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Langholm Pipe Band stars at Braemar Highland Games

King and Queen were 'blown away' by the Muckle Toon's appearance

David J. McVittie reports, in words and photos, on the band's weekend on Royal Deeside

The good people of the Scottish Highlands had their gasts well and truly flabbered last weekend when they were treated to the musical genius of the Langholm Pipe Band. Under the inspired leadership of Pipe Major Ricky Henderson and Drum Sergeant Reeve Telford, the band was once again representing the Muckle Toon up at the world famous Braemar Highland Gathering.

The King (the real yin, no the owner of Loon Chen) was in residence at Balmoral with Queen Camilla, and they graced the games with their presence, timing their one hour visit to coincide with Langholm Pipe Bands performance, something both he and Camilla demanded once they heard Langholm were coming. The band played a number of times throughout the day, and your wide reader base will be gratified to learn that they were, quite simply, outstanding; a real credit to themselves and the toon in both the way they played and the way in which they conducted themselves.

Groupies

Along with the band members were one or two groupies, or support workers perhaps, and they too were on great form and in great voice, cheering the band on as they played their way around the field as part of the massed bands, and as a band on their own for the King and Queen in the arena.

Pipe Band legend Lennie Bell and his wife Nina were also in attendance and, in all honesty, were probably recognised more than the King and Queen as they traversed the arena, al-

though with Lennie's regal bearing, he may well have been mistaken for the King himself.

The final play of the day was again part of the massed bands that played King Charles and Queen Camilla out of the arena and then back through the village, although there was a two minute hold up as Queen Camilla stopped the limo next to Langholm Pipe band in order to ask Piper Catherine Edwards where she got her pink nail varnish.

Gratifying

After what was an extremely long and exhilarating, but ultimately gratifying, day, the band headed back to The Carrbridge Hotel in Carrbridge, where they were staying for the weekend, safe in the knowledge that they had done the Muckle Toon proud.

A night of merriment then ensued where Drum Sergeant Reeve, who leaves for a seven-month trip to Australia on Friday, was presented with an Australian football shirt emblazoned with the Langholm Pipe Band Crest, signed by all the members, and some Australian dollars to help him get started upon arrival in OZ.

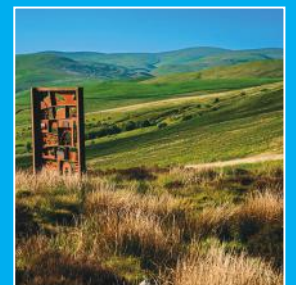
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Doors Open success

Doors Open Days proved a success for Westerkirk Library with over forty visitors over the weekend.

Those who came had a chance to hear a bit about the history of the library, find out about the Thomas Telford connection, browse some of the fascinating books and archives and enjoy the ambience of it. On the Saturday the open day coincided with the Benty Show and a good number of visitors popped in while on the Sunday although quieter there were still visitors interested to hear more about the library.

It's unfortunate that there are so few places open in Eskdale for Doors Open Days. If there were more involved it would make it worthwhile for people to travel to the area to visit more than one place. The event is an annual one and although there is no funding attached to it there is no cost involved as such and the organisers in Dumfries and Galloway help publicise the places that are open on Doors Open Days weekend.



Windfarm funding discussed



Langholm, Ewes and Weterkirk's community councillors were at the Producer's Market on Saturday to talk to people about the funding that they have for local people and organisations.

The grant pot that's available comes from various windfarms in the area. There are two themes for the funding – one is for individuals looking for help with training or educational costs to help with skills development and employment prospects while the other one is for community groups.

Forms and guidance notes are available by emailing lewccgrants@outlook.com. The deadline for applications is midday on Friday 26th September. This grant funding is separate to the larger pots of money from the windfarms in the area which is managed by the Southern Uplands Partnership and from grants disbursed by the local trusts through the Funders Forum.

A braw Braemar welcome

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These kind of trips don't just happen and the band would like to extend their grateful thanks to Telford's Buses and bus driver extraordinaire Andrew, Tesco for their kind donation towards the bus, Lodge Eskdale Kilwinning for their sizeable donation towards the trip raised at their "Night wi the Banna", Masonic Grand Superintendent Colin Johnstone, of the Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Dumfries, for his donation and anyone else who helped in any way to make the trip a success.

A special thank you must also go to Pipe Band stalwart Stacy Wilson for all her hard work and dedication in organising the lion's share of the trip, it really was appreciated by all the band members and "hingers on" alike.



WELCOME: Langholm Pipe Band march through Braemar village

Afternoon Tea raises over £2k



An afternoon tea at Langholm golf club raised in excess of £2115.50 for Breast Cancer Now at the weekend. This charity funds world class research that helps discover how to prevent breast cancer, saves lives and enables people to live well with the disease. Their vision is that by 2050, everyone diagnosed with breast cancer will live and be supported to live well. Their website says



“We know that at least 1 in 4 breast cancers could be prevented – and we need to find better ways to do this. We need to find better ways to detect and diagnose breast cancer as early as possible to improve the chances of treating it successfully. And we need to develop kinder and more effective treatments to help everyone living with or beyond the disease to live well.”

The organisers were from Newcastleton and Langholm and this charity is close to their hearts. They wish to thank everyone who helped with the tea and raffle in any way. People loaned china and tea stands, tea pots, tables, chairs and the tea which was served by women in pink outfits, was said to be delicious. A large hamper was won by Davie Hope with Carolle Warwick winning the smaller one.

10th anniversary of Borders railway line

13m passengers have travelled the route

By Gilly Fraser

The campaign to restore the railway line between Edinburgh and Carlisle celebrated a significant birthday this week – with the tenth anniversary of the line being restored as far as Tweedbank.

The old Waverley Line was one of the biggest victims of the savage Beeching Cuts, leaving the Borders as the only region of Britain without a train service.

One of the biggest protests took place in Newcastleton on the night of January 5th 1969 when the last train ran down the line. The area’s then MP David Steel was on board.

Led by the Reverend Brydon Maben, Copshaw folk turned out in force to close the level crossing gates and stand together on the line.

The good Reverend was arrested – ironically by his own son who was a police officer at the time. Happily David Steel intervened to negotiate his release from the cells.

Now, 56 years later, many local people still hope the railway will once again run through Newcastleton, and that’s buoyed by the undeniable success of the Tweedbank link.



Track laying on the Borders route in 2014

Photo Robert Drysdale

Since the reopening of that thirty-mile stretch, more than thirteen million passengers have travelled between Tweedbank and Edinburgh Waverley – and First Minister John Swinney added to their number by using the service to travel to Galashiels for the celebrations.

He said the line had exceeded expectations, connected com-

munities and laid the foundation for future growth.

“It is clear to see the impact of the Scottish Government’s £353m investment in 2015. The 30 miles of new railway and seven new stations have delivered major economic and social development opportunities within the region and beyond,” he said.

Canonbie SWI new season

Canonbie Scottish Women’s Institute commences their new season on 18th September in Canonbie Hall at 7pm. At the first meeting the Police will be giving a talk about ‘Scams and Keeping Safe’. Membership costs for the season are £32 and £4 for visitors. The competitions for the first session will be a ‘Stay Safe’ poster and a medium sized key ring. Everyone is welcome to go along.

Tea and Cake at Canonbie

Canonbie Community Enterprise, which is now running the shop and post office at Canonbie, offered tea and cake for people on Saturday morning outside the Cross Keys. This was so that the organisation could hear people’s ideas as to how they would like to see the facilities develop. It was also a chance to celebrate the milestone of the group taking over the running of what is the hub of the Canonbie Community.



