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No comment from the public on Kilngreen's transport hub

Potential risks of cycling on an E-bike down the A7 to join another hub at Gretna leaves us wondering

The proposal to create a transport hub at the Kilngreen by Dumfries and Galloway Council was discussed at the Annandale and Eskdale Area Committee last Tuesday. No representations from the public had been made during the eight-week consultation process. The Committee therefore agreed to the change of use of areas of this common good land. A multi-modal transport hub will be created and is likely to include secure locker facilities, EV car and bike charging points, cycle parking and car hire facilities. We do question if these will be used?

The Committee report says that the aim is to promote active travel, reduce congestion and pollution and to benefit businesses by people stopping to shop. According to the report the common good land is owned by the Council in that it holds legal title to it. However, what the Council can do with the land is subject to a system of statutory control.

Common good land is administered under rules that relate to the interests of people who live in the former Burgh. The Council has a legal obligation under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1994 'to have regard to the interests of the inhabitants of the area to which the Common Good related'



The multi-modal transport hub will provide more

when making any decision about Common Good land.'

According to Councillor Denis Male it is likely that another transport hub will be placed at Gretna although, as many people will wonder, how many of us would risk cycling down the A7? There are alternative rural roads to Gretna so perhaps some folk might use those on a bike.

We might use an electric vehicle to get there but with the heavy traffic on our trunk roads it is hard to think of using active transport on certain routes. To travel to the west of the region by E-bike could also prove challenging for many people. We haven't heard if there will be another hub at Lockerbie.

At the E&L Advertiser we are wondering how many people locally would use the E-bikes



or car hire facility to travel.

We'd love to hear your views on this so please send comments to newsdesk@eladvertiser.co.uk.

The Active Travel Hub is looking to improving connection with the west of the region

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Benty Show ready to roll

And it's the Benty's turn this weekend for the annual Westerkirk Horticultural Society's big day! The weather looks promising too!

Full coverage of the show with photos and results in next week's E&L

Family Announcements

Deaths

CALVERT, David

Peacefully on the 23rd August at the Cumberland Infirmary, David aged 85 years. Beloved husband of Sheila, dear dad of John, Aileen and Ross, adored papa, cherished father-in-law and a great friend to many.

Funeral service to be held at Langholm Parish Church on Tuesday 9th September at 11:00 am followed by interment at Langholm Cemetery. Friends are respectfully invited to attend. Family flowers only, donations if so desired will be for Langholm Town Band.

All enquires to Nicholson's Funeral Directors
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HIGGINS, Nova (Lockerbie)

Peacefully at Burnfoot Care Home, Nova Emily Astrid Higgins, nee 'Cannaway' on 18th August 2025. A private funeral will take place in terms of Nova's wishes.

SHEELEY, Ronald

On the 24th of August 2025, peacefully at Thomas Hope Hospital, Ronald Sheeley of Caroline Street, Langholm.

A much-loved husband of the late May and loving father to Michael, the late Gary, Alan and Beverley and a dear grandfather and great-grandfather. Service to be held at Roucan Loch Crematorium on Wednesday 10th September at 11.00am, to which all friends are respectfully invited to attend. Following the service the family will be returning to Pollyannas where all friends and family will be made most welcome including those unable to attend the service, should they wish to pay their respects.

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Could you help with Sports Centre project? Volunteers required to carry the scheme forward



The current volunteer working group for the development of a new sports centre for Langholm will soon be stepping down.

Maureen Smyth of the working group told the E&L, "We would like to thank everyone who has supported us in the past 6 years. We are especially grateful for the assistance from local companies and charity trusts including the Langholm Initiative, Arthur Bell Trust Fund, Ashleybank Invest-

ments Ltd, Bowman Little Trust Fund, The Stevenson Trust, Stoney-path Trust, and D&G Council who provided funding for the design feasibility study. Also, we're grateful for the support of Robert Potter & Partners (Dumfries) who completed the feasibility study and developed the drawings for a refurbished facility."

"The next stage for the project is to finalise documents in support of the current design sketches,

raise funds of at least £25k, and make a planning application. However, to continue, the project needs new volunteers. We have received offers of support from three people, but the project needs additional support from local people in order to succeed."

If you or anyone you know is interested in joining this community driven project, contact the working group at townfootsportscentre@gmail.com

Copshaw Clatter raffle

By Gilly Fraser

When Copshaw Clatter editing team Steve and Camille Juliff started to plan a way to mark the paper's 500th edition, they decided to share the celebration with as many people as possible by involving the community.

They put out an appeal for raffle prizes and even in a village famed for its generosity – they were blown away by the response.

Enough prizes came in to completely cover the staircase in the Juliff home – plus an amazing £245 in vouchers.

Volunteers were drafted in to gift-wrap the prizes – and a full list of prize-winners can be found on the



Clatter's brand-new Facebook page.

And that wasn't all – the Clatter also paid for ice-creams for all the pupils and staff at the village Primary – a treat made sweeter still by the donation of chocolates from Fay and Rob at the Liddesdale Hotel.



Left: Stairway to Raffle Heaven!

Right: The Clatter paid for ice-cream treats for the school

Call to Action for volunteers



Two organisations in Langholm are looking for volunteers. The Buccleuch Centre and the Charity Shop are inviting people to contact them to become volunteers.

The Buccleuch Centre offers the chance to learn new skills and add valuable experience to your CV and the chance to meet new people. Volunteers are vital to the running of this local arts centre which is a charity run by a management committee.

The Charity Shop raises money for local charities such as the Eskdale Foundation and volunteers will get the experience of working in the shop and meeting new people. If you are interested in volunteering at the Buccleuch Centre pop in and have a chat with a member of the office team. For the Charity Shop you should contact John Scott through the shop where you can get his phone number.



Community Council begins funding giveaway

“Thousands up for grabs” for groups and individuals

Local groups and individuals within Langholm, Ewes, and Westerkirk are being invited to apply for funding as the Community Council launches its latest round of financial support from windfarms.

Two types of funding streams are available:

- 1) Community funding aimed at local organisations and groups
- 2) Individuals seeking training and educational opportunities to improve their skills, employment prospects, and personal development.

The community funding programme is designed to support local organisations and groups that make a tangible difference in the lives of residents. Grants are available for a wide range of purposes and are open to non-profit organisations, and community groups with a clear plan and purpose.

The training and education funding is open to residents, of any age, who wish to pursue accredited courses, vocational training or other learning programmes that contribute to their growth. Whether you're retraining for a new career, enhancing your qualifications, or exploring a new field, the Community



Funding is available to support training and education for individuals

Council encourages you to apply.

“This initiative is about investing in people,” said Stuart Clement, Chair of the Community Council. “We want to empower individuals who are ready to take the next step in their education or career but may be held back by financial barriers.”

Funding can be used to cover course fees, materials, travel

costs, and other related expenses.

The deadline for submissions is Friday 26 September 2025, and successful applicants will be notified by mid-October.

Application forms and guidance notes are available by emailing lewccgrants@outlook.com

Please note the above funding is not associated with the Funders Forum.

Lower risk of dying from cancer

The Scottish Government announced on 19th August that new figures show the risk of dying from cancer for people living in Scotland is at the lowest on record. Public Health Scotland (PHS) statistics show from 2013 to 2022 the risk of dying from cancer in Scotland decreased by 11.1%, from 333.7 per 100,000 in 2013 to 296.8 per 100,000 in 2022. This is the lowest rate in the data published by PHS that goes back to 1998. In 2022, there were 16,265 deaths from cancer - 8,453 in males, 7,812 in females.

Due to an ageing population and the fact that more people are living with cancer, there has been an overall increase in the total number of cancer deaths since 2013, but a slight decrease from 2021 to 2022. In 2022, more than two-thirds (69%) of all cancer deaths were in people aged seventy and over.

