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Family Announcements

Deaths

MACGREGOR, Margaret Elizabeth

Sadly, at Dumfries & Galloway Royal Infirmary on Sunday 26th July 2026, after a sudden and short illness, Margaret Elizabeth Macgregor (born 11th December 1956), beloved wife of Ian and much-loved mother of Rhona and Stewart, mother-in-law to Emma and loving grandmother to Oliver and Max. While she will be sadly missed, her faith gave her strength and hope, and brings peace and comfort. Funeral arrangements to follow.

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Day Centre welcomes the Cornets Five

Langholm's jewel royally entertains CR dignitaries



TOP TOP TABLE: Guests and speakers at Langholm Day Centre Launch

Cornet Thomas Hope, Right-H Man Ewan Patterson, and Left-Hand Man Bailey Donaldson were piped into Langholm Day Centre for the annual Common Riding lunch on Monday. Diamond Jubilee Cornet Ronnie Hudson and Jubilee Cornet John Murray were also guests of honour at the top table.

Compere Michael Bell welcomed everyone, thanking Sandra and the Day Centre staff for the wonderful buffet meal. He introduced guest singers Billy Young who sang Scotland Yet and When Bauldie

Cried the Fair and Amy Gospel, who formerly lived in Langholm, accompanied herself on the guitar and sang Craigielea and The Rose of Allandale. Eight-year-old Ellie Radcliffe sang Langholm's Great Day which she had learned at Langholm Primary School, and the Day Centre members joined in with great gusto.

Town Band

Some members from Langholm Town Band played a selection of Common Riding tunes and they

were joined by former player, Ian Hotson, who took charge of the big drum. Eric Laidlaw then volunteered to entertain by singing The Soft Lowland Tongue.

The Front Three gave a wonderful rendition of A Wee Bit Toon before Michael Bell concluded the entertainment with singing Bonnie Charlie, dedicating the song to his old friend Eck Christie.

Another successful afternoon closed with the singing of Auld Lang Syne and three cheers for the Cornet.



Sandra Graham, Langholm Day Centre Manager, wishes Cornet Tommy Hope well for the Common Riding while staff and invited guests look on

NHS announces closure of Langholm's only mortuary

Furious reaction to the latest service to be withdrawn from the town

NHS Dumfries and Galloway is ending the arrangement for local undertakers to run a mortuary facility at Thomas Hope Hospital in Langholm. The move comes after new national directions set out standards that must be met within all mortuaries on NHS sites. General Manager of the Community Directorate Stephanie Mottram said:

"This area at Thomas Hope Hospital has been operated under the responsibility of local undertakers in recent years but does still represent a mortuary on NHS grounds. As such, we're required to comply with the new directions which were issued by The Scottish Government in March titled 'Security and Governance of NHS Mortuaries'. We were required to assess the mortuary space at Thomas Hope, and in doing so our Inspection Team determined that is not compliant with the clearly defined standards. Because this mortuary is operated by third-

party undertakers as part of their business, rather than by NHS Dumfries and Galloway, we are unable to oversee or assure compliance with these national standards. As the NHS board is ultimately responsible for ensuring that all mortuary facilities on its sites meet these requirements, continuing this arrangement is no longer appropriate."

Turnbull's

Undertaker Shaun Turnbull said that the NHS have been trying to close the mortuary at the Thomas Hope hospital for five years, they did close it two and a half years ago but after a lot of negotiations and a large sum of money from myself and Nicholson's we got it opened again. They have said that if they don't close it that would impact on an inspection of the hospital. They would need to spend quite a bit of money on it to bring it up to a modern standard. Families wishing to see a relative's body will have to come to



Newcastleton to do so, where I have a mortuary, but ideally I will need to try and find a suitable place for a mortuary/viewing room in Langholm with a private entrance. It's giving me sleepless nights worrying about it.

Nichola of Nicholson's Funeral Directors said "We are disappointed by the decision to close the mortuary

and viewing facilities at Thomas Hope Hospital, which have served families in the local area for many years. Throughout our involvement with the facility, our priority has always been to provide dignified and respectful care for the deceased and to support bereaved families within our community. We have invested signifi-

cantly in maintaining equipment at the site and are currently working constructively with NHS representatives regarding the future arrangements for that equipment and the transition following the closure.

