected leader was beaten 16 votes to 10 with 16 abstentions.

Councillor Carruthers is the

husband of Karen Carruthers who is one of the three Councillors that serve Annandale East and Eskdale.

The E&L asked local Councillor Denis Male to comment on the change of administration; he replied:-

"I had hoped with this further disruption of the political control of the Council that the three political groups would have been prepared to put together a coalition to take the region forward.

"At the recent budget the differences between the groups were so small that it should have been possible for a working plan to be developed and taken forward for the benefit of the hard-working public of Dumfries and Galloway.

"With a Scottish Election coming next May I hope service to DG is first and foremost in every councillor's mind and not National Politics."

In what may be the first of many headaches for the incoming administration, bus company Stagecoach told Dumfries and Galloway Council on Tuesday that they plan to withdraw all their commercial and Council funded services from August this year. This will include school routes.

The dispute is over new contracts being offered by the Council.

INSIDE



Forgotten Fleece Tales

A beautifully curated exhibition is housed in the old post office in Langholm's Market Place until the end of June and is well worth a visit.

See centre pages for a review and photographs.

Family Announcements

Deaths

MOWBRAY B.E.M., Jessie

Peacefully, on Monday 9th June in Lydiafield Care home, Annan, Jessie aged 100 years. Much loved wife of the late Ronnie, devoted Mam, granny and great granny. Funeral service to take place on Monday 23rd June at 12 noon in Canonbie Church, thereafter interment in Canonbie Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited to attend. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu if desired in memory of Jessie to Lydiafield Care Home, Annan.

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Alan's big challenge for Doddie charity

Last year, Langholm's Alan Miller challenged himself to cycle 20 laps of the Potholm in one day (a 5-mile loop from the Kilngreen in Langholm). He started at 6am on Friday the 5th of July and finished just after 5pm.

This year he is planning to do as many laps as he can in a 24-hour period. Starting at midnight on Saturday 21st June, which is the longest day and he's pretty sure it will be for him too; he will be stopping during the time period to refuel etc.

In partnership with Yarns To Yearn For, the plan is for every £1 donated your name gets randomly added to a square on the poster(s) each poster has 250 numbered squares ascending to whatever number can be reached. For example, if you donate £10 your name will be randomly added 10 times to the poster wall. After the Challenge is complete, we will draw one number and whoever has that number will win a large limited-edition Doddie Tartan Bear. The second number drawn will win a small Doddie Bear.

There was a limited number of 15 large tartan bears produced, Doddie was given bear no.1 and others have been donated for various fundraisers in aid of the Foundation.

Contact alan on 07845 638126 or email
yarnstoyearnfor@gmail.com to donate



Engaging with Ewan



Cornet Ewan Patterson makes his entrance at the Toll in Selkirk last Friday

Thoughtful gift for popular bowler

Rob receives a trike from fellow Old Town members

As most will know, Rob Dunn has done a lot of work for Langholm Old Town Bowling Club over the years, and the club wanted to show their appreciation to such a staunch member.

Diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease 15 years ago, Rob has been very positive in how he has dealt with the condition, and he doesn't like to think it can beat him. His attitude is remarkable.

Rob has been struggling with his old bike over the last few months and after talking to him about a trike, he thought that would be better and safer for him.

As a sign of appreciation and for what he has done for the club, members and non-members made donations to pay for his new trike, hat and cover.

As a club everyone wants Rob to be safe and enjoy coming to the bowling.

Last Wednesday, Rob was presented with the donations and a certificate of recognition from Club president Robert Phillips and Steven Barker.

Langholm Old President Robert Phillips and member Steven Barker present Rob with his trike and certificate



Community councillor resigns

In March, complaints were submitted by three community councillors citing unacceptable behaviour by Ronnie Tait during LEWCC meetings.

Dumfries and Galloway Council has a clear procedure that must be followed regarding complaints about community councillors, regardless of their origin. This procedure was adhered to by the LEWCC, and as a result, the complaints were referred to an independent, confidential review panel. This panel consisted of individuals serving as community councillors who had no prior knowledge of any of the parties involved. Members of the LEWCC were not informed about the composition of the review panel, except for the Vice Chair, who served as

their point of contact. Simultaneously, following a vote by the LEWCC at a special meeting, Ronnie Tait was suspended without prejudice while the review panel conducted its deliberations.

The review panel conducted a thorough investigation of the complaints and submitted their confidential findings, which upheld the complaints, to Dumfries and Galloway Council. The Vice Chair and Ronnie Tait were also informed of the review panel's findings on a strictly confidential basis.

On Sunday 08 June, Ronnie Tait resigned from the LEWCC, and his resignation was formally accepted by the LEWCC at the meeting on Monday 9th June.

MSP warns against further cuts

South Scotland MSP Colin Smyth has raised serious concerns following NHS Dumfries and Galloway's confirmation that more "tough decisions" lie ahead, despite millions already being cut from services.

In a statement this week, the health board warned that further savings of £21.3 million are needed this year, as it tries to stay within the Scottish Government's £25 million overspend limit for 2025/26. The board is currently forecasting a deficit of £28 million.

Colin Smyth said: "I am inundated with concerns from constituents who are at breaking point because of the crisis in our NHS. People are waiting years in pain for hip and knee replacements, loved ones are stuck in hospital beds because there is nowhere for them to be discharged to, and countless families can't even register with an NHS dentist or GP.

"You simply cannot make the kind of cuts being demanded by the Scottish Government without damaging patient care.

"Yes, the fact the health board has made significant savings is a testament to their efforts — but it's clear this is not sustainable. We are already seeing services suffer and staff stretched to the limit. It is patients who are paying the price for a government that is failing to grasp the scale of the crisis facing our health service."

Eeh mei, good question!

The latest question the E&L has received in our enduring 'Eeh mei' series is:

"Hev ye seen the weeds on Caroline Street?"
"When can we expect thur to be dealt wi'?"

E&L says...
"bear with!"



Moffat Distillery to launch Langholm's own dram

Langholm is about to raise a glass to its past—and its future—with the official launch of The Muckletoon, a new blended malt Scotch whisky created to celebrate the town's rich history and enduring spirit.

The launch event will take place on Wednesday 26th June at 7:00pm in the elegant surroundings of the Eskdale Hotel—one of Langholm's most iconic buildings. Attendees will enjoy a welcome drink, canapés, a guided tasting, and stories linking Langholm's distilling heritage to the creation of this brand-new whisky.

A Celebration of Local Flavour and History

The Muckletoon is the latest addition to the "Local Dram" series from Dark Sky Spirits Ltd., the independent blending house behind Moffat Distillery. Created by blender Nick Bullard, the whisky is finished in a Pedro Ximénez cask, resulting in a rich, spicy dram with notes of baked plums and cinnamon pears. "It's a whisky worthy of the name Muckletoon," Nick says, referring to Langholm's nickname as the



'big town' of the Borders.

This is the fifth expression in the Local Dram range, following acclaimed blends such as The Doonhamer and the Stranraer Oyster Festival bottling, and marks the first time Langholm has had its own signature whisky in modern memory.

Featuring Whisky Historian and Special Guest Speaker

Joining the event is whisky historian and author Justine Hazlehurst, founder of Kask Whisky and co-director of the Fife Whisky Festival. Justine brings a wealth of expertise on Scotch whisky heritage and has judged at leading international whisky awards. Her talk will share fascinating insights into the historical ties between whisky and the Borders, alongside a lively guided tasting.

Why It Matters

The event offers more than just great whisky—it's a toast to Langholm's industrial heritage, community pride, and the stories that bind past and present. "When someone asks what the local dram is in Langholm," says Nick, "we want the answer to be: The Muckletoon."

Event Details:

Eskdale Hotel, Langholm
Wednesday 26th June
7:00pm

Tickets include welcome drink, canapés, whisky tasting, and live talk

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Thank you Langholm

I am writing in response to the 'Enough of the Negatives' by Emma Duncan and 'Many Hardworking Groups' by Margaret Sanderson, plus the Community Banking.