Butterfly numbers improving but still in worrying decline

The results of Butterfly Conservation’s Big Butterfly Count are in, and while the numbers are a vast improvement on 2024’s record lows, the charity has warned that urgent measures are still needed to reverse long-term decline. The sunniest spring and hottest summer ever recorded in the UK provided good weather conditions for butterflies after 2024’s record-breaking lows. However, the results from the Big Butterfly Count show that it was definitely not a bumper summer for our beleaguered butterflies.

Between July 18 and August 10, over 125,000 citizen scientists got involved in the Big Butterfly Count – more than ever before – and recorded 1.7 million butterflies and moths, with the top five species being Large White, Small White, Gatekeeper, Red Admiral and Meadow Brown.

On average, participants recorded 10.3 butterflies during each 15-minute count. While a



DO YOUR BIT: Butterflies need good weather and a health environment to thrive

marked improvement on last summer’s record low of just 7, it is only broadly average by modern standards and has done little to reverse longer-term declines.

71k butterflies

In Scotland, 6,286 people joined the count compared to 3,587 last year and counted 71,988 butterflies and moths in

the three-week period. On average the number of butterflies recorded per count was 9. The most-seen species in Scotland were the Small White, Large White, Red Admiral, Peacock and Green-veined White. Butterflies need two things to thrive: good weather and a healthy environment.

Dr Richard Fox, Head of Science at Butterfly Conservation,

said:

“We may feel like we’ve seen lots of butterflies this summer, but that’s only because last year was so awful. Last summer’s results were the lowest we’ve seen and a stark warning that many of our common butterfly species are facing significant pressure from challenges linked to habitat loss, climate change and pesticide use.”

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Armstrong Kidnap: A story of survival

In December 2023, the E&L reported on the kidnap, in Ecuador, of Colin Armstrong, owner of Gilnockie Tower.

Colin has recently published a book about his kidnapping by 'narco' gangs. The book, entitled 'Kidnap' is a 'true story of survival'. In 2024 Colin, who was the former British Consul to Ecuador and his partner Kate were kidnapped and held for ransom. The book tells of his ordeal. Colin was held for four days before being found on the road to Manabi. Since then, the police arrested nine people who were involved in the kidnapping. He thought he would be killed after his abduction. The book also talks about Colin's travels from Antarctica to Everest, the Galapagos to Rwanda. It is described as a 'powerful story of courage, resilience and life lived to the fullest.'

Colin is originally from York-



Gilnockie Tower owner has published a book on his ordeal

shire and is 79 and has lived in Ecuador since the 1970s. His father was a racehorse trainer from whom Colin inherited an estate near Leyburn. He is married to Paola Santos

is a former model from Colombia. They live together in Ecuador. Copies of the book are available to buy from the Gilnockie Tower gift shop or the Gilnockie shop online.

Visitor Levy mooted for Dumfries and Galloway

Tourism industry bodies plead for caution

Following a decision by councillors at Dumfries and Galloway Council's Economy and Infrastructure committee on 2 September, the council is to take steps to explore the potential introduction of a Visitor Levy scheme, aimed at enhancing the region's tourism infrastructure and supporting sustainable growth in the visitor economy.

The Visitor Levy (Scotland) Act 2024 empowers local authorities to charge a levy on overnight stays, with all revenue reinvested locally in services and facilities used by visitors. Dumfries and Galloway Council will now begin early engagement with stakeholders to assess the feasibility and design of such a scheme.

The decision of the committee will involve a comprehensive engagement exercise over the next 6 to 12 months. This will include in-person meetings, webinars, and surveys targeting residents, visitors, and the tourism industry. An external research company will be appointed to ensure objective data collection and analysis.



A levy on overnight stay is proposed for visitors to our area

The proposed Visitor Levy aims to generate sustainable funding to support the Responsible Tourism Strategy 2024-2034, which seeks to grow the visitor economy to £1.76 billion and support 20,000 full-time equivalent jobs by 2034. Funds raised could be used to improve infrastructure, protect the environment and enhance the visitor experience.

Following the engagement phase, councillors will be asked to consider the findings and next steps in spring 2026. The earliest a Visitor Levy could be implemented in Dumfries and Galloway would be in 2028.

The Association of Scotland's Self Caterers (ASSC) sent the following comment about the proposal

"The ASSC recognises the importance of sustainable tourism in Dumfries and Galloway, but we implore the Council to proceed with caution. Dumfries and Galloway's visitor economy is built upon small operators who are already navigating a challenging regulatory environment and rising costs. The imposition of a tourist tax risks placing additional burdens on responsible, homegrown businesses that are vital to the region's economic and cultural fabric."

Letters to the Editor

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Wrong signals from lack of response

I remember hearing about this consultation. As I am not a Langholm resident I didn't respond. Perhaps I should have done. I understand the scepticism of the E&L article. If you are a non-cycling car driving resident of Langholm you may wonder what benefits the Hub will bring. But please dig deeper.

Do cyclists bring economic benefits to the Eskdale valley? Recent reports in the E&L tell us they do. It's a market to be grown. Whilst the management practicalities of the Hub need to be explored, I can vouch for e-bikes as a healthy, enjoyable and eco-friendly means for us and visitors to explore this wonderful 'Garden of Eden' we all live in, without having to join the usual lycra-clad cycling enthusiasts.

Langholm lies on the Kirkpatrick C2C (South of Scotland Coast to Coast) cycle route and Cllr Denis Male is pushing for Active Travel funding for a cycle route to Canonbie off the A7 at Dumfries & Galloway Council. This was the subject of a [more successful] Council consultation earlier this year.

The lack of response to the Hub consultation

sends out wrong signals to decision makers, funders and politicians across our region and beyond. It's clear there is a latent demand for cycling in Langholm. These proposals should be seen as a valuable piece in the jigsaw for developing tourism and economic growth for the Eskdale Valley. Please don't forget that vision ...one that Langholm and Canonbie need and desperately deserve.

Anthony Lane,
Canonbie

Councillor responds

The hub is part of the Active Travel funding and, I am sure, will play a part in the coming development of outdoor tourist developments around the area.

But where I hope it really comes into its own is a link with Gretna when an Active Teavel hub is put in place there.

The discussions that are taking place about using the Gretna hub linked to the Langholm is for a bus service that can travel between the two so that access can be gained to bus and train services. This will make access into Dumfries and Galloway much easier.

I will update you as the discussions develop

Denis Male

New helicopter hailed as a "Game-changer"

Scotland received its first sight of the newest generation of emergency response aircraft when Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance (SCAA) unveiled the most advanced helicopter air ambulance of its type in the UK recently. The state-of-the-art Airbus H145 D3 will replace the charity's current EC 135 based at SCAA's Aberdeen International Airport base. And charity bosses are hailing it "a game changer".



Most capable air ambulance of its kind in the UK introduced in Scotland

"When our new helicopter goes operational next month, it will be the most capable air ambulance of its kind in the UK, operating in the most challenging environment," explained SCAA Chief Executive David Craig. "At SCAA, we believe no one in Scotland should die because help can't get there in time. This specially customised aircraft will enable us to realise that ambition."

"This new helicopter offers greater range, endurance and capacity which significantly enhances our life-saving service and our ability to meet the ever-

growing demand on pre-hospital emergency response teams."

SCAA operates two charity-funded helicopter air ambulances (from bases at Aberdeen and Perth), with the Aberdeen aircraft providing flight and paramedic support for doctor-led ScotSTAR North EMRS (Emergency Medical Retrieval Service).

"Our enhanced and more capable aircraft will ensure that, when critical care is required anywhere in Scotland, we can provide a team of specialist doctors and two SCAA paramedics to the scene of an

emergency. This will deliver a robust specialist and extensive multi-disciplinary team to attend some of the most complex, acute, and traumatic incidents anywhere in Scotland," said Mr Craig.