We recognise that the loss of local mortuary and viewing facilities may be difficult for some families, particularly in a rural area, and we will continue to do everything possible to ensure that families receive the highest standard of care and support during this period of change at Annan and Longtown. We remain committed to serving the communities of Langholm, Eskdale and the surrounding areas and will continue to provide professional funeral services in line with all national standards and regulatory requirements."

Since this decision was first announced on social media local people in the area have expressed disappointment with the decision.

Hawick Paper

We reported a couple of weeks ago that The Hawick Paper was struggling to find a new owner but can now report that its future has been secured. A new owner called Hawick Media Ltd which is part of a group of independent media companies that includes DNG Media and Argyll Media which publishes titles such as the Annandale Observer and Dumfries Courier is taking it over. That can only be good news for Hawick.

Bridge Results

N/S - 1, Nancy McLure & Anne Ferguson, 2, Derek Scott & Judy Pitchford, 3, Lesley McCartney & Doreen Taylor.

E/W - 1, Sandra Ritchie & Anne Hislop, 2, Tom Stothart & Barbara Addison, 3, Louise Grierson & Aileen Graham.

Powfoot wildlife

People are being invited to explore the wildlife, land and heritage of Powfoot at a free nature day on Sunday 2 August 11am to 4pm.

CR Members pay a visit to Bauldy Beattie



In their Annual pilgrimage to Archibald 'Bauldy' Beattie's grave, Common Riding Members paid their respects to the man considered "Faither of the Common Riding" with the laying of a wreath

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Thanks to incredible people

I would like to express my thanks to the people of Langholm and surrounding areas, for the warm welcome, myself and my colleagues from Glasgow University, received last week.

We visited the town and several communities around it as part of our research into 'Green Precarity' – an international project looking at how green transition is affecting communities, employment and housing. The Save Warblaw Action Group initially aroused our interest in the area. They invited us to attend a meeting and we were also able to interview a large number of other people, in order to gain a better understanding of your experiences with forestry, windfarms, proposed Solar Farms and the TVNR.

I am full of energy and

motivation after meeting so many incredible people and hope to return to Langholm on 6-7 August. If you have a story to tell, please email me so we can arrange a meeting: Giedre.Jokubauskaite@glasgow.ac.uk

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CAS support with energy price increases

With the announcement earlier this month about the latest Ofgem energy price cap which amounts to a 13% increase on the previous period Dumfries and Galloway Citizens Advice Service (D&G CAS) is calling for people across the region to come forward if they are experiencing fuel poverty.

D&G CAS Chief Executive Phil Stewart says,

"Even though we've been living through a heat wave, rising energy prices this summer will be a devastating blow for many people across Dumfries and Galloway. Because energy is not just about heating. It is what keeps daily life running: it powers the fridge that keeps food and medication safe, the washing machine that families rely on and devices people need to work, study or stay connected. For disabled people energy is even more critical. It charges wheelchairs and mobility aids and keeps essential medical equipment operating. Some may also need air conditioning to regulate temperatures in their homes.

"People living in rural



communities face extra pressures, with higher energy costs, limited fuel options, and additional expenses like food and transport compounding the impact. We have a number of ways we can help those who are struggling. Our Safe and Warm Adviser is able to help with a range of energy issues and our D&G H.E.A.T. partnership with D&G

HandyVan helps eligible residents with small energy saving devices and energy advice. Our bureaux and outreaches can help with the most complex issues and with income maximisation."

The advice service can be contacted on 0300 303 4321 or via their website www.dagcas.org.



KF Memorial best in area



Kirkpatrick Fleming Community Council is absolutely delighted to share some fantastic news. The War Memorial has been awarded Winner – Best Kept Small Community War Memorial in the Royal British Legion Scotland Best Kept War Memorial Competition 2026 for the Glasgow, Ayrshire, Dumfries & Galloway Area. This achievement is a real testament to the dedication of our volunteers and local community.

A huge thank you goes to Davie Holt, Stephen Muir and Mick Park for their hard work installing

and maintaining the memorial area, Agri Cleaning Solutions for carrying out the specialist cleaning, Stephen and Helen for lovingly looking after the flowers prior to planting and Jo for her beautiful flower arrangements this year. Mike Little Vice Chairman of the community councils says this award belongs to everyone who has helped preserve and honour our fallen heroes.

Your time, effort and commitment ensure our War Memorial remains a place of remembrance that our community can be proud of. Congratulations and thank you to everyone involved.

Auld Kirk gravel spreaders



Volunteers spread gravel around the church, doing an excellent job. The church driveway looked lovely in time for Sunday's Common Riding service.