Emma's and Margaret's responses were fantastic, and they explained about all the other groups including 'First Bite' which put the town of Langholm on the map, plus all the groups of people who volunteer and give their time day and night to help the people of Langholm and want to try something different out for the love of the community.

The town meeting showed how Langholm needs to be put back on the map and showed the people on the top table at the meeting that we are the lost corner of Dumfries and Galloway. Please I can thank Stuart Clement JP for his outstanding leadership of this meeting.

I was very impressed with the banking situations and new ideas in Langholm since most of the banks moved away. Firstly, I visited the new post office which is brilliant and being well used by locals and businesses, also the team in

Holmspun who filled the gap while the PO was finishing off. Also, I called into the Cumberland Building Society on the High Street. Wow, this has changed with two very friendly faces of Michaela and James. I complimented them on their welcoming warmth and it was a change to see how busy the branch was. It's good that the Cumberland are staying on the High Street.

I have only lived here a few years, but felt so welcome. So thank you Langholm and thank you to all who help with community activities, day trips and events for everybody and community council work. Everybody should be proud of Langholm.

Maureen Jones.



Work begins on Zero Waste Park

£11.2m panacea for all our waste issues

Dumfries and Galloway Council has commenced construction on the Dumfries Zero Waste Park (Dumfries ZWP), a major step in the region's Waste, Recycling, and Reuse Strategy 2023–2030.

The project includes a new Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) at Locharmoss and the transformation of the EcoDeco MBT Facility's refinements hall into a dry recyclates bulking facility. These upgrades aim to enhance recycling opportunities, improve waste processing efficiency, and support Scotland's circular economy goals.

The strategy, approved on 3 October 2023, focuses on waste prevention, reuse and recycling, optimising collections, improving HWRC efficiency, and maximising residual waste processing. Dumfries ZWP will play a crucial role in achieving these targets.



The council and construction team involved with the Dumfries Zero Waste Park

The council has allocated £11.197 million from its 10-year Capital Investment Strategy to fund the development, ensuring long-term sustainability.

Councillor Ian Blake, Chair of the Economy and Infrastructure Committee, stated that the project demonstrates the council's commitment to a cleaner, greener future, improving recycling access and supporting circular economy goals. Vice-Chair Jackie

McCamon emphasized the long-term vision for a more sustainable Dumfries and Galloway, benefiting both residents and the local economy.

The new split-level Locharmoss HWRC will improve access, customer service, and efficiency, while the new bulking facility will streamline waste management, reducing reliance on private sector services.

Construction is set to be completed by September 2026.

The Laverock Rhymers

The Langholm Litany

Railway line, stationmaster
Town council, storm disaster
Reid and Taylor, Woolly Mill
Turbines, trees on Warbla Hill
EWM with Phillip Day
Closed it down and ran away
Border Fine Arts operation
Fell to the god of globalisation

*Whatever happened to the Muckle Toon
We need a break and we need it soon*

Care Home, hole in the ground
Policeforce not to be found
Wasteland, council yard
To clear it up wouldn't be hard
High Street in the dumps
Potholes, roads with bumps
Skinyards are no more
Sports Centre closed its door

*Whatever happened to the Muckle Toon
We need a break and we need it soon*

Bad weather, too much rain,
Don't build on the Esk flood plain
Gravel changing the river course
Needs dug out or it gets worse
Old school, Erskine Church
Region left us in the lurch
Tennis courts gone in a hurry
In the land of Andy Murray!

*Whatever happened to the Muckle Toon
We need a break and we need it soon*

Tenant farms close their gates
Unwanted by Buccleuch Estates
Ancient goats being shot
By that eco-friendly lot
Public transport in a mess
X95 times getting less
Dumfries Infirmary much too far
Hard to reach without a car

*Whatever happened to The Muckle Toon
We need a break and we need it soon*

House building reached rock bottom
From The Skippers Bridge to Potholm
There's an air of dereliction
Showing that we lack direction
The litany goes on and on
Although some battles have been won
Is it just bad luck, are we ill-fated
Or have we been excommunicated

*Whatever happened to The Muckle Toon
We need a break and we need it soon*

Paul Young to 'lay his hat' at The Buccleuch

Paul Young will go back on the road with a Songs & Stories tour next spring – including a run of dates in Ireland.

The 80s icon has just completed a run of largely sold-out shows at intimate venues across England, Wales and Scotland.

His new show titled Songs & Stories will kick off in Dundalk, Northern Ireland, on April 26, 2026, concluding at Whitby Pavillion on June 20, 2026.

Paul broke into the big time 40 years ago when No Parlez went to number one and spawned iconic hits like Wherever I Lay My Hat (That's My Home). More success followed with the number one album The Secret of Association and the worldwide hit Everytime You Go Away, not forgetting an appearance at Live Aid and more.

Paul sustained that success – while having fun in his Tex-Mex band, Los Pacaminos. Now, he's looking

the Buccleuch Centre
LANGHOLM



Enduring star. Paul Young is to visit Langholm next year

back during these intimate shows, that combine conversation and acoustic versions of songs. Paul's meeting fans, singing songs, and telling stories about his incredible career. It's time to revel in the classic hits and learn the

stories behind them in this intimate show.

Paul said: "I had such a great time on my last tour – every night was a blast – and I can't wait to share Songs and Stories with even more fans next spring."

The roses bloom again for Selkirk Common Riding

Once more, Langholm turns out to support neighbouring event

Selkirk celebrated its annual Common Riding last Friday under cloudy skies but it was, otherwise, a perfect day.

As usual a fair number of Langholm supporters travelled up the A7 in the early morning to attend the spectacular event.

Langholm Cornet, Ewan Patterson, with his Right and Left Hand Men Bailey Donaldson and Christopher Tait were invited to attend as were Common Riding Chairman Kevan Hotson and Trustee Stephen Rae, and were glad to support Standard Bearer Darren Knox and represent Langholm on the day.

Thanks to Chris Jones, Veronika Zolotoverkha, Liz Young and Melanie Brierley for the photos



The Casting of the Colours is the single most emotive part of Selkirk Common Riding for both locals and visitors

Photo by Chris Jones

Public access tech upgrades

Dumfries and Galloway Council have started upgrades of public access PCs and printers across Libraries and Customer Service Centres.

This is part of wider work to modernise facilities, improve access to digital services and support an even more inclusive, user-friendly customer experience.

The rollout is being delivered in phases, with improved equipment arriving at centres over the coming weeks.

The Council provide further updates as the programme continues. For any queries about public access PCs, please contact:

yourlibrary@dumgal.gov.uk.

Bridge results

N/S - 1 George & Brenda Bullamore, 2 Bob Francombe & George Graham, 3 Derek Scott & Judy Pitchford.

E/W - Sandra Ritchie & Lesley McCartney, 2 Andrew Tyler & Janet Ivison, 3 Tom Stothart & John Packer.



Cornet's father, Davie Patterson carries the Weavers' Banner in Friday's procession



Langholm's Front Three did a sterling job representing the town at Selkirk's big day.



Large crowds thronged Selkirk Market Place last Friday



Langholm Fair Crier Rae Elliot with Ex-Cornets Stevie Ellwood, Billy Young, Kevan Hotson, Stephen Rae and Ronnie Hudson



Liz Young, Cornet's Mum Fiona Patterson and Margaret Hudson enjoy their day out in Selkirk



Selkirk Standard Bearer Darren Knox

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Farming with Gilly Fraser

Funding framework called for



NFU Scotland is calling on the Scottish Government needs to act swiftly and commit to a multi-annual funding framework for agriculture, following the UK Government Spending Review.

The Review confirmed that the Scottish Government has been given clear line-of-sight on funding for the next three financial years and will continue to receive over 20 per cent more funding per head than the equivalent UK Government spending across the UK, meaning it will be able to spend more on its priorities.

NFU Scotland President, Andrew Cannon says the Review gives the Scottish Government the certainty it needs to fulfil its repeated commitments to support farming and crofting.