Health Secretary Neil Gray said:

“It is encouraging to see the risk of dying from cancer in Scotland is at a record low. This is down to the hard work of NHS staff, improved treatment options, and people reporting their symptoms at an earlier stage. We are determined to further improve cancer survival, reduce waiting times and provide excellent, equitably accessible care right across Scotland.”

Maggie's Cancer Care Centre is to open in Dumfries

NHS Dumfries and Galloway has announced they have the ‘green light’ to plan a Maggie's cancer care centre in Dumfries. National cancer charity Maggie's can now move forward with plans to bring their professional programme of support to Dumfries and Galloway, the home of their founder Maggie Keswick Jencks. Dame Laura Lee DBE, Chief Executive of cancer care charity Maggie's, said:

“I am delighted we now have the green light to plan a Maggie's centre in the grounds of Dumfries Royal Infirmary. This centre has been in development with the NHS Dumfries and Galloway for a long time, so it is wonderful to now be able to look forward to a time when people living with cancer, as well as family and friends, many of whom currently visit centres in Glasgow and Edinburgh for support, have our expert support closer to them.



Over six million new cancer cases in UK by 2040

The planned support centre will be built in the grounds of Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary. The development follows conversations with Maggie's exploring the best means of serving a region which is largely rural, with a population spread across a large geographic area. Having delivered the news of progress at NHS Board on Monday, Chief Executive Julie White said:

Support

“I am delighted to be working with Dame Laura and the team at Maggie's to deliver on the proposals to establish a Maggie's service for the people across our communities in Dumfries and Galloway, and that Maggie's can now take forward plans for their programme of support.” Maggie Keswick Jencks was

a writer, gardener and designer from Holywood, Dumfriesshire who was diagnosed with breast cancer when she was 47 and five years later, in May 1993, she was told that it had returned. Maggie and her husband, Charles Jencks, a renowned cultural theorist, landscape designer, and architectural historian, discussed the need for somewhere ‘better’ for people with cancer to go, outside of, but near to hospitals. Together they designed the blueprint for the centres and the first Maggie's opened in Edinburgh in 1996.

Today, Maggie's has nearly 30 years of experience providing free cancer support and information. By the end of 2025 there will be 27 centres across the UK and a growing international network. Support includes sessions with cancer support specialists, psychologists and benefits advisors for people with cancer, as well as family and friends.

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Centre Stage kids have fun with Puss in Boots

Theatre group's workshop was just the ticket

Centre Stage Community Theatre hosted a fun-filled workshop during the holidays, based on a short version of "Puss in Boots" by Dianne Ffitch.

Over the two days, the attendees aged from 10 to 18 learned all about "Putting on a Panto", covering all aspects of production, including script work, costumes and props, technical theatre and working as a team. At the end of Day two, the cast staged their version of "Puss in Boots" for an appreciative audience of family and friends. Regional representative of NODA Stewart Cameron spent the afternoon with the group and presented the participants with a certificate to celebrate their work.

Director Judith Johnson said "The Centre Stage team pulled out all the stops to make sure this workshop was an enjoyable and valuable experience. The group of young people really embraced the opportunity and learned a lot about the planning and creativity that goes into creating a great show. The future of local theatre is in safe hands!"

Rehearsal for this year's Panto "Robin Hood" start Sunday 7th September.



WELL, SLAP MY THIGH: Langholm's Centre Stage Community Theatre members had a great time at the two-day Panto workshop

Fab new kit for Langholm Lions

Generous sponsors fit-out Milntown rugby kids



By Caroline Jardine

Langholm Youth Rugby (Langholm Lions) debuted their new playing kit at the weekend at Peebles RFC.

New kit was acquired throughout the summer and all teams from Primary 4 to Primary 7 looked fantastic and I'm sure were the envy of all other clubs.

The kit was once again supplied by O'Neill's from Ireland and credit to them for the quick production and distribution so we had the kit for the start of the season.

As you may well know these kits cost a lot of money and

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without the help and generosity of our sponsors this would not have been possible. Their continued and new support is very much appreciated and everyone

at the Langholm Lions would like to thank our sponsors greatly.

Look out for photos here in the paper, on social media and see for yourselves how good the kit looks.

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Letters to the Editor

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I recently contacted Tom Hutton of Langholm Archives as I was interested to find out whether there had been an article in the paper reporting the tragic death of my Great Grandfather (Martin Jardine) in 1902.

I did know about his death at just 33 and visited the grave but had never really known the exact details and indeed the place where it happened.

I don't recall my Grandmother ever talking about it, although she was only 2 at the time and it wasn't talked about within the family.

I was surprised to find quite a long article about the event but wasn't expecting so much detail which I am sure wouldn't be printed today.

It really was quite a horrific way to die.

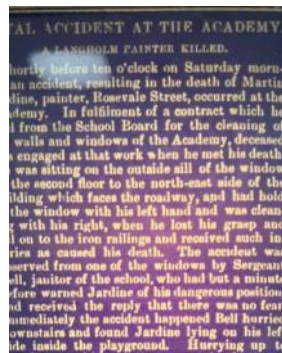
I would like to thank also the staff at Langholm Library for helping finding the micro film I've attached the photo I took



Langholm Academy in the 1900s

of it but the quality isn't great I have also enclosed an old picture of the Langholm Academy building when it was surrounded by spiked railings, I would be interested if anyone had any other photos of the building when it had the iron spikes on the wall.

Bob Hull
Sheffield



A sample of the micro-fiche

Increased peatland restoration funding

Scotland's peatlands, and the people, communities and wildlife that depend on them, are set to benefit from the highest-ever round of restoration funding this year. NatureScot Peatland ACTION is currently issuing funding offers for practical peatland restoration work starting in 2025/26 worth more than £20m over three years.

Almost £15m of that work is due to be carried out in 2025/26 alone, supporting at least 400 green jobs in the sector. This is the highest round of peatland restoration funding ever awarded by the organisation. It will help pay to put 64 degraded peatland sites across Scotland on the road to recovery, with over 12,000ha set to be brought back to health. That's the size of nearly 30,000 football pitches.

Healthy peatlands - where the water table is close to the surface to keep the peat wet - are the world's largest and most efficient land-based store of carbon. Despite covering only 3% of the land, they store twice as much carbon as all the world's forests.



Photo by Paula Novo

The people, communities and wildlife that depend on peatlands, are set to benefit from the highest-ever round of restoration funding this year.

They are also vital for many kinds of wildlife that can't live anywhere else. And Scotland punches above its weight when it comes to peat - with 13% of the planet's blanket bogs found here.

But around three quarters of our peatlands have been damaged by historic drainage, forestry, and overgrazing, drying them out so that they are emitting carbon rather than storing it. They are currently responsible for 15%

of Scotland's annual carbon emissions - around the same as transport.

Since 1990 over 90,000 hectares of damaged peatland have been put on the road to recovery in Scotland, but this work needs to speed up to help tackle the climate and biodiversity crisis. That's why the Scottish Government has committed £250m over 10 years to restore 250,000 hectares of peatlands by 2030 through the Peatland ACTION Partnership.

Bandstand, riverbanks, traffic lights all part of Denis' remit

Community Council updated on Ward Councillor's to do list

Councillor Denis Male provided the E&L with the following topics that he intended to raise at the Langholm, Ewes and Westerkirk Community Council meeting on Monday evening

Bandstand at the Kilgreen - request from Bonfire Committee for Bandstand to be either repaired or demolished before 5th November. The electrics on the site are used at the event. Problem is this is not owned by the Council. Could Community Council finance the repair/demolition from windfarm money so that the site is available on the 5th November.