Calls to ban disposable barbecues

Keep Britain Tidy, an environmental charity, is calling on the government to ban the sale of disposable barbecues after yet another devastating spate of wildfires across the country, many of which have been blamed on abandoned so-called "disposable" barbecues. The environmental charity's Chief Executive Alison Ogden-Newton OBE said:

"Every summer single-use barbecues cause wildfires up and down the country, wrecking natural habitats, consuming millions of gallons of precious water as fire services work to extinguish them and posing a threat to life and limb. It is almost impossible to dispose of them safely as they can reach temperatures of 400° C and take a minimum of four hours to cool down.

"This year we have had three notable heatwaves and each one has been accompanied by wildfires which have wiped out



wildlife, wrecked precious green space, released tonnes of carbon into the atmosphere and posed a significant danger to people, not least those battling to put them out.

"As many uncontrolled fires are being blamed on abandoned barbecues we at Keep Britain Tidy join the London Fire Brigade and other fire services around the country in calling for these fire starters to be banned. Surely it is time to stop these environmental grenades being sold? We would like to see the government bring in a ban on sales as a matter of urgency."

Seismic Array pulls plug on windfarm

Muirhall withdraws Teviot proposal

With news that Muirhall had withdrawn their application for the Teviot windfarm we asked the company for a statement, and this is what Sarah McIntosh, Managing Director at Muirhall Energy said:

“We remain confident that the Teviot site can accommodate an appropriately designed wind farm and continue to believe that the project can make an important contribution to communities across the South of Scotland and to the UK's renewable energy ambitions. However, the current application has been affected by prolonged uncertainty around the Eskdalemuir Seismic Array policy framework. We are disappointed that, despite the importance of unlocking renewable energy investment in the South of Scotland, meaningful progress has not yet been delivered by the relevant public bodies.



Muirhall to revise plans on Teviot Windfarm

“We have therefore taken the difficult decision to withdraw the current application and focus our efforts on bringing forward a revised proposal. We would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to engage with us

throughout the process. We will continue to work with local communities, consultees and stakeholders as we develop our revised plans, and we will provide further details on the new layout as soon as we are able to do so.”

Carers can take a break from caring

Benefits will continue

During the summer holidays, carers are being reminded they no longer need to have provided care for a set period before they can receive support during a temporary break. Carers can take a temporary break from their caring role – for a holiday, a hospital stay, or other reasons – and continue to receive their carer benefits during that time, regardless of how long they've been in a caring role.

Carer Support Payment, delivered by Social Security Scotland, can continue for up to 4 weeks during a temporary break from caring for any reason, and up to 12 weeks if a hospital stay is involved – or a combination of hospital and other reasons – within any 6-month period. This makes financial support more stable and removes barriers to taking a well-earned rest.

The improvements, introduced in March this year, also extend support in other circumstances. Carers in Scotland now receive up to 12 weeks of continued support if the person they are caring for passes away – an additional 4 weeks – giving more time to adjust at a difficult period.

These improvements are unique to Scotland and are part of a broader package of support that includes Scottish Carer Supplement and Carer Additional Person Payment for those caring for more than one person. Carers should let Social Security Scotland know about changes to their caring hours and responsibilities, including temporary stops in care online or by phone. Keeping details up to date ensures carers get the right amount of support.



Langholm Citizen's Advice?

Dumfries and Galloway Citizens Advice Service (D&G CAS) is exploring the possibility of introducing a regular citizens advice outreach service to Langholm and they want to hear from people here about what they would like to see. The organisation can provide free independent and confidential advice that can make a real difference especially as many people continue to face rising living costs, changes to benefits and financial pressures.

D&G CAS is asking what barriers people face when accessing advice? What type of outreach service would work best? Where and when sessions should be held? How can the service be accessible, welcoming and confidential? Feedback will influence whether an outreach service is introduced and how it can best meet local needs. To access the link to the consultation go to the Langholm Alliance Facebook page.



New treatment works at Black Esk reservoir

Scottish Water will soon begin work between Eskdalemuir and Boreland to create a new water treatment works for the Black Esk reservoir. The existing treatment works, built in 1987, currently provides 21.6 million litres of water daily to around 40,000 customers. We previously reported that it has now reached the end of its lifespan and is unsuitable for upgrading. This is a multimillion project.

