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## Langholm’s locked and lacklustre lavvies

But behind the headline lies a more serious issue



**Following complaints about the public toilets at the Kilngreen we paid a visit. In the space of ten minutes at least a dozen people made a comfort stop there on their way through Langholm.**

Two of the couples who stopped had driven from Berwick and agreed that the distance driven required a stop here. At the time of our visit the Gents was locked – reportedly flooded - but there was no notice on the door advertising the fact. Men were therefore having to use the Ladies. Two men however discovered that the disabled loo was open and although they had a key for it they didn’t have to use it although when we checked, it was locked.

Prior to the Gents being locked, we heard a report of a businessman visiting the town and being so disgusted with the condition of the Gents, that he had to use the Ladies which was marginally better.

Comments from visitors about the facilities were as follows:

‘Functional’; ‘Pretty grim’; ‘Seen worse but not nice’; ‘Glad they’re here but seen better’; ‘I know there’s another at the Cop’; ‘It would be good to have a proper toilet instead of that’; ‘In bigger places you know there’s a supermarket or somewhere else you can use.’

The toilets behind the town hall are also available for visitors but were probably created in the 1970s. There are tiles off the

walls, a hand drier that barely works – in the Ladies at least - scratches on the doors which make them look dirty from the outside and not very inviting and not well signposted. Given that one local café doesn’t have its own toilets this one is important to people who dine there.

We don’t know what the answer is but the facilities on offer don’t exactly paint a positive picture of our lovely town. In some towns the public toilets have been ‘adopted’ and are a well-known pee-stop on people’s journeys. Cllr Male has reported the situation to the Council again. If you have any suggestions email: [newsdesk@eladvertiser.co.uk](mailto:newsdesk@eladvertiser.co.uk)

### Changing Places

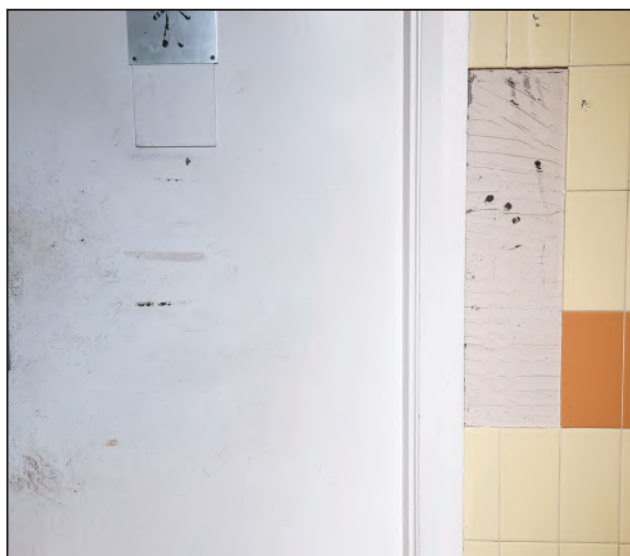
We are aware that there are plans afoot by the Eskdale

Foundation to create a ‘Changing Places’ toilet on the site but the refurbishment of the existing toilets is a separate issue. The Eskdale Foundation gave the E&L the following statement:

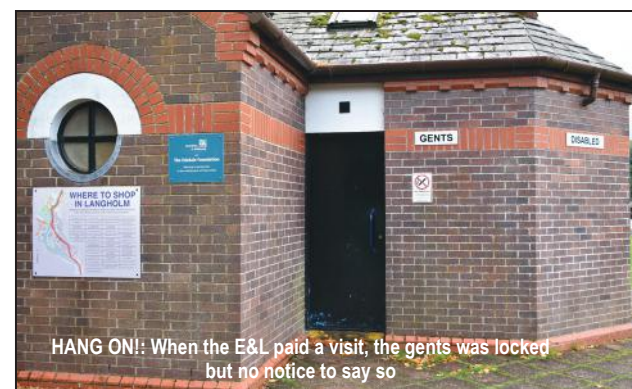
“Things are progressing nicely! We have so far raised £101k of the £106k needed. Funding has come from D&G Council, Third Sector, Muirhall Energy, and The Eskdale Foundation. We are awaiting the outcome of another funding application. We should know by the end of September. “Plans have been drawn and three building firms have been approached for quotes as has the specialist company for the internal equipment. The project will not be started until all the monies are in place.

“This will go ahead and will be of great benefit to Langholm.”

The E&L will keep an eye on this refurbishment situation and print responses from the various agencies as we are updated.



**GRIM AND GRIMY:** A visit to Langholm can be marred by the condition of the public conveniences. Top Kilngreen, Bottom Town Hall



**HANG ON!** When the E&L paid a visit, the gents was locked but no notice to say so

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# Family Announcements

## Deaths

### LITTLE, Sylvia Fergusson

Suddenly but peacefully after an illness bravely borne, at Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary on Monday 8th September 2025, Sylvia aged 72 years. Beloved wife of Tony, loving mam of Ally and Helen, proud granny of Ellie, much loved sister, sister-in-law, mother-in-law and auntie. Sylvia will be sadly missed by all who knew her. A celebration of Sylvia's life will take place at Langholm Parish Church on Monday 22nd September at 12pm, followed by interment into Langholm Cemetery. Please wear a touch of colour. Flowers welcome, donations if desired may be made to The Friends of the Thomas Hope at the service. All enquiries to Shaun Turnbull Funeral Directors. Tel: 07896 557 941

## Thanks for Sympathy

### CALVERT, David Corrie

Sheila and family wish to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards and messages they received following the sad loss of David. Thank you to Morag Crossan for her comforting service, for the kind donations given at the service in memory of David for the Town Band, Langholm Social Club for the refreshment's and to Nicholson's Funeral Directors for their guidance, help and care.

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## District Digest

### Kirkpatrick Fleming War Memorial wins award

Kirkpatrick Fleming Parish is proud to announce that its War Memorial has been awarded first place in the National All Category of the Best Kept War Memorial Competition 2025, hosted by Legion Scotland.

This prestigious recognition reflects the outstanding efforts of the local community. Special thanks go to Dean Wilde for crafting the bespoke planters and soldier figures, and to Davie Holt, Stephen Muir, and Mick Park for their dedicated work in installing and maintaining the memorial site. Appreciation is also extended to Jackie Marshall, whose expert flower arrangements once again brought beauty and dignity to the space.

The full competition results have been released, with Kirkpatrick Fleming among the top winners. One entry has also received the Champion of Champions title, to be officially announced at the awards ceremony on 5th September at New Haig House. This year also saw the introduction of the Champion Area Category, which evaluates cumulative scores across national entries. Thanks are due to the many



volunteers, local councils, Legion Scotland members, and community supporters who continue to care for and preserve these important memorials.

Representing the parish, David and Stephen (pictured) were invited to Lady Haig's Poppy Factory for a tour and to accept the award. David

described the experience as inspiring, praising the dedication and craftsmanship of the ex-service personnel working at the factory.

Kirkpatrick Fleming Parish remains committed to honouring its history and those who served and is deeply grateful for this national recognition.

## More A7 road closures!

The A7 is set to benefit from an improved road surface north of Langholm and south of Galashiels, with a total of 12 nights of resurfacing works scheduled on Monday to Friday nights from 3 to 21 October.

The A7 will be closed between 19:30 and 06:00 each night:

Friday 3 to Wednesday 15 October: A7 closed in both directions between Hoghill and Eskdalemuir junction (4km north of Langholm). A signed diversion will be in place between Canonbie and Hawick via the B7201, B6357, A6088 and A698, adding approximately 7.7 miles and 20 minutes to affected journeys.

Local access will be allowed up to the point of the hard closure points. Access within the closure section will be permitted for local residents and emergency vehicles. Work is weather dependent.



Photo: Google Maps

MORE DISRUPTION: Further overnight closures on A7

## OBITUARY

# David Corrie Calvert MBE

## Popular bandsman and Langholmite leaves behind a huge musical legacy

David Corrie Calvert was born on the 8th of August 1940, the only son of Edward and Isabella Calvert. His father died when he was only 3 years old, so David grew up a single child with a mother who worked tirelessly to support them. The young David was an original latch key kid with the house key tied to his trousers with a length of string. It's no secret that he hated school and could not wait to leave.

