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**Langholm Cornet
Tommy Hope made
very welcome at Hawick**



Photo by Margaret Hudson

INSIDE...



Lots of sport including, cricket, bowling, girl's football and a wee look at the Primary and Nursery school sports day.

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Family Announcements

Deaths

LITTLE, Anthony (Tony)

Peacefully at Dumfries Royal Infirmary on Monday 1st June aged 76. Beloved husband of the late Sylvia, loving Dad of Ally and Helen. Proud Granda of Ellie, much loved Brother, Brother-in-law, Father-in-law and Uncle. Tony will be sadly missed by all who knew him. A celebration of Tony's life will take place in Langholm Parish Church on Friday 12th June at 11am, followed by interment into Langholm Cemetery. Please wear a touch of colour. Flowers welcome. donations if desired will go to Dementia UK.

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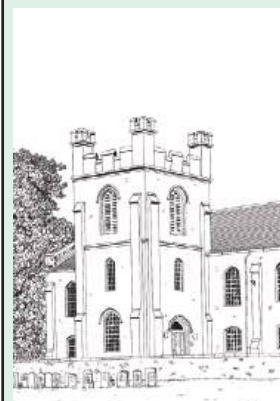
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David and pals tackle the Lairig Ghru and raise £9k for Beatson

By David Jeffrey

On the 3rd of June I set out with a group of friends and family to walk the Lairig Ghru. This walk is 24 miles of stunning scenery cutting through the middle of the Cairngorm mountains from Linn of Dee at Braemar to Coylumb-bridge at Aviemore.

The walk started off gradually going up through the Dee Valley. After around 7 miles we turned the corner into the Lairig Ghru. Steadily we climbed up to the highest point of our journey which is called the saddle. The saddle consists of a 3-mile boulder field which was brutal and certainly not helped by the deteriorating weather conditions of wind and rain.

We were all feeling the strain and welcomed the sight of the descent into the Rothiemurchus Estate. The weather dried up and the sun started to shine as we headed through the beautiful Caledonian Forest which leads into Coylumb-bridge.

The finish was always going to be emotional but was made extra special as Richard Anderson took out his bagpipes and piped us through the finishing line. I think it's fair to say we were absolutely exhausted!

I have to thank the team that volunteered to help support me through this gruelling challenge. I couldn't have done it without their never-ending support, and the memories of this ex-



WHAT A TEAM: Sophie, Callum, David and Hannah Jeffrey, Morag Pool, John Smith, Tom Peadley, Ricky Henderson, Shane Kenny



BRUTAL: Tackling The Saddle on the Lairig Ghru

perience will stay with me forever.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank every single person who has donated to my Beatson Cancer Charity fundraiser in any way. Your support means so much to me and

many others.

We have collectively raised over £9,000 for this worthy cause.

Donations can still be made via the Just Giving page or to David directly.

Community Asset Transfer of Langholm Old School

The Board of Trustees of the Langholm Alliance greeted with pleasure the news that the members of D&G Council's Economy and Infrastructure Committee had voted unanimously in favour of the Langholm Alliance Community Asset Transfer (CAT) application for the Old School site to be used for affordable, local housing.

The CAT process to reach this stage has been long, stressful and somewhat unnecessarily drawn out. It is reassuring therefore that the Committee were told that the Langholm Alliance project was a key project in D&G Council's Strategic Housing and

Investment Plan. We are very grateful for the strong and unwavering support we have received from Cllr Denis Male and our Ward Officer, Stuart Hamilton through thick and thin.

The Old School site will not be fully transferred to the Langholm Alliance until this time next year, but we are now able to start the major fund raising needed to realise our ambitious plans for the site which will include both affordable housing units for LEWCC residents and a community gathering space, including a cafe.

We look forward to moving the project forward and will keep our communities informed.



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- The Stevenson Trust

Posh new signs but with baffling content

They look really smart but have a number of omissions

Four lovely new signs have appeared in Langholm although it's not clear how the places on them were selected for inclusion. One of them points the direction to the social club but the golf club is not included. Both bowling clubs are signed as is the town hall, the Kilgreen and the Parish Church. The signs are of good quality and in keeping with the conservation area of Langholm high street.

We understand that the signs were created by BEAR Scotland which has responsibility for the A7 trunk road but we're not aware of anyone who was consulted in the process of their development.

Councillor Male is in regular contact with BEAR Scotland representatives so we hope to hear more about the signs when we meet with him this week. Meanwhile it would be nice to hear what people think about them. Email us on newsdesk@eladvertiser.co.uk to let us know.



Find your forever mansion in Eskdale

Several large mansions in Eskdale have recently come onto the market, including Arkleton in the Ewes Valley.

The house stands near the site of a sixteenth-century tower, demolished in the early nineteenth century. It was once owned by Captain Walter Scott-Elliott, who was tragically murdered, alongside his wife, by their butler.

A later owner, John Higgs, founded the Arkleton Trust, which focuses on rural development through education and training. Arkleton is a Category B listed property and, according to selling agent Savills, requires refurbishment.

The sale also includes a walled garden, greenhouses, two additional cottages—one the former gardener's house—and 13 acres of woodland. The estate's history stretches back to medieval times, with links to the Fraser family in the 13th century and later the Armstrong clan during the Border Reivers period. Part of the present house is believed to date from 1676, built by Walter Elliot, whose initials remain carved in the stonework, marking nearly 300 years of family ownership. Later remodelled in Scots baronial style, Arkleton reflects a rich and varied heritage.

Mixed response to D&G visitor levy

Next steps on the proposed visitor levy for Dumfries and Galloway were being debated by a council committee this week. Consultation was carried out between September and November last year and 1651 responses were received showing that there was a high awareness of visitor levies and experience of paying similar charges elsewhere.

Overall opinion in the region was more opposed than supportive of proposals with strong opposition from tourism businesses followed by residents then visitors.

Where support exists it is mainly linked to the potential to generate funding for infrastructure, services and destination improvements.

Councillors are asked to decide if all work on visitor levies should now stop or if there should be a form consultation on a proposed visitor levy scheme. If further consultation is decided on this week two possibilities are put forward by Council officers.

Option A which is recom-



mended as the preferred scheme would be a flat rate by accommodation scheme – this would charge £3 a night for each occupied hotel room, static caravan and self catering property; £1.50 a night for each occupied guest house and bed and breakfast room and 75p a night for each occupied touring pitch, hotel bed and bunkhouse room.

Option B would propose a 3% levy on costs for all overnight accommodation with a 1.5% retention of revenue to cover administration costs for

accommodation providers. If further consultation goes ahead it will be done over a 12 week period and this will be followed by a decision by Full Council on whether or not to proceed the levy scheme. If members formally approve the scheme this would be followed by an eighteen month implementation period. That would allow Councils, communities and businesses to prepare for the introduction of a scheme. The earliest a levy could be put in place would be 2028.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION DAY: HALL BURN RENEWABLE ENERGY SCHEME

Proposed Hall Burn Renewable Energy Scheme,
near Canonbie within Borders Estate.

A public consultation event will be held on Tuesday 16th June 2026 at Canonbie Public Hall, Bowholm, Canonbie, DG14 0UX between 2:00pm and 8:00pm where you can view proposals, and the project team will be available to answer any questions.

Consultation boards will also be available to view on our website (www.buccleuch.com) following the event.

Further information about the proposed development may be obtained at the above website, or if unable to view material online, by emailing, writing or contacting Buccleuch, 27 Silvermills Court, Henderson Place Lane, Edinburgh, EH3 5DG, +44 (0) 131 524 0910 (within office hours 9:00am to 5:00pm), info@buccleuch.com

Please note that comments made at the event, or through the above, are to The Buccleuch Group as the Applicant and are not representations to the planning authority.

There will be an opportunity to make representations to the planning authority when an application for planning permission is submitted.

Letters to the Editor

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Yet another Political Failure

I was astonished to learn of the proposals by the Scottish Borders Council to cut schooling provision in Newcastleton.