The existing WTW has reached the end of its serviceable lifespan. Tree felling was part of the preparatory works and environmental advisors have been engaged and will be consulted regularly throughout the duration of the project. Scottish Water carried out tree felling in commercial woodland in February 2024, which enabled the company to carry out ground condition surveys to help inform designs.

Prior to carrying out this work, an ecological survey was completed within the purchased land area. The area was inspected for badgers, raptors, and any



The Black Esk Reservoir

Photo by Gavin Graham

squirrel dreys and no evidence was found to indicate any activity within the working area. We also carried out an archaeological assessment and concluded archaeological risk is low.

Broadleaves

As compensatory planting, nearly 3200 broadleaved trees will be planted at Ettrick, around 20 miles away. A further two

hectares of native broadleaved woodland will be planted at Black Esk by the end of 2026 to replace the commercial woodland felled to facilitate the new works. Scottish Water is also exploring additional ways to enhance biodiversity on site. A biodiversity survey has already been conducted to identify potential improvements across the broader Black Esk area.

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New course

A new course has been set up at Borders College to help people find careers in the land-based sector by giving them the practical and industry-relevant skills they need to do so.

The Borders Land & Rural Skills Pathway programme has been developed in partnership with employers and industry experts to ensure learners gain the knowledge and experience needed in today's job market.

It's being funded through the Scottish Borders Council Local Economic Partnership No One Left Behind (NOLB) initiative and is open to residents in the region aged 16 to 67 who are experiencing barriers to employment. This includes people affected by mental health challenges, disabilities, child poverty and young parenthood.

As well as gaining valuable practical skills, learners will be given one-to-one support, guidance and mentoring from experienced Borders College staff.

The programme is designed to help them build confidence, develop employability skills and explore the wide range of careers available within the land-based sector.

The programme includes hands-on training in tractor driving, all-terrain vehicle skills, introduction to welding, bushcutting, strimming and garden machinery maintenance.

On completion, learners receive a Borders College Certificate of Attendance to enhance their CV, while also developing transferable skills including teamwork, communication and confidence.

The College says there is a wealth of career opportunities available within Scotland's land-based industries, and participants do not need to come from a farming background to succeed.

Many successful professionals in the sector are first-generation entrants who have discovered new opportunities through training and hands-on experience.

Tractor Run to mark Matthew's memory

and others lost to mental illness

A tractor run has been organised in memory of a young Cumbrian man who died earlier this year.

Matthew Gorton was just 21 years old when he died. He was a greatly loved member of the local farming community, and his loss was felt deeply by all who knew him.

Friends and family say they decided to stage the tractor run as a tribute to Matthew and to others lost to mental health issues in the agricultural world.

Money raised will be donated to the Farming Community Network, a charity originally set up in 1995 by Christopher Jones who was awarded the MBE in 2011 for his services to agriculture. It played a key role in helping and supporting farming families during the 2001 foot and mouth outbreak.

The tractor run will be over 27 miles and organisers anticipate it will take around an hour to an hour and a half to complete.

It costs £15 to enter and donations will be very welcome. The event was announced shortly after this year's Farm Safety Week which is held to raise awareness of the high number of fatalities and serious injuries suffered on farms every year in the UK.

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What have AI and video games to do with farming

AI and videogames may not seem the obvious route into a career in farming, but the James Hutton Institute is all set to prove otherwise.

The Dundee-based Institute is spearheading a £5m project which will use several innovative methods to encourage Europe's young people into a farming career.

It's financed by Horizon Europe, an EU funding program for research and innovation, and brings together fifteen different partner organisations from across the Europe.

To begin with, researchers will work with groups of young people to better understand how they would like to see farming evolve

in future.

They will then train a large language model (LLM) AI to conduct a higher education curriculum review of agricultural training, providing an oversight of how well curricula support this future vision of farming.

The researchers will also look at how popular video games – like the Farming Simulator series – can help more young people become interested in farming.

The Hutton will receive £853,000 in funding, with the rest shared among the other partners.

The project is due to begin in October and will run for four years. It will also aim to



Professor Lee-Ann Sutherland

Photo by Paul Glendell

address the issue of lack of women entering the industry.

Professor Lee-Ann Sutherland, who will lead the Hutton's contribution, says she's delighted the project has won the funding.

"Enabling a diverse group of young people to enter the sector – and supporting current successors to thrive – is crucial to enabling innovation and resilience in the agricultural sector."

Cornet opens Initiative



The Langholm Initiative is delighted to have moved into new offices at 30 High Street which was the premises of the Bank of Scotland.

