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Further hurdles for Canonbie PO takeover

Canonbie Community Enterprise's disappointment with owner's u-turn



Canonbie Community Enterprise has faced an uphill struggle to take over the running of the village's 'life-line'

CANONBIE COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE (CCE) Ltd held their annual general meeting last Thursday and it was well attended by about 40 people who were disappointed with the news that Mr Scott had refused the group's offer for the Post Office despite having signed a memorandum of sale agreement. Di Badham told the meeting that

"We are well on with the on-boarding process with the Post Office, several people are doing online training and we have a proposed opening date of 28th July. Mr Scott is now asking £55,000 for the business as a going concern despite having failed to provide a single piece of evidence financially to support this value. He says he has had it professionally valued and has 2 valuations of £45,000 and £70,000

but no one has seen these.

"At the beginning of February this year Mr Scott approached us and said his circumstances had changed and he would like to move forward. A meeting was arranged and three members of CCE Ltd met with him in the Eskdale Hotel in Langholm. He was offered a fee for the transfer of the franchise and the lease. It was made clear to him that there was no more money

and there was not any chance of obtaining more money. Mr Scott rejected our offer.

Memorandum of Sale

"At the end of February Mr Scott approached us and said he had changed his mind and was prepared to accept our offer. He signed a Memorandum of Sale agreeing to our offer. He was fully aware that our offer was final and not subject to negotiation.

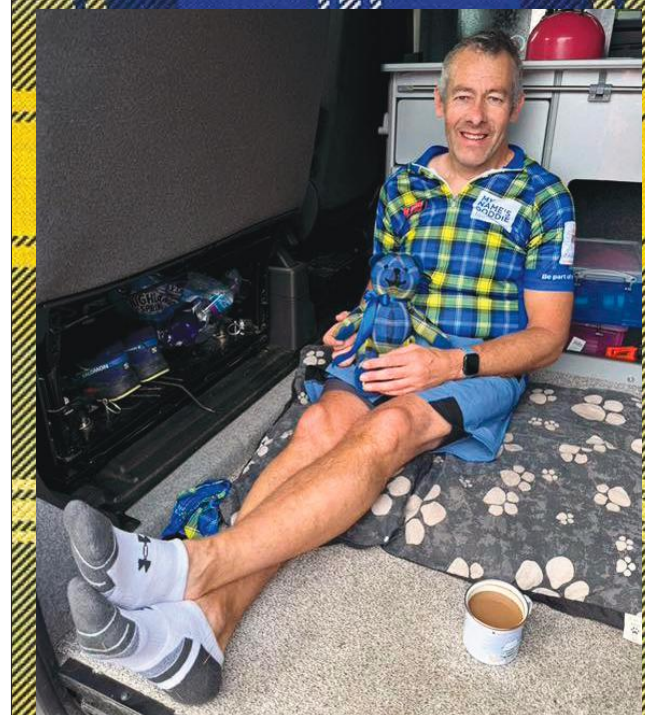
"At this point we entered into a procedure called 'on-boarding' with Post Office Limited to facilitate us taking over the operation of the Canonbie Post Office. Amongst other things they wanted a great deal of personal information about us to ensure

we met the required standard. We also got agreement with Mr Abbott to transfer the remainder of the existing lease and to enter into a new lease from next April.

"We wrote via our solicitor in April confirming his acceptance of our offer and asking Mr Scott to simply sign forms re the transfer of the premises lease and the PO Franchise. He refused to do so despite having already signed the Memorandum of Sale and has now demanded £55,000 for the business as a going concern despite not having produced any trading figures nor had he provided any evidence of independent valuations. Accordingly, we have withdrawn our offer. On a positive note the PO and shop are still open.

"Also on a positive note, since we have been set up over 160 Members have joined us and we continue to try to sign up new members whenever possible. We held two successful fundraisers, and we are very grateful for the support given. We did briefly look at the possibility of getting the Cross Keys reopened but timing and securing of funding looked likely to be difficult, so we decided to concentrate on the Post Office. We have reached agreement with the Post Office that they will use us to take over the Post Office in the event of Mr Scott retiring."

INSIDE



Alan's massive effort for Doddie Foundation

Never thriving without a challenge, Langholm's Alan Miller set himself a massive goal, to cycle 40 laps of the 'Potholm Loop' to raise money for My Name5 Doddie Foundation. However, the summer storms had other ideas...

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Dream Wedding Day for popular couple Nicole and Craig tie the knot with style

A beautiful wedding took place at the end of May when Nicole Beattie, elder daughter of Alan and Jacqueline Beattie married fiancé Craig Cuthbert, son of Callum and Caroline Cuthbert.

The wedding ceremony was held in Langholm Parish Church conducted by Rev. Morag Crossan. Nicole was given away by her father, Alan and attended by Bridesmaids Emily Beattie and Ellie Hotson.



Callum's Best Men were old friends Ali Little and Dan Johnstone

A reception was held in a marquee at Langholm Cricket Club followed by a celebration party with all their friends and family.

We wish them all the best for their future together.



LTB at Peebles

Langholm Town Band took part in Peebles' Beltane Festival last Saturday in 25° C heat. They were a bit 'brussen when' they got home, Photo by Peebles Beltane Festival

SCHOOL DAYS

Academy welcomes inspiring visitor

Challenging disability stereotypes is how Hari overcame adversity

Last week Langholm Academy welcomed guest speaker Hari Budha Magar to the school to talk with P7-S6 pupils about overcoming adversity, having a positive mindset and challenging yourself to accomplish your greatest goals in life.

Hari became a double amputee after stepping on an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) in Afghanistan in 2010, and since then has dedicated his life to challenging disability stereotypes. In 2023, despite the odds being stacked significantly against him, he became the world's first double amputee to conquer Mount Everest. In 2024, he was a Pride of Britain winner, recognising his dedication and commitment to disability awareness.

The school said "Hari was the most humble, positive person we've met. it was a pleasure to meet you Hari and our pupils will not forget your words of advice, thank you!"



Hari Budha Magar with Finn McVittie, Ruby Lamb and Miss McLean



A packed school hall welcomed Hari to Langholm and everyone found his talk very positive and inspirational

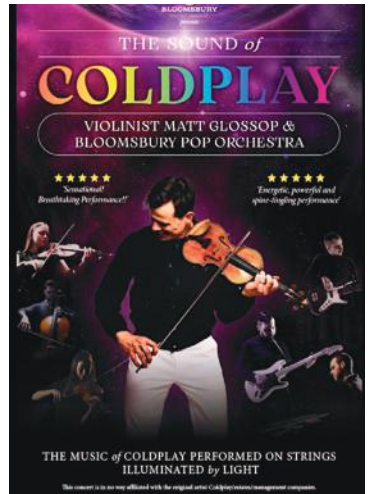
Highland Show trip's a scorcher



A group of pupils visited the Highland Show at Ingliston near Edinburgh last week and had a lovely time there in the heat.

The Sound of GOLDPLAY

The Sound of Coldplay with internationally acclaimed violinist Matt Glossop, alongside the Bloomsbury Pop Orchestra, presented a breathtaking string performance of Coldplay's Greatest Hits to Langholm pupils this week. Primary 5 and 6 were lucky to enjoy this contemporary music played on classical instruments. Hits such as Viva La Vida, Paradise, Fix You and Yellow were all performed.