Public support has been crucial in introducing SCAA's upgraded life-saving aircraft, with people responding in their thousands to the charity's 'Operation Skyward' - the call to raise an additional £2 million a year (in addition to the £8 million/year currently raised) to sustain the enhanced service.

Our caprine friends are notoriously hard to count

There could be as many as 900 goats roaming the local moorland

There has been a great deal of ongoing discussion over the past few months about the goats of Langholm and Newcastleton Hills and petitions go through parliament this week asking for their protection to be considered within Scottish Law.

There have been lots of population figures circulating about the number of goats on the moor since Oxygen's cull in April which mentioned 124 goats on their landholding. This has caused confusion about how many there really are. They are notoriously difficult to count as they are so mobile, regularly moving across 25 - 30,000 acres of often rough and remote hill ground.

Over the past few months, Tarras Valley Nature Reserve have been working to get a better understanding of their numbers and as well as their impact on the ground. Their staff and volunteers have been doing goat population counts using a mix of vantage

point survey, on foot counts, infra-red drone, ecologist survey time as well as local knowledge.

At the moment, it is estimated that there are approximately 700-900 feral goats in various sized hefts across the 10,500-acre community landholding, the overall number across the wider area is likely to be higher than this. This is a significant increase in the last recorded figure in 2014 where numbers were managed down to a target of 100.

The Mammal Society announced they were going to be doing an independent goat count across the entire 30,000-acre area of Newcastleton and Langholm Hills on 27th and 28th September and have been appealing for volunteers. However, we understand this has now been postponed until Spring.

The goats are a non-native species and have no natural predators but have been in the landscape a very long time and have become hefted to the hills



WHAT NOW?: The Mammal Society has decided to postpone the survey for now

over which they roam freely. They are a well-loved sight on our local hills and have in the past been regularly culled to

keep their numbers in balance with the land.

There will be more updates over the coming weeks, and a

community event being organised by Tarras Valley towards the end of the month, more information will be available soon.

Rural thefts appeal

Detectives are investigating multiple break-ins and thefts in Annandale. On 3 September 2025, incidents were reported in Waterbeck, including thefts from vehicles, a stolen quad bike, and an attempted van theft. A car theft attempt was also reported at Silverlaw Industrial Estate, Annan, along with a suspicious vehicle sighting in Canonbie. A 37-year-old man was arrested and released pending further investigation. Detective Inspector Scott Wilson urged witnesses or those with dash-cam footage to contact police on 101, quoting reference 0676. He stressed the serious impact such crimes have on rural communities.

Graduate placement

The Langholm Initiative has secured substantial funding towards being able to employ a graduate on a paid basis for one year. The information on this post will be advertised very soon. Graduates are likely to gain a wide range of experience of the different aspects of the work both on the Tarras Valley Nature Reserve and in the back office. The post will be open to anyone who has achieved a post school qualification be that a degree or HND.

Childrens' hearings are seeking D & G volunteers

Scotland's unique Children's Hearings System is seeking new volunteer Panel Members to make decisions in the interests of infants, children and young people in Dumfries & Galloway. Children's Hearings Scotland (CHS), the public body that recruits, trains and supports Panel Members who sit at children's hearings, is looking for people who want to make a positive impact on children's lives. Children's Hearings Scotland recruits, trains and supports around 2,300 volunteers across Scotland, who include Panel Members and additional volunteer roles providing local support and guidance.

CHS's recruitment campaign seeks volunteers to join more than 2,000 existing volunteers who serve across the country. In the past year more than 900 hearings took place in Dumfries & Galloway, which is one of the local authority areas where CHS is seeking to increase its capacity.



Applications to become a Panel Member opened on Monday 1 September and close on Monday 6 October. Anyone interested in becoming a Panel Member can find out more and apply at the CHS website, where there are further details of online information sessions explaining more about the role. <https://www.chscotland.gov.uk> Children's hearings are legal meetings set up because there are concerns about the wellbeing or care of an infant, child or young person. At each hearing, three Panel Members make legal decisions with and for the infant, child or young person. The

Panel Member's role includes making sure that the infant, child or young person is at the heart of the decisions made. All volunteers receive comprehensive training before sitting on their first panel and are supported by CHS experts, including local volunteer Area Support Teams, throughout their time as a volunteer. Appointments are for a three-year term initially. Young people with lived experience of the hearings system helped to shape the recruitment campaign, which focuses on the qualities young people want to see in Panel Members.



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Talking Crop!

A new farming podcast to hit the airwaves this year comes from a fairly surprising source – namely Goodyear Tires.

Called Talking Crop, it says it aims to go behind the fields and tractors to uncover the untold stories of British farming families.

It's hosted by Will Evans who is himself a 10th generation farmer.

One of the first editions featured the Ladds family in Cumbria who won the title of UK Family Farming Business of the Year in 2024.

The farm is now run by Andrew and Cath Ladds along with their sons Chris, Richard and Thomas. It's a mixed farm with 200 Holsteins, 800 Texel cross and north of England Mule ewes and 35 pedigree Texel ewes for breeding shearling tup.

Chris says it was a real privilege to feature on the Talking Crop podcast because it spreads a vital message about the importance of farming families.

"Winning the award was the



achievement of a lifetime so to be able to tell our story through the podcast was brilliant and we are grateful to Goodyear Farm Tires for the opportunity," he says.

Other episodes have featured a husband-and-wife farming team who previously earned a living as a police officer and beauty salon owner respectively – one which has the irresistible title of "Eight missing cows and a unicorn day," another entitled "Farmers can be cool – my sister's a DJ!" and one featuring 2024 Bake-Off contestant Mike Wilkins who runs a 650-acre farm with his family and is also involved in the LGBTQ farming community.

The podcast can be found on all the usual podcast platforms.

Edinburgh Demonstration by nature-friendly farming

A new alliance of farmers, crofters and food campaigners has staged a rally outside the Scottish Parliament to demand that the government do more to support a transition to nature-friendly farming.

The Scottish Agroecology Partnership was only launched at the Royal Highland in June but has already created a series of key policies in its bid to move towards sustainable and regenerative farming.

They include reforms to income support, investment in local food infrastructure, dedicated funding for organic and small-scale horticulture, and support for knowledge exchange among farmers and crofters.

The Partnership is a collaboration between Soil Association Scotland, Nature Friendly Farming Network, Scottish Crofting Federation, Landworkers' Alliance, Propagate,



the Food, Farming and Countryside Commission, Pasture for Life, and Nourish Scotland. They say the people who

grow Scotland's food must be at the heart of shaping the country's agricultural future. Organic farmer Denise Wal-

ton, who farms cattle at Peelham Farm in Berwickshire, says working together is vital.

"We can only deliver the essential change together in progressive partnerships like the Scottish Agroecology Partnership, which is pushing for an effective and supported transition for farmers, crofters, food production, and our environment."

Tim Barnes, who farms 120 acres near Twynholm running 180 purebred South Country Cheviot ewes is a passionate supporter of the group.

"Redistribution of agricultural support would sustain and grow our rural communities, as well as enabling the production and distribution of many essential foods at the local level," he said.

The Scottish Government is currently developing the framework for its new agricultural support scheme under the Agriculture and Rural Communities Act.

Mossgiel farmer takes prestigious award

Just a few weeks after the blow of losing an important contract to supply organic milk to council-run operations in East Ayrshire, Mossgiel Dairy has been named Organic Business Of The Year in the Scotland Food & Drink Excellence Awards.

Mossgiel had held the contract for four years, but East Ayrshire Council decided to go with the cheaper tender offered by German-owned giant Mueller instead.

The deal had seen the farm supply 150,000 litres of organic milk to schools, care homes and leisure centres. Mossgiel owner Bryce Cunningham said it was a kick in the teeth.

But this week saw him take the prestigious title in a glittering awards ceremony in Glasgow.