Newcastleton is a vibrant rural community, supporting many young families who contribute energy and life to the Holm. Having lived here for eight years, I see a village defined by its children—a place with a future and with hope.

Yet the Scottish Borders Council appears not to share that vision. In what can only be described as a book-balancing exercise, it proposes to cut more than a third of the teaching provision in our local primary school. This is entirely the wrong direction of travel.

People in Newcastleton want to see improved educational provision, especially in the early years. First schooling has a profound effect on life outcomes.

We know, for example, that children who benefit from strong early literacy support are far more likely to achieve higher qualifications later in life, while those who fall behind in primary school often struggle to catch up. Likewise, access to consistent, well-supported teaching in the early years is closely linked to better employment prospects, improved health outcomes, and greater confidence and resilience as adults. Cutting provision at this crucial stage risks lasting damage to children's futures.

Newcastleton will not accept being subjected to such short-term, short-sighted management of its most critical public service. These cuts may balance a spreadsheet today, but they store up social and economic costs for tomorrow.

Blame

I have grown very tired of hearing the Scottish Government blame all of Scotland's challenges on Westminster. The fact is that, under the current arrangements, Scotland's education system has slipped in international standing. Once considered world-class, recent in-



ternational assessments such as the OECD's PISA studies have shown declines in literacy and numeracy performance compared with previous decades. That should concern us all—and it makes proposals to weaken local provision even harder to justify.

Newcastleton is a rare rural community with enterprise, re-

silience, and a strong youth population. The Scottish Borders Council must think again before taking the reaping scythe to its local school.

David Braithwaite
Retired teacher and
Newcastleton resident

MSP seeks to fast-track Borders Rail



Rachael Hamilton MSP

Rachael Hamilton MSP has urged Scotland's new economy, tourism and transport secretary, Stephen Flynn, to fast-track plans to extend the Borders Railway.

The Conservative representative for Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire has written to Mr Flynn calling for progress to be accelerated on the proposed route, which would run through Hawick and Newcastleton and link the Borders with Carlisle.

Ms Hamilton said the project could deliver major economic benefits and improve connectivity across the region. She pointed to existing funding for

a feasibility study and said there was "real momentum" behind the plans but stressed the need to move more quickly.

She also highlighted strong local backing for the extension and invited Mr Flynn to visit the Borders to meet campaigners and discuss the scheme.

Ms Hamilton said the rail link would make it easier for people to live and work in the area, while boosting investment and tourism.

She added that she would continue to press for the project, working with others who support the proposed extension.

Me & My Girl Annan Academy style

Annan Academy pupils are once again preparing to take to the stage with it's eagerly anticipated Senior Show production of Me and My Girl.

Running from **Tuesday 16th June to Friday 19th June**, the talented cast have been working hard to bring this much-loved musical comedy to life. Packed with plenty of laughter, and well-known songs such as Leaning on a Lampost,

the Sun Has Got His Hat On and the Lambeth Walk, Me and My Girl promises to be a rip-roaring night of entertainment.

The show follows the story of Bill Snibson, a cheerful Cockney lad who unexpectedly discovers he is heir to an aristocratic title. Faced with the challenge of fitting into high society while staying true to himself and the girl he loves, Bill's journey is



filled with humour, heart and plenty of drama.

The production showcases the dedication and talent of Annan Academy's pupils, both on stage and behind the scenes, and they are looking forward to welcoming the local community for four nights of outstanding entertainment.

Performances will take place in the Annan Academy

Assembly Hall, with tickets priced at £8 for adults and £5 for school children.

Tickets are on sale at the School Office (01461 202954), or at the door on the night.

Please come along and support the talented performers of Annan Academy in what promises to be a fantastic celebration of music, drama and comedy.

Old school regarded as key project

Local authorities are required to develop strategic housing investment plans and an update to the Council's Economy and Environment Committee this week on the plan, states that it reflects the Council's commitment to support community led housing developments.

The report to the Committee on 9th June states that the Langholm old school proposals by the Langholm Alliance is a key project within the housing investment plan. This follows Loreburn Housing Association's decision to halt the Murtholm development.

The report goes on to say that the Council has continued to engage with local stakeholders to ensure that housing needs of Langholm residents can be supported.

It says that it's known that a



mix of family and accessible homes are required here. Further support from the local authority and partners is being provided in recognition of the challenges facing the community in Langholm. The report also says that access to affordable, high quality housing is a known driver of health and inequalities and that supply needs to be sensitive to the wider local context in which it is situated.

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Who benefits and who is left behind in “green” policies?

Glasgow University project will investigate this very question

As Scotland works towards a greener economy, a new research project called ‘Green Precarity’ at the University of Glasgow is asking a question: who benefits, and who might be left behind? More specifically, the research focuses on the everyday impacts of “green” policies and initiatives, especially on people and communities who are already facing economic and social challenges.

While efforts to tackle climate change are vital, they can sometimes create new pressures for those in more vulnerable positions, particularly in rural areas. The idea of “green precarity” highlights situations where environmental policies and projects make it harder for some people to maintain their livelihoods or way of life.

For example, changes in land use or reforestation can affect jobs, housing, and access to vital resources.

Led by a team of researchers from Scotland and Latin America, the project brings together perspectives from law, arts, and history. The goal is to better understand how the transition to a greener economy is experienced on the ground.

This international research project, funded by the British Academy, covers five case studies in four countries. In Scotland, the researchers will focus on the impacts of green transition on people and community in and around Langholm. By listening to local experiences, the project team aims to identify when, how and if green policies increase hardship or inequality in the area.



Langholm is to be studied on how the transition to a greener economy is experienced on the ground.

Photo by Glen Laidlaw

Ultimately, the research looks at how climate action can be fair and work for everyone. The researchers hope their findings will help policymakers design greener programmes that support com-

munities, rather than place extra burdens on them.

The research team plans to work in Langholm from late July, and will continue their engagement until early 2027. They are particularly interested

in the campaign against proposals to plant trees on Warblaw but will widen their research to include other issues in the area. More details on various ways to take part in this research will be available shortly.

Exciting finds at Blackford

Metal detectorists found three bronze age gold torcs just north of Carlisle last week. The finds took place during a rally organised by Lothian Relics Metal Detecting. The torcs are estimated to be about 3000 years old and were found by two Scottish detectorists on land owned by Richard Forbes. Lothian Relics metal detecting digs and rallies runs regular events each month for passionate metal detectorists, from beginner to novice and experienced people.

Bridge results

N/S - 1, Bob Francombe & George Graham, 2, Lorraine Morton & Phil Walters, 3, Jim Muir & Tom Stothart.

E/W - 1, Brenda & George Bullamore, 2, Sandra Ritchie & Anne Hislop, 3, Lesley McCartney & Doreen Taylor.

Painters at The Hub

A new exhibition has just opened at Eskdalemuir community hub. Carsethorn Painters with Bella Green shows a selection of original art work by local artists in acrylics, oil, watercolour, ink, mixed media and more. It's on till 30th July

Daytime fun at Youth Beatz Festival

Youth Beatz Festival 2026 is delighted to be welcoming a wide range of exciting daytime activities to Park Farm Showfield on Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 June. Festival goers can expect an action-packed programme of free activities designed to encourage young people to get active, try something new and most importantly, have fun.

This year's “Let's Get Sporty” zone will offer opportunities to get involved in football at the Soccerena and test your skills in a fun, inclusive environment.

Those looking for something a little different can try their hand at curling lanes on synthetic ice or experience a range of ice sports, bringing a winter twist to the summer festival.

Thrill seekers will be spoiled for choice, with the return of adrenaline-fuelled attractions including a high ropes course, climbing wall, laser tag and an incredible 90m zip line, giving participants the chance to take on exciting challenges throughout the weekend.

