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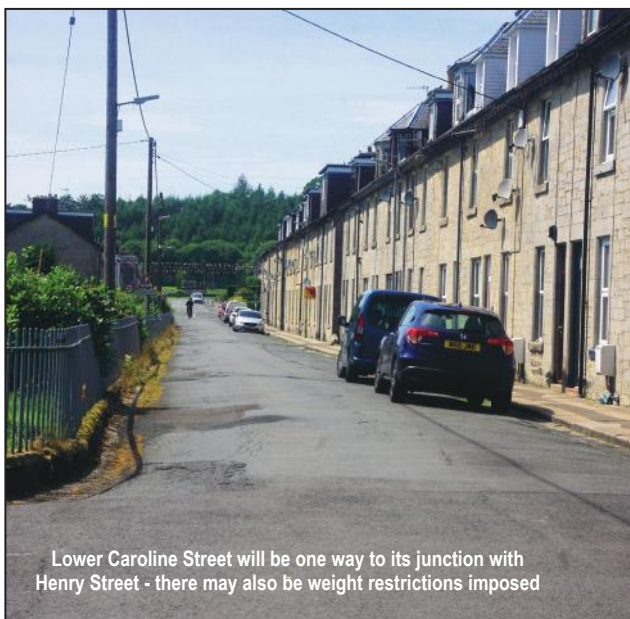
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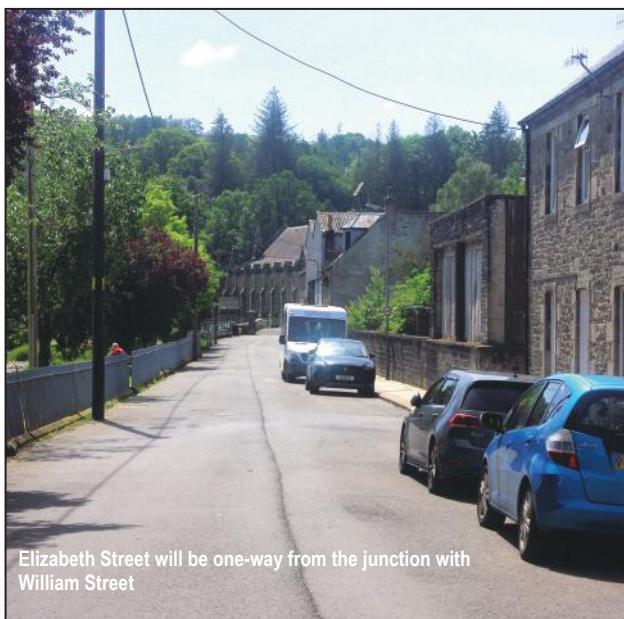
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## New one-way system for Elizabeth and Caroline Streets

Proposals put forward further to a request from residents and Councillor Male



Lower Caroline Street will be one way to its junction with Henry Street - there may also be weight restrictions imposed



Elizabeth Street will be one-way from the junction with William Street

Langholm Ewes and Westerkirk Community Council has received the following notification from Dumfries and Galloway Council's roads department:

Further to a request from a local Councillor and local residents in Langholm, to address road safety and operational vehicle flow issues along these roads, the Local Roads Authority are proposing a one-way system along Elizabeth Street and Caroline Street.

There will be one-way signs at the Thomas Telford Road/Elizabeth Street junction and No Entry signs at the Caroline

Street/ Henry Street junction. There will be a 'no left turn' and directional arrow at the east end of William Street.

They say that one-way streets can offer several advantages, especially in urban planning and traffic management.

Here are some key benefits:

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- **Pedestrian crossings** points are often safer due to fewer directions of vehicle movement.

- **Easier for Large Vehicles:** Buses, delivery trucks, and emergency vehicles often navigate more easily on one-way streets due to reduced turning conflicts and more predictable traffic.

- **Simplified Signage and Road Markings:** With traffic moving in only one direction,

signage and road markings can be simpler and clearer, reducing driver confusion.

### Public views

The Council would appreciate a review of this proposal by the Community Council prior to us proceeding to advertising a 'One Way Streets' Traffic Regulation Order, could we please ask for any comments by Friday 18 July 2025. If you want to send views to the paper please email them to [newsdesk@eladvertiser.co.uk](mailto:newsdesk@eladvertiser.co.uk) and we can pass them onto the Community Council.

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## Inclement weather no problem for Tub

Copshaw's hilarious and ever-popular, Common Riding took place last Saturday with yellow-adorned cyclists following Tub Downey round the village to the cheers of the excited onlookers.

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## Engaging with Ewan



## Splendid Spur Do



Cornet Patterson being presented with his spurs by his brother Liam. The spur do was held at the golf club, and 24 of the Cornet's friends attended. In usual Spur do fashion everyone took a turn and entertained the company

## Spur Do sixty-five years ago



Andy Morgan's Spur Do in 1960

# It all kicks-off on Saturday with the Benty Rideout

Cornet Patterson will take the lead as he and his followers head north

The first of the rideouts takes place this Saturday to the Benty. Riders will gather at the Kilngreen with pony judging taking place at 1.15pm. They'll depart there at 1.30pm with an expected arrival time at the Benty of 4pm. Hopefully it will be a sunny day for riders and followers alike. After tea in the hall the riders will leave the Benty at around 6pm and head back to Langholm to arrive at the Kilngreen again at approximately 8pm.

The next day will see the pony rideout and family fun day take place. The day kicks off with pony club games on the Castleholm at 11am and the rideout leaves there at 1pm to ride around the town. They should be back to the Castleholm by 2.15pm with the family fun beginning at 2.30pm.

Two days later on Tuesday 15th July the rideout to Ewes Valley takes place with pony judging at the Kilngreen at 6.15pm with departure at 6.30pm. Arrival at Hoghill farm is expected at 7.30pm and the rideout should return to the Kilngreen by 9pm.

The timings for the Peden's view rideout are 15 minutes later on Thursday 17th with pony judging at 6.30pm and

departure time at 6.45pm. The riders will arrive at Peden's view at 7.15pm and get back to the Kilngreen at 8.45pm.

The Castle Craigs rideout starts with pony judging at 12.30pm on Saturday 19th July and leaves the Kilngreen at 12.55pm. The riders are expected to gallop up the Kirk Wynd at 1pm and arrive at the Castle Craigs at 1.30pm and Cronksbank at 2.30pm. They are there for an hour before leaving and should arrive at the Townfoot toll bar at around 4.30pm.

The Castle Craigs Club reserves the right to refuse any person from participating in these events.

Youngsters also get their turn at the Pony Rideout held the day after the Benty



2024 Cornet Bailey Donaldson presents Jack Irving



Classic Benty Rideout photo as the Front Three leave the village for the ride home to the Muckle Toon



## Canonbie Show

With five weeks left to go until Canonbie Flower Show, vintage rally, craft fayre and family attractions the schedules are out and entries for the show are being encouraged. Classes include gardening – pot plants, flowers and vegetables as well as floral art.

If you're handy in the kitchen why not enter some home baking or jams. There are classes for nine different kinds of jams this year. There are also classes for knitting and needlework as well as classes for Scottish Women's Institute members only. It's always fascinating to see the young people's entries at the show and this year there are a wide range of classes mostly sub divided by age group.

Artwork and photography also feature in the show as well as walking sticks. Pick up the schedule in various outlets and get your entries in before the closing date of Friday 15th August. The more the merrier!

## Bridge results

1 - Bob Francombe & George Graham, 2 - George & Brenda Bullamore, 3 - Nancy McLure & Anne Ferguson, 4 - Sandra Ritchie & Anne Hislop, 5 - Ann Smart & Barbara Addison and Tom Stothart & Judy Pitchford.

# Has the bandstand played its own finale?

Langholm, Ewes and Westerkirk Community Council has been asked to consult the community about the future of the bandstand at the Kilngreen. The band stand was originally created as part of a Ty Pennington's makeover of the Kilngreen.

Ty was an American TV star who helped communities achieve an aspiration for a local space. The design of the bandstand was done at the time by Dumfries and Galloway Council but many people felt that it was not situated in the right place. Most recently the bandstand has suffered damage and could either be repaired, although the Council says they have no budget for that, or dismantled. The bandstand has therefore been roped off although prior to the damage people were often seen picnicking underneath it and using it as a shelter. Given the damage the question is should it be dismantled or repaired? Please comment either to the Community Council directly or email [newsdesk@eladvertiser.co.uk](mailto:newsdesk@eladvertiser.co.uk) and we can pass comments on.