When his school days ended, he joined Telford's as an apprentice joiner and worked 5 years to learn his trade. Within this environment the man was made, and he learned so much from the tradesmen he worked with and there is no doubt that those formative years made him who he was.

At 19 David was on his bike passing a young woman at the foot of the hill to Old Irvine farm on what is now the old section of the A7. The brief meeting turned into a relationship which grew through their shared love of dancing. Throughout their courtship they attended local dances at Canonbie, Glenzier, Rowanburn and the Benty. From these dances emerged a 66-year relationship with Sheila. David both grew up and settled in married life in 'Kumasi', Charlotte Street and he never left. He renovated number 14 and lived

there all his married life.

From the marriage in 1964, three children were born, John, Aileen and Ross.

David undertook joinery across the region and further afield. His work was varied and included the building of housing schemes, bungalows and all kinds of joinery work. He was proud to be a 'journeyman joiner'. Over the years his work saw him working on some major projects.

After working all day David began to work in the evenings for local folk to bring in extra money to support the family and later decided to take the plunge and work self-employed. Sheila did the paperwork side, and the business succeeded. Ross joined his father as a joiner when he left school and took over the business when David retired.

As you're all aware David's great love in life was Langholm

town band, and he was huge part of it for more than 73 years until he became unable to play earlier this year. He had no trouble remembering his first rehearsal as it fell on the same day that Queen Elizabeth II ascended to the throne on Wednesday 6th of February 1952. Over the years David played on all 3 band recordings and appeared at all 3 of the band's appearances at the National Brass Band Championships. His contribution to the on-going success of the band can't be quantified.

### Junior Band

David was key to the creation of a junior band which had its debut in the Buccleuch Park in 2004 with David conducting. David must take the credit for bringing on many young musicians who played in the town band over the years. The youth band entertained as far away as Moffat and attended the annual 'Brass in the Park' Contest at Newtongrange, winning prizes including a cornet in 2007.

David's dedication was rewarded with an MBE in the New Years Honours of 2024 for services to the community. He was presented with his award by Fiona Armstrong in the town



David Corrie Calvert MBE

hall in Langholm in November last year. His eldest son John and wife Christine met in the band and grandchildren Ashleigh and Josh will continue his musical legacy.

In his retirement he once again took to his bike and was a regular around the streets and the Murtholm and Castleholm. Tom Hutton captured him in a wonderful photograph along the

Murtholm fields and captioned it "Langholm's answer to Bradley Wiggins"

David and Sheila enjoyed holidays together and travelled extensively throughout the country, so while they weren't jet setters they have seen more of this country than most.

Even in his last days when shown photos of places in a photo album he instantly recog-

nised where they were taken.

In tributes received, the influence of the man is summed up in one sentence.

*"Legend doesn't come close"*

He was a gentleman, husband, father, grandfather and friend and acquaintance of so many and will be sorely missed.

He is survived by his wife Sheila, his family John, Aileen and Ross and grandchildren..

## Canonbie gets active

The Active Communities team for Dumfries and Galloway are trialling a new fitness class at Canonbie village hall. It commenced last Thursday 11th September and will be on until the 16th October every Thursday from 6.30pm – till 7.30pm. The classes cost £3.50 and are suitable for any ability and people taking part can use a seat for support or extra balance. The class offers good music and good fun.

## Bridge results

N/S - 1, Bob Francombe & George Graham, 2, George & Brenda Bullamore, 3, Derek Scott & Judy Pitchford.  
E/W - 1, Nancy McLure & Anne Ferguson, 2 = Sandra Ritchie & Anne Hislop and Lesley McCartney & Lorraine Morton.

## ESMP Hall

Event Horizon, a band which plays rock classics will be at the ESMP hall in Eskdalemuir on Saturday 11th October. The doors will open at 19.30 with the show starting at 20.00. The ticket price is £10 and it will be cash only. You should bring your own drinks and snacks.

## Meeting to discuss junior Common Riding project



**Hannah Robertson of Langholm has shared some ideas about a junior Langholm Common Riding project proposal.**

Recognising that not everyone in Langholm now knows about the traditions of the Common Riding the aim would be to create educational resources and a fun day to help families

understand what it's all about.

Hannah's ideas include a junior concert with musicians, songs, solo singing and poems with involvement from the 'front three'. Another event would be an educational fun day where the young folk would meet some of the Common Riding officials and en-

gage in activities like learning how to dance a polka. Another idea is to create a junior programme and an activity booklet. Hannah is inviting anyone interested in taking forward these ideas to go along to a meeting on Monday 22nd September at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

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# Scotland needs better childcare availability

A new report by a Charity called 'Pregnant then Screwed, Scotland' is calling for a better approach to childcare in Scotland saying that childcare availability and cost is breaking families. The study was carried out in conjunction with the New Economics Foundation and funded by Oxfam Scotland and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation. The report says that

"...the current childcare system in Scotland is leaving families out in the cold. It's not flexible enough, it's not affordable enough and it's definitely not working for the people who need it most."

The Scottish Women's Budget group said: "Over 80% of women say childcare costs affect their ability to work and only 15% can access the hours they need."

Scotland already offers 1140 funded hours of childcare for 3 and 4 year olds but the report shows the limitations of the current system. Even with good universal childcare hours the lack of good affordable childcare, along with inflexible working arrangements, remains a barrier for people getting into work. This pushes thousands of families into poverty and keeps them there.

The charity is arguing that capping childcare costs at 5% of family earnings would be life changing for thousands of Scotland families



especially for those who need the support most – single parents, young mums, disabled children's families and those on the lowest incomes. This Childcare Guarantee could save families in the bottom two income groups £4 - £4500 a year worth around 20% of their income. It proposes offering funded hours for all children from a younger age equating to up to 15 hours a week of additional funded childcare for all children aged 9 months – 2 years old as well as a cap on what families pay for any extra childcare. The report aims to give the Scottish Government a clear road map which would give children the best start. It would also enable parents to have a fighting chance, cut child poverty and putting money back in the pockets of struggling families.

# It's a bug's life in the Tarras Valley

Area is teeming with moths and dragonflies

After the report from Butterfly Conservation in last week's paper it is good to know that insect life in the Tarras Valley Nature Reserve has been found to be very healthy.

John Halliday of Langholm, who is an ecologist, has been trapping moths there and has recorded 302 different moth species. Of these, ten are near threatened or vulnerable, sixteen are regionally scarce and one is nationally scarce. The reserve currently hosts 23% of the 1300 of Scotland's moth species.

Down at the new ponds at the southern end of the reserve thirteen of the twenty-six Scottish species of dragonflies have been recorded. Many of these are new records for the area. Insects are really important as the building blocks of biodiversity and it's good to know that the area has a good mix of insects and is growing in diversity.

This year over nineteen species of butterflies have been observed through volunteer and ecologist surveys including new records for comma, speckled wood, and wall brown in the lower Tarras Woodlands.



Garden tiger moth



Male and female ghost moths

## Letters to the Editor

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## Thanks to all from Cornet Patterson

Now that the dust has settled and I've had time to look back through all the photos and videos from the summer, I just want to say a massive thank you to everyone who made it so special.

To the Common Riding and Castle Craigs committees, the Right and Left and their families, Steven and Janie, and of course the people of Langholm—your support meant the world to me, to Niamh, and to my family. We'll never forget it.

Thank you also to everyone who sent or tagged me in photos and videos. It's been amazing to relive those moments through your lens.

Cornet Ewan Patterson  
Henry Street  
Langholm



## 'Be Health Smart': NHS advice for students

As students in Scotland begin the new academic year at college and university, NHS 24 provides guidance on maintaining health and steps to take if they become unwell. NHS 24 recommends preparing in advance by registering with local health services and becoming familiar with how to access reliable health information.

"New home, new people, new routines - there can be lot of things to learn when you start at college or uni. We want students to know that looking after their health doesn't need to be complicated," says Dr Siama Latif, Associate Medical Director at NHS 24.

"One of the most important things students can do when arriving at university is to register with a local GP right away. Too often, people only look for help when they're already unwell, and not registering can mean unnecessary delays in getting care. Don't wait until you are struggling, take this simple, proactive step and can cut out the delays when you might need a prescription, mental health support, or urgent medical advice."