Cycling fans can enjoy spec-



tacular demonstrations from 3Sixty Mountain Bike Displays, showcasing impressive skills and stunts, while those looking for fun-filled experiences can bounce their way through the world's biggest bouncy castle. The hugely popular inflatable zone returns bigger than ever, with a variety of attractions including rodeo rides, slides and interactive inflatables, offering something for all ages to enjoy. Adding a creative twist to the programme, Think Circus will deliver engaging workshops and

vibrant performances, giving young people the chance to learn new skills and take part in interactive experiences.

For younger festivalgoers, the Kids Tent will provide a dedicated space packed with activities including storytelling sessions, unicorn dance parties, arts and crafts, and child-friendly DJ sets, ensuring there is something magical for everyone to enjoy.

All daytime activities are free and will be open to all on Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 June from 12–6pm.

David Mundell MP

Member of Parliament for Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale & Tweeddale

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Farming on the Border



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Farming with Gilly Fraser

“When you know you know”

This is shaping up to become a memorable Summer of Sport, and one organisation is determined to capitalise on that to promote Scottish meat to the hilt.

Quality Meat Scotland is spearheading a major push across TV, outdoor, digital audio, social media and online advertising, encouraging shoppers to choose Scotch Beef, Scotch Lamb and the newly rebranded Prime Scottish Pork.

They've decided to go all-out with the campaign now because the World Cup will ensure that Scotland's on the global stage.

The ads will celebrate the story behind the renowned blue labels, shining a light on some of the real people behind the brands as well as the home cooks who use the meat.

QMS Director of Marketing Emma Heath, says the whole point is to make it easier than ever for people to find the Scotch brands and understand what's behind those renowned blue labels.

“Our ‘When You Know, You Know’ campaign continues to educate and inspire shoppers on why Scotch Beef, Scotch Lamb and Prime Scottish Pork stand apart, whether that is the unwavering quality assurance and high standards, the local Scottish provenance, the skill of the people involved in the supply chain or simply the confidence and reassurance that consumers get from choosing quality,” she said.

“There are no bigger advocates for the brands than real farmers and butchers who passionately stand behind our brands every single day who can help us bring our message to life in a way that feels authentic, warm, accessible and relevant for today's shopper.”



New leaders to boost the future voice of agriculture

NFU Scotland has launched a new leadership initiative in a bid to strengthen the future voice of agriculture.

The Union staged an inaugural Future Leaders Event in Edinburgh earlier this month, bringing together a diverse group of members believed to have the potential to play a key role in the future of both NFU Scotland and the wider industry.

Speakers and contributors included NFU Scotland President Andrew Connon, NFU Mutual Chair Jim McLaren, Scottish Agritourism Sector Lead Caroline Millar, Next Generation Committee Chair Ben McClymont and Forth & Clyde Regional Chair Rona Nicolson.

Delegates took part in discussions on leadership, resilience and representation, alongside workshops with NFU Scotland staff, policy teams and external partners. They also contributed ideas that will help shape the design and



John Davidson NFUS CEO, Caroline Millar, Sector Lead for Scottish Agritourism, Jenn Stewart, Head of Rural for Johnston Carmichael and Jim McLaren NFU Mutual Chair.

delivery of the longer-term NFU Scotland Leadership Programme.

NFU Scotland Chief Executive John Davidson says it's vital to keep investing in leaders for the future.

"The enthusiasm, insight and commitment shown by those attending the event was extremely encouraging," he said.

"Bringing together people from different backgrounds, sectors, ages and experiences helps ensure NFU Scotland continues to evolve and represent the full breadth of modern Scottish agriculture.

The event also reflects wider work underway within NFU Scotland to modernise engagement, improve accessibility and ensure

more people feel confident to get more involved in the organisation.

The recent Diversity and Inclusion Review concluded that increasing engagement across a wider range of people would strengthen NFU Scotland's lobbying voice and help ensure the organisation better reflects modern Scottish agriculture.

£17m spend by First Milk to increase production

First Milk has announced plans for a new investment project worth just short of £17 million at its Aspatria base in Cumbria.

This will be its biggest single capital investment to date and will increase production capacity by a further 20%.

It will see existing cheese vats replaced with new, larger vats as part of a significant upgrade.

The Co-operative is supplied by roughly 700 farmers in the UK and Business Unit Director Stefan Mason says it's a hugely important investment and a clear demonstration of their long-term commitment to the Creamery, their farmer members and the wider local economy.

"As a farmer-owned co-operative, we are focused on creating long-term value through efficient, resilient and high-quality dairy production. Increasing the capacity and capability of the site will help us meet growing market demand, strengthen operational performance and support future growth across the business," he said.

"Lake District Creamery is a strategically important site for First Milk, and this investment ensures it remains well positioned for the future."

The multi-million-pound project will span two financial years and is designed to support the efficient production of high-quality cheddar cheese and dairy ingredients, while strengthening the creamery's long-term operational resilience and



future growth potential.

The Creamery has also recently benefited from investments linked to First Milk's strategic whey protein partnership with Arla Foods Ingredients, supporting growing global demand for high-protein dairy products.

Cumbria dairy farmer Robert Craig, who's also Chairman of the Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers, has recently rejoined First Milk as a farmer director.

Drones to help peatlands

Nearly 30,000 football pitches worth of peatland was restored in 2025/26, beating the annual targets set for the scheme.

New figures from Peatland ACTION show that equates to nearly 15,500 hectares of peatland.

Scottish Land & Estates which represents landowners, rural businesses, and land managers say it's fantastic news for Scotland.

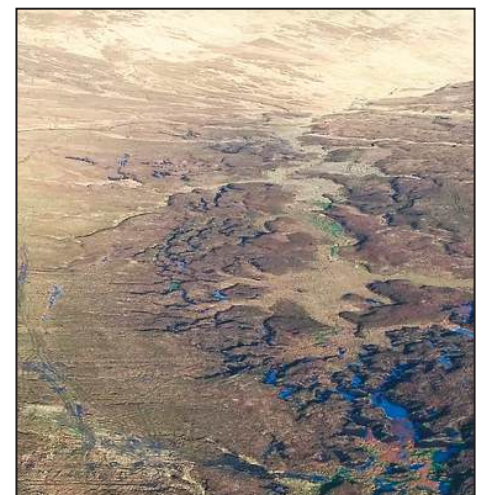
SLE Senior Policy Adviser Eleanor Kay says it demonstrates that collaboration can unlock peatland restoration at scale, support local priorities and deliver long-term benefits for the climate, biodiversity and people.

"Peatland restoration offers a wide range of benefits, from carbon capture to flood resilience and water management, habitat creation and wildfire mitigation," she said.

"Around a third of our members are engaged in peatland restoration, alongside wider conservation projects and sustainable land management. We congratulate all those who are making such a valuable contribution to our environment and boosting biodiversity."

"Across rural Scotland, peatland restoration work creates skilled employment, strengthens rural businesses and helps build a green economy rooted in land management.

"Peatland restoration is not just good for the environment, but also represents an investment in rural jobs, skills and the creation of resilient



landscapes."

SLE's own research into projects undertaken by members reveal that innovation and technology often play a significant role in peatland restoration.

Organisations such as the Dumfriesshire-based Crichton Carbon Centre help build understanding of peatland restoration while the Borders-based Sky-Pin Drones is pioneering the use of drone technology in Scottish land management, agriculture, and environmental restoration.

Scottish Land Commission pays a visit to Langholm

Cabinet Secretary visits Tarras Valley to see land reform in action

Representatives from the Langholm Initiative and Tarras Valley Nature Reserve shared the inspiring story of their community buyout with Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Rural Affairs, Gillian Martin MSP, during a visit to Langholm last Thursday 4 June.

Meeting with the Scottish Land Commission during its Board visit to the town, the Cabinet Secretary heard how local people have transformed community ownership into a long-term programme of environmental restoration, community benefit and economic opportunity through the development and management of the reserve.

The presentation provided a practical example of how land reform can support communities to take a leading role in shaping their own future, while delivering benefits for people, nature and the local economy.