Riverbank - A request from residents in George Street for the bushes against the wall to be cut down as they are concerned that they are undermining the wall. Council has checked and say the bushes are causing no problems. The whole issue of maintenance of

the river banks needs investigated. A meeting with Council, Buccleuch Estates and Community Council would be worthwhile to confirm who is responsible for what. Denis will organise this.

Traffic lights at Walker's Hole on the A7 at the north end of Langholm – an investigation is ongoing about the banking beside road by BEAR Scotland.

Active Travel - The Active Travel unit planned for the Kilgreen has been approved by the Area Committee. It went to the AC as it is Langholm Common Good property. There were no objections received to the proposal. It is hoped that another Active Travel unit will be placed in Gretna and a link up with Langholm will allow transport to link in with bus and rail times.

Tourism Levy – Dumfries and Galloway Council are looking into the introduction of a tourist



A-BAND-ONED: The bandstand on the Kilgreen needs to be demolished or repaired before November 5th - Photo: D. McVittie

levy. A levy is already in place in other parts of Scotland.

Center Parcs - Following a meeting with MP David Mundell about the regeneration of lower Eskdale with the coming holiday developments we agreed to start with a meeting

with Center Parcs to find out what they see as their catchment area. Then it will be better understood the traffic levels that will use the A7. This, along with the Irvine House development, will form the basis of a further meeting to get the area ready for what development is needed.

Local - Still waiting for advert on one way system on Caroline Street. Investigation Work done on Street for road subsidence problem. No further news on Drove Road Wall. White Lines on High Street along with give way reported to Bear as urgently needing repainted. Speed cables in place on High Street to check speeds in the town. Langholm Bridge and High Street pavements reported for flooding. Flooding of paths in Buccleuch Park reported.

Councillor Allowance - Denis has used this to give grants to Langholm Day Centre, Langholm Playcare, the Xcel Youth Programme and Langholm's Girls Football Team for equipment and projects over the last year.

Further issues - The land in Ewes at the site of fly tipping belongs to Transport Scotland. BEAR Scotland are working on it.

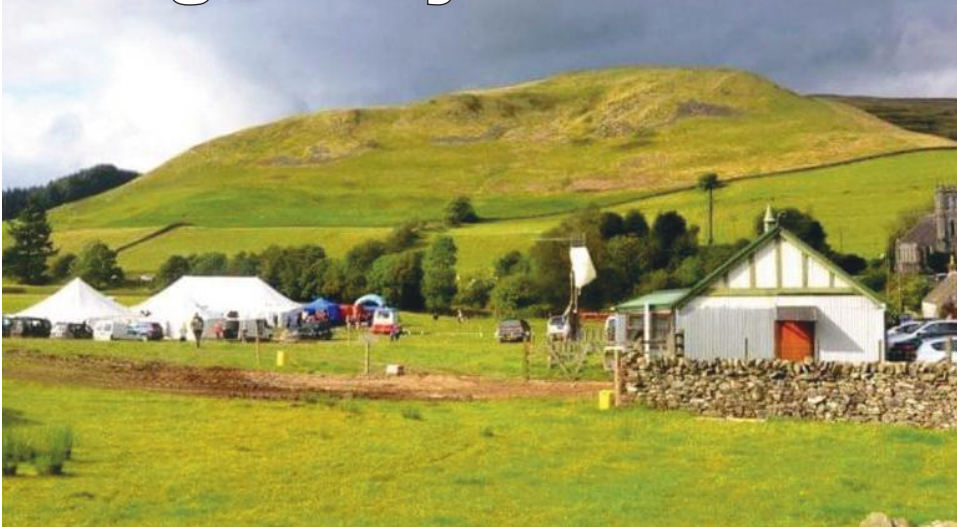
Business confidence climbs

Confidence in the economy has risen to its highest level for over three years, according to the latest South of Scotland Business Survey. The latest survey of 600 businesses across the South reveals 48% are confident in Scotland's economic outlook, compared to 37% at the last survey in late 2024. This is the highest level of confidence recorded since early 2022.

The South of Scotland Business Panel done on behalf of South of Scotland Enterprise (SOSE) - interviews companies and social enterprises from across the region each year. It provides a temperature check of business confidence and helps identify challenges and opportunities. The findings of the latest survey, carried out in June and July 2025, highlights businesses are striving to grow, with fewer looking to downsize, while the vast majority had identified areas to develop their organisations.

The survey also highlights the range of external and national challenges South of Scotland businesses face, with business performance mixed. The full survey is available to view at www.southofscotlandenterprise.com/business-surveys.

Westerkirk ready with a big Benty welcome!



The next local show to be held in Eskdale is the Benty show organised by the Westerkirk Horticultural Society. It takes place this Saturday, 6th September and has a wide range of flower, vegetable and industrial work classes as well as sheep classes and sports.

After a move to a different field last year, 2025 sees a return to the show's normal

location in the field behind the Benty Hall where you will find all the activities and perhaps somewhere to wet your whistle too!

A silver challenge trophy for dogs is on offer for the best collie in the show and there are also prizes for a child's pet dog.

There are to be four hound trails this year held under Border Hound Trail Association rules with the first one

to get off at 1.45pm.

The fell race will be held for the Scott Challenge trophy with a first prize of £75 to be won. It's a steep climb up Sherra Craigs and not for the faint hearted.

The sheaf tossing is always good fun to watch and that will be followed by a barbecue. Entries for all classes are now closed. Everyone is hoping for a sunny day on Saturday.

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Farming with Gilly Fraser

Ethical Dairy founder receives SRUC Fellowship

The SRUC has awarded an Honorary Fellowship to David Finlay who founded the Dumfriesshire-based Ethical Dairy along with his wife Wilma who died earlier this year.

The farm established a sustainable system which allows calves to stay with their mothers.

It's recognition for the success of an ambitious scheme which as David explains on the farm's website, had to overcome many obstacles along the way.

"We built a new dairy, specially designed to house calves with their mothers, and trialled the full cow with calf system for the first time in 2012. It taught us a lot, but financially it was disastrous.

"However, the impact it made on cow contentment was staggering. We noticed the cows seemed calmer and more confident, so we spent several years exploring ways to make cow with calf viable on our farm.

"We redesigned our system and in late 2016 we tried again and gave ourselves a fixed three-year deadline to either prove it could work, or to quit. It wasn't easy, but eventually we did make it work.

"In late 2019 we committed to this way of farming permanently and can now say with absolute certainty that for us, this system works. It works for the cows whose behaviour suggests a marked reduction in stress, improvement in health and higher than expected levels of productivity. It works for the calves who thrive being reared by their mothers, growing twice as quickly as before. It also works for us and the farm staff, with reduced inputs and a highly motivated farm team."



Sheepdog Nationals held at Lockerbie

Argyll man and sheepdog pair take the championship

Meikleholm Farm in Lockerbie played host to this year's Scottish National Sheep Dog Trials, with top handlers and their Border Collies coming from far afield to compete.

Organised by the International Sheep Dog Society, the event gave the opportunity to compete for a place in the national team for the International Supreme Championship.

After a very tough competition, 37-year-old Chris Toner and his home-bred dog Niro Mace were pronounced winners, securing their second national championship in three years.

The pair had made the long journey from their home in Argyll, along with Mace's kennelmate Nap who came fifth among the 150 dogs competing.

Chris said the results had made the long journey worthwhile.



CHAMPS: Chris Toner with Niro, Mace and Nap

"Mace is an incredible dog to have won the National twice in three years. It's been a great trial all round, the sheep have been consistent from the first to the 150th packet."

Mace scored 208/220, which represented mean scores of 104/110 from each of two judges. To earn those points Mace had to run 400m out to lift five ewes and take them back to Chris, turn them round him and drive them away.