It's not the first time Mossgiel has been recognised by the scheme. In 2023 they won Dairy Product of the Year and then went on to take Overall Product of the Year.

SF&D Chief Executive Iain Baxter, says standards this year were very high.

"The Excellence Awards shine a spotlight on the outstanding producers whose passion, innovation, and hard work continue to drive Scotland's food and drink industry forward," he said

Bryce Cunningham says the win came as a complete surprise.

"We honestly thought we'd be sitting at the



Mossgiel's Bryce Cunningham was 'surprised'

back clapping for all our pals in the Scottish food and drink industry, then sneaking off for a cuppa before the traffic. Instead, our name got called for the WIN!" he said.

"We're super grateful to our supporters, our team and everyone who's believed in us. You've helped us every step of the way."

Scottish Food & Drink

Scotland's food and drink producers are very much in the spotlight this month – not only with the Excellence Awards held in Glasgow, but because September has been officially declared Scottish Food & Drink month.

The initiative now in its sixteenth year, shines a spotlight on what it calls this important cornerstone of Scotland's economy.

This year the theme is innovation, showcasing cutting-edge approaches taken by businesses in Scotland, from the development of new products to sustainability initiatives.

That includes the highly innovative Growers Garden which began in 2019 when sixteen farming families formed a co-operative to tackle food waste. The collective has now expanded throughout the country.

SF&D Programme Director Amanda Brown says the special month has always been about celebrating the people and prod-



ucts that make the industry so special.

"Across the country we're seeing businesses of every size embrace new ideas, whether it's farmers coming together to cut food waste, distillers exploring sustainability, or producers developing healthier products for changing consumer tastes," she said.

"It's this spirit of creativity and collaboration that keeps Scotland at the forefront of global food and drink, and this

campaign is a chance to shine a spotlight on it."

Rural Affairs Secretary Mairi Gougeon says the theme of innovation reflects the efforts and passion made by the country's producers.

"It's a month long celebration and allows us to champion our natural larder, support local businesses, and share the incredible stories that continue to shape our vibrant food and drink sector. I encourage everyone to celebrate with us."

School Days...

...Catching up with what's happening at Langholm schools

Langholm schools cluster has this year refreshed its uniform policy to improve standards, taking parents, staff and pupils' views into account. The school is delighted with the exceptionally high standards of uniform across the school and want to thank our pupils and families for their efforts.



Langholm pupil has poem shortlisted by the Scottish Wildlife Trust

A new poem about the Esk written by nine-year-old William Barlow from Langholm has been shortlisted in the 'Words of the Wild' competition run by the Scottish Wildlife Trust. William received a letter telling him that his poem stood out for 'its originality, passion and connection to the natural world'. The Trust thanked him for 'sharing his creativity and passion for Scotland's wild water and wildlife.'

This year, the Scottish Wildlife Trust chose as its theme for the competition 'From Source to Sea' saying whether it's a memorable moment on a riverside walk, an amazing experience at one of Scotland's seabird colonies or an epic encounter on one of our snorkel trails, we would love to hear about it. The competition was run in association with the Scottish International Storytelling Festival and supported by the Riverwoods Blueprint Project and Sea the Connection, both led by the Scottish Wildlife Trust.

The Trust received almost 900 entries for the competition, and this is a milestone for William. He will now have to wait until the beginning of October to find out if he is a finalist. William is in primary 5 at Langholm Primary. At the E&L we are very impressed with his writing which we are sharing with you and we do hope that the judges agree that his poem should be in the final.

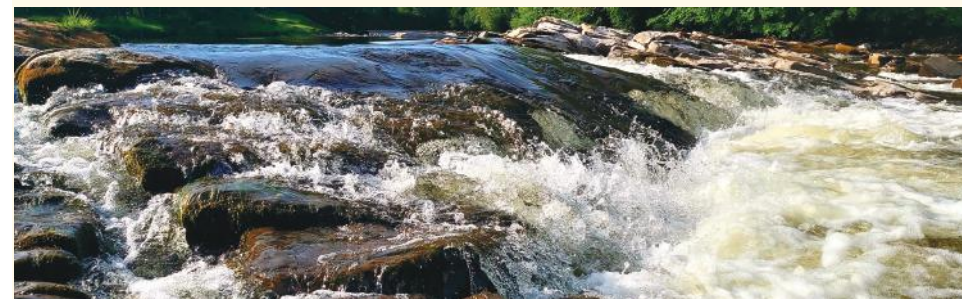
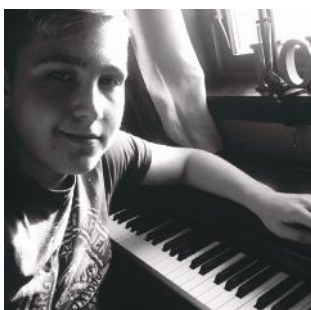
'The Mighty Esk' By William Barlow

In Dumfries and Galloway,
 There is a river called the Esk,
 Every local would agree, the Esk is the best,
 Why? Let me tell you its story.
 Of the Esk's glory, well...very shortly!
 Water has power, memories... it's alive,
 As it finds its way, it strives... it drives!
 One of these 'drivers' is the Esk,
 So, sit down, relax and hear the rest!
 The Esk was born from the confluence of the Black and White Esk,
 In Castle O'er Forest where it is so picturesque.
 The Black Esk rises on the mighty northeast slope,
 Of Jock's Shoulder so full of scope.
 The White Esk rises on the southern Scottish slopes,
 Of Ettrick pen, so steep, rocks rough as rope,
 The Esk then flows southeast through pretty Eskdale,
 Passing bonny Langholm on its magical trail.
 The 'Muckle Toon' and the Esk, go side by side,
 Without Esk, Langholm would sigh.
 So many people rely on its waters every day,
 To fish, to hunt, to swim, to play!
 Crossing under bridges; Duchess and Skippers,
 If you look carefully, you can see herons and dippers!
 Out of Langholm, the Esk meets some friends,
 the Tarras, then the Liddle on its way to the end.
 Eventually crossing the border to England it goes,
 Through the long Longtown it knows where to flow!
 Far from its birth, it's grown in girth as it drains to the Solway Firth.
 From source to sea, what a journey it has been!
 Through the Esk valley, it's been quite a rally!
 The magic of water never ceases to amaze,
 As it makes its path in a variety of ways.
 Born from two rivers, but together as one, so strong.
 The Esk.

The Lewis Chapman award for music

The celebration of achievements awards at Langholm Academy will this year honour the late Lewis Chapman who was a former pupil. The Lewis Chapman award for music will be given for outstanding achievement in music.

Lewis loved music and during his time at the school entertained people on many occasions. The award is one way of keeping his memory alive. He was a much loved son, brother, uncle and friend who grew up in Langholm.



Lewis Chapman was, himself, a fine musician and the introduction of this award helps keep his memory alive

Foundation correction

Last week we reported that the Charity Shop benefits the Eskdale Foundation. The Foundation owns the shop and some of the money raised gets ploughed back into the organisation to maintain the shop.

Bridge results

N/S - 1, Lorraine Morton & Tom Stothart, 2, Bob Francombe & George Graham, 3, Nancy McLure & Anne Ferguson.

E/W - 1, Brenda & George Bullamore, 2, Sandra Ritchie & Anne Hislop, 3, Janet Ivison & Jim Muir.

Westerkirk Horticultural Society: A fine affair!