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In addition, NHS 24 also recommends using trusted digital resources like NHS inform to get information and tips on how to manage minor illnesses and injuries. NHS inform provides clear self-care guidance, symptom checkers, and advice

on when and where to seek further help.

For more information students can visit <https://nhsinform.scot/studenthealth> and follow NHS 24 on social media for updates and health tips throughout the academic year.

# Public Service Excellence award for Councillor Archie

## Recognition for outstanding contribution to local government

**Councillor Archie Dryburgh of Annandale East and Eskdale received a prestigious lifetime achievement award at the UK wide Association of Public Service Excellence (APSE) annual charity awards in Glasgow last week. Archie has been a labour councillor with Dumfries and Galloway Council since 2007 and is best known for his hard work and his role as regional Armed Forces Champion.**

He has previously been recognised for his outstanding contribution to local government and advocacy for veterans. Archie is a former Gordon Highlander who led the commemorations for significant events including the WW1 centenary and the Quintinshill disaster which

happened near Gretna.

Archie has always proved popular with constituents for his approach to getting things done and endeavoured to work hard for all the communities he represented. He regularly attended community council meetings in his ward and investigated issues of concern on behalf of local people.

Archie said

“Obviously it was a surprise and very humbling that the National Council of APSE felt that I deserved such a wonderful accolade. I believe if you’re going to do a job you need good people to support you and in this local government life, the more the merrier. I want to thank the council as the member of APSE for allowing me to be its representative. I hope this will inspire other elected members to get involved



with the great organisation that APSE is.’

Council leader Stephen Thompson said

“Archie’s commitment to public service and his tireless advocacy for veterans and their families have made a lasting impact not just in

Dumfries and Galloway, but across Scotland. This award is a fitting recognition of his dedication, humility and leadership. We are proud to have him as part of our council.”  
The E&L would like to congratulate Archie on this achievement.

**DEDICATION, HUMILITY AND LEADERSHIP: Archie richly deserves this award from the Association of Public Service Excellence**

## Langholm housing at Area Committee

A report going to the Council’s Annandale and Eskdale Area Committee on 24th September notes that Loreburn Housing Association is undertaking an options appraisal on the Murtholm site in Langholm where work commenced and then came to a stop.

The Local Development Plan has allocated a proposed 200 housing units for this site up to 2029. However, the report also says that a ‘delivery model working with a private developer include the construction of private homes has not progressed as anticipated.’

The same report mentions four community led projects in, or close to, Langholm with proposed retrofits to properties for social rent for single units at 4 Well Close, 20 High Street and Cronksbank cottage as well as at Langholm old primary school for 8 – 10 units for social rent. The report says that it is known that a mixture of family and accessible homes is required for the area.

## Come along and support Musical Society’s efforts

Langholm Musical Society (LMS), formerly LAODS, held a “greased-lightning” of a fundraising evening at their fun filled Grease Singalong. With plenty of pink ladies and Sandy’s on the lookout for their Danny, the audience sang their hearts out to all the classics. Prize winners for best dressed went to Mag Wilson and Georgie Swale. The Society would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came along and supported the event.



**Winners of the Grease Singalong Fancy Dress Georgie Swale and Mag Wilson**

LMS now look ahead to their upcoming workshop which will lay down the foundations for the Society’s next production in March, A Musical Spectacular to feature the greatest hits from the West End and Broadway. The workshop, which will be held on Saturday 4th October, is to encourage anyone who would like to be involved, especially new members, to come along and join in the fun. The show is going to include musical numbers for youth members and so the workshop is open to everyone from age 8 and upwards.

The Society is delighted to welcome Graeme Brownlee as their new musical director who will work alongside Judith Johnson and guest choreographer, Lorelei Beckett. There will be three musical numbers to learn on the day of the workshop and these will be used for the show in March. These include songs from Shrek, Mama Mia and Les Miserables! The workshop is free and is a taster of what Langholm Musical Society has to offer. To register for the workshop please email Langholm musical society.com to book your place. For anyone taking part in the rotary umbrella walk, there is time to come along after you have done this. The Society would also like to hear from anyone who is interested in working backstage. The society is holding a Hoedown with a musical theatre theme taking place on Saturday 29th November in the Social Club at 7pm.

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## Scheme to help retired farm workers

Retiring from farming can prove really difficult for many older members of the industry, because it can bring to a close not just a job, but a whole way of life. Now a scheme for retired farmers and farm-workers which first began in south-west Scotland is spreading to other parts of the country.

Originally named "Still Ploughing On", the scheme was designed to bring older farmers together and to give them the chance to socialise.

Sponsored by NFU Scotland and supported by the farming charity RSABI, the very first meeting was held in Maybole on the estate of Lord David Kennedy.

Christmas last year saw the group get together at Glamis Castle and the enthusiasm of all who attended convinced the organisers that the initiative was much needed for the industry's much valued senior members.

It has also proved to be very successful in Northern Ireland where events, talks, and trips



are arranged so that retirement-age farming folk can enjoy getting out and about and share thoughts and memories as well as airing any worries or concerns they may have.

Now renamed as "Plough On," the initiative has extended to Angus and a get-together is planned for next month.

It's hoped it will be the first of many free social gatherings to take place during a 12-month-long pilot which will give everyone taking part the chance to enjoy farming related visits and activities as well as the opportunity to meet and enjoy the company of others who share similar interests.

## SRUC Board has a New Interim Chairman

The new Interim Chair of the SRUC Board has been named as former student and award-winning farmer David Bell.

He takes on the role after Linda Hanna announced she was stepping down for personal reasons and will serve for approximately six months while the SRUC go through the process of recruiting a new Chair.

SRUC Principal and Chief Executive Professor Wayne Powell, says David Bell is taking over at a hugely exciting time as the Rural College begins its first full academic year as an institution with taught degree-awarding powers.

David says it's an honour to take on the role.

"As a farmer myself and someone who's been connected with SRUC since my student days, this organisation has played a huge part in my life and career," he said.



Award-winning farmer David Bell has been appointed as Interim Chair of the SRUC Board

"I've worked to support SRUC's mission to tackle some of the biggest challenges facing our industry and the wider world. I believe SRUC's unique tertiary model is key to bridging the gap between cutting-edge research and what's really happening on the ground.

"SAC Consulting, for example, allows us to stay closely connected with farmers across the country, making sure innovation doesn't stay locked in the lab but gets out into the fields where it's needed most."

"I look forward to helping drive this important work forward, while we search for a

long-term candidate to take SRUC into its next chapter."

David's awards include Cereal Grower of the Year 2024 and Farm Manager of the Year 2022 by the National Arable and Grassland Awards.



## Scotland's quality meat showcased in Germany

The excellence of Scotland's red meat sector will be showcased in style at the world's leading food and beverage fair next month.

Anuga 2025 runs from October 4th to 8th in Cologne and brings together key decision-makers, industry experts and buyers from around the world.

It's expected to attract over 170,000 trade visitors from nearly 200 countries. The 2023 event led to £22.9 million in new export business opportunities for Scotch Beef, Scotch Lamb, and Specially Selected Pork.

All Scottish red meat exporters will be represented on the Quality Meat Scotland flagship stand.

QMS Chief Executive Sarah Millar says the event offers a platform for Scotland's red meat industry to connect with high-value markets.

"By sharing the exceptional taste, rich heritage, and integrity of Scotch Beef, Scotch Lamb, and Specially Selected Pork – all backed by our world-leading quality assurance schemes – we're determined to position Scotland as the choice for premium red meat globally," she said.

"Our goal is to build strong, lasting relationships that deliver sustainable growth and benefit everyone in the supply chain, from farmers to exporters."

Scotland's Rural Affairs Secretary Mairi Gougeon says the country's meat is renowned internationally.

"Buyers all over the world, recognise the quality and provenance that our red meat brings to the



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table," she said. "QMS are leading the way, with the amazing work they do showcasing Scottish products and businesses at platforms like SIAL and Anuga.

"These trade shows are successful in providing great opportunities for the sector and allow us to engage directly with importers – further demonstrating why our produce is so sought after."