He then had to change direction to cross the field, return to the close handling area, passing through three sets of gates en route and then to shed two sheep, reunite and pen the packet then to single out one of two collared ewes from the packet.

The event had far fewer spectators and overseas visitors than in previous years, and that may be because it was live-streamed for the first time.

Volunteer firefighters hailed as heroes

Farmers and gamekeepers who turned out voluntarily to help firefighters tackle a major moorland blaze in north Yorkshire have been hailed as heroes by the community.

The fire broke out on Langdale Moor on August 11 and spread to cover around 25km between Whitby and Scarborough.

The cause hasn't yet been established but the situation was made all the worse by exploding WW2 bombs and shells from a nearby tank training range.

There have been at least eighteen explosions, and the Ministry of Defence said a disposal team had found "various World War Two-era unexploded ordnance items."

Farmers brought tractors and slurry tankers to cart water while gamekeepers brought tractors, toppers, leafblowers and their own firefighting equipment, all of them working relentlessly long hours in a bid to bring the blaze under control.

Meanwhile a fundraiser set up with the initial hope of raising a few hundred pounds to buy snacks and drinks for the firefighters, has now topped £61,000 and is still growing.

Amy Cockrem, who set up the JustGiving page, says it's unreal to see how much has been raised.

"The true heroes are the farmers, contractors, gamekeepers and volunteers," she said.



The situation was worsened by exploding WWII bombs

On her fundraising page, Amy says much of the money raised will now go to help farmers who have been directly affected by the fire.

"These funds are going to be needed much more than what we first thought. With messages I am receiving by local heartbroken farmers it is going help them so much. It will also be shared to fire charities among others that are involved."

Scone Palace Challenge

The countdown is on to the RSABI's Great Scone Challenge which will see teams from Scotland's agricultural community battle it out to raise money for the charity.

On Saturday 13th September at the iconic Scone Palace in Perthshire, teams of five will compete in a series of events to win the title of Great Scone Palace Challenge Champions 2025, with prizes awarded by stars of Emmerdale.

Each team has committed to raising funds to help RSABI provide financial, practical and emotional support services for people in Scottish agriculture.

RSABI Head of Fundraising Pauline Macmillan says they are hugely grateful to every team.

"It promises to be a truly memorable day bringing together people from across the farming community, all while raising funds to help RSABI continue to provide vital support to the industry," she said.



"We encourage everyone to get behind the teams by donating and showing them your support as they prepare to rise to the challenge."

As hosts, Scone Palace has named RSABI as its charity of the year, supporting the event with logistics and costs.

The day before the event will see farming favourites like Jim Smith, Ben Imrie and Andrew Morris take part in celebrity

Scone Place has named RSABI as its Charity of the Year

2k races.

The Challenge will round off with an exclusive black-tie Celebration Ball in the Long Gallery of Scone Palace, hosted by Lord Stormont where guests will enjoy a three-course dinner, charity auction, live music, and a performance from the Emmerdale cast band.

Holm Show 2025



Copshaw's big day expertly captured by the Camera Club

Words By Gilly Fraser

Photos by
Barry Jarvis & Mark Seaton

All eyes were on the sky in the days running up to this year's Holm Show with the weather proving changeable to say the least.

Happily, the dice fell the right way and although the clouds were

occasionally a bit on the threatening side, the day stayed mostly dry and for once, wellies weren't compulsory.

That was appreciated by all but none more so than Holm Camera Club Chairman Barry Jarvis and club member Mark Seaton.

They had been asked to take photographs at the Holm Show. Now that may seem a straightforward brief, but how could they put their

own stamp on the day and yet stay true to the character of such a much loved and much photographed event?

And with so many options on offer – where best to start?

Barry says his main priority was to capture the essence of a very special community celebration.

Whilst there's the formal side, judging and prize giving, it's the more candid approach that shows

the event's true nature and provides the photographer with the best opportunity for memorable photos," Barry says.

"That said, trying to be invisible can be difficult when you're carrying camera equipment but you soon blend in and capture those images that show the community coming together in friendly competition as they have done for generations.

"The most important aspect is to enjoy the whole experience and engage with exhibitors and visitors and of course hope that the weather plays its part."

Barry and Mark certainly did capture some wonderful and memorable images as you can see on these pages. Many more can be found on the club's website – holm-camera.club in the gallery under the tab Holm Show 2025.

A marvellous showcase for country living

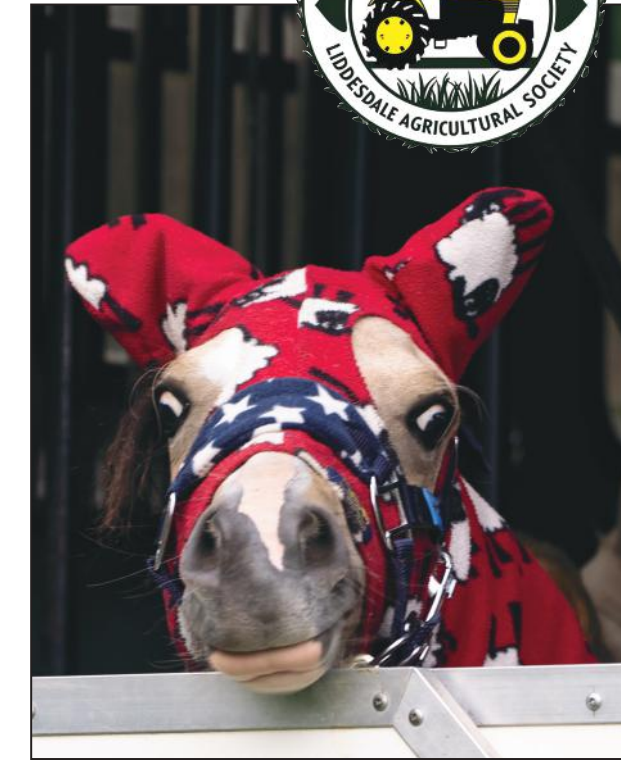
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Tinnis Cup for most points in the section – Mrs Isobel Nichol
British Legion Cup for most points in classes 251, 261, 262, 264 – Mr Watt Jeffrey
- Home Baking Section:**
Jean Mitchison Shield – Mr N. Barber
Alison Mitchinson Trophy – Mr N. Barber
The Anderson Shield – Ms. Kate Ireland
Martin Mitchell Challenge Trophy – Master Leo Page
- Industrial Arts & Crafts Section:**
The Holm Cup – Mrs Isobel Nichol
The Barbara Robson Trophy – Mrs C. Warwick
The Linda Scott Memorial Trophy – Mrs Marijka Critchey
Dr Arthur Bethune Memorial Prize for Best In Show in Children's Section – Master Daniel Ashbolt
The Reverend and Mrs Bryon Maben Trophy for the most points in the children's section: Master Adam Cropper & Master Leo Page (joint winners)
- Children's Section (Closed):**
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- Walking Sticks:**
The Leonard Parkin Perpetual Challenge Cup for Best Stick – Mr A. Warwick
Perpetual Challenge Cup presented by Mr RH Little – Mr A. Warwick
- Novice Sticks:**
Mauris Carruthers Trophy – Mr D. Bowman
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The Barbour Cup – Mrs Michelle McEwan
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The Rowtingburn Challenge Cup – Mrs Michelle McEwan



Floral Art supremo Libby Kennedy



A richness of crooks

...and the weather played ball



Overall Sheep Champion – Blackface from Penchrise



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Am I doing it right Mum?