Alongside hearing about the work at Tarras Valley, the Cabinet Secretary met with the Commission's Chair, Board, Chief



RURAL AFFAIRS: Angela Williams explains the TVNR project to last week's visitors

Executive and senior management team to discuss the role land plays in delivering Scottish Government priorities and the Commission's work to support implementation of Scotland's land reform ambitions, including the measures set out in the Land Reform (Scotland) Act.

Scottish Land Commission Chair Michael Russell said:

"We were delighted to meet with the Cabinet Secretary and

discuss the role land can play in shaping Scotland's future. Through our ScotLand Futures initiative, people from across Scotland told us they want land to deliver more for communities, the economy and the environment. It was encouraging to hear many of those same themes reflected in our discussions, particularly around transparency, opportunity and ensuring land delivers public value.

"Land reform is ultimately about helping Scotland make the most of one of its greatest assets, and we look forward to continuing that conversation with the Cabinet Secretary in the months ahead."

Chief Executive Hamish Trench said "The discussion highlighted the practical ways in which land policy connects to people's everyday lives, whether that's understanding

who owns land, bringing vacant and derelict sites back into use, supporting community ambitions or improving relationships in the tenanted sector.

"The Commission works with communities, landowners, tenants and public bodies to help address these challenges, and we welcomed the opportunity to discuss how that experience can support the Scottish Government's priorities."

First Homes Fund

The first round of applications for a First Homes Fund will open at the end of June providing first time buyers with a £10,000 contribution towards a deposit on their first home.

The shared equity scheme will be open to all prospective owners looking to make their first step onto the property ladder with a limit of £300,000 on the value of the property purchased. It's expected the first phase of the fund will support 2000 households over the first 100 days of the Scottish Government and 50,000 over the course of this parliament. Full guidance and support will be available at the end of June.

Community sector jobs

If you're looking for a job in the community sector, Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway has a number of posts listed on their website. Jobs include a community health and well-being programme co-ordinator, a finance and funding co-ordinator for the Robert Burns Ellisland Trust and an employability development officer to name just a few. Although some of the posts are Dumfries based others are hybrid with opportunities to work from home some of the time. Take a look at <https://jobs.tsdg.org.uk>

Organisations join forces to provide seats with a view

Tarras Valley Nature Reserve has been working with Langholm Walks and multiple donors including the Langholm Rotary and Rotary Scotland South to place six new benches across the reserve.

The benches are located along the Hallpath to Longwood loop along the pylon line and back along into the ancient woodlands with some nice rest spots now along the steep hill climb out of Hallpath to take in the views over the town.

Two older broken benches in Longwood have now been replaced with new ones overlooking the ancient oak trees. The others are located on the Lower Tarras' new figure of 8 loop through the new regenerating native woodlands and looking over the new ponds.

A huge thanks to Kevan and Ruairi Hotson who assembled the benches, Cheesy and Kenneth from Simon Richardson Contracting who installed the benches on site, to Gavin Graham, Mike Tinker and Charlie Graham who organised fitting all the brass plaques and all the sponsors of the benches. If you have any suggestions for future bench locations on Tarras Valley please do get in touch via email at hello@tarrasvalleynaturereserve.org and the team will add them to a list of locations for when there are further funds available.

A seat with a view on Whita

A view from a seat with Charlie and Mike of Langholm Walks



Academy pupils take the cake!

Langholm Academy held an Easter/Spring cake decorating competition in which pupils both decorated their cakes and made packaging to carry them home safely.

The standard of work in the home economics department was excellent with lots of effort and attention to detail on display. Winners were: Class 2A: 1st Tilda Smith with runners up Felicity Graham and Jessica Telford. 2B 1st Amelia Douglas with runners up Poppy Bell, Katie Drennan and Reece Young. 2C 1st Freya Elliot with runners up Aioffion McVittie-Brangan and Roisin Hanley. Well done to everyone involved for making the competition such a success.



It's royal blue wi' gold runnin' through

Once more, Langholm was well to the fore with the Front Three and other riders, watchers and boozers there to lend their enthusiasm to the day

The 2026 Hawick Common Riding once again proved why it is one of the Borders' most cherished and historic festivals.

Held last Friday, the event brought together the community of Hawick and visitors from across Scotland and the rest of the world, to celebrate tradition, heritage, and local pride.

This year's Cornet, the 308th, was Joseph Jordan Nuttall and he carried out his duties with pride, supported by his Right and Left-hand men, Jack Scott and Ryan Nichol, Cornet's Lass Alix Martin, Acting Father and Mother, Alan and Julie Wear, and a strong turnout of riders despite the ever-changeable Borders weather.

Crowds gathered along the streets to watch the principals take part in ceremonial duties, including the laying of wreaths and the singing of "Teribus," Hawick's rousing anthem.

A highlight of the celebration was the Friday ride-outs and the finale at the Moor, where the gathering of riders created a powerful and unforgettable sight.

Music, camaraderie, and a strong sense of identity defined the atmosphere, with generations coming together to take part.

Langholm's tall and very smart Front Three, Cornet Tommy Hope, RHM Ewan Patterson and LHM Bailey Donaldson represented the town in their usual impeccable way and enjoyed the day immensely.

Tommy said "Thoroughly enjoyable weekend 'throw the tunnel' at Hawick, the weather played ball which made for a great day on Friday. Start of a busy few weeks visiting other Border towns for their big days."



Hawick Cornet Jordan Nuttall arrives at The Mair

Photo Neil Henderson



DOLLED UP: And ready for the ball



STALWART AND TRUE: Langholm Ladies on The Mair

Photo Neil Henderson



Even the postbox on the High Street was 'Common-Riding-ed'



FOLLOWERS: Harry Hope and Ex-Cornet Ruairi Hotson on the Howgate

Photo Margaret Hudson



SMILING: Mounted on The Mair

Photo Ellie Hotson



SMERT BOOYS: Dismounted on The Mair

Photo Fiona Patterson

Abigail and the Black Wolf of Tarras



Gilly Fraser tells us of a collaboration between Teviothead author and Newcastleton native to create a lovely folk tale set locally

Kenneth Moffatt and Donna Cuthbert first met as pupils at Newcastleton Primary and even though the years since have taken them along very different paths, their shared love for Liddesdale and the wild goats which roam the moors between Copshaw and Langholm has never dimmed.

Nowadays, Kenneth is a Goldsmith working in the family-owned Johnnie Armstrong Gallery at Teviothead. Donna lives in Nottingham where she works for an animal charity and creates works of art, specialising in portraits of pets and animals.

They have joined forces to create a book telling the tale of a goat named Abigail and her adventures with the Black Wolf of Tarras. Kenneth wrote the words and says even though it's set locally, the story has its origins in an old Celtic folktale about a battle between a wolf and a goat for dominance of a mountain top.

"Goats and wolves were the first creatures to be domesticated by man and are embedded in our folk memories and heritage, particularly in Scotland and Ireland," he says.

"The wild goat has entered into some of our earliest stories – like the goat headed apparition of the battle field, Boccanaig, brought into life with the clashing strikes of warriors' swords – or the goats of the God Thunor, whose hooves thundered and sparked like lightning across the sky, and who could be eaten and magically resurrected back to life if all their bones carefully wrapped up in their skins."

Donna says she was delighted when Kenneth first approached her with the idea for the book.



COLLABORATION: Donna Cuthbert and Kenneth Moffatt

"He had seen my work and liked it and I was so excited to be asked. That excitement escalated when I read the story, a folk tale, set at home in the 18th century, with animals and magic...what wasn't to love!"

Donna's art has seen her work in a variety of different mediums, but for this book she chose one of the simplest – though definitely not easiest – methods of all.

"It's taken me a long time to find my art groove so to speak. For many years I used oil pastels and pencil crayons, in fact a book I did in the 90's was drawn in that medium."