In this chaotic world, full of nonsense, a day at the Benty Show is like a breath of fresh air

Photos by Stan Wilson and Alan Weatherstone



COLOURIFIC: The flowers in the marquee proudly displaying thier awards



GOOD HAUL: Wullie Tod and family of Glenshanna with two of their winning sheep



BONNIE BEAST: Duncan Robertson shows one of his Cheviots



SERIOUS STUFF: The Pool brothers discuss the floral entries



PROUD: Lorraine Luescher's Champion Collie, 'Lake'



SNAP HAPPY: Great display of photography entries



STAY: Paul Armstrong Wilson judging the dogs



Diana Stewart in the judging ring



BUBBLES: Tarras Turipo with Dad, Sam



STICK WITH IT: A fine array of fine sticks



ARTY: Abbie Laidlaw's winning "Denim Roses"



SHOW JUMPERS: On the Bouncy Castle



STALWARTS: Sharon and Jim Robertson of The Becks

Fell Boys: Under 10 minutes!



FOOT SOLDIERS: From young to not quite so young. The nine runners after the Benty Fell Race plus one ice-pack!



WINNERS: 1st Robbie Welsh ran the race in 9 minutes (c), 2nd Alistair Hogg (r) and 3rd James Dunlop (l)



Trophy Winners 2025 Show

The Heather Buckley Memorial Challenge Trophy for winner of best 2 pot plants:
Wilma Turner

The John Scott Memorial Challenge Trophy for best Begonia in Show: **John Sanderson**

Jim Sanderson Memorial Trophy for Most Points in Plants & Flowers: **John Sanderson**

May Martin Trophy for best exhibit in Chrysanthemums: **John Sanderson**

Agnes Dalgliesh Memorial Challenge Trophy for best exhibit in Flowers:

Clare Johnstone

Nancy Park Perpetual Trophy for best bunch of Wild Heather: **Lesley Bell**

Silver Challenge Trophy for most points in Vegetable Section: **Jock Grant**

Megdale Challenge Trophy for best exhibit in Vegetable Section: **John Sanderson**

Tommy Moffat Challenge Cup for best Flower Garden or Border: **Lisa Warden**

Wullie Mackay Challenge Trophy for best Kitchen Garden: **Lisa Warden**

The Buckley Challenge Trophy for most points in Industrial & Craft Work Section:

Christine Warwick

The Bonese Challenge Trophy for the best exhibit in Industrial & Craft Work Section:

Simone Mill

Jean Pringle Memorial Trophy (for W R I Members only): **Ila Jackson**

The E & L Silver Challenge Trophy for most points in Baking Section: **Lesley Bell**

The Ella Jackson Trophy for best exhibit in Baking Section: **Katrina Kenny**

The Dalgliesh Cup for most points in classes for Preserves: **Kate Elliot**

The Potholm Perpetual Challenge Trophy for most points in classes 152-160: **Lesley Bell**

Elliot Borthwick Challenge Cup for most points in Photograph section:

Christine Warwick

Garwald Cup for Best Stick in Show: **Alistair Warwick**

Georgefield Cup for best Stick in Novice Classes: **David Bowman**

Robbie Little Cup for the best Wood Head Stick: **Alistair Warwick**

Jack Armitage Challenge Trophy for winner of most points in Children's Section:

Calum Grant & Abbie Laidlaw

Trophy for most outstanding exhibit in Children's Section: **Abbie Laidlaw**

Trophy for best painted stone in Children's Section: **Calum Grant**

Best Exhibit in Industrial Tent: **Alistair Warwick**

SHEEP:

Arresgill Silver Challenge Cup for the best Cheviot: **Lorraine Luescher**

Lynholm Challenge Cup for the best Cheviot Sheep of opposite sex to Champion:

Ross Bell

Effgill Challenge Cup for best Cheviot Gimmer: **Ross Bell**

Stennieswater Silver Challenge Trophy for the best group of Cheviot: **Ross Bell**

John A Reid Memorial Trophy for best Cheviot Tup Lamb: **Wullie Nixon**

George Bell Memorial Trophy for best Cheviot Ram: **Ross Bell**

Neil Manning Silver Challenge Cup for Best Blackfaced Sheep: **Wullie Tod**

Megdale Challenge Cup for best Blackfaced Sheep of opposite sex to Champion:

Wullie Tod

Dunning-White Silver Challenge Trophy for the best group of Blackfaced Sheep:

Wullie Tod

Cooper Shield Weir for best Blackie Ewe Lamb: **Ryan Cavers**

P & J Metcalfe Challenge Trophy for most points in classes Sheep Sections:

Wullie Tod

The Scott of Glendearg Challenge Trophy for Overall Champion Sheep:

Lorraine Luescher

The E & L Challenge Trophy for Reserve Champion Sheep: **Wullie Tod**

The Dunning-White Challenge Cup for best Collie in Show: **Lorraine Luescher**

Hopsrigg Challenge Cup for best pet dog: **Emily Beattie**

Terrier Racing Cup: **Poppy & James Bell**

The Scott Challenge Trophy for the winner of The Fell Race: **Robbie Welsh**



STILE-ISH: This arty photo from Warblaw was captured by Langholm walker Eileen Beattie

Camera: SAMSUNG Galaxy phone

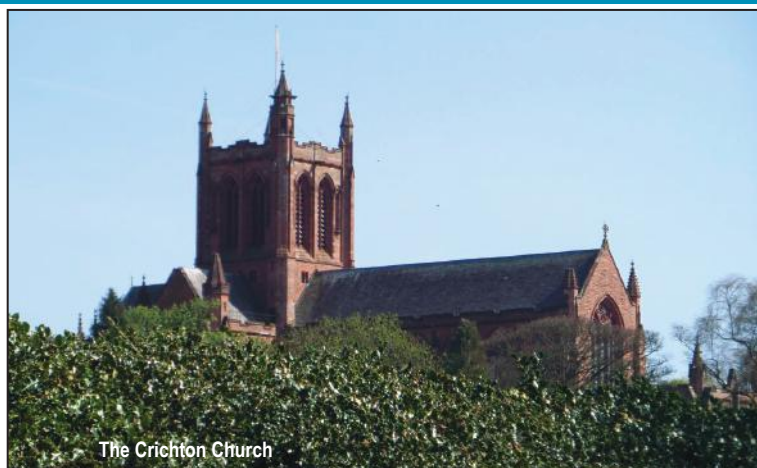
Crichton Conversations

with Kirsty Wark

The Crichton Foundation in Dumfries has just announced its Crichton Conversations programme for this Autumn.

The first event will be 'An Evening with Kirsty Wark'. Kirsty is well known hosted BBC Newsnight for many years and is multi-talented. Amongst other things she is a radio producer, writer. She was named journalist of the year by BAFTA Scotland 1993 and Best Television Presenter in 1997. Kirsty is originally from Dumfries and spent the first few years of her life in Castle Douglas. The event takes place on the evening of Thursday 2nd October in Easterbrook Hall. For tickets contact the Foundation on 01387 203908.

The autumn series of conversations will then have a slightly different format. The organisers said "We are hosting a conference in partnership with the Royal Society of Edinburgh on Thursday 13th November. The title is Delivering Scotland's Future: skills, innovation



The Crichton Church

and opportunity. Full details of guest speakers and ticket information are not yet available. On Thursday 4th December we will be hosting the inaugural Crichton Awards."

The Awards will cover the following categories

Dumfries and Galloway College – staff member of the year; Open University in Scotland – staff member of the year; Scotland's Rural

College (SRUC) – staff member of the year; University of Glasgow – staff member of the year; University of the West of Scotland – staff member of the year; Small business (less than five paid employees); Medium Business (between five and twenty paid employees); Large Business (over twenty paid employees). Details of the nomination process have still to be made available.