## Basic Payment Scheme

The Scottish Government has confirmed that around £322 million in Basic Payment Scheme and Greening Support is now being paid into the bank accounts of more than 14,000 farm and crofting businesses. That's approximately 77% of the total budget.

The scheme acts as a safety net for farmers and crofters by supplementing their main business income. It also delivers environmental and other benefits to those who farm in a sustainable way.

NFU Scotland has called the move a positive milestone providing a vital injection of confidence and cashflow at a challenging time for the industry, with many businesses still contending with high input costs, extreme weather and market uncertainty.

NFU Scotland President Andrew Connon says the payments provide a much needed cashflow boost for thousands of farm businesses across Scotland.

"We have consistently made the



Andrew Connon

case to government that support must be delivered as quickly and efficiently as possible, particularly given the scale of pressure facing our industry," he said.

"We recognise the improvements made by the Rural Payments and Inspections Division (RPID) in processing payments this year and welcome the step forward this represents. Getting support out early is key to building confidence and helping

businesses manage volatility.

He urged any farm or crofting business contacted by RPID for further information to respond promptly to avoid any unnecessary delays to remaining payments.

NFU Scotland says it will continue to focus on the future of agricultural policy and support in Scotland, ensuring farm businesses have the stability and long-term confidence they need to invest, adapt and thrive.

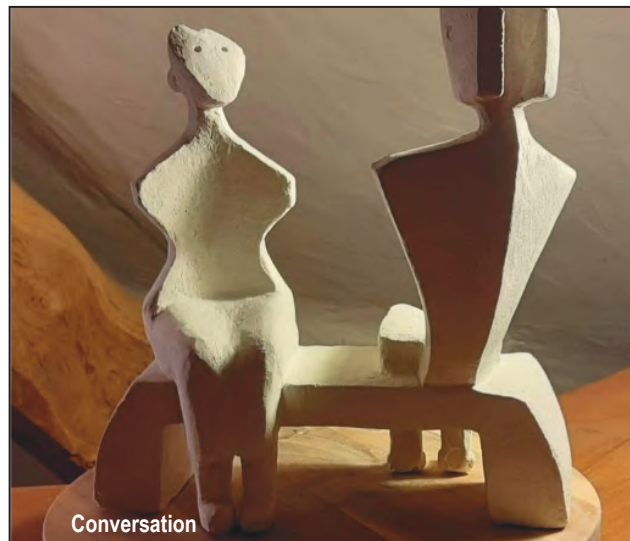
# Entrance to Langholm sculptor returns to area

## Former BFA artist holds exhibition in Dumfries' Gracefield Centre

Fiona Rivière née McCall who designed the sculptures at the entrances to Langholm has a new show at Gracefield arts centre in Dumfries. The exhibition opened on 13 September and is on until late November. Fiona lived in France for 21 years and recently returned to Dumfriesshire. She is now known as 'Fiona Riviere Art' and was previously known as 'Manic Metals'. The piece 'Conversation' in the exhibition doubles as a chair which visitors can sit upon and read her accompanying poem.

Fiona says "There are four large sculptures in the exhibition including Conversation, Winged Horse and Nessie. Each is accompanied by a poem written by myself. The winged horse is still being made so there is a photo of the ma-

quette here for reference. The Conversation, Winged Horse and Nessie all double as seats. "The Conversation is constructed in 2 parts as you can see here in my shipping container which is my workshop in my forest. Electricity is provided by a generator. My forest is at Solwaybank where I live and create artworks and poems."



## Ladies' Burns Club new season

The opening meeting of Langholm Ladies Burns Club will give quite a different start to the year's programme. Following on from the excellent talk in March by Anne Dickie, formerly Barnfather, we have kindly been given the opportunity to be shown the Masonic Lodge in Mary Street where Anne lived as a child.

Members who wish to see the Lodge should meet at the red door in Mary Street at 1.30pm. Anyone who does not wish to do this should come to the Buccleuch Centre at the normal start time of 2.30pm and we will have a relaxed afternoon of coffee, cake, and chat.

The £10 subscription will be payable. New members will be warmly welcomed and be assured a knowledge of Burns, or his work, is in no way required.

We have, as usual, a varied programme of speakers for the coming season and look forward to a good attendance on September 25th.



## Ewes tries indoor curling



Ewes SWI President, Tessa Lumley welcomed a good attendance of members to the September meeting. The evening took the form of a games night with indoor curling, an absorbing anagram quiz and beetle followed by tea and biscuits. This was followed by a quiz won by the Jam Tarts. Entries were taken for Langholm Show and arrangements were made for the Christmas meal.

The competition winners were as follows - Photo with theme of Arrivals - 1, Marjorie Pringle, 2, Lorraine Morton, 3, Joan Cubbon.

Canapés - 1, Fiona Grant, 2, Lorraine Morton, 3, Marjorie Pringle.

Marjorie Pringle thanked everyone who had helped and made the evening such a success.



Leila Hallam gives it a go



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# The Alliance: A Shared Vision for The Muckle Toon

## In our series about community organisations we focus on The Langholm Alliance

By Donna Hislop

The Langholm Alliance came together as an umbrella group of people and organisations with a drive to improve the Langholm and surrounding areas. The Alliance was structured to represent the wider community and redevelop the area based on advice from two Scottish Government Ministers and our local MP. The Plan is the culmination of 2 years research and community consultation led by the Steering Group. The Alliance is a registered charity to benefit the community of Langholm and District comprising the area within the boundaries of Langholm, Ewes and Westerkirk Community Council.

The past year has been a difficult one; together with a number of other organisations in south Scotland, we lost the SOSE funding which had enabled the Langholm Alliance to operate and are now supported by the Cayzer Trust, Crossdykes, Ewes Hill 16 and Solway Bank Community Benefit Funds

Needless to say, it was an extremely difficult time whilst we awaited confirmation of funding. We faced significant challenges in maintaining operations and advancing our objectives whilst fighting hard to remain in existence. The community as a whole has shown us considerable support; however it is inevitable that some may not always be satisfied. The handling of these situations presented challenges that must be managed and results in diverting attention from ongoing projects.

However, we remained throughout, dedicated through the collaborative efforts of local residents, businesses, and government representatives, to our vision for 2030. We continue to foster community collaboration and partnership, working closely with local groups and third-sector organisations whenever possible.

The challenges of dealing with external agencies is very time consuming and frustrating whether dealing with them directly or whilst lending support to a community group in their efforts as was illustrated at the recent town meeting.

Living in Langholm right now feels a bit like being somewhere in a domino rally, to get better transport you need more jobs, to provide more jobs you need to provide more houses, to build more houses you need to build better transport ... round and round it goes, just willing that one domino to fall and start the cascade.

As an umbrella organisation, much of what we do goes un-

noticed (and is therefore perhaps underappreciated). This is primarily because we often act as facilitators or offer organisational support to other groups such as the Community Forum, Producers Market and the NHS D&G Liaison Group. This work may be unsung or little recognised but is a vital part of our role. More visibly we also work together with other groups such as Xcel and the schools with whom we run the well-received Careers Fair and Mock Interviews or the Buccleuch Centre which is engaged with us to take forward the Remote Learning Centre/Digital Hub project. We also played an active part in the recent Langholm Housing Survey.

On our own account we have been intimately involved the production of the Langholm and Canonbie Place Plan which will be ratified the LEWCC and become a legal document lodged with the D&G Council. We had our experience with the Community Plan to draw on and much of this will be replicated in the Place Plan which will form part of the Scottish Government's Land Development Planning.

We have organised and facilitated highly appreciated and successful health projects, the Hot Flash Café and Man2Man which remain on-going after completion of the initial programme. The proposed Community Laundry remains an ambition, and we are actively exploring ways of taking this forward as a test run in temporary premises before having our own.



Director of Education, Gillian Brydson on a visit to the Xcel Project



DYNAMIC DUO: Donna Hislop and Michelle



ALL PART OF THE PLAN:



The Alliance's Man2Man Men's Health Sessions proved successful



The team on duty at Langholm Show

Which leads on to our major project, the Langholm Old School site. As we announced last year, funding for our original concept was becoming increasingly difficult to obtain and, with the collapse of the Murtholm project and the results of the Langholm Housing Survey in which we took part, The Langholm Alliance Board of Trustees revisited our plans for Langholm Old School.