SWestrans sort out D&G buses: Eskdale remains unaffected

Bus services across Dumfries and Galloway are set for a more stable and sustainable future, thanks to a major milestone achieved by SWestrans and Dumfries and Galloway Council. Following a rigorous procurement process, SWestrans is awarding 45 long-term contracts – lasting up to seven years – to local bus operators. This ensures continuity and reliability for passengers who depend on subsidised bus routes across the region.

Over the past two years, SWestrans granted two 12-month contract extensions while reviewing the bus network to identify potential efficiencies. With current contracts ending on 6 August, the new agreements offer stability for service providers and reassurance for the travelling public.

Most of the bus services operated under contract with SWestrans in the region will continue with the same frequency and timetable. They will be operated by Telford's Coaches Limited, Brownriggs (Thornhill) LLP, J McCulloch & Son, McCalls Coaches Ltd and Houston's Mini Coaches. In addition, DGC Buses – the council's in-house bus service provider – will operate services that did not receive any compliant bids through the tender process.

Revisions to some routes have been introduced to improve efficiency, as part of efforts to ensure the bus network remains



Langholm's 120 bus service remains unaffected by the changes

efficient and sustainable.

Chair of SWestrans, Councillor John Campbell said:

"This is about more than just buses. It's about keeping our towns and villages connected, supporting local businesses, and making sure everyone – no matter where they live – can get to work, school, appointments, and social activities. We're grateful to our operators – Telford's Coaches Limited, Brownriggs (Thornhill) LLP, J McCulloch & Son, McCalls Coaches Ltd and Houston's

Mini Coaches, and DGC Buses – for their continued partnership and commitment to serving our communities."

Separately to the subsidised network, a number of bus services in the region are operated on a commercial basis – that includes the A7 service provided by Borders Buses. Although SWestrans is responsible for the delivery of the local subsidised bus network, neither it nor Dumfries and Galloway Council is responsible for the operation or allocation of commercial routes.

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Tarras Valley finalists in Global Good awards

Tarras Valley has been nominated for a prestigious Global Good Award and is a finalist in the Category called Wild World: Recover, Regenerate, Rewild.

The community buy-out and the creation of the Tarras Valley Nature reserve has been listed alongside other impressive global projects in the category, which is new to the awards this year. Other inspiring global projects in the same category include Rewilding Romania, National Trust Holincote Estate, The Inga Foundation based in Honduras and Plant One CIC.

The Awards were set up in 2015 to reward businesses, NGOs, charities and social enterprises of all shapes and sizes around the world, that are blazing the trail for sustainability

and ethical leadership. The awards recognise leaders who are achieving practical, real-world impact that is scalable and replicable – and who have inspiring stories to tell. Winners in the Global Good Awards in previous years include Unilever, Octopus Energy, WWF, Warburtons, Save the Children, Twinings and Sky.

Jenny Barlow, Reserve Manager said, 'We are delighted to be a finalist alongside such amazing projects and organisations and its testament to all the hard work and support from so many people to be recognised on a global stage like this. The Awards Ceremony will be held in London in September and fingers crossed we'll be bringing an award home with us!



The wonders of the Tarras Valley Nature Reserve have been recognised by the Global Good Awards



Langholm Post Office Services

If you have any questions about which banking services Langholm post office can now offer, pick up one of Elizabeth Wilson, the Postmaster's new leaflets 'Welcome to Convenient Banking' from the paper shop.

These provide information about all of the banks that it can offer services for and the services which include cash withdrawal, cash deposit (debit card), balance enquiry, cash deposit (deposit slip/barcoded), cheque deposit and change for businesses. The post office is keen to help everyone and has long opening hours and availability.

Shed says thanks to Dr Grow

The members of Langholm's Men's shed would like to thank local gardening supplier Dr Grow for their generous donation of compost for one of their raised beds.

It was just what the doctor ordered!

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Letters to the Editor

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Ex-councillor sets record straight

I read the minutes of the LEWCC meeting held on 12th May 2025 and published on the Noticeboard.

I want to make it perfectly clear I did not accuse community councillors of disgusting behaviour as stated.

This suggests I accused all community councillors which is untrue. I said the behaviour of SOME community councillors was disgusting when they came out of the Town Hall following a meeting which my wife attended.

We both witnessed their actions.

Ronnie Tait

Guid Nychburris and the Langholm connection

Four members of Langholm Musical Society attended Dumfries Guid Nychburris festival on Saturday to judge the pageant parade.

The four society members who were able to go - Alison Aston, Maz Burgess, Cathie Gunn and Margaret Latimer - were made extremely welcome by everyone especially Chairman of the Association, John Caskie.

After witnessing the ceremony when the Queen of the South was presented with her sash the ladies joined the principals for lunch before making their way to the judging area. Unfortunately, that was the moment the heavens opened for the one and only shower of the day!!

Among the entries were dressed floats, several vans and trailers, as well as individuals and groups.

At the end of the day, John Caskie said "Thank you so much for joining us. You ladies were awesome and judged our parade with much professionalism. We can't thank you enough."



Mag, Cathie, Alison and Maz, of Langholm Musical Society were invited to judge the floats at the Dumfries event



Guid Nychburris Cornet for 2025 is William Black, son of Langholm lass, Carol (Tedham). His brother Brian is behind

Alan does Doddie proud with 37 Potholm loops

Extreme weather ends marathon effort after a total of 188.5 miles

Alan Miller of Langholm set out to raise as much money as possible for the 'My Name's Doddie Foundation' by cycling around the Potholm loop as many times as he could on the longest day of the year.

His plan was to get in the region of forty laps and the 24-hour challenge started well with 18 laps done by 9am. After a cooked breakfast prepared by the support crew, including partner Kirsty Ash, he aimed to do five laps at a time before breaks. It was a very hot day on Saturday which was fine whilst on the bike but stifling when he stopped. Lunch didn't go down so well and the second set of five went well with three of them done in the cooling rain. By 33 laps Alan just had to eat and drink what he could as food wasn't going down well at all. Four laps into the next set of five saw the sky turn blacker and blacker before loud thunderclaps and lightning and then the heavens opened with the

rain bouncing two feet off the ground. Alan said

"I managed to get within a couple of hundred metres from the (support) van and had to shelter. It was a storm of biblical proportions that flashed and rumbled on and on. Hoping it would pass through quickly as I was still hoping to get at least 2 more laps in, which would have got me to 200 miles during the 24-hour challenge but not the 40 laps I'd hoped for. Sadly it didn't pass and I had to call it a day just shy of what I'd hoped for. 37 laps completed and 188.5 miles done.

Incredible support

"The support during the day was amazing, cyclists who would come along and join in for a few laps Ter Lockerby, Angus Mil, Stephen Eyre, Susan Jamieson (Graeme Jamieson), Gemma Skelton (amazing stole her son's bike which was too big for her and was stuck in the toughest gear), Kirsty who joined



BEFORE THE DELUGE: Alan on one of his 37 Potholm Loops'

in on various occasions (first time ever she's beaten me up the hills) also Nigel Fawkes. This has to be the story of the day, as we came into Langholm as the storm hit, he was in front of me and went to his van. I stopped at the Tourist Information place to shelter. I tried phoning

him, messaging him but couldn't get him. I thought he was sitting in his van. Then half an hour later I saw a cyclist coming along towards me and here it was Nige thinking I'd gone off on another lap so he went round again! Absolutely insane with the weather as it

was. "Thank you to all the folk who popped along to see how things were going (which wasn't great at times). The support from people just on the streets as I passed by was amazing. Lucy and Charlie for getting half the buck out to cheer me on. Richard who came down and spent time taking photos and drone shots. Great work! Kirsty who kept me fed and watered (well-tried anyway). It was very much appreciated. Her turn to look after me for a change.