The Community Council has announced that it has awarded funding from the Crossdykes Community Benefit fund to the following groups: Esk Valley red squirrel group, Langholm chilli club, LEW Emergency Community Resilience Group and Painting for Pleasure. Amounts awarded were not disclosed.

FENCED OFF: David McVittie's photo of the bandstand



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# Parliament meeting for MP and postmasters

Dumfriesshire MP David Mundell met up this week with postmasters and postmistresses during a drop-in session held in the House of Commons to hear their views on the future of the Post Office. David Mundell said:

"It was great to meet up with postmasters and postmistresses this week and to have the opportunity to talk through some of the big issues facing them. We know the government is shortly to publish a Green Paper to gather information to help decide the Post Office's future following the Horizon IT scandal and its aftermath and to consult on what customers, communities and postmasters would like to see from a modern Post Office network.

"As we know only too well, the future of many small and rural Post Offices is already under threat so the challenge is to develop a network that sustains these vital services in local communities and the practical needs of postmasters and postmistresses must be central to that.

"One of the things raised with me has been the need for postmasters and postmistresses to have equity in the Post Office, allowing them to have a direct say in



David Mundell MP with former postmaster Callum Greenhow

decisions about investments in the service. Another issue is recognising the importance of enhanced banking hubs as part of the future of the Post Office. Whatever decisions are taken following

the Green Paper, we all need to know that the future of the rural postal network is secured over the long-term and I will be working to help ensure that."

# Covid-19 pandemic had bigger impact on women's health

The Covid-19 pandemic affected women's mental and physical health more than men's, according to research from the University of Aberdeen. The study aimed to understand whether the pandemic had differing effects on the health behaviours of women and men.

The research team, was led by Professor Paul McNamee from the University of Aberdeen who collaborated with others from Duke-NUS Medical School in Singapore and the University of Turin, analysed Understanding Society national data from January 2015 to March 2023 to compare results pre- and post-pandemic.

Researchers examined a range of health behaviours including fruit and vegetable consumption, alcohol use and physical activity as part of the study as well as comparing measures of mental health. They found that on both counts women were more negatively affected by the pandemic than their male counterparts.

The study found women reported fewer days of fruit consumption and smaller reductions in alcohol intake during the Covid pandemic. Psychological distress increased for both women and men during the pandemic, with women experiencing a greater rise. And the link between health behaviours and mental health weakened for women during the

pandemic, with a healthy lifestyle no longer showing a significant connection to mental health.

In contrast, these relationships remained consistent for men. Prior to the pandemic, health behaviours offered greater protective benefits for women's mental health, but during the pandemic, this protective effect became stronger for men.

Professor Paul McNamee who led the research at the University of Aberdeen said:

"We found that women reported poorer overall changes in health behaviours than men during the pandemic. Specifically, women reported fewer days of fruit consumption and smaller reductions in alcohol intake. We also found that psychological distress increased for both women and men during the pandemic, with women experiencing a greater rise.

"Although conducted using data before and during the pandemic, these findings still have relevance today – they suggest that at times of heightened stress, women from lower socio-economic backgrounds with caregiving responsibilities that limit their ability to maintain levels of social engagement face more challenges in engaging in healthier behaviours. Therefore, targeted interventions such as social prescribing, accessible through referral from primary care providers and other voluntary agencies, could be made more widely available."

# A7 Action Group Update

A speed survey was done at Teviothead followed by a meeting with Police Scotland in 2023 and there did not seem to be justification for a speed limit reduction. 'Slow' markings have been added and the location is currently being assessed by Police Scotland for inclusion in the mobile speed camera deployment.

Roads improvements will be made on the A7 at the junction south of Canonbie. There will be road improvements between Hoghill and Eskdalemuir. There are various parts of the road where BEAR is looking to improve drainage: Mossypaul, Fiddleton junction, north of Kirkstille bridge, Terrona farm straight and near Firbrae and before the Skippers bridge. Also near the Whitshiels.

# Alliance AGM

The Langholm Alliance annual general meeting will take place in the Buccleuch Centre on 14th July at 6.30pm. Members and new members are welcome to go along and hear what the Alliance has been working on, future plans and how you can get involved in making a difference in our community. Sign up as a member at <https://www.langholm-alliance.co.uk>

# Letters to the Editor

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## Ewan say thanks for Street Party

I'd like to take a moment to thank everyone who came to the street party on Henry Street last Sunday. I was absolutely thrilled with the gift, and it will hold a special place in our home, assuming mum and dad are on board (which I'm sure they will be).

The gifts for my parents were also very much appreciated. The entire afternoon was incredibly generous, and having both the Toon Band and Pipe Band play was absolutely fantastic. The great weather made for a long and enjoyable afternoon with plenty laughter and singing. A huge

thank you to the neighbours who contributed their time to make the day such a success.



Cornet Ewan Patterson

## Christmas (lights) cracker of a fundraiser

Langholm Christmas Lights committee would like to thank everyone who supported the afternoon tea on Sunday the 6th of July.

The event was a great success, many cups of tea and delicious food.

Thanks to everyone who attended on the day, to the fantastic cakes, scones biscuits and savoury food that locals and beyond donated, we certainly have some great bakers and chefs in our area.

A very special thanks to Allison Wilkinson for allowing us the use of her beautiful home.

Thanks also to The Day Centre that provided us with all the cake stands.

If I have forgotten anyone I apologise but once again many many thanks for your support, maybe we will see you next year We raised just over £500

Regards

Betty Harkness



# 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!

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# Tarras Valley signage in place

## Key entrances to the reserve marked

The past week has seen the first phase of entrance signage going onto the Tarras Valley Nature Reserve.

The signage has been designed by Studio Walden, funded by South of Scotland Enterprise (SOSE) and is being installed by Simon Richardson Contracting fencing team as part of the

‘Welcome to Tarras Valley’ project.

The signage is focusing on providing a welcome at key entrances to the community land. There is more that will be needed over the coming years, but this is a great first step and the Langholm Initiative welcome any suggestions that can form part of future phases.



# D&G School bus contracts finalised

## Tendering process complete

Dumfries and Galloway Council is pleased to confirm that all school transport services will operate from the beginning of the next academic year, ensuring every eligible child has access to safe and reliable transport to and from school.

The tendering process for home-to-school routes is now complete. Contracts have been awarded, and services will begin on the first day of the new school year in August, replacing contracts due to expire at the close of the current academic year.

Local operators A2BeeTravel Ltd, Andersons of Langholm, Brownriggs (Thornhill) Ltd, Houstons Minicoaches, Irene Benson Minibus Hire and Contract Hire, McCalls Coaches and Telfords Coaches, have been awarded long-term contracts of up to seven years, guaranteeing continuity of service. Where no compliant bids were received through the tender

process, DGC Buses – the council’s in-house bus service provider – will step in to keep every route running smoothly.

This announcement follows the recent confirmation, from SWestrans and Dumfries and Galloway Council working in partnership, that the wider subsidised local bus network across the region has been secured through the award of 45 long-term contracts. Together, these measures provide the foundations of a more stable and sustainable public transport system that keeps communities connected across Dumfries and Galloway.



# Bus timetable

Councillor Denis Male has been reassured that there is no significant loss of the bus service in Langholm as a result of the recent procurement process by SWestrans. The information he has received says that

‘There are minor timetable changes which in some cases brought significant cost savings whilst maintaining, and in some cases improving local connectivity and bus service levels. The timings of the procurement exercise did not allow for the opportunity to consult on any changes, but any decisions were made with the best interest of the local communities in mind and changes were agreed by the Board of SWestrans.’

# Wauchope Road closure

The auld stane brig on the Wauchope road is undergoing repairs – consequently the B7068, the Langholm to Lockerbie road – is closed from 7th July until 25th July from 8am to 6pm daily. Councillor Male has been reassured that it will be open on Common Riding day.

# TVNR: Broomholmshiels Cottage Purchase Update

The Tarras Valley Nature Reserve Team has submitted a stage 2 bid into the Scottish Land Fund to see if that fund will make a contribution towards the costs of purchasing Broomholmshiels Cottage.

The application will be considered later this year, so the team is keeping their fingers crossed that they are successful. The Langholm Initiative will also be contributing its own money towards the purchase of the property but would like to say a huge thank you to people who have contributed directly to this project.

So far over £10,000 has been received and all donations further donations will be most welcome to allocate to this project. This will help reduce the amount the Initiative will need to contribute meaning there is more money to invest in other project activity on the reserve



Tarras Valley Nature Reserve aim to be Broomholmshiels Cottage into community ownership

Buying this property is really important to Tarras Valley. In the short term the existing tenant will be able to remain in their home as long as they want – but in the long term the team can re-

view its uses. Given its location at what will be one of the main entrances to the reserve the team believes it is really important to bring it into community ownership.