"Not only are we calling on the Scottish Government to provide a three-year commitment but also to deliver a significant

real terms increase in the key farm support budgets," he said. "As we move through the gears of changing agricultural support, with more conditions attached to deliver new outcomes, farmers and crofters can only do so with additional direct support backing."

Pressures

"Our farmers and crofters are facing huge cost pressures, from inflation to climate adaptation to supply chain volatility. A predictable, enhanced multi-annual budget is essential to allow businesses to invest with confidence and secure the food production and environmental benefits that Scottish agriculture delivers for everyone."

NFU Scotland say they will continue to work closely with Scottish Government Ministers and officials to ensure Scotland's farmers and crofters get the multi-annual funding framework they need to thrive and deliver.

Distinguished judges for H&H's Agri Expo

Farming expertise from all over the UK will be present

The celebrated Borderway Agri Expo is several months away but organisers Harrison and Hetherington have announced a distinguished trio of judges.

The main beef cattle classes will be judged by Gavin Scott of Linlithgow, whose numerous accolades include twice winning the Scottish Winter Fair, three times Reserve Supreme Champion at Smithfield in London, seven-time winner of the Butchers' Championship at the Scottish Winter Fair, and two-time Calf Champion with homebred stock.

He says he's hugely honoured to be asked to judge at this event.

"I'll be looking for an animal that stands out as fit for the modern beef market, something with presence, correctness, and style. The first thing I notice is the head and legs, followed by shape, cover and



Gavin Scott of Linlithgow will judge the main beef cattle classes

how it handles."

Judging the Baby Beef section is Berwyn Hughes from Lampeter. Berwyn has shown and judged extensively across

the UK, including Balmoral Show, Anglesey Show, and the Welsh Winter Fair where he has achieved notable success himself with Champion Heifer

and Steer titles, and in 2023, Champion Baby Beef Calf.

He says it's absolutely fantastic to be invited to judge at what is arguably the best winter show in the country.

"I'll be looking for a smart, showy calf that is very correct, with great legs, natural top and width behind, the kind of animal that catches your eye and fits today's beef trade."

Well-known former butcher and sheep producer Andrew Mutch will judge the sheep classes. He has judged extensively at national and regional level, including the Royal Smithfield Show at Earls Court and the Welsh Winter Fair.

He says it will be great to dip his toes back into the industry from the judging ring.

"In judging the sheep, I'll be looking for that butcher's confirmation – something that shows real potential for the meat market."

NSA Sheep Centre returns to Highland Show

Sheep enthusiasts will be delighted to hear that among the many highlights of this year's Royal Highland Show will be the return of the National Sheep Association Sheep Centre, set up and run by the group's Scottish region.

The marquee will house a variety of sheep breed societies and will also feature a fleece competition run by the Royal Highland Agricultural Society of Scotland. Wool spinning demonstrations will take place throughout the show.

NSA Scotland Chair Peter Myles says the Royal Highland is an annual highlight in the farming calendar.

"NSA Scotland is delighted to once again welcome visitors to the NSA marquee. There will be lots to see and do with the NSA including the popular lamb dressing competition as well as from those exhibitors joining us with stands," he said.

Several of the competitions re designed to appeal to younger visitors including the chance to design a rosette, a sheep selfie competition and a guess the location of the breed contest.

As well as the fun side of things, the NSA stand promises to be a useful source of information for visitors who want to find out the latest on the Scottish sheep industry with experts on hand to chat to farmers about current issues.

Visitors to the NSA stand will also have the chance to win a selection of prizes including



INFLUENCER: Cammy Wilson (l) of Sheep Game

a trendy hoodie designed in collaboration with the well-known farming influencer Cammy Wilson of Sheep Game fame.

The Royal Highland runs from Thursday June 19th to Sunday 22nd.

RSABI research project

Scotland's leading farming charity is launching a major new research project focused on suicide prevention.

The initiative sees RSABI working in partnership with the University of Glasgow on the three-year PhD research project aimed at understanding and preventing suicide within Scotland's farming and crofting communities.

The research will begin with a comprehensive review of existing literature to explore the relationship between agricultural life and suicide risk. In its second year, the project will conduct a national survey examining psychological and social factors affecting mental health in the farming community viewed through the Integrated Motivational-Volitional model of suicidal behaviour.

The final phase will involve in-depth interviews with individuals from agricultural backgrounds who have experienced suicidal thoughts or who have



Professor Rory O'Connor and RSABI Chief Executive Carol McLaren

been bereaved by suicide.

Professor Rory O'Connor, former President of the International Association for Suicide Prevention says he is delighted to be partnering with RSABI on this important project.

"For far too long suicide risk in agricultural communities has not received the attention that it so badly needs," he said. "Over the next three years, we hope to gain a better understanding of the specific factors associated with suicide risk, which will, in

turn, inform suicide prevention efforts nationally and internationally."

Carol McLaren, Chief Executive of RSABI says suicide continues to be responsible for the loss of too many lives in the agricultural community.

"This research will play a vital role in deepening our understanding of the factors behind suicide in farming and help shape the most effective prevention strategies," she said.

Town support group is still taking the Initiative

We continue our closer look at local community associations

The Langholm Initiative was founded in 1994 with support from Dumfries and Galloway Council's Community Resources team to help address the town's economic downturn and raise its profile. Initially based in the Town Hall and now located in Buccleuch Mills, the organisation is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation led by a board of local volunteers, with two co-opted members from outside the area.

Early on, several sub-groups were formed under the Initiative—such as the walks group, high street traders, music and arts festival, Christmas lights, cycling group, accommodation providers, and Network WEST (a women's organisation). Many of these groups became independent over time. Although Council funding has decreased over the years, the Initiative has continued to deliver a wide range of projects, including festivals, redundancy



MEDIA FAVOURITE: TVNR has had a lot of TV and press coverage

support, and moorland-focused initiatives like Making the Most of the Moorlands, the Moorland Education Project, and Wild Eskdale.

The Initiative now focuses on providing visitor information at the Kilngreen kiosk and developing the Tarras Valley Nature Reserve. It owns 10,500 acres of land, including residential properties and a sheep

farm. The organisation employs seven local staff and manages five residential properties, with two more in planning and another purchase expected later this year. Rental income helps sustain the charity.

£110,000

Where possible, local contractors are used for work on the reserve, including forestry, track



COOS: Highland cattle were introduced to the Tarras Valley this year

work, plumbing, and construction. In 2024/25, an estimated £110,000 was spent with local businesses. The reserve also contributes to the local economy—John Galloway of the Eskdale Hotel estimated 50 bed nights in 2024 were due to the nature reserve, with efforts underway to increase that number.

Volunteers play a vital role in both the kiosk and the reserve, offering opportunities to stay active, meet others, and develop

skills. The board, made up of volunteers aged from their 20s to 80s, brings a wide range of experience and is always open to new members interested in supporting the Initiative's work.

The Langholm Initiative continues to promote the town and its achievements. In June, an American filmmaker will visit to document the community-owned Tarras Valley and compare it with land ownership in Alaska.

Mentors in violence protection

Last week a number of Langholm Academy senior pupils undertook a programme of work to become MVP leads within Langholm Academy.

MVP is a peer education programme providing young people with the language and framework to explore and challenge the attitudes, beliefs and cultural norms that underpin gender-based violence (GBV), bullying and other forms of abuse. Well done to all involved!



Just one cornetto for Canonbie Probus

What a treat for Canonbie Probus Club! Last Wednesday it was delighted to welcome several guests, all of the opposite sex, to its regular meeting. The reason was the guest speaker was Andrew Caldwell of Innerleithen, a great friend of President John Mitchell.

Andrew is passionate about ice cream! Back in 1911 his grandfather established the company Caldwell's Homemade Ice Cream of Innerleithen. Eventually his father, who completed 50 years of service, took over before handing control to Andrew who has developed the company during his 45 or more years making ice cream. He has now passed the business on to his two daughters, but he continues to be the man who actually makes the ice creams.