"To all those who have donated to the 'My Name's Doddie Foundation', the support has been absolutely immense! It may take some time to get the bear draw finalised with the number of names to go on it. It just happened (not planned) that the 21st of June was global awareness day for MND." There is still time to donate if you haven't already done so <https://www.justgiving.com/page/alan-miller-potholm-loop-24>

Scots drink 50% more

New data from Public Health Scotland (PHS), published on 24 June, shows that adults in Scotland are consuming 50% more alcohol than the recommended limit of 14 units per week, averaging 21.6 units. Although alcohol sales are gradually declining, consumption per adult remains higher than in England and Wales.

The most deprived communities face the greatest harm, being six times more likely to be hospitalised or die from alcohol-related causes. Dr Tara Shivaji, Consultant in Public Health Medicine at PHS, warns that if current drinking patterns continue, Scotland could see a 21% rise in alcohol-related disease burden by 2043.

This would lead to more people suffering from conditions like liver disease, stroke, cancer, and heart issues. She highlights that many people regularly drink far beyond safe levels, increasing their risk of serious health consequences. Dr Shivaji urges immediate, coordinated, and evidence-based action to address this crisis. She calls for implementation of the Population Health Framework's preventative strategies—limiting alcohol's availability, affordability, and appeal, alongside providing earlier interventions and support.

Have your say on Live Borders services threat

Live Borders, the arm's length organisation to Scottish Borders Council, which runs sports and leisure facilities in that region is carrying out consultation about the future of services. With over 1,000 online survey responses already received, details have been published of further opportunities for people to have their say on the future of Live Borders services and facilities.

The upcoming community engagement and consultation activities being undertaken jointly by Live Borders and the Council hopes to capture feedback and ideas from the public, service users and other key stakeholders. They include public drop-in events, youth engagement activities and invite-only focus group sessions with key community stakeholders, such as community councils, town teams, user groups and community centre management committees.

The survey gives everyone the opportunity to comment on more than 30 different facilities/services across the Borders. To date, 1,012 responses have been received, with the survey open until 31 August.

In addition to the event details published, pop-up information stands in high footfall locations are also being planned and the engagement team will be at the Border Union Show at the end of July to capture views and signpost people to further opportunities to get involved. Comment cards are also available in all Live Borders venues to enable customers to provide feedback.



<https://scotborders.citizenspace.com/customer-communities/sport-leisure-and-cultural-services-and-facilitie/consultation/>

Bill Douglas, Chair of Live Borders' Board of Trustees said

"Just as our communities are at the heart of what we do, they have to be central to shaping the future, so please take up the opportunities to give us your feedback and suggestions through the engagement process over the summer.

"As an organisation, we are doing all we can to become more efficient and reduce our costs in other ways, as well as increasing our income from commercial activities and grants and other funding. However, the reality is that a significant proportion of our operating costs are associated with our facilities."

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New vision: Route2050

A new vision for the future of land use and management in Scotland has been unveiled by Scottish Land & Estates.

The plan, entitled Route2050 – Land and Estates for the Future – was launched at the Royal Highland Show at Inverclyde.

SL&E Chief Executive Sarah-Jane Laing said now is the time to deliver meaningful change.

“We have an opportunity to create new policy for land management which is right for Scotland and recognises the many positive things land management delivers for people, jobs and nature,” she said.

“We also need government at both Scottish and UK level to develop and implement policy that is firmly focused on best land use, productivity, business resilience and environmental benefit.

“We all must be honest and admit that numerous strategies and initiatives launched in recent years in particular have not

moved the dial. Now there is a chance to deliver meaningful change, and we must act now.”

Rural Affairs Secretary Mairi Gougeon said much of the plan is aligned with the Scottish Government’s own Vision for Agriculture.

“We are committed to maintaining direct payments, supporting food production and providing vital stability to our rural communities and will continue to work closely with the industry to develop new, reformed, support with them,” she said.

“We continue to call on the UK Government to engage in meaningful dialogue with the Scottish Government and other devolved nations to ensure funding settlements reflect the real potential for Scotland’s land to deliver for food production, nature and climate.”

Scottish Land & Estates

New team at the helm of Galloway Cattle Soc

Members well-placed to honour the breed’s heritage

The Galloway Cattle Society has a new leadership team at the helm. The society says the team brings a mix of experience and fresh ideas and is well placed to honour the breed’s proud heritage while also looking ahead to the future.

The new Chairman is Robert McTurk of the renowned Barlaes Herd, whose family is steeped in the Galloway story. The herd was first registered in the Herd Book in 1877 though the family had Galloways on the farm possibly as far back as 1800.

Today, Barlaes continues to produce cattle of traditional type and moderate size, with maternal traits and ease of fleshing at the heart of the breeding programme. Robert’s long-term perspective, deep roots in the breed, and commitment to practical farming systems make him a fitting custodian for the Society.

He says he’s honoured to take on the role as Chair to serve a



The Society aims to future-proof the Galloway breed

breed which has shaped his life and livelihood.

The Vice Chair is Carolyn Logan of the Rogan Herd. She has been involved with the breed from an early age, assisting both on the farm and in the show ring.

The Rogan Galloway herd was founded in 2019 and began with a heifer from the Barlaes Herd.

Carolyn also serves as Chairperson of the Society’s 150th Anniversary Committee, leading preparations for the milestone celebrations in 2027. She says she’s looking forward to commemorating this significant achievement alongside the wider membership and committee team.

Last but not least, Andrew Hunter Blair of Nether Cleugh

has been named Junior Vice Chairperson.

He actively supports the family’s herd of pure Galloways and a flock of crossbred ewes, while also managing his own successful flock of Ryeland sheep. In 2015, Andrew established his own Galloway herd under the Carsfad prefix, further demonstrating his commitment to the breed’s future.

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Land Reform Bill could pile red tape on farmers

Key elements of the Land Reform (Scotland) Bill could damage rural businesses, disrupt the land market and pile red tape on farmers and crofters.

The stark warning from NFU Scotland Vice-President Duncan Macalister comes as Stage 2 of the Bill progresses in Parliament.

“We have repeatedly underlined that the proposals will punish those who manage a significant proportion of Scotland’s land to exceptionally high standards,” he said.

“Around 70% of Scotland’s land mass is under some form of agricultural management and that land is already subject to strict environmental regulations, support scheme conditions, and increasing expectations around

sustainability. Instead of being recognised for this, our members are being hit with unnecessary bureaucracy.

“There’s now a real risk that this Bill will reduce land availability, stall vital investment, and do lasting damage to the very businesses and communities it claims to support.

“This is an ideologically-driven measure that has no place in a functioning rural economy,” he added.

Diktat

“The notion that productive, well-run farms could be forcibly broken up by government diktat is utterly unacceptable.”

The union is calling for full removal of the Lotting Proposal which it says could harm viable farms and trigger costly com-



STARK WARNING: NFU Scotland Vice-President Duncan Macalister

pensation claims.