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# Farming on the Border



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Farming with Gilly Fraser

## Bluetongue virus movement ban is affecting shows

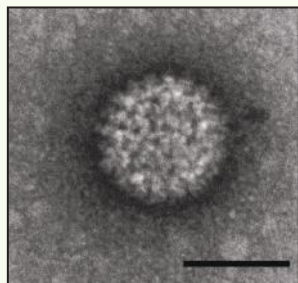
The Royal Highland put a ban on livestock coming from a designated virus zone.

This week sees the Great Yorkshire Show, which is traditionally a great hunting ground for Scottish exhibitors and often highly successful with many returning home laden with trophies. But not this year.

Many competitors from north of the border who normally take part in the dairy, sheep and beef classes have had to sit the show out this year due to bluetongue movement restrictions.

The Scottish and Welsh Governments have brought in a ban preventing livestock from travelling from or through bluetongue restriction zones in England into their countries without pre-movement testing. This has caused many top breeders to withdraw from the show which is now in its 166th year.

The show began its four-day run on Tuesday of this week with a full schedule, and all the usual attractions celebrating



agriculture and the countryside, but organisers admitted that the absence of Scottish and Welsh entries was being felt across several classes, particularly in the dairy, beef and sheep rings.

Bluetongue is a notifiable animal disease in Scotland, so any suspected cases must be reported to the authorities immediately. The disease is spread by biting midges and affects sheep, cattle, and goats.

Scotland has so far remained free of the disease, but recent outbreaks in England have led to the approval of BTV-3 vaccines in Scotland to minimize the potential impact.

## Farmers to be given access to new grants fund

£14 million Future Farming Investment Scheme opens next week

A new flexible grants scheme offering farmers and crofters in Scotland capital investment is due to open next week.

The £14 million Future Farming Investment Scheme offers capital grants to support investments in efficiency, nature and climate friendly farming. It will provide priority support for new entrants, young farmers, small farms and tenants.

Rural Affairs Secretary Mairi Gougeon has confirmed that a three-year programme of national LiDAR scanning is underway to provide a detailed three-dimensional baseline map of Scotland to help better understand the landscape and plan for the future.

A new Code of Practice on Sustainable and Regenerative Agriculture has also been published.

"Scotland invests more than £600 million a year in agricul-



The Scottish Government's Rural Affairs Secretary Mairi Gougeon

ture through reformed direct payments, Voluntary Coupled Support and Less Favoured Area Support Scheme – all in stark contrast to elsewhere in

the UK," she said.

"I am pleased to be able to confirm that, having worked with so many partners in its development, the Future Farming

Investment Scheme will open on 14 July. The scheme will provide upfront payments of up to £20,000 at up to 100% grant rate and give people the freedom to choose the most appropriate capital investment to improve their business.

"The Scottish Government recognises the importance of small suckler cow herds in some of our most remote and fragile areas. From the 2026 scheme, farms claiming for ten calves or fewer will receive a derogation from the calving-interval condition."

"By working together, we have secured a flexible support policy through the Agriculture and Rural Communities Act, ensuring the industry continues to benefit from reformed direct support. We are driving down emissions, improving productivity and supporting the next generation.

## 'Plod'cast well-named for lovers of the country

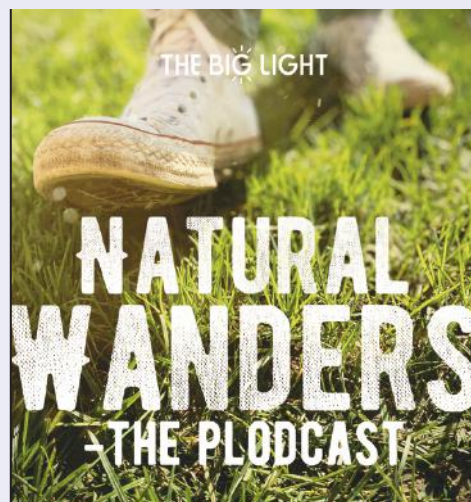
This month's pick of the podcasts is called Natural Wanders - The Plodcast – and no, that's not a typing error. Produced by the BBC Countryfile Magazine team, it's not strictly speaking a farming podcast, but it does have plenty to interest countryside lovers. It's published weekly, with as you would imagine, a rich variety of topics and guests, all focused on the great outdoors.

It's presented by Scottish documentary producer and director Mandi Stark who has worked on series like Dynasties 2 and Netflix's Our Planet, filming everything from bears in British Columbia and wolves in Ethiopia to snow geese in Missouri and sandhill cranes in Nebraska.

The Plodcast generally keeps Mandi a bit closer to home as each episode sees her going for a wander with a guest, usually someone from the worlds of film, TV, wildlife or conservation.

The most recent episode saw her chatting to multi award-winning sound recordist Ellie Williams during an early morning walk through a forest, listening to the dawn chorus. Ellie has literally travelled the world capturing all of nature's most exotic sounds but she's equally fascinated by birdsong at the bottom of her garden.

Dive deeper into the back catalogue and you'll find episodes chatting about deer, drones, diving and even dinosaurs.



BBC Countryfile's Natural Wonder Plodcast

Mandi has a conversational style which makes the podcasts sound more like chats with a chum rather than a formal interview and is naturally inquisitive, with a happy knack of making her guests open up to her, with a rich stream of stories and anecdotes. Well worth a listen.

## Following Sir David

One of SRUC's courses has followed in the hallowed footsteps of Sir David Attenborough by securing a coveted and prestigious award.

The rural College's Wildlife and Conservation Management MSc course has won the Higher Education Programme of the Year at the 2025 Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management Awards.

The achievement recognises SRUC's commitment to supporting students in developing skills which make a difference in the field of wildlife and conservation. It was previously awarded to Sir David.

The commendation highlighted the support offered by the course in "empowering career changers and industry professionals seeking to upskill" and applauded the course for "not only equipping the next generation of conservation professionals - but shaping the future of the sector itself".

The nomination for the course, which is a distance learning course delivered by the School of Natural and Social Sciences, cited the programme's development of passionate students who thrive in professional settings and the way the course draws on SRUC's range of expertise that goes beyond most higher education providers.

Richard Armitage, Deputy Head of School - Education at SRUC said the degree is an exceptional learning experience, delivered by dedicated scientists



RECIPIENT: David Attenborough also received the award

who have years of expertise in the fields of ecology and conservation.

"The high standard of teaching and practical application of learning throughout the programme ensures graduates are well-versed in both the academic and real-world aspects of wildlife and conservation management," he said.

"We're particularly proud that this MSc provides the best possible outcomes for students, with all graduates since its launch in 2020 successfully finding employment in a related field. I'm delighted to see the course getting the recognition it sincerely deserves."

# Creation weaves a new future



## Langholm textile project launches new centre along with new hope for the industry

**A** new era has begun in Langholm with the opening of Creation Mill's textile centre last Friday night. Many people thought the future of textiles in the area was very uncertain but with the local takeover of Drove Weaving four years ago and the opening of this purpose built centre which makes use of old mill premises in Langholm, there is new hope. The centre will offer training, skills development and new opportunities for people of all ages to learn skills that are likely to spawn new businesses in the area.

The new premises have been the dream of Emma Duncan for quite some time and with support from her board and a number of different funders her dream has come true. Emma believes that Langholm is an excellent place for a textile centre because of the rich heritage of the textile industry, the businesses that still operate here and its geographical location, on the A7 route through the borders with all of the textile businesses northwards.

Within the shell of what

was an old mill building, a new set of rooms has been created that makes use of air source heat pumps, excellent insulation and state of the art lighting. The building belongs to SIL holdings, the owner of which has been supportive of the work. Creation Mill has a five year lease of it.

The building was opened by Emma on Friday evening. Emma thanked everyone for turning out on a very wet evening and went on to express gratitude to her wife, the board of directors of the company, the volunteers, neighbours from the Langholm Initiative team and Roger and Geoff Maxwell who led the build.

### Legacies

Emma also thanked the funders who had contributed to the creation of the centre including South of Scotland Enterprise, the Holywood Trust, the Ewe Hill 16 community fund, Crossdykes community fund, Solwaybank community fund, Business growth grant by Business Gateway D&G, and the UK Shared Prosperity fund (Scot-

tish Government). The textile centre and Creation Mill are legacies of the Langholm Initiative's Textile Eskdale project and Judith Johnson who led that project is a board member of Creation Mill CIC.