Sheep section

Overall Sheep:

The Cumberland and Dumfriesshire Farmers Cup for Champion Overall – **S. Anderson, Penchrise**

The Eskdale & Liddesdale Advertiser Trophy for Reserve Champion –

G. Wilson, Hawthornside

The Charlie Wilson Memorial Cup for Champion Shepherd 25yrs and under

R. Wood, Potholm

South Country Cheviot Sheep:

The Liddesdale Junior Agricultural Challenge Cup for Champion –

G. Jackson, Toftholm

The Cumberland and Westmorland Farmers Ltd Challenge Cup for Undressed

R. Wood, Potholm

The Wattie Robertson Memorial Cup for Champion Overall Cheviot or Blackface –

S. Anderson, Penchrise

Hill North Country Cheviot Sheep:

The Solway Agricultural Cup for Champion –

S. Anderson, Penchrise

Blackface Sheep:

The Larriston Perpetual Challenge Cup for Champion Blackface –

S. Anderson, Penchrise

The Jimmy Nixon Trophy

S. Anderson, Penchrise

Continental Sheep:

The Mr G. McGimpsey and Mr G. Rae Trophy for Champion –

C&E Frame, Hawthornbank

Texel Sheep:

The Carrs Billington Challenge Trophy for Champion –

G. Wilson, Hawthornside

Prime Lambs:

The Titheburn Challenge Cup for best Prime Lambs –

W. Nixon, Langholm Initiative, Cooms

Any Other Breeds Sheep:

Jobson Animal Health Challenge Trophy for Champion –

C&E Frame, Hawthornbank

Young Handler:

The Bedda Cup for Champion –

B. Hedley, Hawthornside

Dog section

Craven Cup for Overall Champion –

Caroline Blackie

Peel Fell Cup for Champion

Dog/Bitch for Classes 120-125 –

Caroline Blackie

Ewart Trophy

J. Grieve

Caldcleuch Cup for Champion Collie 127-128 –

G. Smithson

Tarn of Glendhu Memorial Trophy

Class 135 –

G. Smithson

Vintage Section:

The Agroweld Cup –

Andrew Vaughan

Classic Car Challenge Cup –

Billy Lockerby

Equestrian Section:

Overall Horse/ Pony:

The Armstrong-Wilson Trophy –

Lynsay Bell

Class 100 Pony Club Pony –

The Liddesdale Agricultural Society Challenge Cup – **Katie Cooper**

Class 101 Pony Club Pony –

The Hawick News Challenge Cup –

Amelia Douglas

Class 102 Hill Cobs –

Sir Waldie Griffiths Perpetual

Challenge Cup –

Jenny Rudkin

Class 103 Small Native – Lead Rein

Telford Family

Iona Mitchell

Class 104 Small Native - First Ridden

Copshaw Cup –

Nina McDonnell

Class 105 Show Pony –

Coffee Johnny Perpetual Challenge

Cup – **Zoe Green**

Class 107 Registered Mountain &

Moorland Large –

Liddesdale Agricultural Society

Challenge Cup –

Ella Cooper

Class 108 Registered Mountain &

Moorland Small –

Lingards Wood Willow Trophy –

Lynsay Bell

Westerkirk Saddlery Perpetual Tro-

phy for best Welsh Pony from Class-

es 107 and 108 –

Lynsay Bell

Class 109 Coloured Horse or Pony –

Poldark Trophy –

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Katie Cooper



Constituents and party grandees mark local MP's milestone

David Mundell celebrates 20 years at the UK Parliament

Almost 200 guests gathered at the Cairndale Hotel, Dumfries on Sunday to mark the completion of 20 years at the UK Parliament by local MP David Mundell. The Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale representative was joined at a special lunch by family, friends, constituents, political supporters and colleagues from different parts of the UK.

Mr Mundell, who was a commercial lawyer with BT before entering national politics, was the youngest councillor in Scotland during his student days serving on both Annandale and Eskdale District Council and Dumfries and Galloway Regional Council. He was one of the first intake of MSPs at the new Scottish Parliament in 1999 serving in the Conservative group until his election to Westminster for the party in 2005.

David was appointed as a junior Minister at the Scotland Office in the Coalition Government formed in 2010 and later served in the UK Cabinet as Secretary of State for Scotland in the premierships of David Cameron and Theresa May. The former Lockerbie Academy pupil prides himself in taking every oppor-

tunity to champion his largely rural constituency, one of the largest in the UK, and says he considers raising community concerns is one of the most important parts of his role.

Banter

During the event, there were contributions by MP friend and former Minister Graham Stuart, Oliver Mundell MSP, and constituency MP John Cooper. There were also contributions from the current Leader of the Scottish Conservatives Russell Findlay and former leaders including Baroness Ruth Davidson, Baroness Annabel Goldie and Douglas Ross MSP. After the lunch, Mr Mundell said he was touched by the many kind words and enjoyed some of the tongue-in-cheek banter from the



LANGHOLM LADIES: Grace Brown and Margaret Sanderson at the do

speakers. He said:

"The event was a very kind suggestion by some of my hard-working local party campaigners which just seemed to take off and grow. My only regret was that practical limitations meant

I could not invite the many more people who would have been equally welcome. I'm very grateful to the sponsors who helped make the event possible and to all the team who pulled everything together.



David addresses the party

"I wish to take this opportunity to thank all those who have supported me down the years and the many other constituents I've worked with fulfilling my duties as their local MP, whatever way they vote in elections."

Nurse of the Year Awards

The Royal College of Nursing Scotland has launched their most prestigious nursing awards with nominations now open for the RCN Scotland Nurse of the Year Awards 2026. Highlighting, promoting and celebrating the innovation and professionalism of Scotland's nursing staff, the Awards shine a spotlight on the best of nursing in Scotland.

They also provide the nation with the opportunity to find out more about the amazing care that nursing staff provide 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to the people of Scotland. Nominations for 12 of the award categories are open to individuals and teams and cover the diversity of nursing roles across Scotland's health and care services.

The awards are open to all nursing staff in Scotland and each category will be judged by an expert panel. There will also be two additional awards announced at our awards ceremony in April 2026. The prestigious RCN Scotland Nurse of the Year 2026 will be selected from the registered nurse winners from the other award categories. If you would like to nominate a nurse that you know more details are on the website <https://www.rcn.org.uk/news-and-events/news/noty-2026-nominations-020925>. The deadline for entries is 31 October 2025 and you do not need to be an RCN member to enter.

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Looking back...

In these days, following a six years' catastrophic war, when our country is beset with almost insurmountable housing problems, it may be of interest to learn that at that period when the Meikleholm Mill spindles were merrily running to the tune of the big water wheel of the mill dam - which still wends its weary way by the now depleted and silent mills, to join the Esk river - there were 407 inhabited houses, eight unoccupied, and two in course of erection, to serve 576 families.

The numbers employed in the different trades and handicrafts in the town besides the weavers and stocking makers already mentioned are given as follows: Brewer 1; bakers 6; blacksmiths 6; coopers 2; candlemaker 1; distiller 1; dyer and threadmaker 1; clockmakers 4; fleshers 4; shoemakers 6; tinsmith 1; joiners, carpenters and glaziers 10; house painters 2; tailors 8; shopkeepers 15; sawyers 4; saddlers 2; barbers 2; masons 6; cloggers 5; tanner 1; skinner 1; millers 2; stationer and printer 1. Professional persons: clergymen 3; bankers 2; surgeons 2; writers 3; teachers 5 male and 4 female.

Many of these trades or occupations are now defunct. The Distillery, near the Skippers Bridge, which at one time carried on a flourishing trade, is now disman-



The Straits on Langholm High Street showing the Buccleuch Arms Hotel on the right

Photo courtesy of Langholm Archives

tled and serves the purpose of a garage and filling station, supplying a liquid probably more useful, and certainly less harmful, than the "Mountain Dew" for which Langholm Distillery in its heyday was so far-famed.