In his fascinating presentation interspersed with amusing anecdotes he explained that the recipe for the ice cream is still the same as used by his grandfather who learnt it from a lady of the well-known de Marco family of Portobello. Full fat cows' milk is heated to 90F for 20 minutes before all the other ingredients, sugar, milk powder, margarine, the various flavourings (there are now over 100 flavours of ice cream made) and some secret ingredients that Andrew was not prepared to reveal, are added. The mixture is then cooled for an hour and a half before it is processed in the ice cream machine.

In 1990 Andrew joined the Ice Cream Alliance of Great Britain which hosts a big three-day event in Derby every year. He later served as President of the Alliance and Chairman of the Board and during



his two years in office visited 138 parlours. In addition to judging on numerous occasions he has also competed and won several medals, gold, silver and bronze, for his ice creams including a bronze in the European competition.

The business now supports two shops, one in Innerleithen and the other in Peebles and apart from the more familiar varieties they sell 'ice cream cakes' for special occasions such as Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day, and special birthdays.

After the presentation everyone was treated as Andrew had brought four different ice creams with him for all to try. They were delicious! It seems likely that quite a few will be heading to Peebles or Innerleithen for further samples!

The meeting closed with a very appreciative vote of thanks.

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‘Forgotten Fleece Tales’ is a masterpiece in wool

High-quality exhibition curated by Ardbeag Crafts and Creation Mill showcases local and wider Scottish spinning, weaving and knitting

Langholm is the first stop for the ‘Forgotten Fleece Tales’ exhibition which has opened in the old post office in Langholm and is on until 30th June. This touring exhibition brings together pieces from all over Scotland that have been created from waste wool, including several made in Langholm. It returns here again next April but it really is well worth seeing it now. Volunteers from Creation Mill are on hand to answer questions.

Very striking is a coat of many colours made in Langholm by Reet Wyatt from selvages woven together. It truly is a work of art and has been created from mohair. Both Joseph and Dolly Parton spring to mind, two different people associated with coats of many colours. Creation Mill presents some of their felted pieces made on the felt loom.

A golden fleece on the wall makes me think of Jason and is entitled ‘A coat fit for a king’. The description calls it ‘...a ‘varafeldur’ which is literally translated as a ‘trade cloak’ a heavy, rugged cloak woven from loose locks of wool, giving

it an impressively wild and voluminous look. Used by seafaring Vikings, they provided insulation in high winds and natural water-proofing due to the lanolin left in the locks. They would also have added to the imposing image of a Viking raider, adding bear-like breadth to the shoulders. These cloaks are mentioned in the 13th century Icelandic law text Gragas of ‘The Grey Goose Laws’.

R&T’s

Reminiscent of the Reid and Taylor’s logo is a ram’s head made from waste wool with slightly spooky looking eyes. A wall hanging tapestry made by Pamela

Watson depicts the harbour of Tarbert on Loch Fyne. It uses a combination of spinning, weaving and knitted techniques to create a textured scene that highlights Tarbert’s rich fishing ‘du-alchas’, Gaelic for heritage.

Imaginative

As we mentioned in the preview of this exhibition, a writer was commissioned to write imaginative stories about each exhibit, so take time and enjoy these as well as admire the wonderful craftsmanship which has gone into making all of the creations that are on display.

It is lovely to see such a high-quality exhibition in Langholm and shows just what can be created from waste.

The exhibition is jointly presented by Ardbeag Crafts and Creation Mill. It’s open daily from 10am – 3pm from Monday to Friday and from 10am – 1pm on Saturday and Sunday in Langholm’s Old Post Office.



The ‘Forgotten Fleece Tales’ exhibition is beautifully laid out in Langholm’s Old Post Office in the Market Place. It is a joint venture between Arbeag Crafts and Creation Mill

Photo by Eileen Longworth



JOSEPH AND DOLLY PARTON: A coat of many colours made by Reet Wyatt of Langholm



INTRICATE: Much talent is evident in the creation of these exhibits



DUALCHAS: Pamela Watson depicts the harbour of Tarbert on Loch Fyne in this tapestry



VIKINGS: A .a ‘varafeldur’ which is literally translated as a ‘trade cloak’ is a heavy, rugged cloak woven from loose locks of wool



FANCY FOOTWEAR: Some beautiful handmade rugs are also on display



...Liddesdale Lineup...

By Gilly Fraser

Concerns aired at No8 Club AGM

Borders Live has Newcastleton hub under threat

The campaign to save Newcastleton's threatened No8 Club stepped up a notch this week as the committee which runs the building staged its Annual General Meeting.

The building is one of dozens under threat due to a radical shake-up by Live Borders, the charitable trust which runs sport, leisure and cultural facilities throughout the region on behalf of Scottish Borders Council.

More than 50 full-time posts as well as swimming pools and libraries in the Borders could be axed if a report drawn up by consultants is acted on by SBC.

The No8 Club is seen as an essential facility in Newcastleton by community groups which use it regularly.

Following the AGM, the No8 committee released this statement:

The No8 Committee held its Annual General Meeting on 16 June 2025, where members strongly voiced the importance of the No8 Building to the local community. Representatives from youth and community groups, including Innov8 Youth, Groundbreakers, Blether,



Curling and Refresh Church shared their concerns about the building's future.

Committee members emphasised the building's history as a purpose-built youth space and its current role as a safe, welcoming environment for people of all ages. Several attendees described it as a "home from home" and a vital hub for young people who feel a strong sense of ownership and belonging.

The meeting also touched on the building's use in emergencies and school holidays, and the unique atmosphere that sup-

ports both structured activities and informal connection. Members discussed practical ideas to raise awareness of the building's availability and public value, with some proposing changes to reduce running costs and improve sustainability.

The committee reaffirmed its commitment to preserving No8's role in the heart of the community.

People can make their views known on an online consultation which is open until August 31 and can be accessed through SBC's Citizen Space website.

Hound Trails WILL be run at Copshaw

Despite OC's objections



The sight of hounds racing at full speed across the countryside as they follow a previously laid trail never fails to enthrall spectators. The sport has been much loved in Liddesdale since it was first introduced to the area in the early 1900's.

It also became an integral part of Copshaw Common Riding, with Puppy Trails in the early morning firmly establishing themselves as the start to that most important of days.

For many years the Puppy trails – where young hounds run over a distance of five miles – were held on Langholm Moor.

However that came to an end in 2023 when the new owners of the land, Oxygen Conservation, deemed that the sport was a threat to wildlife.

Puppy Trail top prize

Local protests fell on deaf ears with OC MD Rich Stockdale unwavering in his belief that running a group of dogs across the landscape did untold damage to flora, fauna and fungi.

There were fears that the much-loved local tradition would have to end through lack of suitable venue, but other local landowners came to the rescue.

This year the puppy trails will be held at Sorbietrees, with the hounds setting off at 7.32am. Admission costs £2 but entries are free and there are prizes right down to sixth place with the winning pup receiving £100 plus trophy, dog sheet and rosette.

Festival's future in the balance

Hopes of finding new people to take over the running of Newcastleton's Traditional Music Festival suffered a blow this week when only three people turned up to a meeting to discuss the future of the iconic event.

The current organising team have said they can no longer carry on running the festival after this year because they all live far from the village and it's proving really difficult to bring everything together.

The festival has been an important part of village life for the past fifty-five years, bringing musicians and supporters in from all over the country and its loss would be a real blow to the area.

Copshaw Common Riding Tub Oli Downey is one of the festival's main supporters and has been spearheading a campaign to save it.

Organisers say even though the meeting was small, there was great enthusiasm and some excellent ideas were discussed so there's still optimism that more people can be brought on board to ensure the festival continues into the future.



Writers Wanted!

To make the E & L a truly community and local paper we're looking for people willing to write on a wide range of subjects such as nostalgia ▪ sport ▪ farming forestry ▪ cookery or whatever else is your area of expertise!