And with that Emma cut the ribbon, declaring the centre open. The people there included board members of Creation Mill, representatives of funders, volunteers, people from Carlisle College, the builders and folk from other local textile related businesses. Everyone had the chance to look around the new centre which includes the now well used scrap store which offer textiles saved from landfill and is in a spacious new home. There are work rooms and also office space for the organisation.

Emma says her next dream is 'to make the centre and the core work we, including youth work and our social sessions, self-funded. The funding landscape has got a lot tougher over the past 3 years so Creation Mill needs to be able to support its services in house instead of relying on grant support, we have a 4-year plan to achieve this.'



Creation Mill founders, Leanne and Emma Duncan cut the ribbon to officially open the new Textile Centre



Creation Mill Board Members Alan Green, Judith Johnson, Emma Duncan, Leanne Duncan, Gillian Stevenson and Steph Mackenzie



The opening of the new Textile Centre was a grand social occasion with attendees from all over the region

# Candlelight to the digital marketplace

Stuart Bruce-Gormley writes “people love eBay but there's something different with a real old-fashioned auction”



Whilst most of the stock that I sell from my shop in Market Place, Langholm is privately sourced, a huge amount of the items that you'll see for sale in antique shops around the UK comes from the auction room.

Sadly, the starting point and the bread and butter for most auction rooms comes from the passing of a loved one and the sale of their possessions following probate. I myself often get called to clear a property following probate and whilst I always say what a privilege it is to be the one who literally catalogues someone's life before me, its tinged with a great deal of sadness when the deceased doesn't have anyone to represent them or often they do but they just can't be bothered to make the journey to help clear the property.

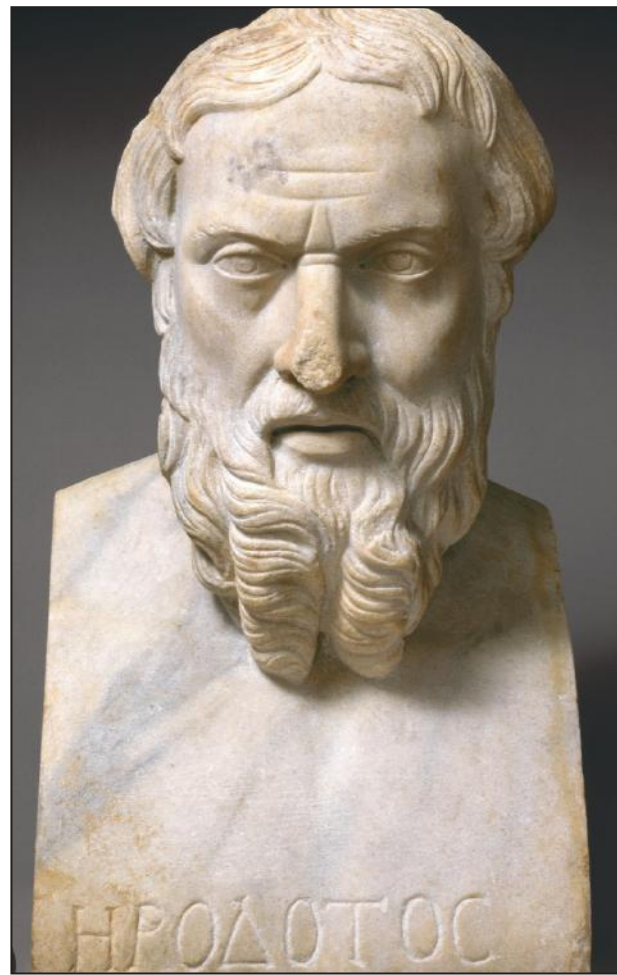
I've found myself multiple times clearing a house only to leave a neat pile of family

photograph albums in a corner. I just can never bring myself to throw them away. It's not my place!

The word "auction" is derived from the Latin *augeo*, which means "I increase" or "I augment". Describing the practice that the highest bidder for an item, wins it (as opposed to the Dutch Auction system which works in reverse).

The first recorded auction occurred around 500 B.C. Ancient Greek historian Herodotus reported that marriage auctions of women in Babylon took place annually.

were left to be auctioned off. Later, slaves (captured as the "spoils of war" by the Roman victors) were auctioned in the forum under the sign of the spear, with



Ancient Greek historian Herodotus reported that marriage auctions of women in Babylon took place annually

the proceeds of sale going towards the war effort. A far cry from the everyday lives of auctions today!

## "An inch of candle"

Maybe because of this unsavoury history, auctions fell out of favour in Europe from the end of the Roman Empire to the eighteenth century. In some parts of England during the 17th and 18th centuries 'auctions by candle' took place; the end of the auction being signalled by the expiration of a candle flame (to ensure that no one could know exactly when the auction would end and make a last-second bid - something eBayers can sympathise with). This type of auction was first mentioned in the House of Lords records of 1641. The practice rapidly became popular and in 1660 Samuel Pepys's diary recorded two occasions, and when the Admiralty sold surplus ships "by an inch of candle". The popularity of buying and selling by auction was re-sparked and



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the first known auction house in the world was established in Sweden in 1674.

By the end of the 18th century, auctions of art works and chattels often took place in taverns and coffeehouses. A very dangerous pastime I reckon, who knows what you may buy or for how much with a few sherrbets down your neck!

After the French Revolution and the ensuing political unrest on the Continent, Britain was considered the only safe haven for European aristocratic families' art, jewels and antiques. Many of the artworks which found refuge here remained and helped to make London the art capital of Europe - not least when they eventually made it to auction. Many of these artworks ended up in the country houses of the British aristocracy (and newly emerging industrial magnates), and those pieces that managed to avoid the Great Art Dispersal of the 19th century are still trickling into auctions to this day, no longer

necessarily coming from the old money elite.

The 19th and 20th centuries saw the expansion of auctions into all fields. Livestock auctions became a staple in many regional market towns, while art and antiques continued to dominate the London auction scene. Indeed, I have been informed on multiple occasions, we had an auction room right here in Langholm.

As time went by, more specialisation entered the market, auctions started holding specialist sale such as motoring, militaria, Asian antiques and contemporary art amongst many other categories.

## Lovejoy

The 1980s were a boom time for auctions (think Lovejoy and the Antiques Roadshow which began in 1979), I however didn't enter the industry until the 21st Century and can still remember my first forays in the action rooms, scared to scratch my head or wink in case I got lumbered with

an old bag of golf clubs.

Sadly, over the last decade, a lot of the auction rooms have gone to the dark side! They are now selling online. Once upon a time your only opposition was in the room. Nowadays you may be bidding against someone in Timbuktu! Which brings me to the question, is there still appetite for the whole contents of the house Clearance all Lotted up in one big room, the good the bad and the ugly?

Over the last twelve months that I've been trading here in Langholm, many people have reminisced about the old auction in town and how it would be great to see it return in some form. So, I'm asking the question. Would you use it? I know millions of people love eBay but there's something different with a real old-fashioned auction, isn't there? Anyway, if you want to chew the fat or discuss anything then feel free to call by.

However, in the meantime, DON'T DRINK AND BID!

# Langholm sent fascinating artefacts to Dumfries museum

The first list of contributions were listed in the E&L in 1880

Dumfries and Galloway Council's museum service recently got in touch with Langholm Library volunteers about records of items that were passed to them in 1966 from Langholm Museum when it was disbanded. It seems that the late Alex McCracken facilitated the handover of these items to Dumfries. The list is fascinating and volunteers at the library have been checking it against articles in old copies of the Eskdale & Liddesdale Advertiser which documents the donations to Langholm Museum over a hundred and forty-five years ago.