At every single consultation, at every group we have engaged with, supported and worked with when we ask the same question "what does Langholm need to thrive and survive?" the top three answers every single time, jobs, better transport and houses for local people. Whilst we continue to support the efforts regarding transport, however frustrating this maybe we can at least do something for housing for local people.

The overall goal for the project is to acquire the Old School site at Langholm from Dumfries and Galloway Council for the community and to create quality affordable, inter-generational local housing sustained with some commercial housing units linked with a



vibrant community centre for promotion of well-being, community resilience and creativity.

The re-developed Old School site at Langholm will provide support to the local community under a series of broad themes; underpinned by our vision and mission:

- 1. Affordable Local Housing:

- 2. A gathering Space:
- 3. Youth activity:
- 4. Connectivity with Nature & Outdoors

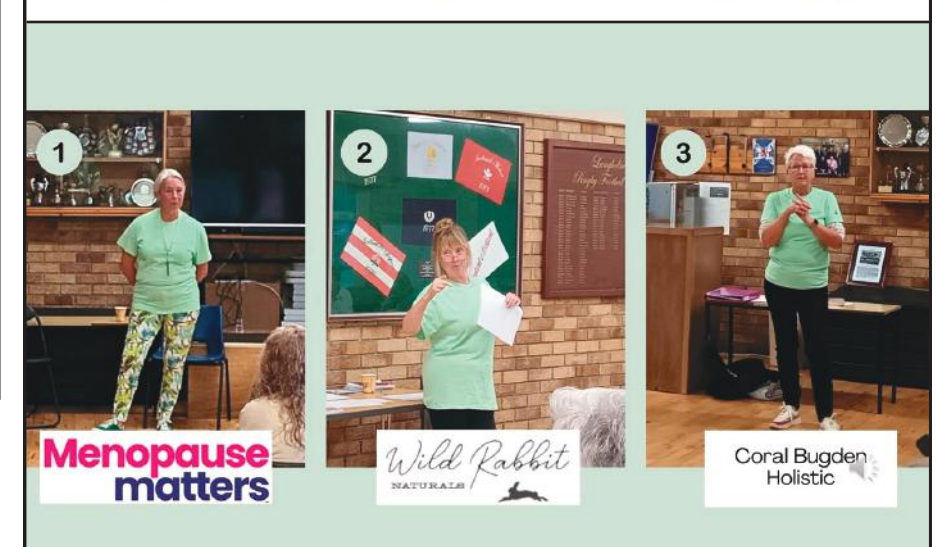
Within the rejuvenated Old Dining Hall, we intend to offer information points of contact including counselling facilities for every age group alongside inter-generational activities making use of the indoor and outdoor areas and spaces. A warm and welcoming café/bistro space will be created. This will create an attractive public facing hospitality space where local people and visitors can 'drop-in' and socialise in a warm/pleasant environment whilst providing opportunities for work experience, training, and after school/weekend jobs for young people in the town and creating experience pathways for future employment. It is important to note that we talk about quality, affordable housing NOT social housing.

The Board will continue to recruit other trustees who bring the same passion for the project, an understanding of the local community and additional skills to build the capacity of the Board to take this project forward. This will include recruiting specific finance experience, facilities management experience and capital project management experience.

Despite all the trials and tribulations of the past year, the team are determined and have remained cheerful, resilient and committed and are looking forward. None of what we do and either achieve or lend a hand in would be possible without the support of this community. It gets very tough some-



times, no matter what you do it feels like there is always something there to knock you back. But there is optimism, there is passion, there is a way forward. We have very positive, passionate, community driven people in our communities, through continued collaboration and working as one we can continue to go from strength to strength.



### Mock Interviews



By Gilly Fraser

# Tub Downey now joins Copshaw's Firefighters

Theatre technician Oli adds a further string to his bow

**C**opshaw Tub Oli Downey has just added another string to his bow by achieving the status of Competent Firefighter with the village Fire Service.

That's not just a description of his abilities – it's recognition that he has successfully undertaken all the courses and tasks necessary to pass what's known as the green phase assessment, which is the final stage on the road to becoming fully qualified.

Oli, who also works as a Theatre Technician, first joined the retained Fire Service three years ago. He says the training is thorough and can be demanding.

"So, the first thing I had to do was go to a practical selection test where they test to see if you'd be capable of undertaking the full training process, this included things like a fitness test and learning how to do things like a leg lock on a ladder," Oli says.

"You then go forward for your two-weeks intensive



Firefighter Oli Downey

task and task management training where you learn everything from ladder drills to pumping water. Then you get your pager and start your three-year RAG phase (Red, Amber, Green.)

"During this time, you go on a 2-week course on Breathing Apparatus where you learn everything from

the correct ways to put fire out and why, as well as search and rescue methods in a burning building.

"You also go on several smaller training courses to learn about first aid, safe working at heights and road traffic collisions."

The first year of training ends with the red phase as-



Oli in Tub mode presenting the Best Dressed at the Common Riding

essment, the second with amber and the third with green.

Oli's following in the footsteps of his Grandfather Jim Rowan who joined Newcastleton's Fire Service in 1975 and served until 1991, leaving with the rank of Leading Firefighter. Jim says he's really proud of all that

Oli has achieved.

Like Jim, Oli says he believes it's really important to do his bit for the village.

"It's hard going but well worth it. I do it to serve my community and it's helped me to grow and learn the value of fire safety," he says. "And you also make great friends."

## Liddesdale's LLAGS Ladies raise more funds



Christmas display from a previous year

The annual fundraising campaign run by the Copshaw LLAGS group to raise money for the upkeep of the village Christmas displays has been given a boost of more than £200.

The cash has come from customers at the Liddesdale Hotel taking part in a variety of events including a spinningling Buckaroo Championship.

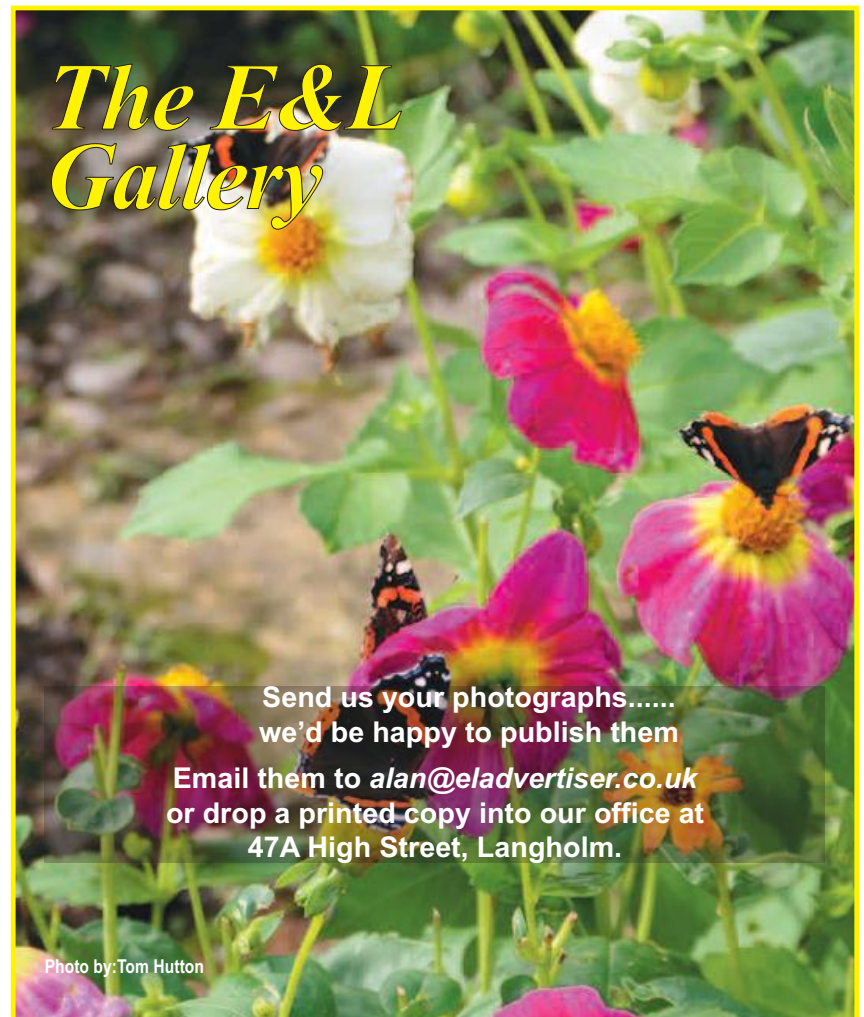
It follows on from a cash handover of more

than £300 last month to the Newcastleton School Partnership

LLAGS President Sandy Richardson says she was absolutely delighted to receive the money which will be put to very good use.