Both the outside and inside of the building have been spruced up and the staff and trustees of the organisation are happy to be in a more central location. Cornet Thomas Hope cut the ribbon last Tuesday when he and his Right-And Left-Hand Men popped into the offices and the new base for the Initiative was declared open.

The information centre will move into the space in the not-too-distant future, offering a better location for both local people and visitors alike. The Initiative bought the property and is hopeful that going forward they can utilise the premises in different ways, including for small exhibitions and meetings. The trustees would like to thank all staff, local retailers and tradespeople who helped get the place in order and all the dedicated volunteers for all their efforts in getting us there.

Craigs Club Tie Winners

The Xcel project says a huge Congratulations to Flissy Barrie-Taylor and Emmy Kingstree who are the winners of the Castle Craigs Club Tie Design Competition for 2026.

Our guest judge Ellie particularly liked the variety in Flissy's design and the use of familiar landmarks, badges and emblems in Emmy's design. Well done to both of you!

Buccleuch Centre

Thanks to The Buccleuch Centre for helping with the competition. All of the entries are

on display in the Centre so pop in and have a look at all of the amazing designs! A huge thank-you to everyone who took part and we can assure you that Ellie had a really tough time picking the winners.

Last Sunday we were involved in the Castle Craigs Fun Day and it was another great day on the Castleholm. There were lots of people up enjoying the day. The winner of the Castle Craigs Fun Day Quiz was Sadie and her family and the winner of the Castle Craigs Fun Day Horse Hunt was Ada Byers (plus Jude and Henry).



Credit where credit is due!



Langholm Common Riding Members' Official Photo 2026

Langholm Common Riding members make a great team and have worked well together to bring another big day of celebration to fruition.

At the time of writing the stage in front of the town hall was being erected by a large group of volunteers and it's good to see so many willing helpers getting the job done. Every year the Castle Craigs Club also makes a marvellous job of organizing all of the rideouts and supporting the riders who take part, young and old. Langholm's volunteers from all walks of life are all willing to commit every year to make the last Friday of July a day to remember.

The work that they do all looks seamless and yet behind the scenes must take an enormous amount of organisation and co-ordination. Ex Cornet Kevan Hotson is the Chair of Langholm Common Riding and Neil Fletcher is Chair of the Castle Craigs club and everyone has got behind them to do whatever is required to ensure everything goes smoothly on Friday.



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Castle Craigs 2026

Castle Craigs Club official photo 2026
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The Front-Three arriving at Cronksbank

Photo: Mairi Telford-Jammeh



Cornet Hope with the winner of the Castle Craigs Fell Race - Sam Ellwood

Photo: Mairi Telford-Jammeh



FUTURE Cornet?: Tom Hen getting some practice in



Finn McVittie tears up the Kirk Wynd

Photos: Alan Weatherstone



50 YEARS ON: Jubilee Cornet John Murray takes the Wynd in his stride



DETERMINED: Young Jack Irving does the Castle Craigs rideout



BIRD'S EYE VIEW: Robbie Alexander on Liam Patterson's shoulders



BOYS OF THE OLD BRIGADE: It was 78 years ago on Saturday that Arthur Elliott first rode the Castle Craigs rideout