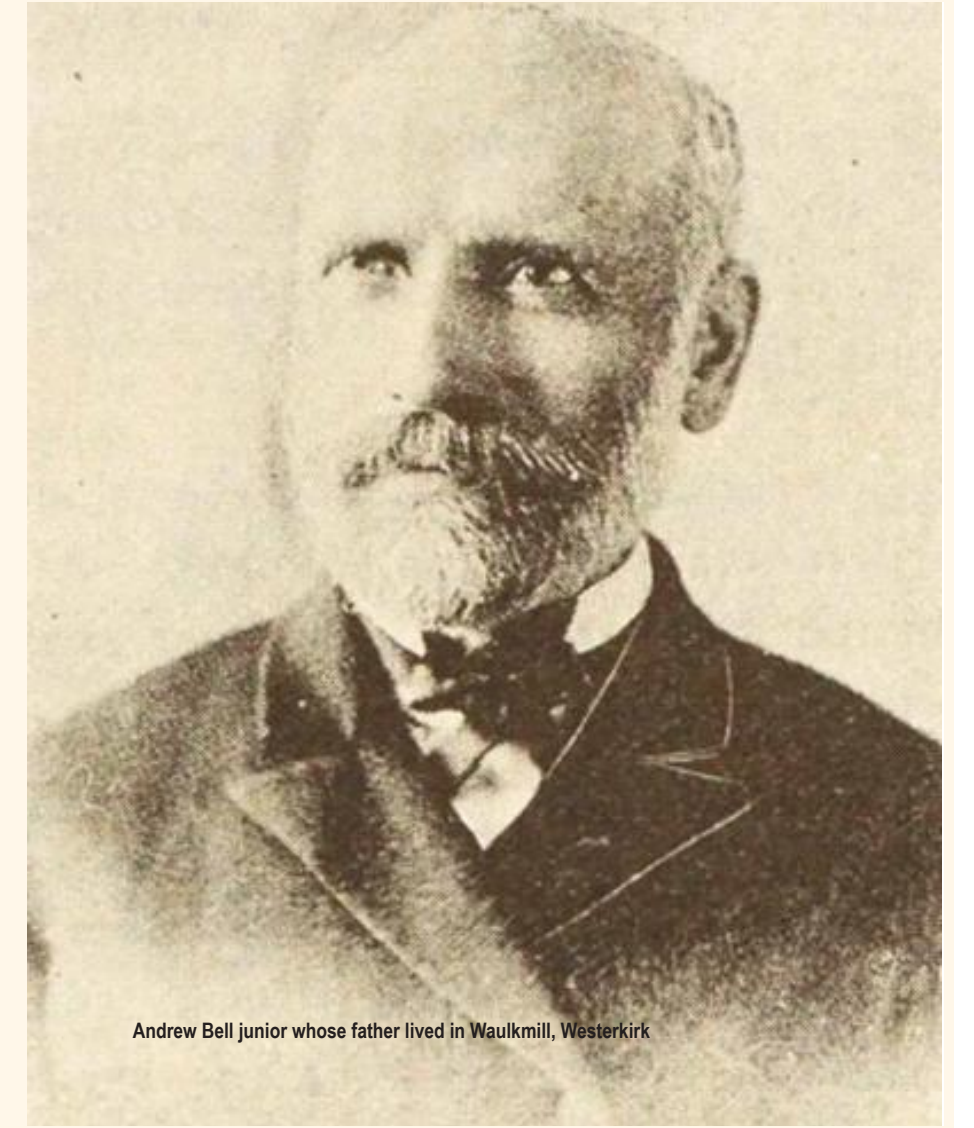
The first list of contributions comes from an E&L of 6th October 1880. It includes items from New Zealand such as Maori tools and a Maori ear ornament as well as gold specimens and pearl shells from the South Sea islands. Items were donated by various people over the years including Mr Andrew Bell, a Dr Bell from London and a Dr William Bell from Liverpool. Items were also donated by local people who gave ancient buckles, egg collections, geological specimens and swords. Later donations in 1882 and 1884 were also given to the museum. One man from Galashiels donated a case of butterflies which except for two specimens were all found local. There are even items of clothing such as Chinese slippers, a pair of snakeskin slippers and a Chinese lady's shoe. A Mr Martin of Charlotte Street donated a sword found in Tarras and a Mr George Martin gave a dagger found on Old Irvine Moss.

In a piece in the Dumfries and Galloway Natural History and Antiquarian Society journal of 1967 a story explains how Mr Tyman, Chairman of the Langholm Library Committee notified Mr Truckell of Dumfries Museum that the small museum in Langholm Town Hall was to be broken up and asked if they would be interested in the exhibits. Alex McCracken offered to sort through the material and pack it ready for removal.

Alex McCracken writes in 1967 "It was decided to leave the 'Waterloo Drum' in Langholm. Langholm town band was established in 1814 and one of their first public appearances was when they played in front of the Scots Greys as they marched through the town on their return from Waterloo. This drum is the only surviving instrument from that occasion."

He goes on: "But perhaps the most interesting discovery was a pair of manuscript notebooks. One is the Minute-book of the Eskdale Farmers' Club founded in 1809, and the other is the Minute-book, kept by the Deputy-Lieutenants of Dumfriesshire for the district of Eskdale, when the militia was being raised in the face of a threatened invasion by Napoleon."

These items it seems still have to be tracked down and could be in storage somewhere. We hope to provide more information in a follow up story.



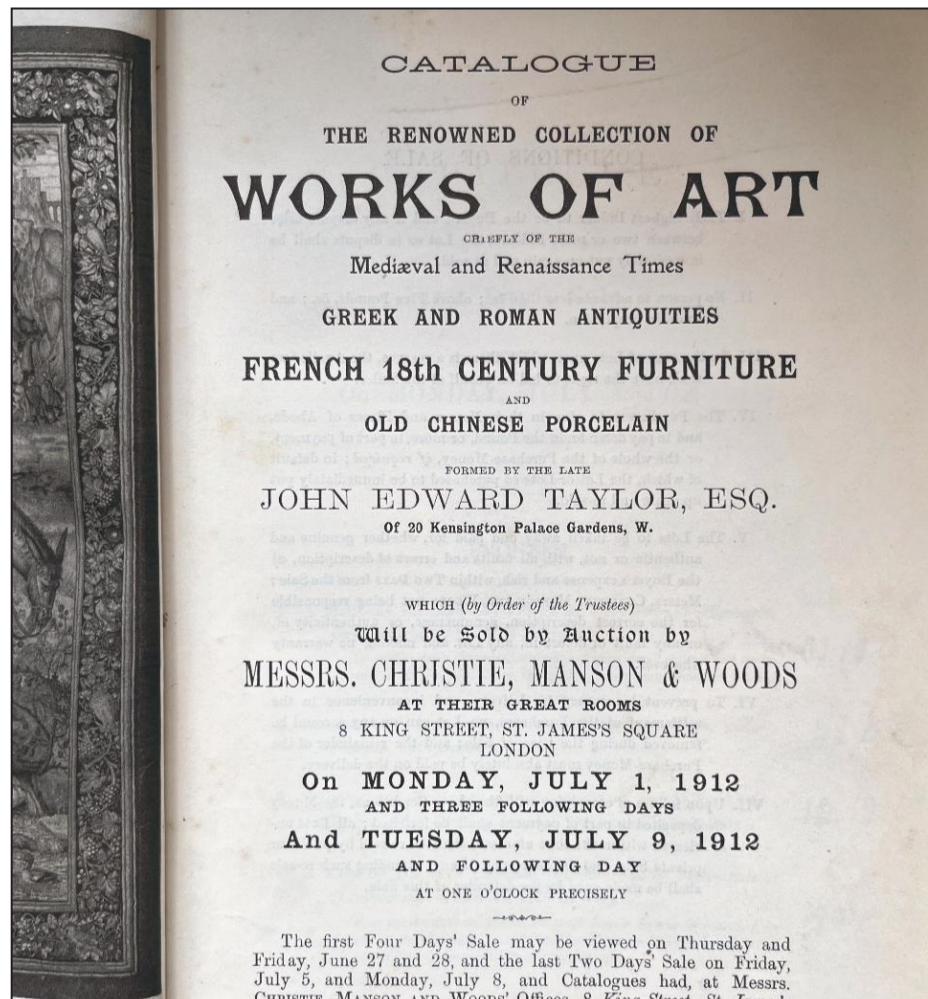
Andrew Bell junior whose father lived in Waulkmill, Wester Kirk



A Maori Adze



# LOVEJOY



# ...Pureous Bunkumus...

By Gilly Fraser  
Photos by Jill Scott



Gathering of the Tubs for the Sod-snogging and Tequila-sipping ceremony

It may have been a very mixed bag weather wise, but Tub Oli Downey and his loyal band of Copshaw Common Riding followers didn't let that spoil their special day.

The fun began for early birds with the Puppy Hound Trail, held this year at Sorbietrees for the first time. The top prize went to Delta Fortune, owned by Sarah, Baz and Hartley from Rockcliffe.

More prizes were handed out at the fountain before the main fun of the day got underway – including best dressed riders which went to the Tub's own crew – Downey's Disco Dolls.

Sadly, the much-loved Picnic and Sports planned for the afternoon had to be cancelled because of the spoilsport rain, but that only proved a slight hiccup in an otherwise tremendous day.



Committee members gathered at Fred's Corner for The Touching Of The Cloth



Tub Downey's sparkling Disco Dolls



Tub Downey leads the cavalcade



Ably supported, former Tub Nichol reads an important announcement



Leading the procession to the Village Hall

## Tub Oli Downey and his followers cared not a jot about the inclement weather

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# July gardens are lush, green and dripping wet

Gardening columnist Helen Knowles and the pros and cons of the British summer

**R**egardless of the weather earlier in the year the garden in July always becomes a bit jungle-like; very lush, green and quite often dripping with rain. While we do get midges here it makes me very grateful that we don't have leeches too. Brushing past all that damp vegetation overhanging the garden paths at the moment does put me in mind of some sections of the Himalayan treks I've been on, constantly checking for any unwanted hitchhikers.