"Our Christmas lights have been running for donkeys' years and their upkeep takes a lot of time and money as they never seem to last very long in our bad weather."

## The E&L Gallery



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# Goat Petition reaches Scottish Parliament

## Board gives sympathetic hearing after 13,000 signatures

The Wild Goat Conservation Trust has thanked its many supporters after their petition to save the wild goats on Langholm Moor was given a sympathetic hearing at the Scottish Parliament's Petitions Board.

The petition was first launched by Ken Moffatt after landowners Oxygen Conservation announced a major cull of the goats which have freely roamed the land between Newcastleton and Langholm for centuries.

So far it has attracted more than thirteen thousand signatures, making it one of the biggest the Petitions Board has ever received, a point noted by the Convenor Carlaw Jackson.

MSPs Rachael Hamilton and Craig Hoy spoke in support of the wild goats and Emma Harper MSP sent a letter detailing her support.

During the meeting, the Convenor criticised what he described as "the dead hand" of NatureScot, which has so far insisted that the goats are not a native species even though they have been on the land for hundreds of years

and therefore do not qualify for protected status.

Other members of the parliamentary committee agreed that local people are often far more knowledgeable about their own environment than official bodies.

### Frustrations

They also described their own enjoyable encounters in seeing wild goats, their general frustrations with NatureScot, and concerns that ungrazed moorlands build up a dangerous fuel load that can lead to worrying moorland fires.

The committee agreed to keep the petition open and to write to the Fire Service and nature conservation authorities to ask more in-depth questions.

Mr Moffatt was unable to attend the meeting but said afterwards the petition had been given a very fair and robust hearing.

"I would say that the meeting was a very positive step forward in terms of gaining protected status for the Langholm goat herd, with clear support from the petitions committee," he said.



Rachael Hamilton MSP, Gail Brown and David Braithwaite from Wild Goat Conservation Trust and Craig Hoy MSP.

"Finally, the importance of the goats are gaining official acknowledgement, and their rarity and vulnerable state recognised.

### First step

"Although we are still a long way from legal protec-

tion, the first steps seem to be taken, with a conclusion that the petition is to remain open, and the decision of a robust response from the petitions board, in favour of the survival of the few remaining primitive goat herds, that still roam free in

Southern Scotland."

Meanwhile the plight of the goats has been immortalised in song by Artist and Singer Songwriter Mary McAndrew. Her video can be found on Youtube where it has already attracted many hundreds of views.

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# Lang Syne in Eskdale

...David J. Beattie on corn and barley mills

Looking back...

**T**here was at that time a barleymeal mill, a threshing mill, and all the machinery necessary for making oatmeal and maize or Indian corn meal, as well as a machine for crushing or bruising our corn which was not dried on the kiln.

On his death in 1916 he was followed in the tenancy of the mill by his son Simon L Irving, who carried on the business until Candlemas 1948, and so ended a long and progressive tenancy of Langholm Corn Mill and farm by the Irving family, lasting, as has been seen, from 1831 to 1948, surely a noteworthy circumstance in the records of local industry.

Since the closing of the Meikleholm Mill in the late eighties of last century, the Irving family of Langholm Corn Mill were the only millers in the immediate neighbourhood; for at the time of his retirement, Simon L Irving would be the last member of yet another departing activity in the town's industrial history.

Langholm Corn Mill gave the name Milntown to the group of houses which sprang up around it and a house - since demolished - near the end of Ewes Bridge, bore that

name.

The water power from the dam belonged to and was used by the Browns of Milntown, who carried on the trade of dyers and bleachers. Simon Irving, in his reminiscences, says that the Brown family was in the occupation of Milntown for 300 years and only on a yearly tenancy! The bleachfield was that field now in the occupation of the tenant of Ewesbank; the present football field was then known as "Thornyholm" and belonged to the Laird of Broomholm. The small field facing Hill Mill Cottage, on the opposite side of the Ewes, is still known as the "Lint Dub" as being the place where the lint was steeped.

Dr John Brown, a son of possibly the last generation of this notable family to reside at Milntown, and a prominent personage in the town 80 years ago, was born there.

### Corn Milling in Early Days

While the town of Langholm, during the last two centuries or so, could boast of comparatively few corn mills, old documents reveal the presence of several in the neighbouring districts.



Milntown House photographed around 1900

Photo courtesy of Langholm Archive

In Wauchopedale there appears to have been a mill in operation at Calfield over 300 years ago which doubtless drew its water from the nearby Becks Burn. But Calfield in those days was a place of some importance and it seems to have attracted the attention of Sir Walter Scott. In his "Ministrelsy of the Scottish Border" we find mention of Jock and Geordie of Calfield, as well as Archie, whose names are immortalised in the ballad "Archie o' Calfield".

What was known as Wauchope Mill flourished in its days on the banks of the river, somewhere in the vicinity of the Earshaw Brig. Simon Irving informs us that on the high ground at Bloughburnfoot, a small village called Millbankhead possessed its corn mill, although there are now few traces of its existence to be seen. It is said that during a high flood the millstone of this mill was swept down Wauchope Water where, at a later period, it was found and even-

tually fitted into Meikleholm Mill.

Another corn mill which served a considerable habitation in its time was one at Staplegordon. It is supposed to have stood on the side of the Esk "opposite to the feudal castle, which is still called Milnholm". There are evidences that a mill dam once wended its way near to the present Milnholm House. A keen observer may still trace the old water course between Craigcleuch and Milnholm.

## C & D Marts (Longtown) Primestock Report

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**C&D Auction Marts had forward an entry of 8,535 sheep comprising of 3,720 lambs and 4,815 cast ewes & rams at their weekly sale at Longtown Mart on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025.**

#### PRIME LAMBS

Another solid show of 3,720 sold to similar rates of return seen in previous weeks and being better than those seen earlier in the week.

Well-fed lambs received premium returns, while grass fed lambs met the same resistance as last week. More well finished lambs can be sold to vendor advantage and are keenly sought after on a weekly basis.

#### Cast Ewes

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#### Principal prices (Per kilo)

**Jacob** - 391p Rest Cottage  
**Beltex** - 356p Moss House, 347p Horsley Hill  
**Texel** - 343p Earlside, 340p Fallaw Farm  
**Cheviot** - 332.4p Castle Crawford  
**Suffolk** - 331p Horsley Hill, 329p Buninver Road  
**Mule** - 315p Killeonan  
**Charollais** - 314.5p Buninver Road, 309p Rowanburnfoot  
**Blackface** - 310.5p Wanwood Hill  
**Cheviot Mule** - 306.5 Bankhead, 298p Southend  
**Easycare** - 305p Causey View, 295p (x2) East Fortissit  
**Valais Blacknose** - 298p Rig-foot  
**Half-Bred** - 295.7p West Deloraine  
**Blue Faced Leicester** - 282.1p Bankhead  
**Zwartbles** - 273.3p South Riddingwood  
**Dorset** - 272p Rest Cottage  
**Kerry Hill** - 270.2p Bankhead

#### Principal prices (Per head)

**Suffolk** - £235 The Land  
**Texel** - £189 Killeonan, £184 Grange Moor, £183 South Farm, £182 Buninver Road  
**Beltex** - £189 Killeonan, £174 Horsley Hill  
**Mule** - £189 Killeonan  
**Charollais** - £173 Buninver Road  
**Blue Faced Leicester** - £158 Bankhead, £144 Shitlington Hall  
**Cheviot** - £150 Kirkton, £144 North House  
**Kerry Hill** - £147 Bankhead  
**Valais Blacknose** - £146 Rig-foot  
**Cheviot Mule** - £146 Bank head, £143 Lammonbie, £141 Bankhead  
**Half-bred** - £136 West Deloraine  
**Easycare** - £135 East Fortissit, £130 East Fortissit  
**Jacob** - £134 Rest Cottage  
**Blackface** - £130 Wanwood Hill, £123 Rowanburnfoot  
**Dorset** - £128 rest Cottage  
**Swaledale** - £123 South Riddingwood

#### CAST EWES AND RAMS

Another great entry of 4,815 cast ewes and rams sold to an increased ring of purchasers, ensuring all classes were competitively bid for. Heavy ewes sold to a solid trade with leaner ewes proving harder to cash.