In this connection the statistician, writing in the year 1793, when Langholm had a population of 2540, informs the reader that there were at that time 15 innkeepers and publicans, "exclusive of some who keep private tippling-houses and dram shops".

Fifty years later we are told that in this parish, which contained a population of 2676, there were no less than eight respectable inns

and twelve inferior alehouses - "a number", says the writer "much more than sufficient to supply the wants both of travellers and of the inhabitants. No doubt these houses must tend to the deterioration of the morals of the people; still the general character of the people is decidedly sober and religious".

The Buck and The Crown

Of the large number of inns which flourished in the town a hundred years ago, the "Crown" and the "Buck" Hotels alone survive. The present "Eskdale Hotel" stands on the site of the "King's

Arms" and the "Douglas Hotel" is set back several feet from the old building line of the "Straits" where its predecessor, the "Shoulder of Mutton" and its next door neighbour, the "Royal Oak" stood.

From the "King's Arms" in the Market Place to the "George and Dragon" at the head of the Gas Entry, there were no fewer than seven inns serving this comparatively short stretch of closely built houses in the "Straits" the name applied to this part of the High Street, but now rarely heard except from an old residenter.

In his "Reminiscences" written in 1911, Simon Irving of Langholm Corn Mill, states that

where the "Crown Hotel" now is was once a duck pond called "White's Hole". The "Crown" was built by Frank Beattie who, along with Simon's father, was among the first inhabitants of Langholm to "Ride the Common". The town's chief inn previous to the erection of the "Crown" was the "Caulfield House" which stood in the Free Kirk Entry, on the site now occupied by the side entrance to the Thomas Hope Hospital.

With the demise of "The Stell" and the one-time thriving brewery, near the top of the brae of that name, which runs up from the High Street near the Townfoot, the few coopers left in the town found themselves without employment, and doubtless turned their attention to other means of livelihood. It is not improbable that the candlemaker referred to in the statistician's list was James Hope who, according to the inscription on his tombstone in the Auld Kirkyard up the brae, died in 1846, at the age of seventy-six. His place of business was in Drove Road.

In the varied list given by our meticulous scribe there is no mention of the trade of nailer, although there is evidence of this rather obscure occupation being in existence in the town. From another source we learn that there was a nailer's forge which flourished at the top of Wapping Lane.

C & D Marts (Longtown) Primestock Report Thursday, 28th August 2025

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C&D Auction Marts had forward an entry of 7468 sheep comprising of 3019 lambs and 4449 cast ewes & rams at their weekly sale at Longtown Mart on Thursday 28th August 2025.

PRIME LAMBS

A larger show of prime lambs topped at £215 per head for Texels from A.M. & L. Surtherland, Carran.

Top per kilo of 437.8p for Beltex lambs from J.A. & L.A. Thompson, Woodhead.

For all further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact your auctioneers who will be only too pleased to help.

Overall average of 307.3ppk (SQQ 308ppk)

Principal prices (Per kilo)

Beltex - 437.8p, 368.8p Woodhead, 364.4p Ellerslea, 356.5p Whitesyke, 355.1p Thornthwaite Close
Blue Texel - 353.7p, 320.8p Whitesyke
Texel - 350p Faugh Beeches, 348.1p

Dalbhraddan, 336.6p LIngey Field, 336p Goslingmire, 335p Crumhaugh-hill

Suffolk - 334.6p Crumhaughhill, 331p Woodcroft, 324.5p The Land, 320.8p Woodcroft, 319p Barnglies

Dutch Spotted - 326.2p, 309.1p Whitesyke

Charollais - 322.7p Pretoria Road, 313p Knowe Farm

Mule - 315.2p Burnfoot Farm, 313.2p Mount Farm, 311p Shittington Hall, 309.4p Mouldyhill, 307p Farnham Park

Hill Cheviot - 314p Cottage, 313p Kirkton, 306.4p Earlside, 303p Braidley, 302.5p Pilmuir

Zwartbles - 310p Evertown

Lleyn - 308p, 305p The Height, 304.5p South Bowerhouses,

Cheviot Mule - 307p, 305p Upper Chatto, 300p, 288.5p Falnash

Easycare - 300p Braidley, 290p High Trewitt

Berrichon - 300p Townfoot and Lawesknowe, 283p Townfoot

Oxford - 298p, 295.3p Guards

Herdwick - 284.2p Dmainholm

Dorset - 284.1p Litharge

Blackface - 281p Bankend, 277.1p Falnash, 271p Whiteside

Ryeland - 269.8p Conhess

Dartmoor - 194.4p Litharge

Principal prices (Per head)

Texel - £215 Carran Farm, £210 Wester Parkgate Farm

Suffolk - £195 Woodcroft, £191 Grindon Hill, £180 Muirfield

Beltex - £183 Roughet Hill, £177 Woodhead

Lleyn - £170 Bowerhouses

Zwartbles - £168 Stapleton Grange

Mule - £166 Mount Farm, £164 (x2) Mouldyhill, £154 Shittington Hall

Border Leicester - £160 Falnash

Cheviot Mule - £150 Falnash

Cheviot - £147 Kirkton, £144 Earlside

Charollais - £144, £143 Knowe Farm, £142 Pretoria Road

Dutch Spotted - £137, £136 Whitesyke

Oxford - £140 Guards Farm

Berrichon - £133, £126 Townfoot Farm

Easycare - £126 Braidley Farm

Dorset - £125 Litharge

Ryeland - £116 Conhess Farm

Blackface - £114 Whiteside Farm

Herdwick - £108 Dmainholm Farm

Dartmoor - £70 Litharge

CAST EWES AND RAMS

A slightly increased entry of cast ewes & rams saw a top price of £355 for Texel ewes from R. & A. Harrison, Hazel Head. Light ewes to £168 for Lleyns from S. & R. Irving, The Height. Rams to £290 for Texels from Q.L. Milroy, Kirranrae.

Heavy ewes

Texel - £355 Hazel Head, £350 21 Raefield, £340 Wester Parkgate

Suffolk - £226 Clifton Cote, £220 Drumreach, £220 Archerbeck, £215 3 Westerhouses

Cheviot Mule - £215 Wester Parkgate Farm, £208 Fountainhall, £190 Drumreach

Charollais - £200 Beckfoot

Mule - £205 Kirranrae Farm, £190 Unthank

Beltex - £195 Woodhead

Romney - £172 Conhess Farm, £170 Clifton Cote, £160 Rammerscales

NC Cheviot - £172 Drumreach, £168 Beckfoot, £165 Colmslie Hill

Hampshire - £170 Guards Farm

Blue Faced Leicester - £165 Chesterhall Parks

Ryeland - £120 Conhess Farm, £118

Lowfield House

Berrichon - £92 Harden

Light ewes

Lleyn - £168 The Height, £152 Incheoch

Cheviot - £144 Kirkton, £138 Sorbie

Swaledale - £144 Mount Farm, £130 Whitton, £130 The Crew

Blackface - £132 Deuchrie, £124 Chesterhall, £124 Clifton Cote

Easy Care - £125 Harwood

Shetland - £106 Clifton Cote, £80 Lowfield House

Kerry Hill - £118 Coxhill

Badgerface - £105 Muirfield

Herdwick - £90 2 Torran Mhor, £88 The Faulds

Hebridean - £92 Ettleton Farm

Rams

Texel - £290 Kirranrae, £240 Hazel Head

Charollais - £265 Archerbeck

Suffolk - £220 & £215 Archerbeck

Blue Faced Leicester - £210 Lawesknowe

NC Cheviot - £200 Archbank Farming

Blackface - £180 Sorbie

Kerry Hill - £180 Coxhill

Cheviot - £175 Linton Bank Head,

£175 Sorbie, £170 Stooprigg

Zwartble - £170 Holmlea

Swaledale - £160 Morley Hill

Lleyn - £150 Incheoch Farms

Romney - £145 Overhowden

Blue De Main - £140 Midtown Farm

Beltex - £130 Solwaybank

Averages:

Lambs
Light to 314.0p (286.3p)
Standard to 437.8p (294.6p)
Medium to 364.4p (310.8p)
Heavy to 368.8p (310.5p)
Overweight 350.0p (306.1p)

Ewes
Light to £152 (£84.89)
Heavy to £355 (£139.15)
Rams to £290 (£145.70)



The E&L Gallery



Lots of rain in Eskdale turned the Wauchope into a millpond this week: Photo by Mairi Telford Jammeh

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Razzamataz to put Langholm youngsters in the spotlight

Carlisle-based theatre school will hold regular classes locally

Debbie Hyslop, Principal of Razzamataz Theatre School Carlisle, is thrilled to be launching regular classes in Langholm this September. Having grown up in the town, Langholm holds a special place in Debbie's heart. After running successful holiday workshops locally and receiving enthusiastic feedback via social media, she felt the time was right to introduce weekly sessions.

Razzamataz Theatre Schools aim to boost creativity, confidence, and community among young people through performing arts education. The curriculum includes dance, singing, and acting, blending commercial styles like street dance, pop singing, and screen acting with traditional musical theatre from Broadway and the West End. Established 25 years ago, Razzamataz is known for its experienced teaching team dedicated to empowering children with life skills through the arts.

Debbie shared her excitement: "After Razzamataz's appearance on BBC's Dragons' Den in 2007, the schools have expanded nationwide.

Duncan Bannatyne saw the potential and invested, helping us grow into one of the UK's top five part-time theatre schools, as ranked by The Stage newspaper."

Founder Denise Hutton-Gosney and her team have since built a strong brand, with nearly 50 schools across the UK. Debbie, who also leads Razzamataz Carlisle and Dumfries, is proud to bring the school's unique blend of performing arts to Langholm. "Nurturing young talent and building confidence is central to what we do," said Debbie. "Our classes offer a mix of street dance and musical theatre, giving children a broad and exciting



Razzamataz Theatre Schools have proven to increase childrens' confidence on and off stage

experience."

Classes will cover dance, drama, and singing, reflecting current

trends to keep students engaged. The structure is designed to be fun and stimulating, helping children explore



the full spectrum of performing arts. Beyond artistic skills, theatre education offers broader benefits. Children gain self-discipline, teamwork abilities, and transferable skills like strong communication and interview techniques—valuable for future job opportunities.

Razzamataz Langholm launches on Thursday 23rd September at The Studio, Maxwell Place. Families are invited to book a free trial session by contacting the team at:

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Day	What	Time	Where
Mon	Scrap Store	10-3	Creation Mill, DG13 0ES
	Tots Textiles	10-12	
	Mending Monday	1-3	
Tues	Scrap Store	10-3	Creation Mill, DG13 0ES
	Canonbie In Stitches	2-4	Village Hall, DG14 0UX
	After School Club	4-5:30	Creation Mill, DG13 0ES
Wed	Scrap Store & Welcome Wednesday	10-3	Creation Mill, DG13 0ES
	Kirkpatrick Fleming In Stitches	10-12	Victoria Hall, DG11 3AU
Thurs	Scrap Store	10-3	Creation Mill, DG13 0ES
Fri	Scrap Store	10-3	Creation Mill, DG13 0ES
	Langholm weekly In Stitches	1-4	
Sat	Weekend Creation Club: - Age 3-7 - Age 8-14+	10-11:30 12:30-3	Creation Mill, DG13 0ES

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Architectural Heritage: Windows to the Past, Doors to the Future

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- Visitors will be able to browse historic documents pertaining to the library;
- Valuation roles for property in Dumfriesshire;
- The 1912 sale details for Westerhall Estate;
- Thomas Telford's Atlas and autobiography;
- A few old photos of property in the area.

Weekend of 6th & 7th September
10- 4pm

Refreshments will be provided. All Welcome.
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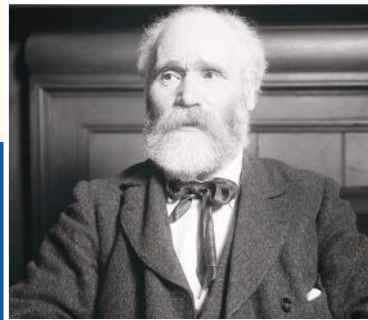
WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER

Fri 5th	Beavers, Scouts, Cubs Langholm Community Centre	Beavers 6.15 - 7.30pm Cubs 6.15 - 8pm Scouts 7.30 - 9pm
	The Keep it Country Show	The Buccleuch Centre 7.30pm
Sat 6th	The Benty Show	The Benty, Westerkirk
	Langholm Producers' Market	The Buccleuch Centre 9am - 1pm
Sat 6th and 7th	Doors Open Days	Westerkirk Parish Library 10am - 4pm
Fri 19th	Murder Mystery 'Abbasolute Murder!'	The Buccleuch Centre 7.30pm
Sat 20th	Across the Universe The Beatles Studio Years	The Buccleuch Centre 7.30pm
Sat 27th	Eskdale Agricultural Show	Castleholm, Langholm

The E&L General Knowledge Quiz

No. 2533 answers next week

- In which decade was the SYHA formed?
- Where is Robert Adam buried?
- In which decade did the first postage stamps come into use in Scotland?
- What was the real name of Kinmont Willie?
- By which name was James Crichton of Ellock, the 16th century scholar also known?
- In which century was the first Bible printed in Scotland?
- What are the titles of the two Law Officers of the Crown?
- Name the Scot who produced the first waterproof cloth.
- In which country was Scots Medical pioneer, Elsie Inglis, born?
- What was the profession of David Octavius Hill (1802-70)?
- When did the first Edinburgh Military Tattoo take place?
- Which mountains were put up for sale by John Macleod in 2000?
- In which year did an explosion take place in a waste shaft at Dounreay?
- Which agricultural event takes place at Ingliston every year?
- What is the name of the construction firm started by George Balfour in 1909?
- In which year did John Balliol Make his claim to the Scottish throne?
- In which century was the Boys' Brigade founded?
- What should be placed in the hand of a newborn child?
- What playing card is said to be the 'curse of Scotland'?
- Who was the Scottish Miner who founded the Scottish Labour Party?



Crossword & Quiz Solutions from last week

Quiz 2532

- The Forests of Caledon
- Scottish Site of Special Scientific Interest
- Eriskay and South Uist
- Sheep cloned from embryo cells
- Cockburnspath
- Because of erosion of land by the sea which had destroyed some houses in the past and threatens further destruction.
- The Scottish deerhound
- Lulu
- Monarch of the Glen
- Wigtown
- David I
- 19 years
- Tommy Sheridan
- The comedy character he played, Victor Meldrew, was killed off on TV
- Blacksmith
- James Thin
- Loch Fyne
- Heather shoots
- November 30th
- A sheep's stomach

Crossword 2532

Across: 1 Helmet, 5 Absent, 8 Reprisal, 9 Aahs, 10 Maui, 11 Enormous, 13 Hairdresser, 18 Approach, 22 Arab, 23 Waxy, 24 Intimate, 25 Peg leg, 26 Errors.

Down: 2 Eyewash, 3 Martini, 4 Taste, 5 All gone, 6 Swarm, 7 Nehru, 12 Ore, 14 Alp, 15 Drawing, 16 Slammer, 17 Reactor, 19 Phase, 20 Riyal, 21 Hythe.