At least they would have done little harm to me, quite unlike the poor Solomon's Seal (*Polygonatum x hybridum*) which has been stripped of its leaves during the annual attack by the Solomon's Seal Sawfly. Plants that were in full leaf one day and looking fabulous can be seemingly devoured overnight by the ravenous horde of grey-green caterpillars. They do look quite unappealing and must taste unpleasant as even the black-birds who follow me round the garden when I'm weeding to quickly gather up worms and caterpillars that I have uncovered will not touch the sawfly caterpillars, despite the demands to feed their hungry brood. Manually picking off the caterpillars and disposing of them may help to reduce the population in subsequent years; I used to do that but now just cut down the bare stems and the plants grow back the following year as vigorously as ever.

Many of the spring flowering plants are now producing seed, which is great if you want plant to self-seed around the garden or are collecting it to grow more plants. Go out on a dry day with some paper bags or



Astilbe 'Hennie Graafland'



Astilbe 'Hennie Graafland'



Centaurea montana 'Amethyst in Snow'

envelopes, a pen and your secateurs and harvest the seed heads of the early Primulas, Aquilegias and Hellebores as these are all ready now. However, if it's more flowers, or at least fresh growth that you're after then it's time to give the plants a trim; Centaurea montana (Perennial Cornflower) will re-bloom if cut back hard after flowering and the lovely red-leaved *Euphorbia dulcis* 'Chameleon'

will soon produce a flush of new growth.

**Astilbes**

For a bit of mid-late summer colour, Astilbes are an excellent choice. Often thought of as moisture loving plants they are in fact very versatile and will thrive in mixed borders, rockeries and pots, growing in sun or partial shade. Plants range in size from the diminutive *Astilbe x crispa* 'Gnome' and 'Perkeo' that are 15-25cm tall to some of the *Astilbe chinensis* cultivars that can be up to 4ft (130cm). Not only do they have beautiful, plume-like flowers in shades of pink, purple, red and white but they also have very attractive, ferny foliage and a wide range of flowering times from early July right through to September making them a very useful addition to the garden.



Polygonatum x hybridum



Primula hybrids

If you fancy some gardening inspiration then a flower show is always a good place to start and this year the RHS have moved their July event to a new

venue at Wentworth Woodhouse, South Yorkshire from Wednesday 16th to Sunday 20th July. If you're over that way the Breezy Knees Gardens

are highly recommended; a 20-acre garden that is packed with colour and interest and is on my list of places to visit!

# Lang Syne in Eskdale

'...no fewer than a hundred hand looms in the New Town'

Looking back...

In his survey of the woollen industry about the period of which we write, the late Dr Oliver states that there were in 1839 no fewer than a hundred hand looms in the New Town, where weavers struggled between their "four posts of misery", as some wag of that day dubbed the treadle hand loom. Many of the looms were crowded in the back rows of Moodlawpoint neighbourhood. One of those weavers' "nests", situated in Henry Street, up an entry near the mill dam, was called the Crystal Palace, possibly because of the amount of glass in the roof of the structure.

In passing, it may be remarked that at that period and up to about sixty or seventy years ago, the mill dam remained uncovered on its journey from the Meikleholm Pool, except where it passed under the roadway near the toll-bar to serve the big water-wheel at the Meikleholm Mill. In his "Reminiscences", John Hyslop tells us that the site of Buccleuch Terrace was then a green field through which flowed the mill dam before it passed on to Bowman's Mill. It afterwards made its way over Henry Street, where it was crossed by a quaint, high-arched stone bridge known as The Dam Brig, a name which was subsequently applied to the immediate vicinity of



Hand loom weavers of Boatford Mills

Photo courtesy of Langholm Archive

the crossing.

The present road between the Dam Brig and Eskdail Street was skirted on each side by a high hawthorn hedge, behind which were a number of vegetable gardens, diligently cultivated by tenants of neighbouring houses. This road will be remembered by an older generation as the Damside, an appellation which survived long after all trace of the open water-way at Walter Street had disappeared.

Hand Loom Weaving

Through the enterprise of Alexander Reid, who by this time had joined partnership with Joseph Taylor, there was considerable progress in the tweed trade.

So successful had been the venture that the two partners had no fewer than 120 hand looms distributed throughout Langholm operating for them.

Few residents in the town may be aware that Parliament Square, at the rear of the Library grounds, derived its name from a weaving shop in that locality, where some of the leading politicians of the "Muckle Toon" wrought, and into which the kindred spirits of that fraternity gathered to read the "Northern Star" and discuss the affairs of State, from a severely Radical standpoint.

In the long summer evenings these debates used to be carried on in the open-air at the foot of

Jouker's Close. Those "knights of the shuttle" in their hand loom weaving shops, were thoughtful and intelligent men. They were all well read in all prominent questions, possessed a good library, organised a debating and literary society, and had singular influence in the district. This self-educated and progressive community took in some of the leading journals, and on set days in the week the looms were stopped early, and one of their number appointed to read all Parliamentary reports and foreign news.

"Those were the days", is the pawky comment of an indulgent scribe of that period, "when Langholm, its hills uncut by the railway and its houses unsullied by

the smoke of huge mill chimneys, was given over more to the making of hosiery than the manufacture of tweeds, and when yet it might be said, in the words of the rhymer:

'The weaving trade goes briskly on by virtue of the shuttle,

And they, like other gentlemen, do freely take the bottle.'

Not that the shuttle has stopped, but now it goes by steam, and as for the bottle, the poet has left us in doubt as to whether the 'shuttle' or the 'weaving trade' took that; any way we know who does now!"

From the foregoing it will be seen that not all the weavers in the town were addicted to the bottle and regarded as a very dissipated class of worker, as some writers would have us understand, even though the price of whisky in those days was only eighteen pence a quart!

That several enterprising men of business foresight did subsequently take advantage of the town's natural facilities – the abundance of coal and peat – is evidenced by the erection, particularly during the last sixty or seventy years, of about half a dozen mills of considerable dimensions, for the manufacture of woollen fabrics, which up to the early eighties of last century, gave Langholm a leading position among Border manufacturing towns.

## C & D Marts (Longtown) Primestock Report Thursday, 3rd July 2025

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C&D Auction Marts had forward an entry of 4,688 sheep comprising of 1,655 lambs, 3,033 cast ewes & rams at their weekly sale at Longtown Mart on **Thursday 3rd July 2025**.

### PRIME LAMBS

A larger show of 1,655 prime lambs descended on Longtown, consigned from throughout the UK with some vendors reporting a £12-£14 lift on other centres the same week. Whilst national averages have been falling all week, Longtown remained very strong for all classes resulting in a market average way in front of all competitors. Keep the numbers coming as more can be sold to vendor advantage on a weekly basis to satisfy an increased ring of 13 lamb purchasers.

Next week numbers will be tight nationally due to the Yorkshire Show. Lamb trade is a long way in front of last year, in the region of 40-50ppk. All classes of well fleshed sheep are better sold sooner rather than later. Early entries are appreciated

Top price per head was £226 for a pair of Suffolk lambs from HM Livestock, Shethin.

Top price per kilo at 412p for a pen of 3 Blue Texels also from HM Livestock, Shethin.

Overall average of 360.51p/kg (SQQ

362.9p/kg)

### PLEASE NOTE –

Our auctioneers and fields personal are here to assist in anyway they can regarding blue tongue restrictions and any queries. Please do not hesitate to get in touch to clear up any uncertainties.