Heavy ewes to £310 for a Texel ewe from Field G & CE Edminson, Middle Farm. Light ewes topped at £162 for 5 cheviots from AC Barbour, Southend with rams twice to £200 for a Texel from Beckfoot and a Beltex from A Mclean, No 8 Killeonan.

#### Heavy ewes

**Texel** - £310 Middle Farm, £300 Moss House  
**Cheviot Mule** - £236 Killeonan  
**Charollais** - £218 Beckfoot  
**Suffolk** - £212 Beckfoot, £208 Grange Moor, £208 35 Buninver Road  
**North Country Cheviot** - £165 Beckfoot, £165 AUCTION  
**Beltex** - £210 Inamay

**Border Leicester** - £190 Southend  
**Mule** - £188 Killeonan, £180 Mossband  
**Blue Faced Leicester** - £185 Laidlawsteel, £178 Clifton cote  
**Romney** - £138 Cockcroft  
**Blue DU Main** - £125 Hallhill  
**Dorset** - £125 Whinney Brow  
**Zwartbles** - £112 South Riddingwood

#### Light ewes

**Hill Cheviot** - £162 Southnd, £152 Drumreach  
**Lley** - £152 Torkirra, £150 The Height (x2)  
**Blackface** - £136 Walton Park  
**Easy Care** - £134 East Fortissit, £132 Harwood  
**Herdwick** - £130 Ashness  
**Goat** - £88 Westfield, £80 Lagalgarve  
**Kerry Hill** - £77 Bankhead  
**Shetland** - £72 Moss House

#### Rams

**Texel** - £200 Beckfoot  
**Bletex** - £200 Killeonan

**Easycare** - £180 Hill House  
**Charollais** - £175 Beckfoot  
**Blackface** - £170 Laidlawsteel  
**Cheviot** - £165 Blackhaugh (x2)  
**Blue Faced Leicester** - £150 Glenbarr  
**Border Leicester** - £116 Justenlees  
**North Country Cheviot** - £110 Moss House  
**Wensleydale** - £100 Little Fithie

#### Averages:

**Lambs**  
Light to 287.0p (271.4p)  
Standard to 332.4p (292.4p)  
Medium to 356.0p (308.3p)  
Heavy to 339.0p (305.4p)  
Overweight 330.9p (305.6p)

#### Ewes

Light to £162 (£76.90)  
Heavy to £310 (£126.06)  
Rams to £200 (£142.54)



# The E&L Gallery



Another spectacular Eskdalemuir sunset captured by Chrissie Coburn-Krzowska

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## Artie brings his 'Singing Kettle' to Langholm

Join Artie's Singing Kettle "Halloween" show for a spooktacular extravaganza!

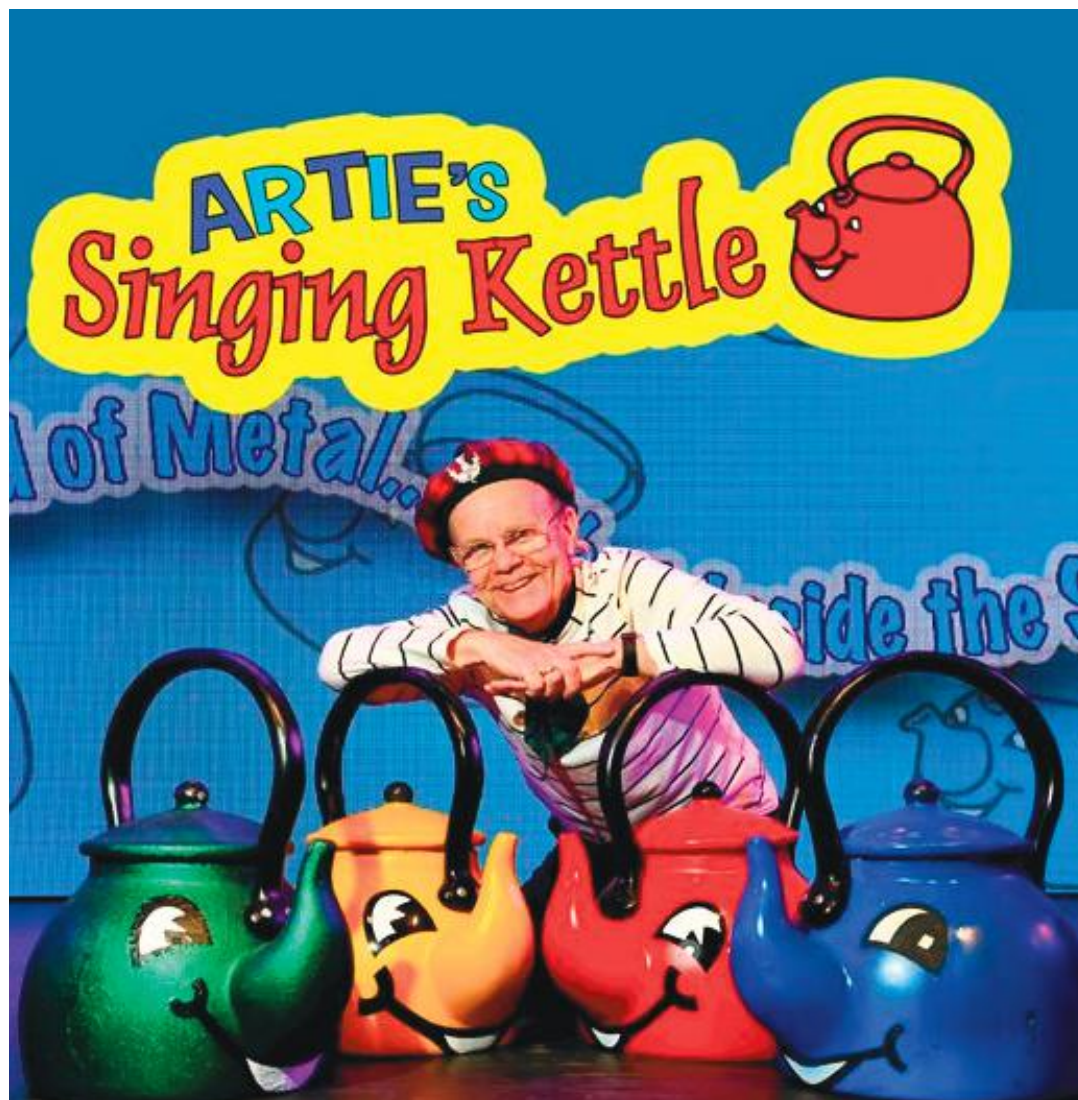
Bring your Halloween spirit and don your most creative costume for a show bursting with magic and merriment. This year, solve brand-new spooky Singing Kettle mysteries, and sing along with favourites like "Bunny Fou Fou", "The Ghost Hunt", and the hilarious "Ye Cannae Shove Yer Granny Aff the Bus." Celebrate the season with fun that's enchanting for kids and entertaining for adults—nothing too spooky, we promise!