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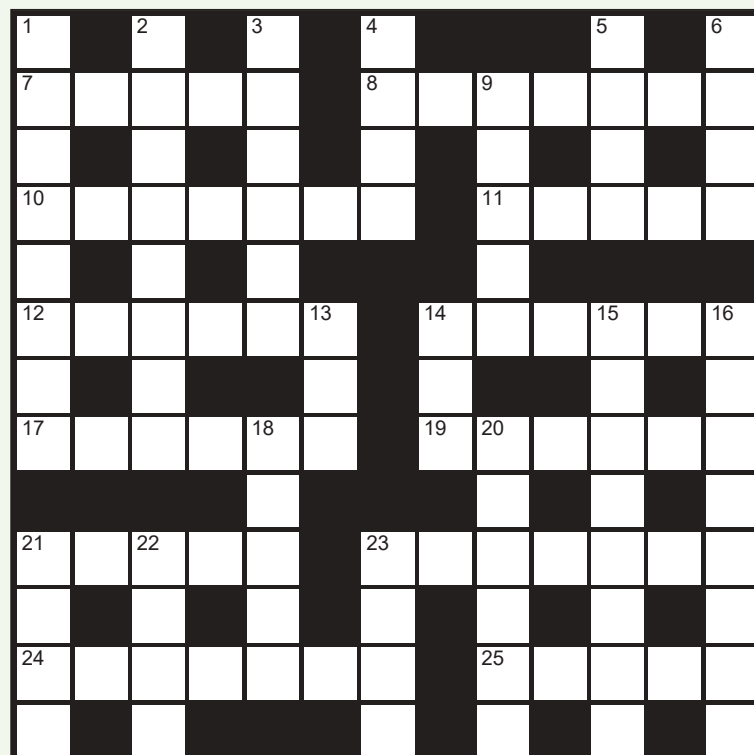
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Across

- Perch (5)
- Hug (7)
- Poorly matched (7)
- Infectious agent (5)
- Shout of discovery (6)
- Mistake (4-2)
- Showy and cheap (6)
- Hue (6)
- Mistaken (5)
- Small bag (7)
- Cap attachment (7)
- Fertile area in a desert (5)

Down

- Altercation (8)
- D-i-y beer (4-4)
- Hit (6)
- Exchange for money (4)
- Two identical things (4)
- Military dining room (4)
- Chamfer (5)
- Some (3)
- Not sweet (3)
- Foretell (8)
- Render immobile (8)
- Majestic (5)
- Choice (6)
- Small songbird (4)
- Rowing levers (4)
- Drinks slowly (4)





Great start in first league match of new season

Tranent succumbs to LRFC in impressive away win

Rugby

By Kenneth Pool
Langholm RFC travelled to Tranent on Saturday to open their East League 1 account against Ross High RFC.

With three friendly matches already under their belts, Langholm were keen to build on their successful pre-season form.

The match kicked off in damp and blustery conditions with the visitors taking the initiative from the start and putting together some good moves to pressure the home side. However, it was Ross High that were first on the scoreboard with a converted try after 15 minutes. Langholm continued to pile on the pressure and were awarded a penalty which Bailey Donaldson successfully kicked. Further pressure saw the ball fed out to Callum Henderson who crashed through the defence to score a good try which Bailey converted. Langholm came close to scoring in the last few minutes of the first half but could not make the breakthrough. Half time score Ross High 7 Langholm 10.

The second half saw

Langholm step up a gear and the home side were struggling to contain them. Rhu Forbes got himself in the scoresheet with a well worked try and again Donaldson was on target with the conversion. A good move by the Langholm forwards saw the ball moved along the back line and then into the safe hands of stalwart Steve Nicol who ran in for an excellent try touching down behind the posts. Donaldson made sure of the conversion and Langholm were leading 24-7. Langholm were now chasing the bonus point try and it came late in the match when Will Donaldson took the ball and crashed over for the 4th try. Brother Bailey made sure of the conversion. In the 80th minute, Langholm were awarded a penalty and Donaldson sent the ball between the uprights and the ref blew for full time. Final score Ross High 7 Langholm RFC 34.

A great performance from the team, who were firing on all cylinders especially in the second half and coach Craig Hislop will be pleased with the way the squad pulled together and got a good win and 5 points to



start their league campaign.

The next league match is on 13th September against Dunbar RFC at Milntown (Kick off 3pm).

Will Donaldson scorer of the bonus point 4th try

Great team goals by Langholm Girls



Langholm Girls U12s

Girls' Football

LANGHOLM GIRLS 12s v GLENBURN MINERS |

By Callum Graham

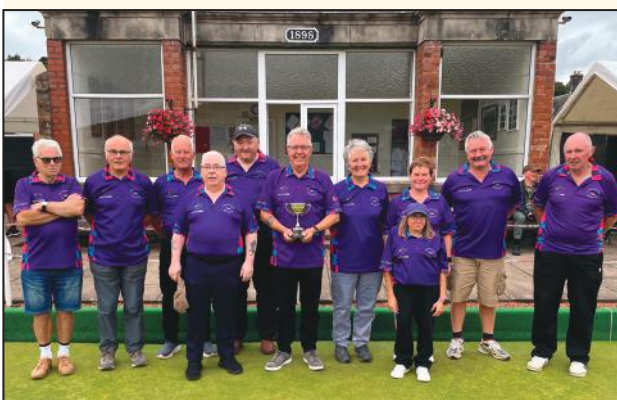
Langholm Under 12s hosted Glenburn Miners on Sunday who had made the lengthy journey from Prestwick in Ayrshire to resume the second half of the girl's football league season.

The girls started off where they finished playing earlier in the season with some lovely passing football and scoring some great team goals.

Langholm goals were scored by Lana Pringle (3) Bella Pearson (3) Josie Neish Hannah Imrie Bonnie Rose

Many thanks to Glenburn Miners for travelling down and playing the game in the right spirit, and we wish them all the very best for the remainder of the football season in 2025.

Bowling friendlies



Bowling

This year a brand-new league was introduced to the border bowling club area.

This included teams of 6 players competing against each other. The aim was to encourage newer members into some friendly matches.

The clubs which competed

were Langholm New, Langholm Old, Canonbie, Eastriggs, Eaglesfield, Gretna.

The champions for the year were Langholm New Town Bowling Club - with 6 wins, 1 draw and 3 losses and 31 shots. Gretna were the runners-up.

Pictured are the members who participated with President David Pool receiving the trophy.

Gim-cracker!



Horseracing

Martin Tedham's 'Lifeplan' won at York
Photo by Richard Sellers PA

Lifeplan a racehorse owned by Martin Tedham who hails from Langholm, won the Group 2 Gimcrack Stakes at the Ebor festival at York last week.

The horse is trained by Declan Carroll and the jockey on the day was Zak Wheatley. Lifeplan soared past Rock on Thunder in the final 100 yards to win by a length. Do Or Do Not came in third and was five lengths behind.

Campbell Cup loss

Football

By David Borthwick
On Saturday, we had another long trip east, to Berwick to face Highfields in the Colin Campbell Cup.

The game started and it felt like we might get our first win of the season, this feeling was to be short-lived, and it was the home side who were clinical and at half time it was 4-0 to Highfields.

A mountain to climb in the 2nd half, but the players were determined to do better. Sadly, it was the home side who got the first goal of the 2nd within minutes of the restart.

The second half was a little better and we did get 2 consolation goals from substitutes, a Brian 'Basil Brush' Mattinson penalty and Danny Hotson got us our 2nd. The game ended 7-2.

Thanks to Alec Laidlaw for officiating and those supporting.

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