It opposes giving the Scottish Land Commission regulatory authority and insists it should remain advisory.

The union also insists any tenancy law reforms must be fair

and balanced, with the rights of both landlord and tenant respected.

Members are being urged to contact their MSPs to share the NFUS’s position and to speak out against the proposals.

Buccleuch is a favourite stop for Chase the Sun cyclists

Once more, cross-country road race takes a break in Langholm

Once again the Buccleuch Centre fed and watered cyclists participating in the Chase the Sun cycling challenge on the longest day of the year.

The challenge starts on the east coast at Whitley Bay and ends in Ayr with the sun setting behind Arran. This coast to coast ride offers stunning vistas, wilderness, heaths, rivers, lochs, castles and beaches. People ride on their own or as part of a team. One of the pit stops is in Langholm where hundreds of cyclists stop off for food and drinks to top up their energy supplies. The ride is over 200 miles in total and it's great to see all the folk who take part and some of the fantastic bikes they ride arrive here. The Buccleuch Centre would like to give a big shout out to Castleview Catering for keeping everyone fuelled up and to the team of volunteers who braved the heat on Saturday to help out with the event.



NEWS IN BRIEF

Volunteer with cyclists at the Hub

Eskdalemuir old school hub will once again be a rest stop for cyclists doing the London-Edinburgh-London long distance ride this year. The Hub is looking for volunteers to help round the clock to offer food and support to the riders who aim to cover 950 miles in under 128 miles. If you can spare a few hours on the 4th, 5th or 6th August get in touch with the hub by email to hub@eskdalemuir.com or go to the website and fill in a form <https://londonedinburghlondon.com/volunteer>

Bridge results

N/S - 1, Bob Francombe & George Graham, 2= Derek Scott & Judy Pitchford and Nancy McLure & Anne Ferguson
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All the fun of the Kirk Fête despite the weather

Although held mostly indoors, church event went ahead; the bands played, plants were sold, castles bounced upon and cream teas were devoured!

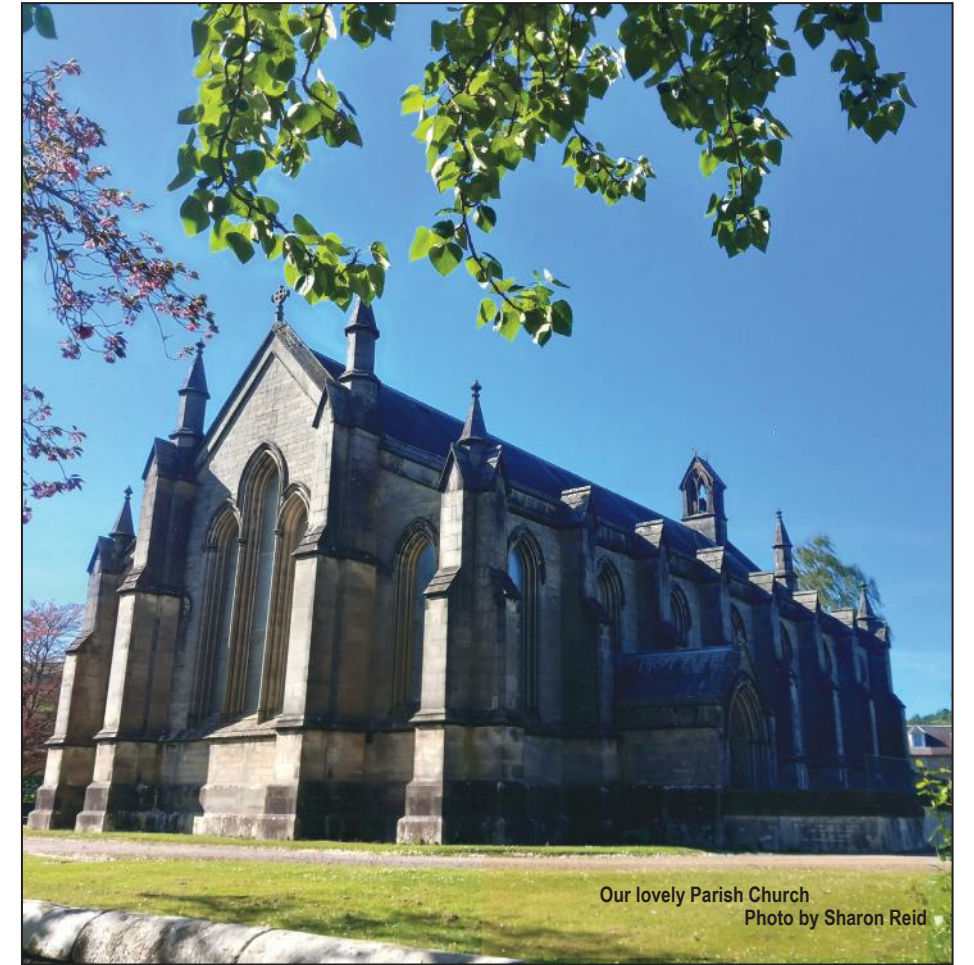
The rain didn't dampen the spirits in Langholm for the annual Church fete on Sunday. The organisers wish to thank both the town and pipe bands for brightening the day with toe tapping musical arrangements played both inside and outside the kirk. They also wish to thank Betty Harkness and the Community Council for arranging the loan of gazebos which helped provide shelter for the plant stall and the bouncy castle supervisors.

Also, thanks to Ellen Rae and to the army of volunteers for all their hard work and to everyone who braved the weather to support the fete and to those who gave a donation prior to the event with stall contributions and buying lucky duck squares. The total amount raised was a wonderful £2588.85.

The lucky prize winners were as follows – Raffle: Monique Steele, Kate Turk, Ivy Armstrong, Margaret Scott, Margaret Macgregor, Audrey Maxwell, Tom Stothart, David Calvert and Bill Dalglish. Lucky duck squares: 1st Chris, Canonbie, 2nd Dan Maguire, 3rd Ava Gardner; The winner of the dog was Liam McMillan.



The summer rain didn't dampen spirits at the Kirk Fete, here, Langholm Pipe Band welcomes visitors



Our lovely Parish Church
Photo by Sharon Reid



Sunday Club kids were in attendance



The bouncy castle was a great hit with young fete-goers



Charlie Graham, Pipe Band and , of course, Pelosi's Ice Cream Van



Langholm Town Band played a programme of summer music
all photos by Jackie Henderson

By Gilly Fraser

Huge message sent to Scotland's decision-makers

Campaigners are pressing for goats to receive fully-protected status

Campaigners fighting to save wild goats on Langholm Moor have reacted with anger to the Scottish Government's announcement that it does not have any plans to help the animals by granting them full legal protected status.

There are many mentions of wild goats in Scotland's history – including herds round Ben Lomond during the time of Robert the Bruce and the island of Eileen nan Gobhar was well known in Bonnie Prince Charlie's day.

Wild goats have been roaming the moors between Newcastleton and Langholm for centuries, but in February of this year new landowners Oxygen Conservation began culling the animals. They said it was to satisfy Scottish Government requirements before they could get grants for tree planting.

The move infuriated local people especially as the cull was timed to take place while the nannies were birthing their young.

Local environmental cam-



paigner Kenneth Moffatt launched a petition calling on the Scottish Government to grant protected status to the animals. The petition has amassed more than 12,000 signatures and is still growing.