"I have really found my niche with ballpoint pen. And that raises a few eyebrows. It's quite

restrictive because there's no blending, the colours are what they are but there is a lightness and softness too."

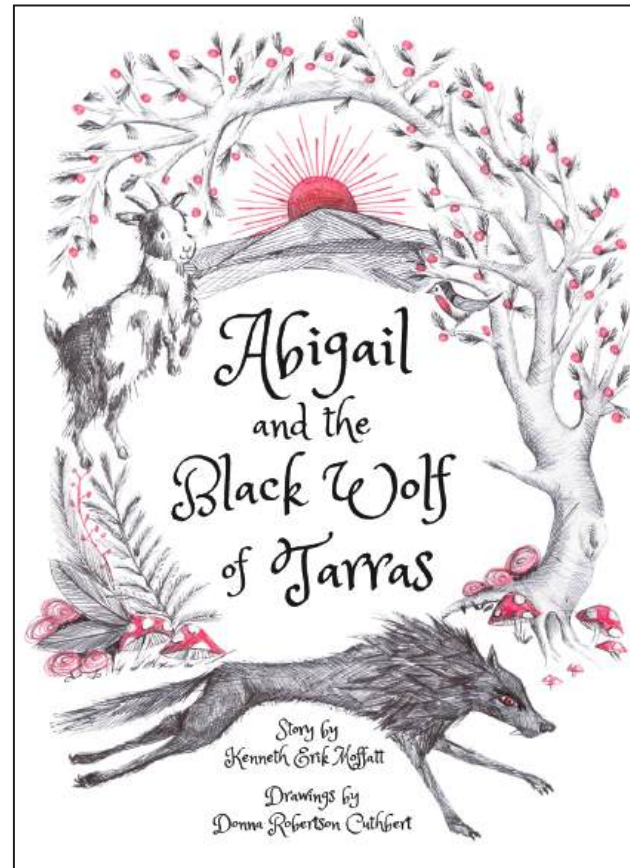
"Abigail and the black wolf of Tarras was drawn in biro. My inspiration has always, always been animals and nature but also British folklore, myth and history."

Kenneth says it was their shared love of animals and folklore that convinced him Donna would be the right person to illustrate his book.

"Donna is a fantastic artist and a lovely person. Her love of history, stories, wildlife, and humour shine through in her work, so I feel very lucky that she has been kind enough to illustrate the Abigail Book."

"When we met up after years to talk about the book and illustrations, we couldn't stop talking and laughing, which seemed just exactly right, especially with her familiarity of the landscape and the historical sites in which the story is set."

"With regard to the wild goat herd on Tarras, which largely inspired the story – to see one of the last surviving herds of pure primitive British goats roaming free on the Tarras, is for many a magical, wonderful, and



precious experience – and one which few people across the country today can experience.

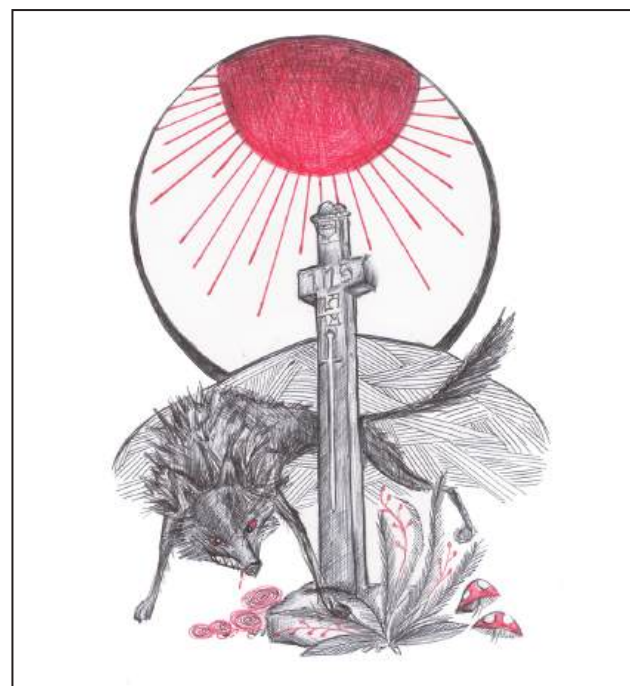
"We get so many visitors to the gallery and museum now who are specifically coming up to see and photograph the wild goats, it seems such a pity that they are not yet recognised as the heritage asset they are."

Kenneth says more than half a million visitors visit Llandudno in north Wales every year, specif-

ically to see the wild goats there.

"I'm sure that if properly managed the Langholm goats could not only be recognised and protected but be a prime attraction and asset for the region. Most people quite simply love to see them."

Kenneth and Donna are already working on another new title together – so make space on your bookshelves. It'll be worth it.



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The E&L Gallery

Amazing photo of a seldom-seen Cuckoo captured expertly by Stan Wilson of Langholm

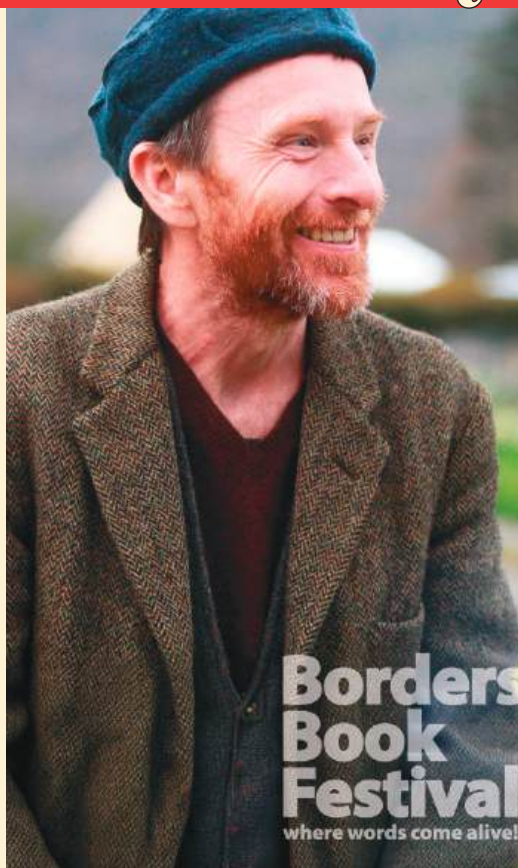
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Borders Book Festival starts today

Borders Book Festival kicks off today in Melrose with former Prime Minister Gordon Brown being one of the first speakers when he offers informed analysis of current turmoil and future options. Today also sees the announcement of the winner of the annual Walter Scott Prize for 2026 where five shortlisted authors compete for £25,000.

On the Sunday Dougie Strang shares traditional tales celebrating Scottish Borders culture at Melrose Abbey. The whole programme is varied and exciting and includes events for children. Some will be sold out but it's still worth browsing the line up online to find a gem that might interest you. <https://bordersbookfestival.org>

Dougie Strang - on Sunday



The E&L Gallery



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Lang Syne in Eskdale

...David J. Beattie on the Eskdale tongue and Hollows Mill

A notable circumstance, particularly in the Border country, is that there should be such a marked variance in the dialect of two districts separated, it may be, by less than ten miles.

Fifty years ago one can recall that this circumstance was certainly more marked between Langholm Townhead and Scots Dyke Tollbar than it is today and possibly in another half century the dialect difference may pass almost unnoticed.

The Rev Dr Russell, the writer of the Statistical Account of Canonbie, is not exactly complimentary towards his parishioners in respect of their mode of speech. He regards it as a mixture of the provincial dialects of Cumberland, Annandale and Eskdale.

“This seems” he observes “to form the language commonly used in the district which is very incorrect in point of grammatical propriety and with respect to accent, harsh and unpleasant. The plainest rules of syntax are much violated for example ‘I is’; ‘thou is’; ‘I’s gaan’ for ‘I am going’; ‘thou’s e get’ for ‘thou shalt get’; ‘how’s e t’ou?’ for ‘how art thou?’ “

I wonder what would have been the “mode of speech” of such an enthusiast in the use of the correct vocabulary of local dialect as that old worthy Ben Wylie had the parish minister lived a hundred years later to make the same challenge. The Canonbie folk of over a

century ago now come under the microscopic scrutiny of the fastidious statist, who takes an exacting measure of the physical, mental and moral stature of his staid parishioners.