Please get in touch if you are interested in contributing by emailing us on: newsdesk@eladvertiser.co.uk or by phoning the office on 013873 80012



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WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

CREATION MILL

W/C 23rd June 2025

Day	What	Time	Where
Tues	After School Club	4-5:30	Xcel Youth Club
Fri	Langholm weekly In Stitches	1-3	Creation Mill DG13 oES
Sat	Langholm Producers Market	9-1	Buccleuch Centre, DG13 oAW

Forgotten Fleece Tales Exhibition

The Old Post Office, DG13 oJH

Monday - Friday 10-3

Saturday & Sunday 10-1

HAPPY PRIDE MONTH

Please note - we have put a pause on our weekly sessions in our current space and we are not currently accepting donations until July to allow us to prepare for our big move! Thank you.

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Fri 20th	Craig Hoy MSP Surgery	Outside Langholm Town Hall 11.30am
Sat 21st	Westerkirk SWI Summer Trip to Durham	Contact Diana Stewart 07884 352056
	Cornet's Day David Michaels International Entertainer	Langholm Cricket Club from 2pm
	Langholm Rugby Club Pub Quiz and Karaoke Night	Langholm Rugby Club Bar Opens 7pm Quiz 7.30pm
Sun 22nd	LEEW Parish Churches Church Fête	Langholm Parish Church from 2pm
Sat 28th	Langholm Producers' Market	The Buccleuch Centre 9am - 1pm
	Open Mic Session	Eskdalemuir Hub 2pm -5pm

The E&L General Knowledge Quiz

No. 2523 answers next week

1. Who became head of the House of Stewart after the death of Bonnie Prince Charlie?

2. Which saint came to Scotland before St Columba and established churches on Iona, Mull and Tiree?

3. When was the first printing press established in Edinburgh?

4. The chief of which clan was given the title Buichaille nan Eileanan (Shepherd of the Isles)?

5. Who was the master of Greyfriars Bobby?

6. Who was the first detective in Chicago?

7. Where and when was the Revised Book of Common Prayer for Scotland read in public for the first time?

8. What was the name of James VI's scholarly but brutal tutor?

9. Where was the first British Open Golf Championship held?

10. What was the fate of the architect who designed the Scott Monument in Edinburgh?
11. In which trade did the artist Sir Henry Raeburn originally train?

12. What was the name given to the area which included Argyll, Kintyre and nearby islands when Kenneth McAlpin came to the throne?

13. Where was Captain Kidd born?

14. Who led the troops who burnt the Campbell stronghold in Inverary to the ground in 1644?

15. Who founded the Advocate's Library in Edinburgh?

16. In which borders village is Tibbie Shiell buried?

17. Where are the "Twa Brigs"?

18. Where was Scottish racing driver Jim Clark born?

19. In which Scottish city is "Little France"?

20. What do the letters SQA stand for?



Crossword & Quiz Solutions from last week

- Quiz 2522
1. Devorguilla, wife of John Balliol and mother of King John Balliol

2. 95 miles

3. Fossil hunting

4. David Wilkie

5. A statue of an otter

6. Mauchline

7. Andrew Carnegie

8. Rab C Nesbitt

9. Perth

10. Montrose

11. Irvine

12. Prestonpans

13. The Eildon Hills

14. St Mary's Loch

15. The Coats family

16. Humble

17. The Cathedral of the Isles, Millport

18. The 1960s

19. James IV

20. There is a hydro in each of these towns.

- Crossword 2522
- Across:** 7 Sombrero, 8 Rack, 9 Falsetto, 10 Aids, 11 Siesta, 14 Ice cap, 15 Gas, 16 Gemini, 18 Tubing, 20 Plan, 21 Alphabet, 24 Czar, 25 Electric.

Down: 1 Rota, 2 Abuses, 3 Teat, 4 Motorist, 5 Grease, 6 Acid rain, 12 Idealize, 13 Agitated, 17 Ignore, 19 Blasts, 22 Peek, 23 Exit.

NEVER A CROSSWORD!

No. 2523 answers next week

- Across
- 1 South North American republic (6)

5 Warning (3-3)

8 Version still being developed (4)

9 Boss (8)

10 Packages (7)

11 Literary work (4)

13 Donkey (5,2,6)

16 Close (4)

17 Commander in chief of a fleet (7)

20 Parasol (8)

21 Wicked (4)

22 Gorge (6)

23 Loftier (6)
- Down
- 2 Lift up (7)

3 Hebrew patriarch (5)

4 Fail to notice (8)

5 Class (4)

6 Flourish (7)

7 Eats (5)

12 Submissive to authority (8)

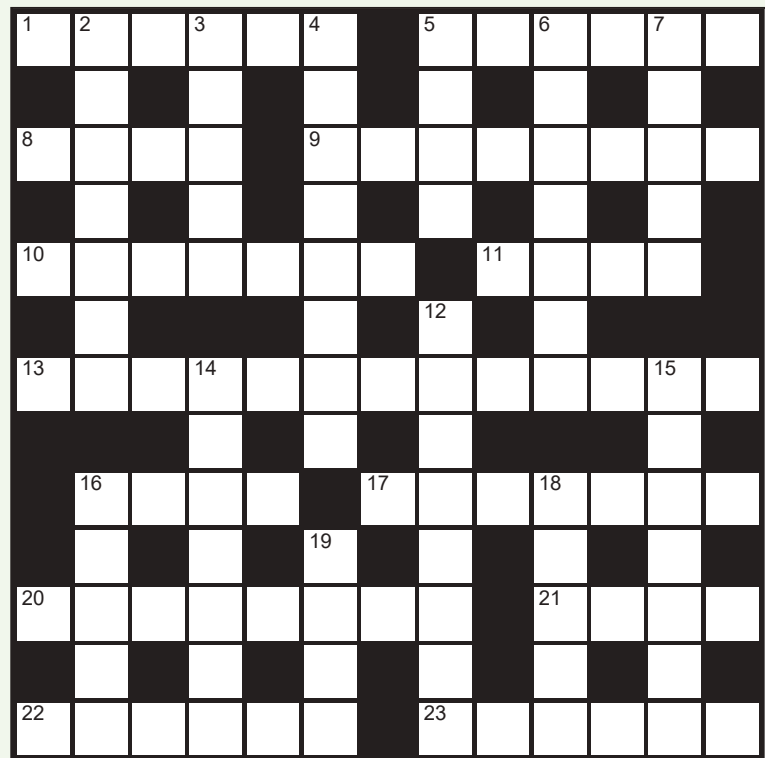
14 Soft and moist (7)

15 Scrutinise (7)

16 Sweatbox (5)

18 Standard of perfection (5)

19 Futile (4)





Looking back...

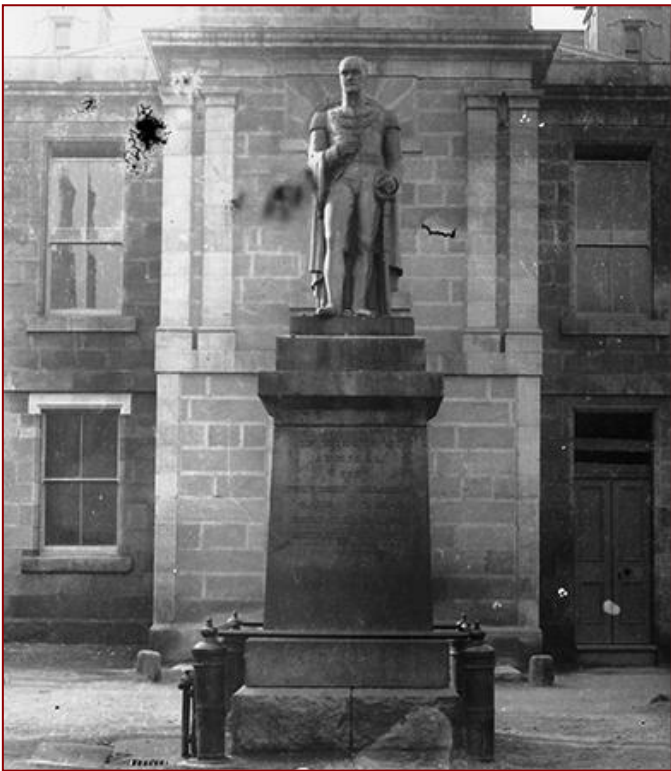
Lang Syne in Eskdale

...we start the serialisation of David J. Beattie's book

In 1842 - eight years after the passing of Telford - the Town Hall formed a pleasing background to a statue erected on the site of the old Mercat Cross, in honour of Sir Pulteney Malcolm. Forty-four years later, amid stormy scenes of opposition, the "Admiral", presumably to facilitate changed conditions of growing community, was removed from the Market Place to a less dignified position in the Library Grounds, where this fitting monument to one of Eskdale's distinguished sons now stands, with four inverted cannon from Sir Pulteney's old warship, "Donegal" forming the corner pillars of the iron enclosure.