"These numbers are very significant, and the petition has the largest signing of any Scottish Parliament public petition currently on the go," Mr Moffatt said.

The goats have been assessed by the British Primitive Goat Research Group as conforming to the hardy, primitive landrace type that

developed from animals brought to the British Isles in the Stone Age by early nomadic herds' people.

Dr Shirley Goodyer, of the Research Group says this makes this particular herd both biologically and culturally significant.

The petition will be considered by a cross parliamentary committee as early as this

September, and in its submission, the Scottish Government has acknowledged that the wild goats are of cultural and historical significance and bring



positive benefits to biodiversity.

However, it says it has no plans to provide full legal protected status for primitive goats, or feral goats as they are an invasive non-native species that can cause damage to the natural environment and forestry interests.

Wild Goat Conservation Group Chairman David Braithwaite says the animals must be saved while there's still time.

"We know that of the 152 Scottish herds of wild goats in the historical record, more

than half (78), had become extinct by 1972. We believe that there are very few remaining today that are truly of the ancient type such as the Langholm and Newcastleton Hills population.

"Scotland must act to protect these engaging and charismatic creatures before it is too late, and we repent at leisure. I am thrilled that so many people are standing up for wild goats and signing this important petition. It is sending a huge message of support for their future to Scotland's decision makers."

And it's up wi' the Saltire for the 'Ride Oot Bye!'

The annual Copshaw Common Riding Ride Oot Bye event was in danger of being more puddle-power than pedal-power this year with heavy clouds threatening a real downpour.

However, the CCR standard-bearers and followers are a tough lot and weren't about to let a few showers get in the way of celebrating one of their favourite ancient modern traditions.

The crew – some sheltering beneath umbrellas – set off on their bikes from the traditional starting place of The Trap, cheered on by supporters.

Checking the boundaries along the way to ensure they hadn't been besmirched by any rogues or vagabonds since last year, the cavalcade made their way to the sports field. There CCR stalwart Gary

Cuthbert led them in a stride-perfect left-right left-right march before Tub Oli Downey went into solo battle to retrieve the Pureous Bunkumus flag from some geezer (who looked a lot like Cophaw Clatter Editor Steve Juliff) draped in chain-mail armour and the cross of St George.

Later in the day crowds gathered to hear the debut performance of the Tub 2025 song – words written by former Tub Ian Nichol and set to the tune of Bonnie Dundee.

Here's the chorus to give you a flavour...

Come fill up yer cup, tequila in hand

Protecting oor boondaries and saving our land

Keeping us safe so we'll remain free

And it's up wi' a saltire tae Bonnie Downey



Tub Oli Downey with Mum Paula and Dad Adrian



Pureous Bunkumus back in safe hands

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-WHAT'S ON IN JULY-

Sun 6th	Afternoon Tea - Christmas lights fundraiser.	Waverley house Hallpath 2pm - 5pm
Sat 2th	Benty Rideout	Depart Kilngreen 1.30pm
Sun 13th	Pony Club Games Pony Rideout and family fun day	11am Castleholm (games) 1pm leave Castleholm
Tue 15th	Ewes Valley rideout	Depart Kilngreen 6.30pm
Wed 16th	Hard of Hearing Group Hearing Aid Care	Langholm Day Centre 1pm - 3pm
Mon 21st	Dementia Café	Langholm Day Centre 1.30pm - 3.30pm

The E&L General Knowledge Quiz

No. 2524 answers next week

- Which university medical school became the first to admit a woman in 1869?
- Who became Secretary of the newly formed Scottish Miners' Federation in 1886?
- When was the hydro-electric power station opened at Ben Cruachan? (a) 1965 (b) 1948 or (c) 1971
- Which title was forfeited by James IV in 1491 in retaliation for a rebellion led by Alexander of Lochalsh?
- Which political party was inaugurated in Stirling in 1928?
- When was the Highlands and Islands Development Board created? (a) 1956 (b) 1959 or (c) 1969
- Which Scot became Northern Ireland Secretary in 2001?
- What was the fiery cross used for?
- When did the wearing of tartan clothing become illegal in Scotland?
- What was the name of the ship in which Bonnie Prince Charlie sailed from France to Scotland?
- What did Margaret Chalmers, Maria Riddell, Elizabeth Paton, Jenny Clow, Anna Park, Agnes Maclehorse, Jean Armour and Mary Campbell have in common?
- When was the anatomy Act passed, giving teachers of anatomy access to a legal supply of bodies for dissection? (a) 1747 (b) 1838 or (c) 1832
- In what year was Glasgow's University of Strathclyde established?
- Which Scottish actor became the tenth Dr Who in 2006?
- What is Scotland's rarest mammal?
- Where is the Strait of Corryvreckan?
- During which king's reign was the religious centre of Scotland moved from Iona to Dunkeld?
- In which year did William Wallace become an outlaw?
- What sport is played by Kyles Athletic?
- Which three Williams' names are associated with the history of publishing in Scotland?



Crossword & Quiz Solutions from last week

Quiz 2523

- His brother Henry, Cardinal of York
- St Oran
- 1507
- MacDonald
- Old Jock Gray
- Allan Pinkerton
- 1637, St Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh
- George Buchanan
- Prestwick
- He drowned before it was completed
- He trained as a goldsmith and jeweller
- The Kingdom of Dalriada
- Greenock
- The Marquis of Montrose
- Sir George Mackenzie
- Ettrick
- Ayr
- Duns
- Edinburgh
- Scottish Qualifications Authority

Crossword 2523

Across: 1 Mexico, 5 Tip-off, 8 Beta, 9 Employer, 10 Parcels, 11 Opus, 13 Beast of burden, 16 Shut, 17 Admiral, 20 Sunshade, 21 Evil, 22 Canyon, 23 Taller.

Down: 2 Elevate, 3 Isaac, 4 Overlook, 5 Type, 6 Prosper, 7 Feeds, 12 Obedient, 14 Squishy, 15 Examine, 16 Sauna, 18 Ideal, 19 Vain.

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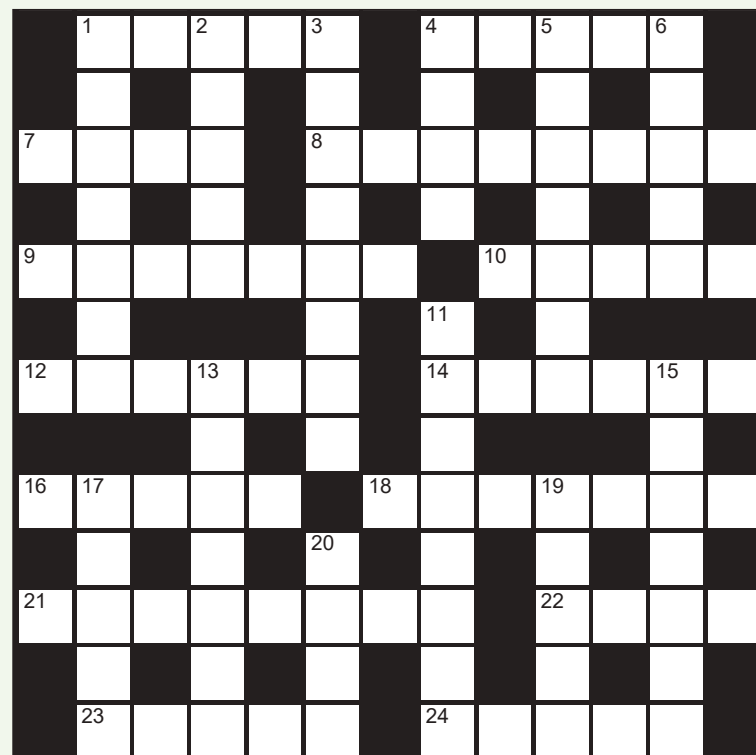
No. 2524 answers next week