### Principal prices (Per kilo)

**Blue Texel** – 412p Shethin  
**Beltex** – 410p, 397.6p Langdyke Cottage, 393.2p East Greenridge, 393p East House Farm  
**Suffolk** – 392.9p Burnside, 390p Corncockle, 379p Drumburn, 374p Corncockle, 371.4p, 371p East Greenridge  
**Texel** – 392.5p Corneside, 392.1p Belvedere, 390.5p Errington Red House  
**Charollais** – 357p Knowe, 353.2p Bogrie, 352.9p Beckfoot, 350p Bogrie  
**Hampshire** – 351p Steel Hall  
**Half-Bred** – 341p Springhill  
**Cheviot** – 331.8p New Farm  
**Oxford** – 331.8p Guards  
**Cross** – 286.2p Camphill

### Principal prices (Per head)

**Suffolk** – £226 Shethin, £191 Kimmeter Green Cottage, £190 The Land, £186 Maryholm, £184 The Land and Shethin

**Texel** - £222 Carran, £212 Beckfoot, £196 Belvedere, £195 Camphill, £193 Shethin  
**Beltex** - £187 Langdyke, £173 Cleughbrae & East Greenridge, £168 Langdyke Cottage  
**Charollais** - £180 Beckfoot, £166 Bogrie, £163 East Grange, £161 Bogrie  
**Blue Texel** - £173 Shethin  
**Cheviot** - £167 Shethin  
**Cross** - £166 Camphill  
**Oxford** - £146 Guards  
**Hampshire** - £144 Steel Hall  
**Half-Bred** - £140, £138 Springhill

### CAST EWES AND RAMS

Another large show of 3,033 consigned from all four corners. Vendors left Longtown elated with their returns as ewes saw another lift in trade being the dearest trade of the season.

Trade for next week looks solid and numbers again wanted to meet a very competitive ring of 15 active purchasers ringside at Longtown.

Heavy ewes topped at £340 for a Texel ewe from R.H. Bell, Roxburgh Mill

Lightweight ewes topped at £170 for a pen of 8 Easycare ewes from K. Smith & Sons, East Greenridge and a pen of 3 Easycares from T.W. & T.V. Edgar, Linton Bank Head

Rams to £245 for a Charollais ram from Beckfoot Farms

### Heavy ewes

**Texel** - £340 Roxburgh Mill, £315 Beckfoot, £308 Carran, £305 Shepherds Cottage, £285 Unthank, £280 Allanshaws & Shepherds Cottage, £275 Carran, £265 Cubbyhill  
**Beltex** - £285, £282 Tercrosset  
**Blue Leicester** - £228 Camphill, £205, £198 Culdoach, £198 East Greenridge, £190 Hillside  
**Charollais** - £228, £214 Beckfoot, £198 Drumreach, £195 Beckfoot  
**Suffolk** - £225 Carran, £212 Drumreach, £212 Beckfoot, £212 Haven View, £210 Carran, £208 East Greenridge, £205 Drumreach, £204 Guardsmill, £204 Beckfoot, £202 Dashwell Green  
**Dutch Spotted** - £210 Chestnut Cottage  
**North Country Cheviot** - £210, £200 Allanshaws, £192 Road Side, £190 Allanshaws, £190 Hillside  
**Cross** - £195 Tone Hall, £188 Unthank, £184 Greenside, £182 Shethin, £182 Camphill, £180 Shethin, £180 Tone Hall  
**Cheviot Mule** - £188 East Greenridge, £186 Greenside, £182 Oldfield, £175 Hillside, £170 Fala Hill  
**Blue Texel** - £175 Shethin  
**Oxford** - £172 Guards  
**Hampshire** - £170 Boathouse Cottage, £130 Drumreach  
**Lleyn** - £158, £146, £140 Coxhill  
**Roussin** - £152 North Corriellaw

**Zwartables** - £118 Mainhill, £114 Porteath  
**Ryeland** - £110 South Bogbain

### Lightweight ewes

**Easycare** - £170 East Greenridge & Linton Bank Head, £160 East Greenridge  
**Hill Cheviot** - £165 South Bogbain, £160 Fala Hill, £158 Braidley, £152 Belvedere, £152 High Chesters House  
**Blackface** - £162 Roxburgh Mill, £140 South Bogbain, £136 Unthank, £128 South Bogbain  
**Herdwick** - £140 Moorside Park  
**Swaledale** - £126 Burnhouse, £124 Hillside, £122 Gallowberry, £122 East Greenridge, £121 Somerton House  
**Jacob** - £112 South Bogbain  
**Shetlands** - £80 Mosslands, £78 South Bogbain, £70 Dallowie  
**Soya** - £30 Mosslands

### Rams

**Charollais** - £245 Beckfoot, £215 Hallburn  
**Texel** - £220 Roxburgh Mill, £215 Aldery Terrace, £215 Tercrosset, £205 Pitaldonich, £200 Beckfoot  
**Suffolk** - £215 Haven View, £210 Beckfoot, £195 Shethin  
**North Country Cheviot** - £195 Allanshaws, £165 Jehart

**Beltex** - £180, £165 Tercrosset  
**Cheviot** - £170 Fala Hill, £168 Blach, £165 Shield Hill, £150 Pitaldonich  
**Cross** - £170 Shield Hill  
**Cheviot Mule** - £168 Shethin  
**Woodlands** - £168 Drumreach  
**Berrichon** - £142 Harden  
**Blackface** - £140 Pitaldonich, £135 Hillside, £135 Culdoach, £130 Brown Hill  
**Zwartable** - £140 Road Side  
**Shetland** - £100 Millhill  
**Jacob** - £95 Wadley  
**Swaledale** - £88 Millhill

### Averages:

#### Lambs

Light to 326.7p (309.15p)  
Standard to 392.1p (364.5p)  
Medium to 412p (364.72p)  
Heavy to 382p (357.58p)  
Overweight 350.9p (321.89p)

#### Ewes

Light to £170 (£114.52)  
Heavy to £340 (£161.47)  
Rams to £245 (£129.03)





# The E&L Gallery

A serene and little-photographed Pool Corner by Sharon Reid of Langholm

Camera: SAMSUNG Galaxy phone

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 WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK W/C 14th July 2025			
Day	What	Time	Where
Mon	Scrap Store	10-3	Creation Mill Textile Centre, DG13 0ES
	Mending Monday	1-3	
	Summer Club - Eskdalemuir 3-7 years Summer Club - Eskdalemuir 8-16 years	10-11.30 12-3	Eskdalemuir Hub, DG13 0QJ
Tues	Scrap Store	10-3	Creation Mill Textile Centre, DG13 0ES
	Summer Club - Langholm	10-2	
	Canonbie In Stitches	2-4	Village Hall, DG14 0UX
Wed	Scrap Store & Welcome Wednesday	10-3	Creation Mill, DG13 0ES
	Tots Textiles	10-12	
	Kirkpatrick Fleming In Stitches	10-12	Victoria Hall, DG11 3AU
	Summer Club - Canonbie	10-2	Village Hall, DG14 0UX
Thurs	Gretna Amazing Summer club	10-2	Richard Greenhow Centre, DG16 5AQ
	Scrap Store	10-3	Creation Mill, DG13 0ES
Fri	Scrap Store	10-3	Creation Mill DG13 0ES
	Langholm weekly In Stitches	1-4	



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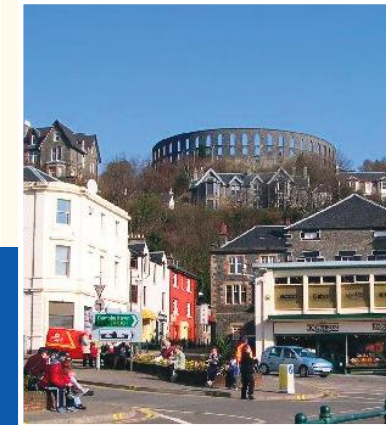
## -WHAT'S ON IN JULY-

Sat 12th	Castle Craigs Club Benty Rideout	Depart Kilngreen 1.30pm
Sun 13th	Pony Club Games Pony Rideout and family fun day	11am Castleholm (games) 1pm leave Castleholm
Mon 14th	Dementia Café	Langholm Day Centre 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Tue 15th	Ewes Valley rideout	Depart Kilngreen 6.30pm
Wed 16th	Hard of Hearing Group Hearing Aid Care	Langholm Day Centre 1pm - 3pm
Wed 23rd	Langholm Common Riding Concert & Investiture	The Buccleuch Centre from 7.45pm
Fri 25th	Langholm Common Riding	Langholm from 5am

# The E&L General Knowledge Quiz

No. 2525 answers next week

- Where is McCaig's Folly?
- What are the names of the three lochs in the Caledonian Canal?
- Where is the largest model railway in Britain?
- When did David Dale begin work on his project in New Lanark?
- Where is the Logan Botanic Garden?
- Where is the National Trust for Scotland's Tenement House?
- What is the name of the highest village in Scotland?
- In which city was footballer Graeme Souness born?
- When was the Bank of Scotland founded? (a) the 1570s (b) the 1690s or (c) the 1820s
- Which Scot discovered the Victoria Falls?
- Which Scottish town was crowned "Scotland's Most Dismal" in the Carbuncle Awards of 2001 and 2005?
- Which historic event took place on July 1, 1999?
- Who was captain of the 1974 Scottish World Cup Squad?
- Where is the Fife Folk Museum?
- Which Scottish explorer discovered the source of the Blue Nile?
- Who painted the portrait of Robert Burns which hangs in the Scottish National Portrait Gallery?
- Where, near Edinburgh, can you view the wonders of the deep all around you from a transparent tunnel?
- Where is John Duns Scotus said to have been born?
- What was the profession of Sir William Burrell?
- What strange occurrence was reported in The Inverness Courier in 1933?