In the first quarter of the last century, a more charitable parish minister informs the reader of his Statistical Account that the dispositions and habits of the people of Canonbie had undergone, within the last fifty years, a wonderful change for the better.

Gambling

In the former period much of the spirit of the Borderers pervaded the inhabitants and gambling was carried on to such a degree that all industry was laid aside so that many depended for their subsistence upon the precarious results arising from their success in horse-racing and cock-fighting “which” he avers “tends more than any other hazardous games, to demoralize the people.”

Canonbie folk, a hundred years ago, like those belonging to the parishes farther up the Esk, appear to have been very much alive to the benefits of education; and it was evident that they would sooner deprive themselves of many of the necessities of life than that their children should be unable to read and write. “There is not a coal miner’s child above six years of age” says the statist “who cannot



Part of the dam at Hollows Mill

Photo courtesy of Langholm Archive

read a little and repeat many of the questions in the Shorter and Mother’s Catechisms.”

The extensive improvements carried out by Duke Henry in the parish gave constant employment both to artisans and labourers and, as His Grace resided at Langholm Lodge for some months of the year, and was regular in his visits to the parish, he had an opportunity of knowing the character of each workman whom he encouraged and rewarded according to his industry. On the other hand, offenders not only lost employment but were obliged to leave the parish.

At the hamlet of Hollows, situ-

ated on the right bank of the Esk between the ancient tower of that name and Gilnockie Bridge, a corn mill, which began operations over a century ago, is still carrying on the same business after surviving a destructive fire about 1868.

Hollows Mill possesses the rather unique feature of a subterranean dam cut through the solid rock from the river (a distance of between 80 and 100 yards) which drives the machinery. In this connection it has been left on record that the tunnel through the rock which travels under the byre and the mill buildings, was excavated by a man skilled in the craft of

quarrying while his wife filled the role of labourer carrying to the tunnel mouth the pieces of rock hewn by her industrious husband. The mill had its inception through the foresight of the then Duke of Buccleuch who doubtless realised its necessity in the midst of a large farming area where water power for the purpose of driving machinery was so conveniently available.

Since its erection the mill has proved a centre of usefulness and activity in the neighbourhood where farmers bring in their grain for grinding, payment for which is made by multure, a portion of the grain being withheld.

C & D Marts (Longtown) Primestock Report

Thursday, 4th June 2026

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C&D Auction Marts had forward an entry of 6,957 sheep comprising of 1,453 spring lambs, 2,463 hogs and 3,041 cast ewes & rams at their weekly sale at Longtown Mart on Thursday 4th June 2026.

NEW SEASON SPRING LAMBS

A much larger entry of 1,453 spring lambs sold to serious rates of return and vendors are urged to get through lambs and sell when the trade is on fire.

Heavy lambs were the trade of the day being way short of purchaser requirements. All classes of lambs are sold to vendor advantage and numbers are required on a weekly basis as more processors make the move from hogs to lambs.

Top price per head of £292 for Texel lambs shown HM Martindale, The Land, Ecclefechan who also had others to £288

Top per kilo of 522p for Suffolks from Highfield Farming, Knock, Duns who also had others to 518ppk.

Another highlight of the sale was the annual consignment of 500 outstanding, very well finished Suffolk cross lambs consigned by M/s Barbour, Carsegowan, New Abbey. Topping at £284 for a pair of 59kg lambs and achieving an average of £228 and 47kg.

Lambs are in unprecedented demand and the trade is not to be overlooked and should be taken advantage of. For all further enquiries please do not hesitate our team of auctioneers and fields personnel who will be delighted to take your calls and assist in the marketing of your livestock to realise their full potential.

Overall average 474.8p (SQQ 473.0p)

Principal Prices (Per Head)

Texel £292, £288 The Land, £285 Baurch & Knock, £270 The Land, £268 Kimmeter Green & Baurch.
Suffolk £290 South Bogbain, £285 West-end, £284 Carsegowan, £280 The Land, £274 South Bogbain.
Hampshire £246 Barnhill Mews.
Mule £232 Shawhill.
Zwartble £220 Holmlea, £211 Hartbush.
Blue Texel £207 Slealandsburn.

Principal Prices (Per Kilo)

Suffolk 522p Knock, 508p Westend, 500p Carsegowan, 499p Drumburn, 495p Knock, 492p Carsegowan.
Texel 518p Knock, 508p Newtonhill, 498p, 496p Knock, 496p Cambeckhill.
Charollais 471p Pasture House.
Blue Texel 467p Leapsrigg, 450p Slealandsburn.
Mule 464p Shawhill.
Hampshire 455p, 439p Barnhill Mews.
Dutch Spotted 454p Leapsrigg.

PRIME HOGGS

A larger entry of 2,463 prime hogs forward to an increased ring of purchasers.

Heavy hogs sold to unseen biblical rates of return being the dearest ever recorded. Well fleshed export hogs sold to recent high rates of return whilst smaller light weight hogs saw some resistance.

Lean hogs sold to realisation. Under finished hogs are a difficult commodity to

market in a prime sale.

Many more heavy hogs and well finished export hogs can be sold to vendor advantage and are keenly sought after for next weeks sale.

Top price of £282 for Texel hogs from I W Buchan Overton of Knaven, Aberdeen with top per kilo of 573p for Texels from M & W Fotheringham, Drumcairn, Perth.
Oveall average 403.1p (SQQ 395.2p)

Principal prices (Per head)

Texel £282 Overton of Knaven, £280 Newtonhill, £278 Knock & Drumcairn, £275 Newtonhill, £275, £270 Drumcairn.
Blue Texel £278, £261 Marchbank, 252 Newtonhill.
Cheviot Mule £276 Newtonhill, £260 South Bogbain.
Charollais £275 Haas Grove.
Suffolk £270 Overton of Knaven, £268 Whitelumbs, £265 North House Cottage, £262 Newtonhill & Grindon Hill.
Cheviot £265 North House, £246 Newtonhill & South Bogbain, £240 Newtonhill.
Beltex £258 Heathery Hall, £235 Drumreach, £232, £230 Heathery Hall.
Lleyn £252 South Bogbain, £240 Newtonhill.
Herdwick £236 South Bogbain.
Dutch Spotted £242 Kilry Lodge, £240 Overton of Knaven & Lowry Gardens.
Blackface £244 Lowry Gardens, £235 South Bogbain.
Mule £265 Overton of Knaven, £255 Pasture House, £250 Newtonhill & Sykehead.

Principal Prices (Per Kilo)

Texel 573p, 545p Drumcairn, 473p Knock & Overton of Knaven, 472p Galleyweay.
Beltex 522p Heathery Hall, 495p Newtonhill, 485p Galleyweay, 479p Drumreach, 473p Heathery Hall.
Blue Texel 475p Newtonhill, 466p Marchbank.
Suffolk 465p Overton of Knaven, 464p South Bogbain, 455p Newtonhill, 454p Overton of Knaven.
Cheviot 455p South Bogbain, 443p Blackrigg, 435p Mallsgate Hall, 432p Heathery Hall.
Mule 455p Sykehead, 431p Muirside.
Blackface 435p Lowry Gardens, 425p Pasture House, 424p, 420p Heathery Hall.
Cheviot Mule 432p Newtonhill, 426p South Bogbain, 423p Fearn.
Dutch Spotted 431p Newtonhill.
Herdwick 380p South Bogbain, 371p Westhills, 366p Drumreach.
Swaledale 376p New Hummerbecks, 362p Pasture House.

CAST EWES AND RAMS

A much larger show of 3,041 cast ewes and rams forward, to the same ring of competitive purchasers.