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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	Langholm RFC v Hawick Quins	Milntown Langholm 3pm kick-off
	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

## WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER

Sat 11th	Event Horizon, classic rock	ESMP Hall, Eskdalemuir 8pm
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# The E&L General Knowledge Quiz

No. 2535 answers next week

- 1 What did the Physic Garden in Edinburgh eventually become?
- 2 Name the Scot who was Chancellor of the Exchequer under John Major from 1990 to 1993.
- 3 Where did Charles I surrender to the English forces in 1646?
- 4 What relationship did Malcolm III bear to Duncan I?
- 5 Which prize was awarded to John MacLeod in 1923?
- 6 How did Dame Isobel Baillie become famous?
- 7 Whose death sparked off the Wars of Independence in Scotland?
- 8 In which year did the last lighthouse keeper in Scotland leave his post as automation took over?
- 9 In which year did former Chancellor Gordon Brown marry?
- 10 Which Scottish school did Prince Phillip, Prince Charles and Prince Andrew attend?
- 11 Which Scottish driver narrowly escaped death in a crash in Corsica in 2000?
- 12 Who was the first Scottish king to issue his own autonomous coinage?
- 13 In which century was the last wild boar in Scotland hunted down?
- 14 What title did James VII hold before he became king?
- 15 Name the Olympic athlete and missionary who refused to run on the Sabbath.
- 16 What is set alight during the Shetland Festival of Up-Helly-Aa?
- 17 In which month does the Edinburgh Festival begin every year?
- 18 What is celebrated on 25th January?
- 19 When do you 'dook for apples'?
- 20 In which town is the Beltane Festival held?



## Crossword & Quiz Solutions from last week

### Quiz 2534

- 1 St Kilda
- 2 Charles Marjoribanks, the first MP for Berwickshire
- 3 Portpatrick
- 4 Six
- 5 Stan Laurel
- 6 Cooking oatcakes or small loaves
- 7 The Fortunes of Nigel
- 8 The 1760s
- 9 Protection in battle (it is a shield)
- 10 Coffins
- 11 A shoemaker
- 12 Colin Campbell of Glenure
- 13 A Scottish battleship
- 14 The reign of James III
- 15 By government
- 16 Edinburgh
- 17 1567
- 18 April Fool's day
- 19 Wallace
- 20 Bill Shankly

### Crossword 2534

**Across:** 7 Serve, 8 Aseptic, 9 Easiest, 10 Supra, 11 Primer, 13 Enrol, 16 Agape, 18 Fiddle, 21 Until, 23 Advance, 24 Selects, 25 Darts.

**Down:** 1 Dressing, 2 Recede, 3 Oast, 4 Person, 5 Step, 6 Scram, 7 Sleepy, 12 Rue, 13 Elf, 14 Ordinary, 15 Renews, 17 Palace, 19 Invade, 20 Curse, 22 Talk, 23 Also.

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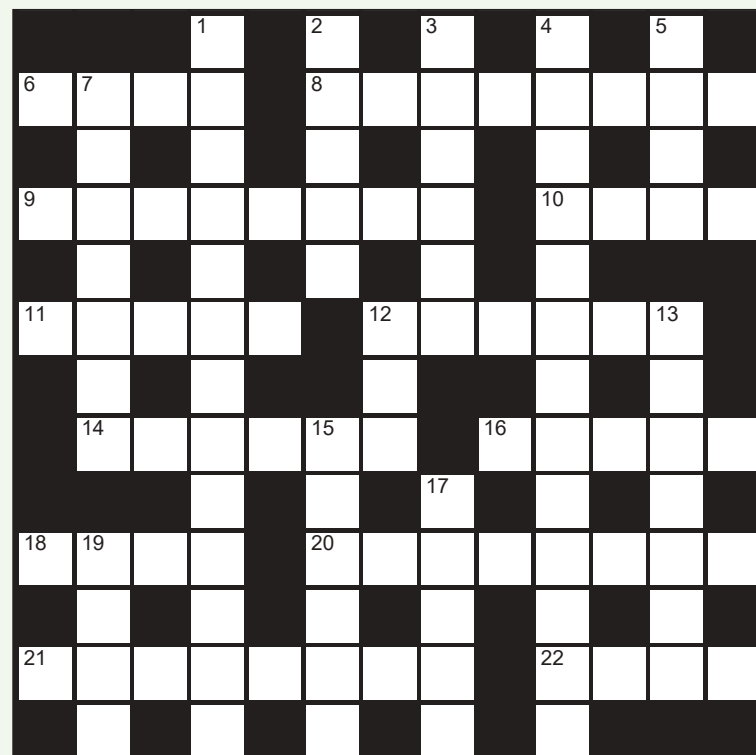
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### Across

- 6 Cold, dry Adriatic wind (4)
- 8 Gloaming (8)
- 9 "---, home's best" (4,4)
- 10 German idealist philosopher (4)
- 11 Pot bakers (5)
- 12 "Who cares?" (2,4)
- 14 Lot, to Abraham (6)
- 16 Cake topper (5)
- 18 Burn slightly (4)
- 20 Kind of aural implant (8)
- 21 Pack it up (4,2,2)
- 22 "--- of the D'Urbervilles" (4)

### Down

- 1 Essential constituent (4,3,6)
- 2 Stately horse (5)
- 3 Small informal restaurant (6)
- 4 Very popular confection (4,9)
- 5 At that time (4)
- 7 Like some cysts (7)
- 12 Baste, perhaps (3)
- 13 "--- That Shook the World" (John Reed book) (3,4)
- 15 Money held by a third party (6)
- 17 Chip off the old block (5)
- 19 WWI field-marshal (4)





# Donaldson penalty secures home win against Dunbar

## Helped by new team shirts sponsored by Cullen Kilshaw

### Rugby

**By Kenneth Pool**  
A much-changed Langholm side played a great game of rugby at Milntown on Saturday to secure a hard fought but well-deserved victory over top of the table Dunbar RFC.

Before the kick off the new team shirts, kindly sponsored once again by Cullen Kilshaw, Solicitors and Estate Agents were unveiled and CK were thanked for their support.

The match started well for the home side with Bailey Donaldson kicking a couple of penalties. Dunbar struck back with a converted try to take the lead 6-7. A well worked move was finished off by Callum Henderson for a fine try which Donaldson converted to retake the lead 13-7. Dunbar added a second converted try before Donaldson kicked a long-range penalty to make the score 16-14. Dunbar were proving a bit of a handful and just before half time the scored their third try, again converted. Half time score Langholm 16, Dunbar RFC 21.

The second half started with the home side on the attack and this pressure led to a good try from Steve Nicol with Donaldson again on target with the conversion. The score was now 23-21. This lead was short lived

however as Dunbar scored their fourth try through big winger Sandy Graham. Score 23-26. With time running out Bailey Donaldson scored another excellent try which he also converted. With the score now 30-26, Donaldson kicked another penalty. However, Dunbar were not finished yet and ran in another try to take the score to a nail biting 33-31 with less than five minutes remaining. Langholm forced the play into the Dunbar half and went close to scoring a fourth try. However, in the 80th minute they were awarded a penalty 40 yards from the posts and that man Donaldson stepped up and coolly slotted it home to a great roar from the Langholm faithful. The ref blew for full time; the players and crowd went wild and Langholm were victorious in one of the best matches seen at Milntown for some time. A great team effort and a good day for Bailey whose personal tally was 26 points.

**Final score Langholm RFC 36 Dunbar RFC 31**

This Saturday sees a home match against Hawick Quins in round 1 of the Shield competition. Due to SRU rules everybody has to pay admission to this match (under 16s free).

Kick off 3pm. With a pre match lunch and a band



Bailey Donaldson kicks the last minute penalty to secure the win  
Photo by Stan Wilson



The Cover Monkeys playing at night it should be a great day at Milntown.

Captain Chris Tait models the new team shirts with Club Chairman Davy Patterson and Tracy Lowther of sponsors, Cullen Kilshaw

# Lads Lodge riders win big in Warwickshire

### Equestrian



Above: McKenna Maxwell and Thea Ewart  
Below: Jessica Telford with her trophy and rosette

The Lads Lodge Riding Centre near Newcastleton had triple cause to celebrate after three of its regular riders scooped top prizes at a national competition.

The three were members of the Lads Lodge Vaulting Team who travelled down to Moreton Morrell in Warwickshire for the English Vaulting Championships.

The trip definitely proved worthwhile for Newcastleton's Jessica Telford who won the Novice Individual Championship – and for McKenna Maxwell and Thea Ewart from Langholm

who won the Pairs Championship. Congratulations also must go to the other essential member of the team – Ambrose the horse who carried them all to victory.



# End of season bowling nostalgia

### Sports Nostalgia



Wattie Beattie, Robert Warwick and Robbie Wylie back in the day



Langholm New Town Bowling President Robert Barnfather plays the first bowl of the season in 1992