CONVERSATIONALIST: Kirsty Wark

Lang Syne in Eskdale

...David J. Beattie on more mills and manufacturers

There was also a tobacco manufacturer in the town, who had his premises not far from the nailer's forge. This fact is recalled by an incident related to Simon Irving's father, bearing on the days when smuggling was a not infrequent occurrence in the district. Upon one occasion the Excise officers received intelligence that a wagon load of tobacco was being smuggled into the town. Delivery of the tobacco leaf had already been affected when the officers, coming suddenly upon the premises at the head of Wapping Lane, cleared the lot, which was carted to Dumfries and burned at the Cross there. On another occasion the Excise laid in wait for a smuggler on the Chapel Path, overlooking the Corn Mill, and in the struggle which followed a cutlass was left behind, which is still in the possession of the Irving family - a memento of the times when acts were performed impossible in their law-abiding, if less romantic, days.

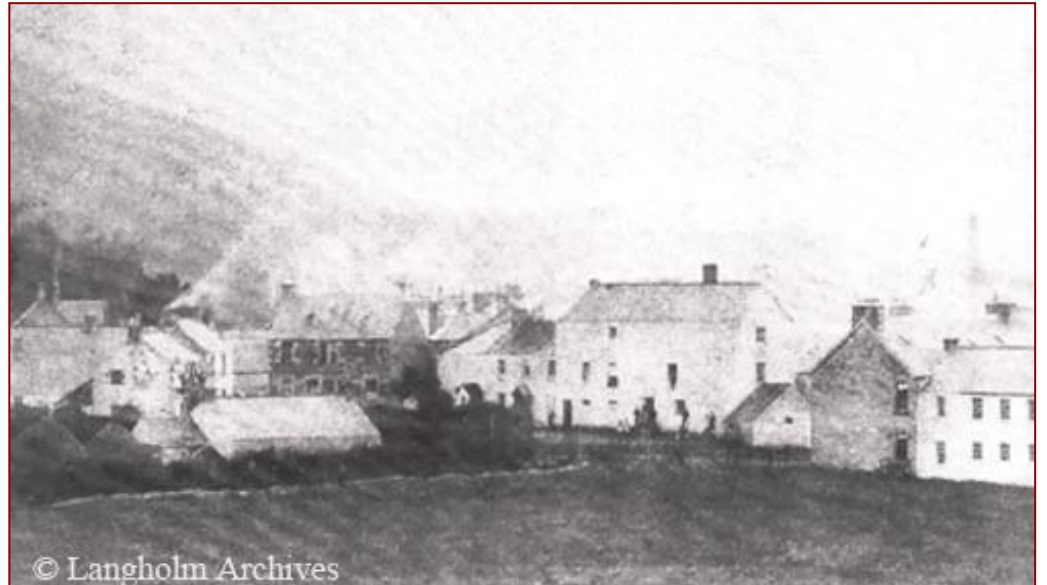
A few of us still remember old Wull Millar, one of the last of the millers in the town, in the days when the big water wheel turned the primitive machinery for the manufacture of meal in the old Meikleholm Mill. Some of us have memories of later days when the wheels had stopped running and the building stood derelict, affording a happy, though strictly prohibited, playground, where old Wull, ever suspicious of mischief, would come upon us unawares. When the alarm was given, there was a stampede for a narrow door at the side of the building, and as each boy passed through the only exit left to us, he received an unforgettable "daud o' the lug" from the old miller's horny fist, accom-

panied by a stern reminder of what we would get the next time!

Delinquency

But Wull's bark was worse than his bite and while he never spared us when we were caught on forbidden ground, still, the old man had a definite way of his own of convincing the wrong-doer of the error of his ways, which might be fitly commended to Justices, who in these modern times have brought before them all too frequently, aggravated cases of juvenile delinquency.

But then, one is forgetting that had Wull lived at the present day and taken the law of administering what he considered justice into his own hands, as he always did, the shoe would have been on the



Meikleholm Mill on what is now the junction of Caroline Street and Eskdaill Street

wrong foot, and it doubtless would have been a case of assault with damage for the young offender.

As boys, we took Wull's physic none too happily, but, looking back, I believe the dose given on the spot was a more effective remedy, than modern methods of Police Court proceedings, which, in not a few cases, have scant effect on the young revolutionary mind.

Mention of the defunct corn-milling operations at Meikleholm Mill brings into prominence the unique story and premier position

of the only other establishment of its kind in the town.

The history of Langholm Corn Mill, near Ewes Bridge, according to ancient records of the town, goes back over 200 years.

In the Division of the Com-monty of Langholm in 1757-58 (a statement relative to the ownership of the Kilgreen and the pasture rights of adjacent lands), casual mention is made of the miller of Langholm Corn Mill, the date given being 1724. Thus it would appear that our earliest extant records bear evidence of the

existence of a corn mill - flourishing under the name it bears today - which pursued its operations on or near the site of the present mill, receiving its power to drive the primitive machinery from the dam that still returns its waters into the Ewes, just as it did half a century before either the Esk or the Ewes rivers were spanned by the bridges which, at the present time, apart from their immeasurable usefulness, lend a charm to the landscape in the neighbourhood of "the meeting of the waters".

Looking back...

C & D Marts (Longtown) Primestock Report Thursday, 4th September 2025

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PRIMESTOCK

C&D Auction Marts had forward an entry of 8,470 sheep comprising of 4,160 lambs and 4,310 cast ewes and rams at their weekly sale at Longtown Mart on Thursday 4th September 2025.

PRIME LAMBS

A larger show of 4,160 prime lambs forward including just short of 1,000 first draw Easy Care lambs consigned from East Fortissat, Lanarkshire. Prime lambs witnessed a substantial two tier trade with fed lambs proving very good sell whilst leaner grass fed lambs still met some resistance.

Market averages are still in front of last year, as heavy lambs still in big demand and way short of purchaser requirements.

Top price of 379p per kilo for Beltex from Standing Stone Farm, top per head of £192 for Beltex from Allanshaws.

Principal prices (Per kilo)

Beltex - 379p Standing Stone Farm,

367p East House, 357.4p Field Side, 357.1p Heathery Knowe
Dutch Spotted - 336.2p Cubby Hill, 333p Cubby Hill
Texel - 335.7p Field Side, 335p Troughend, 335p Lingey Field
Suffolk - 320p West Newlands, 318.4 South Bogbain, 318p Balgreen
Roussin - 317.7p Cubby Hill
Easycare - 316p East Fortissat, 316p Field Head, 312.8p Barnigiles
Hill Cheviot - 313.5p Baitlaws
Cheviot Mule - 309.3p Grindon Hill, 304p Allanshaws, 304p Upper Chatto
Blackface - 308p Cottage Farm, 297.4p Cranberry Brow
Charollais - 306.4p Balgreen, 302p Hallburn
North Country Cheviot - 304p, 303.3p Stouphill
Mule - 304p Troughend, 300p Tone Hall
Zwartbles - 277p Longlea
Ryeland - 270.8p Stockholm

Principal prices (Per head)

Beltex - £192 Allanshaws
Texel - £185 Minsca, £183 Buteland, £179 Moorhills
Suffolk - £175 Northsceugh, £172 West Newlands, £170 Longlea, £170

Northsceugh
Easycare - £170 East Fortissat
North Country Cheviot - £168 Stouphill
Cheviot Mule - £167 Grindon Hill, £162 Allanshaws
Mule - £164 Longlea
Roussin - £160 Cubby Hill
Charollais - £158 Hallburn
Dutch Spotted - £158 & £150 Cubby Hill, £148 Fairfield
Romney - £136 Stockholm
Ryeland - £129 Hempriggs Row
Swaledale - £122 Longlea
Blackface - £116 Cranberry Brow

CAST EWES AND RAMS

Another great entry of 4,310 cast ewes and rams sold to an increased ring of purchasers ensuring all classes were competitively bid for. Lean lightweight ewes saw a reduction in price on last weeks very high rates of return whilst heavy ewes still sold very well easily maintaining last weeks trade.