Heavy ewes proved slightly harder to cash albeit still a good trade, whilst light weight ewes maintained recent weeks high rates of return. Numbers will subside and will be sought after for the next four to five weeks of trading. Again please contact your auctioneers and fields personnel for all further enquiries who will be pleased to take

your calls.

Texel ewes sold to a top of £350 from MJ Lawson, Pasture House, Wigton.

Cheviot ewes selling to £168 from T Mackenzie, Drumreach, Inverness and E Astley, West Stobs Wood, Morpeth.
Rams topped at £315 for a Texels from Highfield Farming, Knock, Duns.

Heavy ewes

Texel £350 Pasture House, £325 Hazel Head, £322 Woodside of Chapelton, £295, £285 Red Hills, £280 Beckfoot.
Beltex £250 Tercrosset, £235 Solway House, £225 Red Hills.
Suffolk £245 The Land, £235 Smailholm Mains, £230 Beckfoot, £228 South Bogbain, £225 Thackwood.
Cheviot Mule £238 Beckfoot, £200 Smailholm Mains.
Charollais £236 Beckfoot, £228, £225 Thackwood, £222 Chaseside.
North Country Cheviot £235 Smailholm Mains, £198 Whiteknowe, £195 Chaseside.
Blue Texel £235 South Bogbain.
Zwartble £212 Evertown.
Mule £208 Beckfoot, £198 Whitelumbs & Lingey Field, £188 Broomhills, £186 High Croft House, £185 Pasture House.
Goat £200 Woodcroft.

Light ewes

Cheviot £168 Drumreach & West Stobs Wood, £162, £160 Drumreach, £160 Sibster Burn & Orchard Terrace, £158 Drumreach & Upper Tinwald.
Easycare £160 Peddar Hill, £158

Broomhills, £152 Dunnichen.

Blackface £150 Upper Tinwald, £146 Drumreach, £138 South Bogbain, £136 Burnfoot & Sykehead.
Kerry Hill £146 Beckfoot.
Swaledale £134 Spoutbank, £132 Park House, £130 Red Hills & Peat Gap.
Herdwick £132 North House, Findynate Estate & Drumreach.

Rams

Texel £315 Knock, £308 Cleuchhead, £308 Knock.
Charollais £260, £238 Beckfoot.
Blue Texel £238 Marchbank.
Suffolk £235 Solway House, £225 Binks, £215 Inshes.
Hampshire £218 Newseat of Tolquhon.
Cheviot £195 Hopsrigg, £190 Binks.

Averages:

Lambs

Light to 471.0p (450.3p)
Standard to 508.0p (466.2p)
Medium to 490.0p (474.0p)
Heavy to 522.0p (478.8p)
Overweight to 518.0p (469.9p)

Hoggs

Light to 355.0p (296.3p)
Standard to 451.0p (385.4p)
Medium to 497.0p (413.6p)
Heavy to 475.0p (422.9p)

Ewes

Light to £168.00 (£119.77)
Heavy to £350.00 (£182.97)
Rams to £315.00 (£219.65)

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W/C 15th June 2026

	Quilters Group	10 - 1	Creation Mill, DG13 oES
Mon	Mending Monday	1-3	Buccleuch Centre
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Tues	Canonbie In Stitches	2-4	Village Hall, DG14 oUX
	After School Club	4-5.30	Creation Mill, DG13 oES
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Fri	Langholm weekly In Stitches	1-4	Creation Mill, DG13 oES
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Mon 15th	Dementia Catch Up	Langholm Day Centre 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Wed 17th	Hard of Hearing Group	Langholm Day Centre 1pm - 3pm
Thu 18th	Eskdale Gardening Club Trip to Keswick	Leave Canonbie Public Hall 9.30am
Wed 24th	Craig Revel Horwood 'Revelations' Tour	Buccleuch Centre 7.30pm
Sun 21st	Parish of Eskdale & Liddesdale Church Fete	Langholm Parish Church 2pm
Sun 28th	Cream Teas	The Benty Hall 2pm - 4.30pm

The E&L
General Knowledge Quiz

No. 2624 answers next week

1 In which northern city is the Royal Armouries Museum located?

2 Which Regent Street store is famed for its fabrics and clothes, as well as its wonderful premises?

3 Between which months is the British flat-racing season run?

4 On which coast of Britain does Langstone Harbour lie?

5 Which Scottish Island is separated from the mainland by the Sound of Sleat?

6 What date is Poppy Day?

7 Which London square is home to Canada House?

8 What was the Roman name for Britain?

9 In which English town can the Holst Birthplace Museum be found?

10 To which county cricket club is the Oval home?

11 For what is the town of Coalport famous?

12 What name is given to the towers that were once constructed along the Kent and Sussex coast to counter the threat of French invasion?

13 In which town did the artist LS Lowry paint most of his landscapes?

14 On which river does the city of Lincoln stand?

15 Where is the Royal Greenwich Observatory located?

16 In which city were Brunel's ships the SS Great Western, and the SS Great Britain built?

17 In the Isle of Man TT Races, what does TT stand for?

18 Who designed St Paul's Cathedral?

19 Which Scottish castle was the principle prize of the Battle of Bannockburn?

20 Which English Lake has in the past been the scene of numerous world water speed records and was also the scene of Donald Campbell's death in 1967?



Crossword & Quiz
Solutions from
last week

Quiz 2623

1 1948

2 Ghillie

3 London Transport Museum

4 Narrow-gauge railways

5 Devon

6 Scotland Yard

7 East Riding of Yorkshire

8 Towers in the Tower of London

9 Paul McCartney and Wings

10 Lincoln

11 Pelicans

12 Dragonfly

13 Portsmouth

14 Tor Bay

15 Somerset

16 Slow worm

17 Cornwall

18 Blenheim Palace

19 A30

20 Fotheringay Castle

Crossword 2623

Across: 6 Saturn, 8 Oceans, 9 Ohio, 10 Contempt, 11 Ratter, 13 Steer, 15 Nil, 17 Strap, 18 O'clock, 20 Helpless, 22 Gate, 23 Import, 24 Nevada.

Down: 1 Ouzo, 2 Unicorn, 3 Bonny, 4 Pedestal, 5 Snap, 7 Athwart, 12 Teaspoon, 14 Excited, 16 Loosens, 19 Cents, 21 Elms, 22 Gave.

NEVER A CROSSWORD!

No. 2624 A mix of general knowledge and cryptic clues think. Answers next week

Across

7 At once (11)

8 Deeply respectful (8)

9 Gawked at (4)

10 Nile dam (5)

11 Digested yam diet between dawn and dusk (7)

14 Formal speech (7)

16 Sudden convulsion (5)

19 Toque wearer (4)

21 Earthly end of the line (8)

22 Painful throat infection (11)

Down

1 Ailing De Sade is ill (8)

2 Simple life form (6)

3 Advanced slowly (5)

4 One left standing (4,3)

5 The last word (6)

6 Promote to excess (4)

12 Regard suspiciously (8)

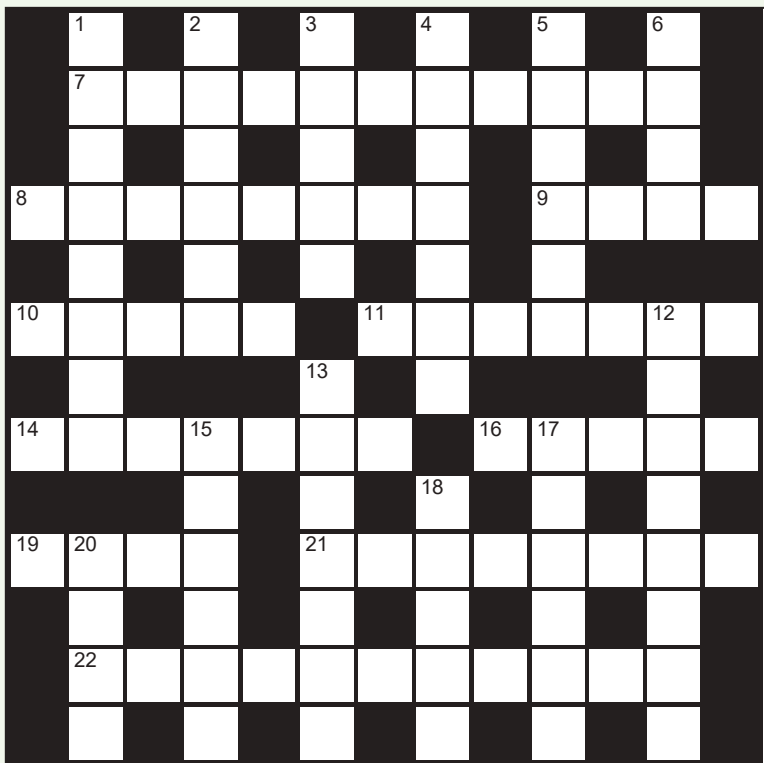
13 Clairvoyant (7)