Langholm Common Riding

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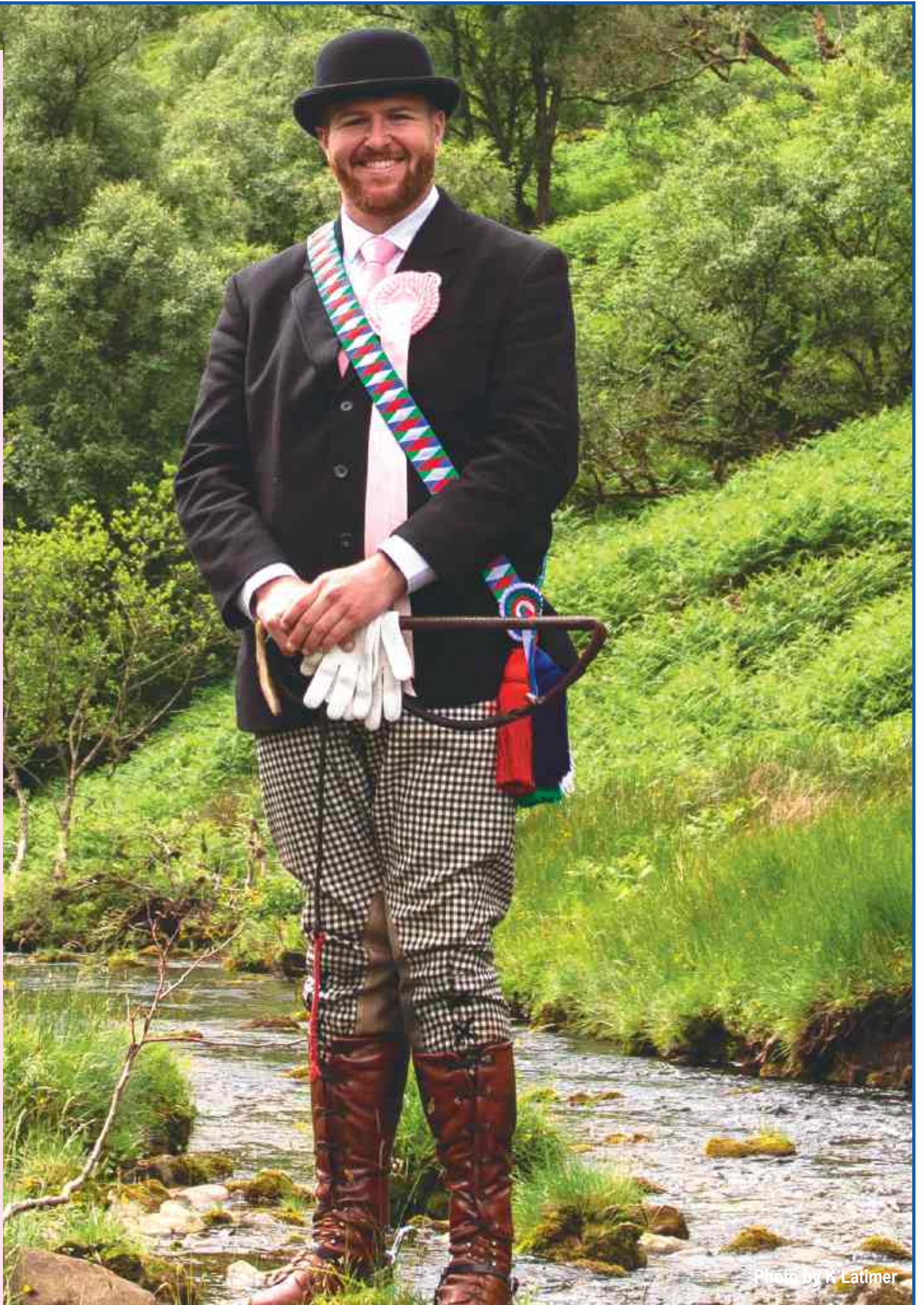


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Everyone at the Eskdale & Liddesdale Advertiser would like to wish CORNET TOMMY HOPE and all the people of Langholm, the surrounding area, and visitors a fantastic Common Riding 2026



Great man for the job

As the Big Day approaches, the town has taken Cornet Tommy Hope to its heart

Cornet Thomas David Hope was born in Hexham but moved to Albierigg farm near Harelaw where he grew up. After attending Canonbie Primary he went on to Langholm Academy.

He learned to play mini rugby with Langholm moving on to youth rugby up to under 14 level. He then went on to play for Hawick Wanderers and Hawick Youth Rugby at under 18 level. Thomas now plays for Langholm along with his Left-Hand Man Bailey Donaldson. He also enjoys golf and carpet bowling. He now lives in Langholm and works as an agricultural officer for the Scottish Government.

Thomas was elected to be Langholm Cornet at his third time of standing and said it felt like the longest day ever waiting for nighttime to come, and then the quickest night ever once the Right- and Left-Hand Men came bursting through his door. "I felt totally elated and it was all very surreal."

His first special memory related to Langholm Common Riding was joining the Castle Craigs Club following his good friend

Lee Earsman in 2011 and receiving his club tie and badge. "Lee has been a great friend and support to me over the years, and it was an honour to be presented with these from him during his time in office. It's a memory I will never forget" he said.

Highlights

Thomas has had a few highlights so far including visiting and riding other border towns' Common Ridings and meeting other principals. He said that it's been amazing to experience a lot of things for the first time and says he has made lots of new freens from all over the Borders throughout the last couple of months.