ACROSS

- Apparel (5)
- Viscera (5)
- Capital of Azerbaijan (4)
- Engrossed (8)
- Church songbook (7)
- Hidden store (5)
- Fine cigar (6)
- Windcheater (6)
- Shrink (5)
- Version (7)
- Clubman (8)
- Hairy man of Genesis (4)
- Ardent male lover (5)
- Cowboy display (5)

Down

- Jordan's end (4,3)
- Peer (5)
- Astronaut (8)
- Expel (4)
- Motley assortment (7)
- Bloodsucking worm (5)
- Horticulturalist (8)
- Praise vociferously (7)
- Pear-shaped fruit (7)
- Scrub (5)
- Cornered (5)
- 2.2 pounds approximately (4)



Lang Syne in Eskdale

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

Looking back...

Illustrations of the Town Hall prior to the removal of the Marble Man from the Market Place, reveal a dull and somewhat unreadable clock dial in the turret. In the year 1886, the building having undergone some internal structural alterations, including the provision of a spacious hall or Courtroom, a public meeting was called by Mr McGeorge, Chief Magistrate of the Burgh, and a movement set on foot for providing by public subscription an illuminated clock for the town, in place of the old and worn-out clock which for seventy-two years had done such good service.

The townsfolk felt that a clock of this description would give a cheery aspect to the place. The old one, which was erected in 1813, and had a thick black dial with gilt letters, was not of very much use in the winter-time, when it was dark from four in the afternoon till six next morning, whereas, with an illuminated clock, they could tell the time at all hours.

The scheme was entirely successful and "a new town clock with automatic lighting apparatus" was placed in the turret of the Town Hall, which added considerably to the amenities of the town, and for over sixty years has marked the fleeting hours of time.

The Town Hall, which was the property of the Duke of Buccleuch, was presented to the town of Langholm by His Grace in the year 1894.



Rosevale House stands on the site of 'The Lake'

The erection, early in the century, of an imposing Town Hall in the High Street, followed sixty-seven years later by the present handsome Library Buildings, built on the site of the old "Swan Inn" and the demolition of some old-time houses in "The Straits" to make way for what is now Rosevale Street, entirely changed the appearance of that particular part of the Capital of Eskdale, as Langholm was sometimes designated.

At that period there was a stretch of water known as the Lake, situated in the area occupied by what is now Rosevale House Garden together with the land on the opposite side

of the present street. This natural obstruction towards the formation of a roadway was successfully overcome by draining off the water into the Black Syke. The basin of the Lake was then filled up to almost ground level with spent bark from James Park's Tanyard, which was situated in Albert Place, in the New Town. That part of the roadway would, of course, be overlaid with broken rubble.

Previous to the construction of this new thoroughfare from High Street going towards the River Esk, the nearest road in that direction was the Laird's Entry, which, by the way, took its name from Laird Little, a former resident of Rosevale House,

presently occupied by Dr RH Watt. The Laird belonged to perhaps the most prominent family in Langholm, and was a son of John Little, a lawyer in the town, who also carried on a banking business. In this connection, my friend, Major EJ Bell of Hillside, informs me that he has in his possession an antique desk which belonged to John Little, the lawyer, and would doubtless at one time be the guarded repository of important documents and many family secrets of Langholm.

The original plan of the New Town, along with other town improvements, was virtually completed at the beginning of the new century, when Langholm

received a passing visit from William Wordsworth, the English poet, and his sister Dorothy. In their diary of a tour of Scotland in the year 1803, there is this entry which, but for the closing sentence, is pleasing:

"Arrived at Langholm at above five o'clock. The town, as we approached from a hill, looked very pretty, the houses being roofed with slates, and standing close to the river Esk, here a large river, that scattered its waters wide over a stony channel. The inn neat and comfortable - exceedingly clean: I could hardly believe we were still in Scotland."



Poet William Wordsworth visited Langholm with his sister Dorothy in the year 1803

C & D Marts (Longtown) Primestock Report

Thursday, 19th June 2025

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C&D Auction Marts had forward an entry of 5,170 sheep comprising of 1,136 Spring Lambs, 1,458 hogs and 2,576 cast ewes & rams at their weekly sale at Longtown Mart on Thursday 19th June 2025.

PRIME LAMBS

A larger show of lambs forward sold to an electric trade with all firms operating full steam ahead. More can be sold to advantage and numbers are keenly sought after to satisfy an ever-growing customer demand here at Longtown.

Top price per head was £220 (423.1p per kilo) for Suffolk cross lambs from J.A. & L.A. Thompson, Woodhead.

Overall average of 375.2p (SQQ 379.3p)

Principal prices (Per kilo)

Suffolk - 423.1p Woodhead, 419p Oakfield Drive, 414p River View, 403p Carsegowan, 400p Drumburn

Texel - 407.1p Corneyside, 400p Woodhead, 400p Chesterhall, 396p Meadhope, 395.2p Woodhead, 393p The Knock

Beltex - 398p Meadhope, 390.2p, 375.6p, 371.7p High Stenries, 381p Braehead

Hampshire - 378p, 373.2p, 372p Steel Farm

Hill Cheviot - 376p River View

Charollais - 364.3p, 360p East Grange, 355p Beckfoot

Principal prices (Per head)

Suffolk - £220 Woodhead, £205 Carsegowan, £202 Merkland, £201 Drummuie Farm, £200 The Knock

Texel - £218 Craig, £216, £215, £208 The

Knock, £198 Meadhope

Charollais - £188 Beckfoot, £155, £153 East Grange Farm

Beltex - £179 Meadhope, £171, £169, £160 High Stenries, £160 Braehead

Hampshire - £160, £153, £151 Steel Farm

Hill Cheviot - £158 River View

PRIME HOGGS

A reduced entry with heavy hogs being the dearest trade of the season. More required for an a very competitive ring of purchasers ensuring a very buoyant trade throughout.

Top price per head of £220 for Beltex hogs from P. Davidson, Old Irvine.