# Crossword & Quiz Solutions from last week

## Quiz 2524

- Reporting Scotland
- Sean Connery
- 1947
- (b) The 1920s
- 2001
- Lochdubh
- Secretary-general of NATO
- Edinburgh
- The Netherlands
- David Murray
- The Liberal Democrats
- The 1970s
- Perth
- 1545
- John Paul Jones
- 1989
- William Smellie
- Earl Haig
- Jim Wallace
- Sir Walter Scott



**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July**  
**THE BENTY RIDEOUT**  
 1:15pm - Pony Judging @ The Kilngreen  
 1:30pm - Depart Kilngreen  
 4:00pm - Arrive @ The Benty  
 6:00pm - Depart The Benty  
 8:00pm - Arrive @ The Kilngreen

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July**  
**PEDEN'S VIEW RIDEOUT**  
 6:30pm - Pony Judging @ The Kilngreen  
 6:45pm - Depart Kilngreen  
 7:15pm - Arrive @ Peden's View  
 7:45pm - Depart Peden's View  
 8:45pm - Arrive @ The Kilngreen

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July**  
**PONY RIDEOUT & FAMILY FUN DAY**  
 11am - Pony Club Games on The Castleholm  
 1pm - Rideout leaves The Castleholm  
 2:15pm - Arrives @ The Castleholm  
 2:30pm - Family Fun Day

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July**  
**CASTLE CRAIGS RIDEOUT**  
 12:30pm - Pony Judging @ The Kilngreen  
 12:55pm - Depart Kilngreen  
 1:00pm - The Kirkwynd  
 1:30pm - Arrive @ Castle Craigs  
 2:30pm - Arrive @ Cronksbank  
 3:30pm - Depart Cronksbank  
 4:30pm - Arrive @ Townfoot Toll Bar

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July**  
**EWES VALLEY RIDEOUT**  
 6:15pm - Pony Judging @ The Kilngreen  
 6:30pm - Depart Kilngreen  
 7:30pm - Arrive @ Hoghill  
 8:00pm - Depart Hoghill  
 9:00pm - Arrive @ The Kilngreen

**PLEASE NOTE**  
 the Castle Craigs Club Committee reserve the right to refuse any person from participating in these events.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL THOSE TAKING PART IN CASTLE CRAIGS CLUB RIDEOUTS**  
 Whilst every care has been taken by the Committee and relevant landowners in facilitating these events, the Committee and the landowners will not be responsible for any injury to any person taking part, in any way whatsoever, in the event nor will they be liable for any damage resulting from any acts or omissions of any participants or spectators.





# Volunteers remain mainstay of LRFC

## Bridge's structural problems to be tackled soon

### Rugby

By Kenneth Pool

Langholm RFC held their annual AGM on Friday night at Milntown. Chairman Kenneth Pool welcomed all those in attendance and thanked them for coming along in such poor weather.

Following the approval of the previous year's minutes, the chairman then gave a report on the season just finished. On the field it had been a success, with the 1st XV finishing third in East League 1. They had played 14 matches, won 9 and lost 5. They had also had a successful spring sevens getting into 2 quarter finals. Thanks were extended to coach Craig Hislop, all the players and the team management for their efforts.

The club was also very pleased that coach Craig would be continuing in that

role next season.

Off the field the main concern had been the bridge over the Ewes. After a more positive second structural report, there was now a way forward to prolong the life of the bridge and a package of work recommend by the structural engineers would begin in the next few weeks.

The Youth Rugby Club continued to be great success and all coaches, and the steering group should be congratulated on another job well done.

The treasurer then gave a report. The Sevens had been a success financially the bar had done well over the season as had the generous sponsorship of the club, players and the sevens. The main concerns were the high cost of utilities and, due to the number of away matches in Edinburgh, the cost of travel.

The election of office bearers then took place with Davy Patterson re-elected as Pres-



ident and Catriona Bell and Michelle Grieve carrying on as secretary and treasurer respectively. Other management positions were confirmed along with the team management and general committee. Full details will be published in the members booklets due in August.

The Chairman was delighted to announce that the 1st Team sponsors, Cullen Kilshaw and Eskdalemuir Forestry Ltd would continue their support for another 2 seasons. He thanked James Jones and Sons Ltd for sponsoring the sevens. He also thanked all the match and player sponsors for their

support. It was very much appreciated.

The club was lucky to have a large number of volunteers willing to help out, from the ground staff to the tea ladies, the bar volunteers to the touch judges, the management and general committees and many other things besides. A big thanks was extended to everybody who helped out in any way at the club. It makes such a difference to have so many willing helpers.

In closing the meeting, the Chairman said that the club was very pleased that for the third year in succession the Cornet was a 1st team player. On behalf of the club, he wished Cornet Ewan Patterson all the very best over the next 3 weeks. Due to other commitments, Ewan could not be present, but a gift from the club was given to his Father Davy to pass on to the Cornet with all the club's best wishes.

# Long day for Jake Reid Pairs



### Bowling

The late Jake Reid's family who sponsored the Tournament

By Luke Tolson

On Saturday we held the Jake Reid Pairs' tournament which was very generously sponsored by Jake's family and Friends. The total prize money on the day was £1,000. This year also marked 50 years since Jake was Langholm cornet. As a gesture the club donated a bench to mark this occasion.

The results: Winners - Steven Barker (Langholm Old) and Ian Blenkinsop (Whitehaven). Well done lads - you played great bowls all day. Runners-up - Paula and Carolle Warwick (Langholm New. Beaten semi-

finalists: Luke Tolson and Duncan Ritchie (Langholm New and Old); Danny Hetherington and Drew Rutherford (Newcastleton). Quarter finalists: Jamie and Kendra Grierson (Newcastleton); Graham Campbell and Kerrie Howie (Coldstream); Jimmy Renwick and Davie Oliver (Ancrum); Scott Dickson and Chris Grant (Langholm Old)

Thanks to the 45 entries - they were much appreciated as was the support of this tournament. The weather was a bit iffy but we sailed through. The final finished after 10pm so it was a wee but hard to see but nevertheless a great day.

# Langholm can't blame the weather for the 8-wicket defeat

### Cricket

Langholm turned up at Rockcliffe surprised the fixture was still on, they found a soft track and cut grass still on the outfield but saying that it was the same for both teams and is no excuse for the 8-wicket defeat they suffered.

Langholm were put into bat with Chris Stewart and Hughie Donaldson opening, Stewart looked in good touch and missed out on a few boundaries due to the outfield. The first wicket to fall was Donaldson caught and bowled by Nair with the

score on 12. This brought John Bell to the crease and he and Stewart batted steadily adding 31 before Stewart fell for 23 caught in the slips of Coulthard. Nicky P joined Bell, not surprisingly Nicky was off the mark with a six and as Nicky has always favoured the aerial route when it comes to boundaries hopes were high. Alas in what was probably the turning point of the match Ben Coulthard pulled off a stunning catch and bowled to hold on to a Piszczkiewicz smash to leave Langholm 56 for 3. Bell followed soon after for 22 with the score



on 58. Corey Park returning to the side after a break (his wrist) joined his uncle and this pair added 13 before Corey was bowled around his legs by co-worker Coulthard for 6. Next to go was Gregor for 8 and Langholm found themselves 73 for 6. Danny Tait and Jay

Gordon added 20 before Danny fell for 6, a further 19 was added by Gordon and Graham Park with Gordon 11 not out and Park bowled off the last ball for 12. Langholm's score of 112, although not substantial, was at least competitive.

Langholm got off to a good start when Graham Park took a easy catch and bowled off Web to leave Rockcliffe 8 for 1, alas this was going to be the last wicket until the 28th over as Avinash and Wharton added 91 before Wharton was run out by Jay Gordon. Rockcliffe passed the total in the 31st over

without any more wickets lost. In the bowling for Langholm Graham Park had 1 for 13.

A poor result for Langholm, but the lads did stick in, in some trying conditions. With four games left before the league splits Langholm find themselves bottom of the League, but with 3 of those 4 games at home hopefully they can pick themselves up and climb the league. Next week the 1st XI entertain Hawick on Friday Night in the Gordon Johnstone Memorial Game and again at home on the Saturday with Stainton the visitors.

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