I remember, as a very small boy, having wandered into the crowd which had gathered in the Market Place on this memorable occasion just when the atmosphere had become hectic, and have still a vivid recollection of the threatening attitude of one local worthy who mounted the pedestal of the monument, wildly gesticulating the while, just as the statue was about to be lowered to the ground for removal. In "Langholm As It Was" the date of this somewhat thrilling episode in local history is given as 1878. This, of course, should have been 1886.

At the moment I recall a story reminiscent of the days when the



"Marble Man" in all his dignity stood in the Market Place of the "Muckle Toon". A visitor to the town stood on the doorstep of the recently erected Eskdale Temperance Hotel, and observing an innocent-looking figure supporting himself on the iron rail in front of the monument,

sauntered over the road towards him. The native - for it was Tommy, the local worthy - was wearing an unconscious smile, his thumbs thrust through the armholes of his waistcoat and his cap tilted back almost to the nape of his neck. A well-developed forehead gave promise, and the

smile invited confidence. The visitor ventured up to him with a pleasant "Good evening, Sir", to which, however, he received no audible reply. But as Tommy's smile deepened, the stranger was emboldened to ask who it might be who was represented by the marble figure on the pedestal.

Th' Admiral

"Aw dinna ken" came the reply "some fowk caw 't the Marble Man, and some caw 't th' Admiral."

"Do you belong to this town?" was the next query.

"Aye" came the laconic answer: "Aye".

"Then don't you know anything at all about this 'Marble Man'?"

"O aye," says Tommy, with a broadening grin; "fine Aw ken somethin' about 'm". And for the first time turning slightly towards his interlocutor, he went on: "Every time the Marble Man hears the toon clock chappin' twal' at midnight, he pu's his muckle sword oot o' its scawbard an' flourishes it roon an' roon his heid." Upon this, Tommy, now sober as any judge, turns a keen eye upon his questioner to mark just what he might think of that! History does not record the stranger's reaction to his astounding piece of information, given with the convincing gravity so often at the command of the

seemingly simple; nor just when the exact point of the story dawned on him. Good-naturedly slipping a coin into Tommy's open "loof", he went his way.

Certain it is that in our younger days this used to be a regular joke played in all seriousness upon the unsuspecting, if hapless we might find here one who might be beguiled and of course there was a still earlier day "when we were very young" and when we really and truly swallowed the story as gospel truth! This unrecorded exploit of the gallant Admiral's marble self could only occur when the statue heard the strokes of the midnight peal! Happy days of childhood and youth! How soon you haste away!

Eggs

It is definitely a digression, but I cannot pass the mention of Tommy without adding this, too: he it was who was once seen to place four pheasant eggs in the collection plate as he entered the Auld Kirk up the brae, remarking as he did so. "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I Thee!" And we think of him as simple! Here's to thy memory, Tommy! And may we all be simple enough to find our way some day "through the gates into the City" - entrance to which cannot be bought with silver or gold!

C & D Marts (Longtown) Primestock Report

Thursday, 12th June 2025



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C&D Auction Marts had forward an entry of 4,430 sheep comprising of 778 Spring Lambs, 1,617 hogs and 2,035 cast ewes & rams at their weekly sale at Longtown Mart on Thursday 12th June 2025.

PRIME LAMBS

A smaller show of lambs forward sold to an electric trade with all firms back operating after the festival last week. More can be sold to advantage

Top price per head was £200 for Texels from H. Martindale, Land Farm

Top price per kilo was 420p for Beltex lambs from M.J. Irving, Braehead

Overall average of 371.6p (SQQ 377.4p)

Principal prices (Per kilo)

Beltex – 420p Braehead, 413p Kilnford Croft, 408p Kimmeter Green, 405p Newfield, 404.8p Kilnford Croft

Texel – 408p Shethin, 403p Woodhouse, 395.1p Auchlin, 393p Burnside, 388.4p Newtown

Suffolk – 405p, 395.5p Kilnford Croft, 388p Cambeckhill and The Land, 386p, 384p Kilnford Croft

Blue Texel – 395p 28 Briery Square

Hampshire – 376p Stell Hall

Dutch Spotted – 370.3p Briery Square,

364p Dian House, 362p Briery Square

Millenium Blue – 368p Briery Square

Charollais – 355p Beckfoot

Dutch Texel – 347.8p, 345.1p Dian House

Zwartbles – 343.8p Flagstaff Farm

Oxford – 327p Guards

Principal prices (Per head)

Texel – £200 The Land, £182 Burnside,

£180 Kimmeter Green, £179 Lower Moor,

£178 Beckfoot and The Land

Suffolk - £188 Kilnford Croft, £186 Roxburgh Mains, £180 Westend, £177 Guardsmill and Kimmeter Green, £174 Guardsmill, Kilnford Croft and Ellerslea

Charollais - £181 Beckfoot

Beltex - £179 Hillside, £173 Ashton, £172

Braehead, £170 Kilnford Croft, £168

Culquhasen

Dutch Texel – £176, £160 Dian House

Oxford – £174 Guards

Dutch Spotted - £170 Flagstaff Farm, £164

Dian House

Zwartbles - £165 Flagstaff Farm

Blue Texel - £154 & £150 Briery Square

Hampshire – £154 Stell Hall

PRIME HOGGS

A reduced entry with heavy hogs being as dear as we've seen them this season. More required for an increased ring of purchasers in attendance next week.

Top price per head of £225 for a pair of Texel hogs from W.N. Douglas, Catslackburn

Top price per kilo of 353p for Beltex hogs from J.A. Gilson, High Croft House

Overall average of 297.8p (SQQ 288.5p)

Principal prices (Per kilo)

Beltex – 353p High Croft House, 339.1p

Syke Head, 325p East Raffles, 323p The

Fiat, 322p Hillside

North Country Cheviot – 346.7p, 331.7p,

324p Heathery Hall

Texel – 340p Torgornack, 334.8p Rhoin,

334.7p Syke Head, 331.6p East Raffles,

331.5p Syke Head

Suffolk – 342.2p Hillside, 329p Syke Head,

324p Barglies, 323.9p Dalmore, 323p

Barnyards

Easycare – 335.7p Syke Head

Charollais – 333.3p Bankhead, 324.1p,

320p Beckfoot

Hill Cheviot – 333p New Hummerbecks,

321.4p Skelfhill, 315p Cross Rigg, 314.6p

Syke Head, 310.6p Thornship

Blackface – 328p Cross Rigg, 313p Barn-

yards, 312.8p, 310p Thorny Knowe, 310p

High Croft House, 308p Thorny Knowe and

Syke Head

Cross – 322p Newfield, 315.6p Hillside,

312.8p Cross Rigg, 312p Wydon Eals, 305p

Heugh

Dutch Spotted – 317.9p Newfield

Cheviot Mule – 314.9p Thornship, 306p

Barnglies

Bleu d'Maine – 311.6p Barnyards

Ryeland – 296p, 280p Lowfield House

Easycare – 294.7p, 293p High Trewitt,

286p Castle Farm

Swaledale – 288.9p Batey Shield, 278p

Easterbeck House, 270.3p Pasture House,

269.6p Batey Shield, 267.4p Easterbeck

House

Shetland – 284.2p Heathery Hall, 269.2p

New Hummerbecks

Kerry Hill – 283p Thornship

Herdwick – 281.1p New Hummerbecks,

269.6p Hillside, 269p New Hummerbecks

Romney – 273.3p, 272.7p, 262.1p

Auchafour, 262p Ardyn

Bluefaced Leicester – 263p Hillside

Lleyn 260.5p Gatehousecote

Principal prices (Per head)