Top price per kilo of 344p for Texel hogs from T. Magnay, Galleywreay

Overall average of 281.2p (SQQ 276.0p)

Principal prices (Per kilo)

Texel - 344p, 333p Galleywreay, 336p Hillside, 329p Tullochallum, 328.8p Heugh Farm

Beltex - 341p 1 Todholes, 336p, 336p Snade Farm, 331p Hillside, 329.3p Malls-gate, 328.1p Fellhill

Hill Cheviot - 334.2p Blackriggs, 325.6p, 325.6p, 319.1p Creca Hall, 318p Pasture House

Suffolk - 329.6p, 324p South Bogbain, 322p Hillside, 320.4 The Knock, 314p Newseat Of Tolquhon

North Country Cheviot - 329p Drum-reach, 323.8p Newseat of Tolquhon, 319.5p Pasture House, 314.6p Malls-gate, 311.6p Fellhill

Blackface - 328p Galleywreay, 316.7p Newton Farm, 305p South Bogbain, 300p,

297.8p Newhouse

Easycare - 314p, 302p, 296p Denhead, 304.4p Stable House

Dorset - 313p, 293p, 283.8p Marygate

Charollais - 311.1p Beckfoot, 308p Tullochallum

Cross - 311p Stable House, 308p Malls-gate, 305p South Bogbain, 294.4p Galleywreay, 281.1p Muirfield

Kerry Hill - 302.3p Stable House

Cheviot Mule - 302p Hillside

Shetland - 297.4p Heugh Farm, 258.8p Kilfinnan Farm, 255.9p Syke Head, 251.4p Newseat of Tolquhon

Herdwick - 261p Bridge End, 242.1p High Croft House, 242p Pasture House

Swaledale - 243.5p, 230p Pasture House, 243p Syke Head

Cheviot Mule - £184 Hillside

Blackface - £183, £172, £164, £158 South Bogbain

Dorset - £166, £144 Marygate

Easycare - £157 Easter Denhead, £154 Fellhill, £150 Syke Head, £137 Stable House

Kerry Hill - £133 Stable House

Shetland - £113 Heugh Farm, £97 Etleton Farm, £88 Newseat of Tolquhon, £87 Syke Head

Swaledale - £112, £92 Pasture House, £96 Syke Head

Herdwick - £94 Bridge End, £92 High Croft House, £92 Pasture House

CAST EWES AND RAMS

A smaller show of cast ewes & rams forward with all classes in demand. Trade every bit as dear and in some cases dearer on the week. More required as numbers tighten.

Heavy ewes topped at £305 for Texels ewes K.J. & C.S. Wilson, Wood Farm

Lightweight ewes topped at £175 for Easycare from C. Neill, Easter Denhead.

Rams to £265 for Texels from Beckfoot Farms

Heavy ewes

Texel - £305 Wood Farm and Meadhope, £295 Highfield Farming, £280 Beckfoot, £275 Drumreach, £265 Arkleby House

Beltex - £265 Wood Farm, £232 Woodhead, £230 Snade Farm, £222 Staingills, £220 Wood Farm

Suffolk - £255 Kinford Croft, £235 Woodhead, £230 Kinford Croft, £228 Highfield

Farming, £218 Nether Cargen

Charollais - £218 Belvedere, £175 Staingills

North Country Cheviot - £210 Nether Dargavel, £190 Beckfoot and Northway, £178, £174 Whiteknowe

Cross - £202 Staingills, £195 Newton Farm, £188 The Ha, £185 Grindon Hill, £182 Staingills

Blue Leicester - £200 Ghyll Brae, £178 Terrona

Cheviot Mule - £198 Highfield Farming, £180 Belvedere, £178, £175 Drumreach, £175 Ballie Farm, £174 Carsegowan

Dorset - £178 Belvedere

Romney - £170 Bankhead of Tinwald, £168 Trefrank Farm, £148 Belvedere,

Zwartbles - £135 Tetcott

Light ewes

Goats - £200, £170 Newton of Fotheringham

Badgerface - £158 1 Todholes

Hill Cheviot - £148 Galleywreay, £138 Dunbeath, £136 Dalgare, £116 Hall, £110 Dunbeath

Blackface - £144, £112 St John Kirk Estate, £112 Finness Farm, £110 Spoutbank, £104 St John Kirk Estate

Jacob - £138, Newton Farm, £122 Drum-reach Farm

Lleyn - £136, £115 Tetcott

Herdwick - £78 Causey View

Shetland - £76 The Knock, £75 Mossburn-ford Farm, £72 Bankhad of Tinwald, £70 Etleton Farm

Rams

Texel - £265 Beckfoot, £250 Gelston Castle Farms, £205 Hallburn, £200 Catlins, £190

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North Country Cheviot - £210 West Newlands Farm

Bluefaced Leicester - £205 Newlands Farm

Easycare - £185 Blackhaugh

Blackface - £175 Millden Agri

Hill Cheviot - £172 Granton, £168 Ballie Farm

Charollais - £142 Ballie Farm

Averages:

Hoggs

Light to 290.3p (248.8p)

Standard to 329.0p (269.8p)

Medium to 336.0p (288.5p)

Heavy to 344.0p (290.3p)

Lambs

Light to 419.0p (383.4p)

Standard to 403.0p (378.0p)

Medium to 407.0p (379.4p)

Heavy to 423.1p (372.9p)

Over Weight 355.0p (319.0p)

Ewes

Light to £175 (£107.55)

Heavy to £305 (£164.47)

Rams to £265 (£182.07)





The E&L Gallery

Couldn't resist another one from Stan Wilson: Six cygnets with their parents. It's like a Japanese painting.

Camera: SONY RX10

Magic Gareth is a BALOONATIC

Magic Gareth Balloonatic is on his pre-Edinburgh fringe 2025 Summer tour and is bringing his show to the Buccleuch Centre on the afternoon of 21st July. Gareth offers an hour of MEGA magic, belly laughs and interactive family fun that's perfect for young folk and adults alike.

Magic Gareth is already a TikTok sensation and is well known for his unforgettable family shows. If you're looking for something fun to do in the summer holidays with your younger family members, put this in your diary and book tickets for this matinee show. He's had great reviews, and the show is highly entertaining. His website says that

"Gareth White grew up believing magic was real... and now he spends his days proving it! As a magician and

balloonist, he has spent years creating 'magic moments' in living rooms, all the way up to theatres, across the UK. Based in Edinburgh, Gareth drinks a lot of coffee,



keeping him on his toes and fuelling his cheeky attitude!"

More Than Magic: A Big Year for Magic Gareth 2025 is shaping up to be a milestone year for Magic Gareth:

- His first children's novel, *Mystery at Shinglepits High* (ages 8-11), has just been selected for UK publishing by Cranthorpe Millner. A thrilling adventure beneath the floorboards of the High School where things are NOT as they seem...

- He kicks off his Balloonatic Scottish Tour this July, hitting 18+ venues from Langholm to Ullapool.

- He returns to the Edinburgh Fringe this August with a free show at CC Blooms.

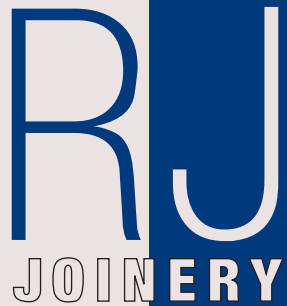
- Backed by over 120 five-star Google reviews, Gareth's shows are fast becoming a must for families across the country.



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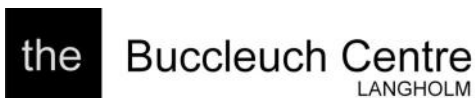
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Vacancy – Part Time Theatre/Admin Assistant

Located in Langholm, the Buccleuch Centre is a thriving small theatre and event venue, promoting arts & entertainment in southern Scotland. We are now looking for a part time Theatre/Administration Assistant to join our team with a 'can do' attitude.

In this role you will assist the management team in the day to day running of the Buccleuch Centre. Tasks will include invoicing, monitoring and update of our Supporters database. Stock control and ordering of coffee shop, bar and sundry supplies as required by the Centre.

Additionally, you will manage the Studio diary and assist the management team in the organisation and smooth running of day-to-day tasks and local events and shows. A good customer service background would also be desirable, either face to face or over the telephone.