Tommy's brother, Harry, joined the Benty and the Castle Craigs rideouts. Although Harry, who works with Tommy's father at Mouldyhill and at Terrona, won't be riding on the Common Riding Day.

This Common Riding Day Thomas will be riding a horse called Kastano, which means chestnut in Greek and his six-year-old mount is indeed that beautiful colour. Thomas went

well up the Kirk Wynd on his horse on the Castle Craigs Day and there is no doubt that he'll make a wonderful Cornet supported by both Right-Hand Man Ewan and Left-Hand Man Bailey.

Thomas' favourite Common Riding song is 'O' a' the Airts', as it gets the whole Common Riding underway and he says that every time he hears it, it takes him to being on the street on horseback on Common Riding morning. "That's when you know the big day is finally here."



Photo by Amy Colclough



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A 'spectacular celebration'

1976

By Mairi Telford Jammeh

The 1976 Langholm Common Riding was a spectacular celebration with Cornet Murray having a record following of over 200 riders. Cornet John Elliot Murray was elected unopposed, and he told the people of Langholm that he would endeavour to carry out the duties of his office to the best of his ability. On the day it was indeed a great performance on his part and everyone present extended to him their hearty congratulations for such a magnificent effort.

*The beat of the hoofs on the
bridle-track*

*The tang of the moorlands
brown;*

*A custom that carries their
memories back*

*Lest we forget what we hold
dear*

*In the heart of this Border
glen,*

*We watch them ride and still
we cheer*

The Cornet and his men.

became blue, King Sol appeared in all its glory and on went the celebrations in blazing sunshine which, on occasion, was really fiery in intensity.

The E&L of 1976 said that no one will dispute that Friday's festival will go down in the records as one of the happiest and one of the most spectacular in the series and it covers a period of well over a couple of centuries. Never did all the preliminaries build to such a tremendous climax and never did a Cornet give such a dignified lead to the ceremonies particularly in showing the way in the hectic hell-for-leather gallop up the Kirkwynd; never did the emblems – spade, crown, thistle and barley-banna grace the procession so spectacularly; never was the Langholm Fair proclaimed so emphatically by the Fair-Crier; never did the flute, toon and pipe bands play so well; never did Muckletoners and strangers in the Langholm gates link their arms together and sing the auld songs with such obvious relish and enjoyment.



John Elliot Murray was an exemplary Cornet in 1976



Weatherwise the Common Riding of 1976 was one of mixed fortunes. All the morning's celebrations were under what might be described as mercurial weather conditions. Sometimes the sky became overcast with ominous dark clouds on the horizon but within a few minutes, things changed entirely. The clouds disappeared and the skies

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We had a hunt through the archives at the E&L to see what we could come up with, photo-wise for 2026. We decided to stay with the years ending in a six and keeping a black and white theme. There are some interesting sights here dating back to 1926, all showing some wheel-kent faces and taking us back to a time when you couldn't take a photo with a digital camera or a mobile phone. The photo of Rob Borthwick in 1936 is of great quality.



1936 Cornet Robert I. Borthwick



1966: Langholm Town Band leads Cornet Ronnie Hudson and the cavalcade through the Market Place



1926: Heather Besom parade



1956: Craigleuch Rideout



1966: Cornet John E. Murray with RHM John R. Reid and LHM Graham Cubbon



1976: Robbie Trussler, Geoff Ireland, Tony Anderson, Jock Corrie and Harry Cuthbertson making heather besoms for the children of Eskdail Street



1946: Cornet John Murray



1956: Cornet T. Donaldson



1986: Ex-Cornet Archie Irving presents Cornet Iain Park with a suitably inscribed hip flask on behalf of the residents of Charles Street

A bad year well handled

2001

By Mairi Telford Jammeh

The Langholm Common Riding in 2001 was not a typical one due to a nationwide foot and mouth outbreak which curtailed many rural activities and which had impacted on farmers in a very cruel manner. Rather than electing a Cornet, it was decided to ask John Murray the semi jubilee Cornet, to carry the burgh standard with his only followers being right hand man Steven Hotson and left Darren Irving. Some of the rideouts were done on foot but there were still restrictions on movement around the countryside to avoid further spread of the foot and mouth disease. As the E&L for Thursday 26 July 2001 said:

"Neither war nor plague has ever stopped Langholm from holding its Common Riding and tomorrow will be no exception. At 5am the flute band will summon the town, and the townspeople will prepare to gather outside the town for 8.30am when the ceremonies will begin and the town standard will be presented to semi-jubilee Cornet John Murray. John, supported by his Right-And Left-Hand men Steven Hotson and Darren Irving will ride the boundaries after the customary gallop up the Kirk Wynd but there will be no mounted cavalcade to follow

them because of the restrictions imposed by the foot and mouth crisis. The processions involving the town band, pipe band, the children with their heather besoms and the bearers of the thistle and floral crown will ensure the day is as enjoyable as ever."