Texel – £225 Catslackburn, £198 Newfield,

£196 Maidencots, £195, £188 Hillside

Charollais - £195, £188 Beckfoot, £180

Bankhead

Hill Cheviot – £190 Hallhill, £173 Cross

Rigg, £155 Bloch

Beltex – £190 Parkside and Hallhill, £180

Beckfoot, £164 Newfield

Suffolk – £188 Hillside, £186 South Bog-

bain, £178 Torgornack, £175 Barnglies,

£174 Firth View

Cross – £184 Torgornack, £168 Hillside,

£160 Parkside, £151 Wydon Eals

Dutch Spotted – £178 Newfield

North Country Cheviot - £168 Auchafour,

£158, £156 Heathery Hall, £155 Auchafour

Ryeland – £166 Lowfield House

Blackface – £166 South Bogbain, £160

Marbrack and Cross Rigg, £158 Thorny

Knowe, £154 Syke Head, £151 Cross Rigg

Zwartbles – £165 South Bogbain

Romney – £164, £152 Auchafour

Bleu d'Maine – £158 Beckfoot

Easycare – £155 Syke Head

Cheviot Mule – £150 Barnglies, £148

Thornship

Kerry Hill – £150 Thornship

Dutch Spotted - £148 Maidencots, £144

Pasture House

Bluefaced Leicester – £142 Parkside

Herdwick – £124 Hillside, £104 New Hum-

merbecks

Shetland – £108 Heathery Hall

Kerry Hill – £95 Newfield

CAST EWES AND RAMS

A smaller show of cast ewes & rams forward with trade every bit as dear. More required as numbers tighten.

Heavy ewes topped at £330 for Texels ewes H.M. Livestock, Shethin

Lightweight ewes topped at £178 for a pen of Cheviots from R. & A. McIntosh, Glengolly

Rams to £262 for Charollais from Beckfoot Farms

Heavy ewes

Texel - £330, £310 Shethin, £300 Roxburgh

Mains, £290 Hallburn, £285 Machrihanish,

£270 Townhead of Culloch.

Charollais - £230 Newfield, £228 Beckfoot,

£222 Outer Huntly, £216 Beckfoot

Suffolk - £228 Beckfoot, £225 Drumreach

and Tercrosset, £220 Sowerby Wood, £212

Roxburgh Mains, £210 Beckfoot.

Cross - £210 Milnholm, £198 Roxburgh

Mains, £185 Hallburn, £184 Beckfoot, £178

Shethin

North Country Cheviot - £210 Kilnford

Croft, £190 Tullochallum, £178 Burnfoot

Hill, £175 Old Post Office, £170 Burnfoot

Hill and Glengolly

Cheviot Mule - £208 Roxburgh Mains,

£192 Drumreach, £190 Ashton, £188, £186

Shethin

Dorset - £185 Hall Farm

Blue Texel - £185 Shethin, £182 Carse

Farm

Blue Leicester - £178 Newfield, £150 Hep-

plehill, £145 Tullochallum

Dutch Spotted - £170 Newfield

Romney - £138 Hilton of Aldie

Light ewes

Hill Cheviot - £178 Glengolly, £162 Outer

Huntly, £150 Glengolly, £144 Hallhill and

Milnholm, £126 Milnholm and Bloch

Lonk - £165 Gill Head

Jacob - £160 Shethin, £143 Hall Farm

Blackface - £158 Drumreach, £148 Bren-

nanlea, £144 Burnfoot Hill, £140 Hall Farm

and Gibblaston, £138 Toft House and

Beachmenach

Swaledale - £128 The Heugh, £118 Mile-

scott, £108 Burnfoot Hill, £106 Gill Head,

£104 Kilwhipnash

Lleyn - £128 Parkside, £126 Hall Farm

Herdwick - £100 Hillside, £90 Newfield

Kerry - £95 Gatehousecote

Shetland - £85 Hallhill, £80 Cottage, £72

Cross Rigg

Welsh Mountain - £80 Westhotbank

Goats - £85 Newbigging

Rams

Charollais - £262 Beckfoot, £225 Outer

Huntly

Texel - £240 Burnfoot Hill, £192 March-

bank, £188 Drumreach, £180 Cara View

Bluefaced Leicester - £232 Culquhasen

Suffolk - £222 Culquhasen, £200 Firth

View, £175 Hepplehill

Hill Cheviot - £200 Kilwhipnash

Ryeland - £192 Drumreach

Beltex - £190 Kilwhipnash, £170 Drum-

reach

North Country Cheviot - £178 Old Post

Office, £160 Swinside Townfoot

Easycare - £148, £145 Castle Farm

Blackface - £145 Westhotbank and Gib-

blaston, £138 Cara View

Shetland - £96 Hall Farm

Hebridean - £90 Cross Rigg

Averages:

Hoggs

Light to 300.0p (232.5p)

Standard to 353.0p (285.5p)

Medium to 346.7p (298.0p)

Heavy to 340.0p (307.7p)

Lambs

Light to 368.0p (346.6p)

Standard to 408.0p (369.6p)

Medium to 420.0p (380.5p)

Heavy to 389.1p (360.0p)

Over Weight 331.0p (313.9p)

Ewes

Light to £178 (£93.16)

Heavy



The E&L Gallery

Oystercatcher in the rain...still got one chick after the flood. Photo by the ubiquitous Stan Wilson

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Singers with a real 'ZING' in their step

Mark Hallam reviews a 'wholly enjoyable concert'

Zing, Carlisle's Pop Choir, gave an engaging and wholly enjoyable concert at The Buccleuch Centre on the afternoon of Sunday 15th June, raising funds for Langholm Playcare. Led by charismatic Steve Viney, the now fifty-strong group has been performing concerts for fifteen years and has raised thousands of pounds for many charities.

Seamlessly supported by Buccleuch Foyer staff and techie wizard, the day's choir presented a veritable sea of some thirty-seven smiling, infectiously happy faces to a large mixed gathering of locals in addition to visitors from and around Carlisle.

All age groups were represented in the audience from

a babe in arms, toddlers through to teenagers, parents and grandparents... a truly family occasion! Additionally it spoke highly of the choir's work when a show of hands confirmed that only a handful had not seen them perform previously.

Steve led his choir through a dazzling array of Pop medleys and adapted songs on a journey spanning from the likes of Neil Diamond and The Drifters in the 1960's, Abba, Queen and others through 1970's - all the way through to Ed Sheeran's 'Perfect' in 2017. Two hours of song were presented entirely from memory, further enhanced by sublime harmonies and crisp diction. The backing accompaniment, in the form of catchy rhythms and tunes,

was also superbly presented – and occasionally augmented by Steve abruptly and skillfully producing tin whistle, saxophone then mouth organ.

Clapping and audience participation generally, gained momentum throughout both halves of the performance as more and more came under the talented group's spell - until the entire audience was on their feet clapping/gesturing/holding hands and waving and swaying to Neil Diamond's 'Sweet Caroline' in the choir's encore at the end....

A big thank you to Steve and his choir, and also The Buccleuch team, for such an enjoyable and memorable afternoon.

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More athletics stars shine in Grangemouth Championships



Evelyn Bell, Aoiffion McVittie-Brangan, Ava Bella and Antonia Brockley

Athletics

By Calum Grahon
Last weekend, five pupils from Langholm Academy were representing the school at the Scottish Schools Athletics Championships in Grangemouth.

On Friday, Antonia Brockley, Ava Bell, Evelyn Bell and Aoiffion McVittie-Brangan all had an early start as they travelled to Grangemouth to compete in the 100m sprint as part of a packed track and field programme.