You will have excellent time management skills, be 100% reliable, flexible, and adaptable with the ability to multi task.

You will be self-motivated and be able to work independently or as part of a team.

The post requires a minimum of 2 years' experience of working in a busy office environment, together with a good working knowledge of Microsoft Word, Outlook and Office. Experience of cash handling is desirable.

This is a part-time role of circa 21 hours per week (which includes 3 hours funded) to be worked flexibly and includes evenings and weekends. The role will be based in Langholm.

Further details are available by emailing
Michele Lowe (michele.lowe@buccleuchcentre.com)
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35 years of Langholm Shotokan Karate Club



Karate

Langholm's Shotokan karate club is planning an open day with demonstrations and displays on September 27th to celebrate 35 years of the club with Sensei Philip Gunn.

Did you ever train at the club? Did you compete?

Did you travel with the club? Have you any medals, trophies, photographs or stories? If so, the club would love to hear from you. Please contact Sharon on 07733 036717 with photos, stories etc. The open day will be from 12 o'clock to 4pm

Old and New clubs battle it out again

Luke Tolson reports on the annual Scott Morrison Top 10

Bowling

Scott Morrison top 10 was played for the fifth year between Langholm New and Langholm Old Bowling clubs on Friday night. This year it was hosted at the New Town Club. It was played in great competitive spirit, and all games were well contested by both teams!

Results

Single - P. Warwick 21 - 11 S. Barker

Pair - I. Scott and M. Grieve 12 - 12 R. Johnstone and D. Ritchie

Triple - A. Warwick, I. Earsman, D. Johnstone 13 - 14 L. Scott, D. Irving, W. Irving.

Rink - L. Tolson, J. Kinstrey, R. Davidson, L. Reid 13 - 12 K. Irving, R. Phillips, S. Devlin, C. Grant.

The score was...
Langholm New 5 - 3 Langholm Old

Shot count...
Langholm New 59
Langholm Old 49

It was a very close and very enjoyable match - thanks to Tommy and Diane for coming to present the trophy.

Thanks also to all who stayed and had a drink after the match



RIVALRY & FRIENDS: Langholm Old and Langholm New Bowling Clubs



HOME WIN: Langholm New picked up the Scott Morrison Top 10 Trophy winning 5-3

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Olympic Daily Mile



Langholm primary pupils took part in the Olympic daily mile this week to get them to learn about the values of friendship, excellence and respect while getting active.

The children completed their daily mile alongside a range of Olympic activities such as swimming, jumping, sprinting and doing the victory pose.



Langholm Girls win Super Sevens Tourney

Stout defence against Castle Douglas secures success

Girls' Football

By Brian Henderson

The NWCC 3G arena was the venue for this year's Dumfries and Galloway Under 15's Girl's Super Sevens Football Tournament.

On a bright, sunny day, conditions were perfect for the nine teams, competing for the new trophy. The football was of a high standard, and very competitive, highlighting the progress that girl's football has steadily made over the last few years.

At the end of the group's stages, four schools qualified for the semi-finals: Castle Douglas played Annan academy in the first, and Saint Joseph's faced Langholm Academy in the second semi. Both games were tight and evenly matched, and it was little surprise that they both finished 0-0, despite plenty of goal mouth action.

Going to penalties, Castle Douglas squeezed past Annan 2-1. In the other shoot out,



FINALISTS: Langholm are in the back row, and Castle Douglas at the front.

Langholm persevered 1-0.

The final, featuring Castle Douglas and Langholm, was as tight as the previous semi-finals, however, halfway through the game, Langholm netted the only goal of the encounter. Despite late pressure

from Castle Douglas, the Langholm team defended stoutly, and as the final whistle blew, they happily celebrated their victory.

Well done to Langholm, who played the entire day, without conceding a goal. A well-

served win, as they were sharp, hardworking and skilful. Mr Graham and Mr Ferris, the coaches, were delighted with the girl's triumph. They went on to thank all competing teams and the NWCC for their kind hospitality.

Sam has a Royal appointment

Horseracing



Local lad Sam Cottrill was at it again on Tuesday when leading up the Henry de Bromhead-trained Ascending in the Ascot Stakes. Ascending was sent off a generous 20/1 shot and ridden by Billy Lee, the six-year-old gelding rallied gamely up the home straight to hold off the fast-finishing Nurburging by a diminishing neck at the winning post.

Sam was interviewed live on ITV by Rishi Persad enroute back to the winners' enclosure and paid credit to the whole team back at Knockeen Stables, Waterford. As well as the thousands in attendance he was cheered in by his papa John Elliot along with Bobby

Froud and Brian Turnbull (both from Hawick). The men had all made the long journey down to the Berkshire track along with their wives, who swapped the racing for a spot of shopping on the Tuesday!

This is now the third time Sam has led a winner in at a big festival having accompanied Inthepocket at Aintree during the Grand National meeting in 2023, followed by his beloved Captain Guinness at the Cheltenham Festival in 2024. Royal Ascot is seen as the biggest five days racing in the Flat calendar and must be testament to his hard work in getting these opportunities.

Keep your eyes peeled for more success hopefully!

Poor batting of home side ensures Wigton win

Cricket

By Graham Park

Poor Langholm suffered a devastating defeat at home to Wigton 2nds last Saturday, in the end a last wicket stand of 24 by Dixon and Marshall proved decisive for the visitors as their total of 102 proved 18 runs too much due to Langholm's poor batting display.

Wigton elected to bat and soon found themselves one down when Jake Park caught Jackson off his Uncle Graham. Liddle (who would break records later on) aided by Rumney took the score to 28 before Graham Park bowled Rumney for 6. Dave Steele was now in the attack

and a couple of long hops got rid off Liddle for 19 and Spark for 4 to catches from Coates and Will Donaldson this left Wigton on 43 for 4. They had progressed to 53 when rain began to fall. An early tea was taken and after a break of about an hour, play resumed. Almost straight away Langholm struck when Jake Park had Marshall caught by Will Donaldson for 13, then Steele found his length clean bowling Wanning and Marshiter for ducks to leave Wigton 63 for 7. Jake Park soon had Wigton 9 down as he bowled Gillespie then caught and bowled Austin to leave Wigton on 78. Jon Marshall joined Dixon, and they began to score freely and managed to add 24 for the last wicket before

Steele claimed his fifth wicket bowling Dixon for 37 and Wigton all out for 102. Steele had 5 for 26, Jake Park 3 for 29 and Graham Park 2 for 12 off 6 overs.

Square leg

We will keep this brief, Langholm never really looked in control despite an early run rate that resembled a T20 game 44 of 4 overs for 3 wickets, the fourth over bowled by Liddle going for 24 most of those wides and no balls in a 19 ball over. Two of his lower full tosses saw both Hughie Donaldson and skipper Bell give catches to square leg. Briefly Duncan Elliott and Dave Steele looked at ease adding 21 for the 5th wicket but when



Steele fell for 9 then Dunc for 12 it left Langholm in deep trouble at 72 for 6. The tail could only manage a further 12 mainly through a last wicket stand by Jake Park and Will Donaldson but when Jake was out for 3 Langholm were all

out for 84, 39 of those extras.

Thanks to the match sponsors the Stewart, Weatherstone and Borthwick clan. No game next week as it's our local sixes but the 2nds are at home for a T20 Festival next Sunday starting at 11am on the Castleholm.

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