Heavy ewes to £335 for Texels from Field Side, light ewes topped at £152 for Easy Cares from East Fortissat with rams to £215 for Texels from

Harper Hill.

Heavy ewes

Texel - £335 Field Side, £320 Morwood, £290 Culquhasen, £280 Leithanhall, £270 Corneyside
Cheviot Mule - £240, £200 East House Farm, £188 Clackmae, £185 Nunsleugh, £182 Heithat
Suffolk - £235 Tone Hall, £212 Cairnfield and High Barness, £206 Beckfoot, £202 Field Side
North Country Cheviot - £228, £198 Humbleheugh, £190 Clackmae, £180 Humbleheugh
Charollais - £218, £200 Beckfoot, £198 Leithanhall, £185 No 31 Larel
Beltex - £200 Hill View, £192 Drumcairn, £190 Corstane, £180 Northsceugh
Mule - £198, £190 Cairnfield, £188 Oaklands and High Glen Triplock, £185 Dinnans, £182 High Barness and Airyhassen
Blue Faced Leicester - £172 Field Side
Oxford - £160 Boathouse Cottage
Zwartbles - £150 Beckfoot
Dorset - £138 High Barness, £134 Marygate
Ryeland - £128 Old Kirk Brae

Romney - £119 Humbleton, £116 Reddis Hall, £114 Hallrule, £114 Humbleton

Light ewes

Easy Care - £152, £148, £140 East Fortissat Farm
Blackface - £145 Minsca Farm, £134 Raeshaw Farm
Kerry Hill - £132 West Deloraine, £114 Shaw Head
Hill Cheviot - £114 Clerkhill
Swaledale - £114 Newlands and Minsca Farm
Woodland - £87 The Heugh
Herdwick - £84 Moss Knowe
Jacob - £78 Parks Farm
Shetland - £62 Muirhouse Farm

Rams

Texel - £215 Harper Hill, £200 Mossband, £170 Drumcairn
North Country Cheviot - £205 Muirhouse Farm, £195 Catslackburn, £190 Humbleheugh, £185 North Way
Blue Faced Leicester - £202 Newbiggin Farm, £175 Laverhay
Suffolk - £190, £150 Clackmae, £145 Drumcairn
North Country Cheviot - £170 Northway

Swaledale - £150 Broadmea
Blackface - £145 Chapel Farm
Valais Blacknose - £145, £130 Blackwoodridge House
Charollais - £130 Moor side
Romney - £105 Reddis Hall

Averages:

Lambs	
Light to	333.0p (282.2p)
Standard to	379.0p (305.5p)
Medium to	367.0p (305.0p)
Heavy to	357.4p (306.7p)
Overweight	321.0p (298.9p)

Ewes

Light to	£152 (£89.53)
Heavy to	£335 (£137.42)
Rams to	£215 (£116.13)



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WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK
W/C 15th Sept 2025

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
	After School Club	4-5:30	
	Langholm Evening In Stitches	6-8	
Wed	Scrap Store & Welcome Wednesday	10-3	Creation Mill, DG13 0ES
Thurs	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 SEPTEMBER

Thu 11th	Ewes SWI Season begins	Ewes Hall - 7pm New members welcome
Sat 13th	Glow Bears Newborn - 18 months	Newcastleton Village Hall 11-12pm
	Langholm RFC v Dunbar RFC	Milntown, Langholm Kick-off 3pm
Thu 18th	Canonbie SWI Season begins	Canonbie Public Hall - 7pm Everyone welcome
Fri 19th	Eskdale Gardening Club Visit to Floors Castle	Leaves Canonbie Hall 9.30am call 07799 600042
	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
Sun 28th	Accordion & Fiddle Club Matthew MacLennan Trio	Langholm Social Club 2pm - 5pm

The E&L General Knowledge Quiz

No. 2534 answers next week

- Where is the world's largest colony of gannets to be found?
- Who does Charlie's Monument in Coldstream honour?
- Where is the start of the Southern Upland Way?
- How many lambs did Dolly the sheep have altogether?
- By what name did Arthur Stanley Jefferson become famous?
- For what purpose would 'a bannock stane' be used?
- Which novel by Sir Walter Scott features Jinglin' Geordie?
- In which decade was the North Bridge in Edinburgh built?
- What would 'a targe' be used for?
- Which objects were sometimes given the nickname 'black breaks'?
- What is a 'souter'?
- Whose murder is described in Kidnapped?
- What was the Yellow Carvel?
- During which king's reign did Berwick finally become an English town?
- How are the Law Officers of the Crown selected?
- Where was the first Bible printed in Scotland?
- In which year was Lord Darnley murdered?
- What is 'Hunt the Gowk'?
- What was the name given to the mythical giant of the Eildon Hills?
- "Some people think that football is a matter of life and death. I don't like that attitude. I can assure them it is much more serious than that." Who said this?



Crossword & Quiz Solutions from last week

Quiz 2533

- The 1930s
- Westminster Abbey
- The 1830s
- William Armstrong
- The Admirable Crichton
- The 16th century
- Lord advocate and solicitor-general for Scotland
- Charles Macintosh
- India
- Photographer
- 1949
- The Cuillins
- 1977
- The Royal Highland Show
- Balfour Beatty
- 1291
- The 19th century
- Silver
- The nine of diamonds
- Keir Hardie

Crossword 2533

Across: 7 Roost, 8 Embrace, 10 Unequal, 11 Virus, 12 Eureka, 14 Slip-up, 17 Tawdry, 19 Colour, 21 Wrong, 23 Satchel, 24 Earflap, 25 Oasis.

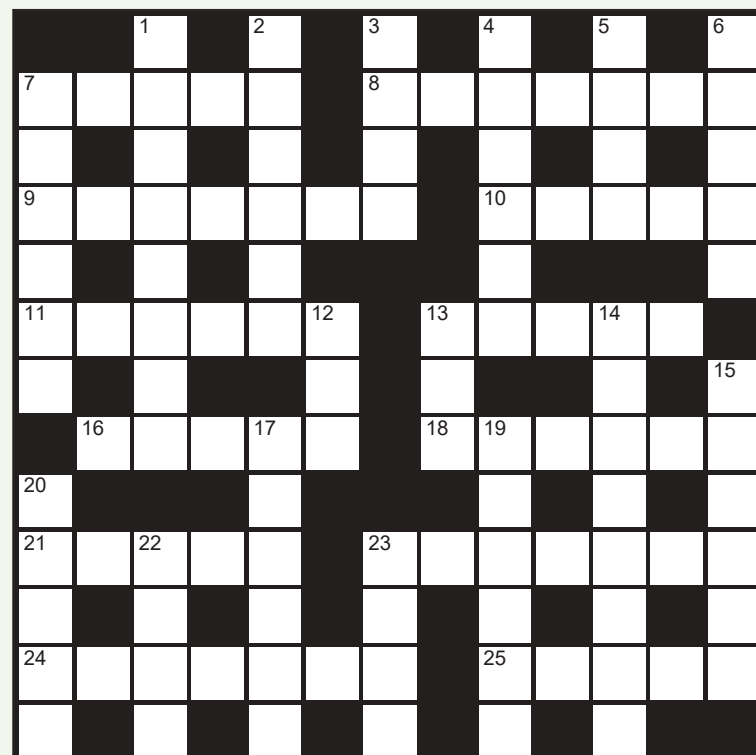
Down: 1 Argument, 2 Home-brew, 3 Struck, 4 Sell, 5 Pair, 6 Mess, 9 Bevel, 13 Any, 14 Sec, 15 Prophecy, 16 Paralyse, 18 Regal, 20 Option, 21 Wren, 22 Oars, 23 Sips.

NEVER A CROSSWORD!