15 Money back (6)

17 Starch source (6)

18 Bouquet (5)

20 Boaters and bonnets (4)



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Bowling

The winners were Ryan Brady, Chris McDougall and Alastair Taylor from Hawick Wilton, seen here with Louise Keeney of Langholm Old

Old Town American

On Sunday, Langholm Old Town Bowling Club held their first open tournament of the season - American Triples.

There was a full turnout of 24 triples and the weather was kind. The winners were Ryan Brady, Chris McDougall and Alastair Taylor from Hawick Wilton, runners up were Paul Warwick, Luke Tolson and Carolle Warwick of Langholm new. Beaten semi-finalists were Ian Earsman, Chris Reid and Booba and Ian Scott, Duncan Ritchie and Drew Rutherford.

Thanks to Steven Barker for running the day smoothly and also thanks to the green staff, kitchen staff and bar staff for all their hard work.

Esk, Wauchope and Tarras enjoy the fun

Primary and Nursery sports bring friendly rivalry

Football

Langholm Primary and Nursery held their sports day last week.

The children showed determination, teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship throughout the day.

They gave every event their best effort and encouraged each other and demonstrated lots of skills.

The school was incredibly proud of them all for their enthusiasm and achievements,



The Tarras Camp!

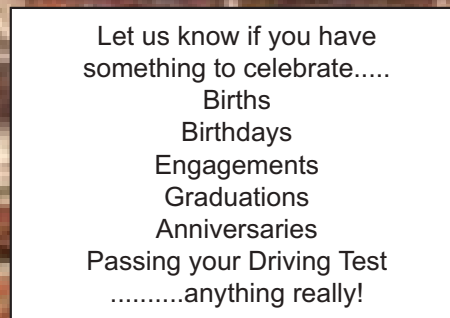
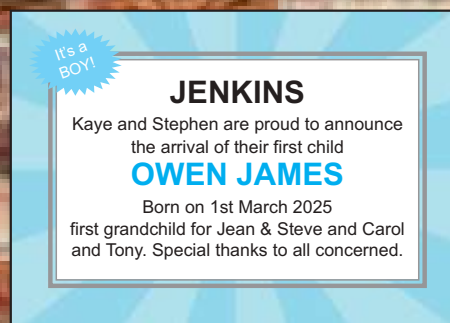


The boys and girls all competed very well and were encouraging to each other

Langholm New Town v Canonbie**Bowling**

Last week Canonbie bowling club played a border league game against Langholm new town bowling club in Langholm.

After two very close games, Canonbie won and the scores were 11-10 and 10-9. The Langholm club wishes Canonbie all the best in the league and thanks everyone who brought food and helped on the night.

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Second place in the league for Langholm

Caldbeck bowled out for 35 as Steele takes six wickets

Cricket
By Graham Park

Langholm climbed to 2nd in the league with a comprehensive 159 run victory over Caldbeck 2nds. Put into bat they amassed 194 with Nicky P the standout batsmen scoring 67. Caldbeck had no reply and were bowled out for 35 mainly due to Dave Steele taking six wickets.

Batting first on a wicket that had been covered most of the week should have been tricky but apart from losing Gregor Park for a duck in the first over Nicky P and Chris Stewart had the score racing along reaching the 100 in 15 overs. The score was on 117 when Chris fell caught off Harrison for 39. This produced something of a collapse as Langholm lost 4 wickets for 13 runs including Nicky for 67. Corey Park then counterattacked supported by his dad as the pair added 40 for the 7th wicket before Corey fell for 35. Graham Park now upped his tempo and along with the remaining tail added 24 before he fell for 25 with Langholm all out for 194.

Right from the onset Caldbeck looked in survival mode rather than giving the target a go with Dave Steele looking particularly dangerous. However, it was Ryan Johnstone who struck, removing Mathew Burberry for 2 with Dave taking the catch.



It was Dave's turn now and he began by having Kavanagh caught in the gully by his brother Tony leaving Caldbeck 8 for 2. Some excellent work in the field by Ryan Johnstone saw Pattinson run out for 1 and when Dave clean bowled King, Caldbeck were in deep trouble at 9 for 4.

Clean bowled

Flemming and Burbury soon both fell, clean bowled by Dave as the score reached 13 for 6. Opener Hodgson finally fell for 9 LBW to Dave and when he clean bowled Ellis in his final over Caldbeck were in a bit of trouble at 20 for 2. Dave finished with figures of 10 overs 6 maidens 6 for 6 his second best return for Langholm. David

Harrison and Megan Wetherall dug in against some good bowling from Corey Park and Jake Park and added 15 for the 9th wicket, but with the score on 35 Corey finished things off, first bowling Harrison then in the same over removed Pattinson caught by his Dad in the slips. Caldbeck all out for 35. Apart from Dave Steele the other wicket takers figures were Corey Park 2 for 7 and Ryan Johnstone 1 for 9. Four wins on the bounce for Langholm takes them into 2nd place.

Next week should be a harder test as the team travels to play third placed Wetherall. Thanks to our sponsors on the day the Maxwell Family, Neil Stewart and Graham Weatherstone.

Football success for local lassies

Girls Football



Layna Pearson, Lauren Davidson and Isla Davidson

Three local young women played in the final of the Scottish Women's Football South West Regional U16 Girls Football Cup at the weekend in Cumnock. Lauren Davidson, Iona Davidson and Layna Pearson who all receive welcome to Langholm Future Champions Award Funding were on the field for Queen of the South. The final score was Queens 4 and Cumnock Juniors 0

The three local girls came from the very first girls' football team from Langholm and have progressed to where they are today.

WELCOME to LANGHOLM
FUTURE CHAMPIONS AWARDS

Two dozen young bowlers compete

Junior Bowling

Langholm Old Town Bowling Club hosted an open youth singles event at the weekend, with 24 youngsters taking part. The results were as follows:

- 1st Max Phillips;
- 2nd Michaela Devlin
- Semi-finalists: Robbie Robson and Ava Thomson;
- 5th Mathew Cowan, 6th Jake Grieve, 7th Calum Grant, 8th David Goodfellow.

Thanks to all the kids who took part in this competition today, the parents for bringing them and the people who helped mark ties. Thank you also to all

those who helped in kitchen and bar. Huge thanks to Grange Quarry, Ultra Bowls and Joyce and Dennis Barker for the contributions to the "goody bags" for the kids. Thanks to Shona Dickson for the photos. Thank you also to the Coop Langholm for providing food and drinks for the kids' lunches. Finally, thank you to Karl Nawrocki and Langholm Old Bowling Club for contributing to the prize money. We hope all the kids had a fab day and hope to see them all again next year. A big well done again and keep the bowling up, some fantastic players in the making.



Youth Singles champ Max Phillips



Semi-finalists Ava Thomson and Robbie Robson with champions Michaela Devlin and Max Phillips

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