S4 Pupils Antonia and Ava were competing in the U17 event with a start list of 40 athletes. Both girls progressed from the heats into the semi-finals from which Antonia then progressed to the final. In the final she ran a time of 12.69 seconds to finish in 4th place in a race that was won by Emma Clark from Lesmahagow High School in a time of 11.85 seconds.

S3 pupil Evelyn and S1 pupil Aoiffion were competing in the U15 Girls 100m with a start list of 55 athletes. Aoiffion won the first of seven heats with a new personal best time of 13.16 seconds and Evelyn was runner up in the second heat with a time of 13.60 seconds, both progressing to the semi-finals. Aoiffion then progressed to the final with another personal best time of 13.08 seconds running into a brisk head wind to qualify for the final with the second fastest time. In the final,

Aoiffion, ran a third personal best time of the day with a time of 13.02 seconds, this time registered as a tailwind to win the bronze medal. Olivia Fisher from Glasgow School of Sport was first with Charlotte Thomas from Dollar Academy in second place.

On Saturday, S2 pupil Mollie Phillips was running in the U15 Girls 300m event that included 29 athletes. This was only Mollie's third attempt running at this distance and despite finishing in a time 47.17 seconds, it wasn't enough to qualify for the final, however, a great effort and experience representing the school at a national level.

All five girls will now look forward to competing for the school again on Wednesday when approximately 40 pupils from the school will travel to Dumfries to compete in the Dumfries and Galloway Secondary Schools Regional Athletics Championships.



Mollie Phillips

Rain, mud, and sheer determination

Team Freddo Frog takes on the Lake District Mighty Hike

Hiking

Despite rain, flooding, and last-minute team changes, a determined group including three folks from Canonbie, completed the grueling 2025 Lake District Mighty Hike walking from Dalemain House to Glenridding and back again, in support of Macmillan Cancer Support.

The Lake District lived up to its dramatic reputation on the day of the hike, delivering relentless rain, muddy trails, and even route changes due to impassable paths. But nothing could stop the team from pressing on with smiles, spirit, and spectacular leggings.

Team members Hannah, Julia, Lois, Lydia, and Sarah set out with determination from Dalemain, braving the elements and supporting each other every step of the way. The team saw some changes from previous years: Hannah heroically stepped in for Catherine—whose flamboyant outfit and joyful singing were sorely missed. “One of the marshals even dubbed us ‘Team Hannah’ as she strode ahead up Gowbarrow Fell,” shared one teammate.

Newcomers Lydia and Sarah brought fresh energy to the team. Sarah completed the half marathon, finishing at Glenrid-



Team Freddo Frog crosses the finishing line of the Lake District Mighty Hike in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

ding, while Lydia returned to Dalemain alongside the team despite battling a painful, bruised toe and sore hips. “She was a star, pushing through with unwavering positivity,” said Julia.

Julia and Lois kept morale high, their steady pace and “wise old heads” offering calm guid-

ance through every soaked and squelching mile, and it really was atrocious underfoot. At times there were streams across the path that had to be crossed in single file with great caution.

The team walked in support of Macmillan Cancer Support, raising funds through their Just-

Giving page www.justgiving.com/team/team-freddofrog.

And yes, their coordinated leggings were admired by many along the route—a cheerful pop of colour in an otherwise very grey, very muddy day.



Sport Nostalgia

Hound trail: l to r: Jim Reid, Jock Reid, Mr Woodhouse, Jim Woodhouse, Mrs Reid, Andrew Hounam, Tom Reid at top of Caroline Street near Pool Corner

Photo courtesy of Langholm Archive



Rain didn't dampen Scott's tournament

48 bowlers take part in annual memorial match



David Pool LNTBC, sponsors Tommy and Diane Morrison, winners Davie Oliver and Jimmy Renwick, runners-up Carole and Paul Warwick, Robert Phillips LOTBC, and piper Jamie McGregor

By Luke Tolson
The Scott Morrison Memorial pairs tournament was played last Saturday with 48 entries. The now annual tournament is sponsored by Tommy and Diane Morrison in memory of their son.

It was great to see so many people again supporting this tournament and long may it con-

tinue to be the great success it is! The quarter finals were held at the old town club this year.

Winners were - Davie Oliver and Jimmy Renwick from Ancrum. This is Jimmy's second time winning the tournament.

Runners-up were - Paul & Carole Warwick (Langholm New)

Semi-finalists...
Ian Scott & Duncan Ritchie

(Langholm New/Old)
Steven Barker & Kevin Irving (Langholm Old)

Beaten quarter finalists....
Luke Tolson & Paul Mitchell (Langholm New)

Danny Hetherington & Billy Ewart (Newcastleton)

Alan Rickerby & Clive Richardson (Caldbeck)

Jamie Johnstone & Gavin

Lynch (Gretna)

Thanks to everyone at both clubs who made this tournament the best it could be - the rain didn't dampen the spirits of either club!

Scott's university pal Jamie McGregor piped the finalists on to the green along with Tommy & Diane, and presidents Robert Phillips & David Pool.

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This programme that makes individual awards of £1,000, £500 and £250 will provide

the most promising young athletes with support that can enhance access to appropriate coaching, competition, equipment and facilities.

Applications are currently being accepted from young people from the Langholm and Eskdale area who meet the criteria and have a home address with a DG13 or DG14 postcode.

Closing date for applications is Thursday 31st July 2025

For further information, an informal discussion, or for a copy of the application form please e-mail Calum Graham at calum.graham@dumgal.gov.uk

Nicky P and Coates help LCC to resounding victory over Staffield

Cricket

By Graham Park

After failing to record a win since the first game of the season Langholm 1st XI got back on track with a resounding 95 run victory over Staffield.

The win was mainly due to a superb 84 from Nicky Piszczkiewicz and 7 wickets from 19-year-old Euan Coates.

Put into bat on the small run friendly Staffield pitch Langholm got off to a poor start, first makeshift opener Graham Park fell for 1, then Tony Steele had to limp off the field with an elbow injury all with

the score on 6. Nicky P joined skipper John Bell and these two began to increase the scoring rate and added 40 before Bell fell for 17 in the 15th over. Nicky P carried on smashing sixes (9 in total) supported by Dave Steele, Euan Coates and James Stevens. When Nicky eventually fell on 84 with the score on 120 in the 30th over. Langholm added a further 18 in the last 10 overs, Danny Tait making 7. Tony Steele returned to the crease and after 40 overs he finished on 6 not out and Jake Park 2 not out. Normally you are looking to set teams 200 on the Staffield pitch but at least 138 was something to bowl at.

Langholm got off to a tremen-



dous start as first the hard hitting Xander Vasey fell third ball caught behind by John Bell off Graham Park's bowling with the score on 4. Things only got better for the Langholm side as

Euan Coates had Hinkley and Richardson caught behind again by Bell to leave Staffield in a spot of bother of 9 for 3. A Park full toss saw the end of Crouch with Coates taking the catch with the score still on 9. Langholm had a sense of belief now and when the experienced Thomlinson chased a tempter from Coates feathering a catch to Bell, Staffield found themselves 13 for 5 in the 8th over. Housby fell clean bowled by Coates to leave the home side 17 for 6, Coates secured his first five wicket haul for the club when Carp chipped one to Nicky P at square leg the score an amazing 23 for 7. The Staffield skipper fell to Dave Steele for 10 again with Nick P

taking the catch, then Coates clean bowled Chubb to leave Staffield 27 for 9. The last pair Martindale and Pattinson briefly attacked but when Stephens held onto a Martindale lob off Coates, Staffield were all out for 43. An unbelievable spell from young Coates taking 7 for 15 off 7.5 overs. The other figures were Park 2 for 13 and Steele 1 for 14.

A great performance from the Langholm bowlers considering they lost Tony Steele to injury whilst batting. This moves them up to the middle of the table from bottom.

Next week we entertain Wigton 2nds On The Castleholm.

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