No. 2534 answers next week

- Across**
- First shot in tennis (5)
 - Sterile (7)
 - Least difficult (7)
 - Above (5)
 - Book of elementary principles (6)
 - Register (5)
 - Wide open (5)
 - Violin (6)
 - Pending (5)
 - Move forward (7)
 - Chooses (7)
 - Indoor game (5)

- Down**
- Salad sauce (8)
 - Withdraw (6)
 - Kiln for drying hops (4)
 - Individual (6)
 - Pace (4)
 - Go away (5)
 - Drowsy (6)
 - Regret (3)
 - Mischievous person (3)
 - Commonplace (8)
 - Renovates (6)
 - Stately mansion (6)
 - Intrude upon (6)
 - Swearword (5)
 - Confer (4)
 - Too (4)



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Woll done Callum!



Langholm's Callum Henderson won the Gents Open Championship at The Woll Golf Club at Ashkirk on Sunday 30th August.

Callum scored a net 64 playing against 157 entries. Due to work commitments, Callum had to leave before the final players got in and didn't know he had won until the Monday morning.

Callum is seen here being presented by Nicholas Brown, owner of the Woll Golf Course and Country Club.

End of season prizes for New Town bowlers

Pres. David Pool kept busy with presentations

Langholm New Town Bowling Club held their Presentation Evening last weekend after the Tom Bell Trophy match was played (see P16). Club President David Pool made the presentations to a full complement of winners and runners-up from the 2025 club competitions. As follows:

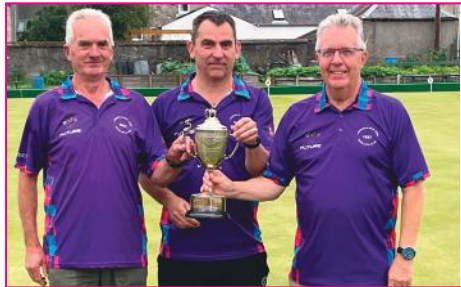
Opening Day Mary McKone Club Pairs:
Winners Mark Grieve and Rob Davidson:
Runners-up Ian Scott and David Pool
Ladies Bell Plate: **Winner** Nancy McLure:
Runner-up Carolle Warwick
President's Prize:
Winner: Paul Warwick: Runner-up Ian Scott
Douglas Cup: **Winner - Ian Scott:**
Runner-up Lawson Reid
Henry Graham Pairs:
Winners Roddy Innes and David Pool;
Runner-up John Kinstrey and Eileen Beattie
Senior Champion: **Winner Carolle Warwick**
Runner-up Roddy Innes
Ladies Champion:
Winner: Eileen Beattie
Runner-up Sue Roebuck
Gents Club Champion:
Winner: Ian Scott
Runner -up Paul Warwick



LADIES CHAMP: David Pool presents Eileen Beattie



GENTS CHAMP: David Pool presents Ian Scott



HENRY GRAHAM PAIRS: Roddy Innes and David Pool presented by Mark Grieve

Special Occasion?.....tell the world!

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JENKINS
Kaye and Stephen are proud to announce the arrival of their first child
OWEN JAMES
Born on 1st March 2025
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Congratulations **ANDREW BROWN**
on passing your driving test at last!!
love from Mum & Dad

Happy Ruby Anniversary
Congratulations to **JEAN & JOE JAMIESON**
married in Eskdalemuir Church
14th April 1985
love from all the family

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Birthdays
Engagements
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Langholm Athlete runs in Edinburgh Championships

Aoiffion rounds off a fantastic year with two more medals

Athletics

Saturday was the finals of the UK Youth Development Athletics League at Wavertree Tree Stadium in Liverpool. Teams who had qualified for the UK finals included:

- Blackheath and Bromley Harriers AC
- Cheltenham and Country Harriers AC
- City of York AC
- Liverpool Harriers AC
- Rugby and Northampton AC
- Woodford Green AC and Essex Ladies
- Edinburgh Athletics Club representing Scotland with Aoiffion McVittie-Brangan from Langholm part of the team

Aoiffion started the day with a silver medal in the

Long Jump. In the 200m, she finished 4th, marginally missing out on a medal by only 0.11 seconds. Aoiffion then won her second medal of the day, with a bronze medal in the 100m. In her final race of the day, Edinburgh Athletic Club Girls U15 4x100m Relay Team finished in 4th place, being edged out of a place on the podium by only 0.04 seconds. However, their time of 50.46 seconds moved them to the No.1 ranked girls relay team in Scotland.

The UK Finals rounded off a fantastic year for 13-year-old Aoiffion, who is a first year U15 athlete and was the youngest in her events at the UK finals. She is supported by the "Welcome to Langholm" Future Champions Awards and The Holywood Trust.



FUTURE STAR: Aoiffion McVittie Brangan has had a great athletics year

Karate Club Grading



Karate

Langholm WTKO Karate Club recently held a grading with the following results:

Pictured are the students and the grading examiners: Sensei Sharron Harkness Sensei George Wylie

10th Kyu
Euan Bell
Eden Worstencroft
Neive Paisley

9th Kyu
Connie Laidlaw
Chloe Emerson
Elsie Baxter
Heather Anderson

6th Kyu
Alix Hope

7th Kyu
Danny Briggs



Lauren excels in Borders'

Bowling

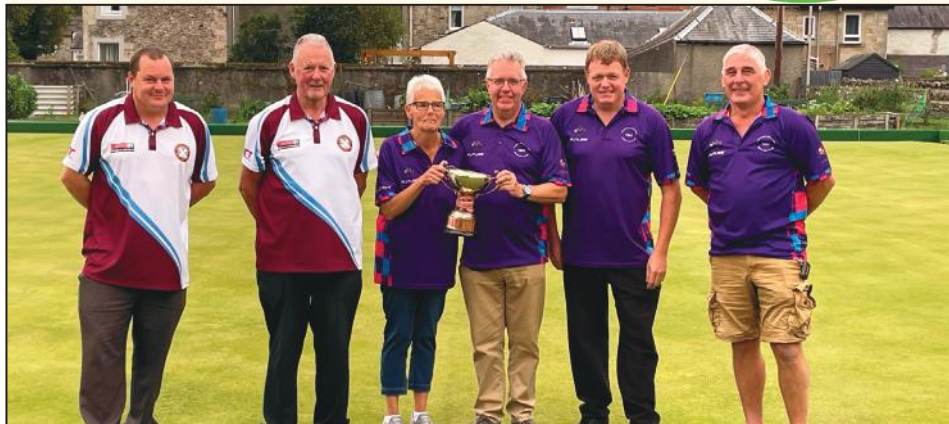


Lauren Scott (pictured on left) was in the final of the Borders champion of champions but was beaten by Jill Borthwick of Selkirk in the final. This was a great achievement for Lauren who is the Hawick ladies' champion.

Langholm Old's top five bowlers were also in the semi-final versus Ancrum which is a great achievement.

Langholm old held their final open pairs on Sunday, Winners were Paul Warwick and Carolle Warwick. Runners up were D Irving and S Barker. Beaten semi finalists were S Devlin and K McLeod and G Stewart and S Irving.

Family winners of Tom Bell Trophy



TOM BELL TROPHY: l to r Ross Blaikie, Alistair Elliot, Carolle Warwick, David Pool. Paul Warwick and Alan Warwick

By Luke Tolson

Langholm New Town Bowling Club held their Tom Bell Round-robin Pairs Competition last Saturday with an entry of 20.

Winners were - Paul and Carolle Warwick. Runners-up - Alistair Elliot and Ross Blaikie from Newcastleton. Beaten semi-finalists - Luke Tolson and Paul Mitchell and Ian Scott and Mark Grieve. Thanks very much to Alan Warwick for his generous sponsorship! A great day was had and thanks to everyone for doing their bit!

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