In 2001 barley banna baker Bobby Morrison was rolling out his dough for his final Common Riding and preparing to retire from his bakery business. Bobby took over the baking of the banna from Semi-Jubilee Cornet John Murray's father who gave him the recipe after closing his own bakery in the very year that John was himself Cornet. Bobby and his wife Mamie attended a function in the Masonic Hall on the Monday of Common Riding week, the usual night for the banna testing which was cancelled as it's normally hosted by the Cornet's father. The 'do' was aptly named 'Bobby's last banna'.

'We've had a Common Riding' said Semi-Jubilee Cornet John Murray at the end of the extraordinary 2001 Common Riding. As James Maxwell said at the start of the ceremonies in the Market Place, cancellation was never an option. Without the mounted cavalcade the parades could have been somewhat disappointing but not a bit of it. The huge crowds readily displayed their enthusiasm for the decision to go ahead and roared their approval when John led the traditional gallop up the Kirk Wynd.



ONLY THREE HORSES: John Murray fulfilled the role of Cornet once more in 2001



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60 years on for Ex-Cornet Ronnie

1966

It's lovely that this year we have a

Diamond Jubilee Cornet. Ronnie Hudson was elected in May 1966 to act as Langholm's Cornet and stood in the May election against George Beattie. Both men worked in mills in the town. It was the third time that Ronnie had stood to be Cornet, and the total poll was 798 votes with Ronnie getting 595 of them.

Ronnie was given a very warm reception at the concert when he was invested with his sash by the then Provost's wife, Mrs Grieve. In those days a supper dance was held in the Eskdale hotel on the Simmer Fair night and Cornets from other towns attended the event with only one toast being made and that to Cornet Ronnie Hudson. Ronnie is said to have made a suitable reply. Ronnie's girlfriend and polka partner at the time was Margaret Barbour who two years later became his wife.

Ronnie's Right-Hand Man in 1966 was the late David McVittie and his Left was R Irving Edgar. 140 riders followed Ronnie on the day and the colours were green and yellow with Charlottown the Derby winner that year. Ronnie himself rode a bullet proof grey horse from Annan called Winston which ate the heather out of Boodle's band cap. There was no semi jubilee cornet that year because of the war years so Ronnie's second cousin John Young carried the flag from the Castle Craigs to Whita Well.

The weather on the day was not particularly kind, and it was wet at the hound trail although the sun came out for a while, but rain came later and at night the dance was held in the



1966: Semi-Jubilee Cornet Ronnie Hudson on his big day sixty years ago



Buccleuch Hall.

There were huge cheers when the Cornet safely returned the Burgh standard at the end of the day. On the platform in the evening was old Davie Irving who was the grandfather of Ronnie's brother-in-law and Cornet in 1897 making it a truly special end to a wonderful day.

Ronnie has thoroughly enjoyed attending the various events this year so far and is looking forward greatly to Langholm's great day on Friday.



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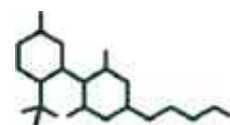
Bannas well tested



Speakers, singers, musicians and invited guests were all treated to a fabulous night of sentiment and entertainment as the Cornet's father, David Hope, held the traditional pre-Common Riding Banna Testing in Langholm Social Club on Monday evening.

With Lee Earsman as Chairman holding proceedings together, the night flowed smoothly through story and song and the company of over 100 reached the conclusion that the Bannas were as good as ever!

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...Liddesdale Lineup...

By Gilly Fraser

Rejuvenated Festival hailed a great success

The Newcastleton Music Festival got off to a fantastic start on Friday evening with a lively ceilidh in the Village Hall. Wonderful music from the very talented Ian Anderson and Carol Dobson, combined with a floor full of enthusiastic dancers made for a thoroughly entertaining evening.

Saturday's daytime programme was packed with a variety of traditional singing and music competitions, showcasing an impressive standard of talent. Competition winners are noted below:

Children's Singing

Violet & Rowan Crawford

Instrumental

David Duncan

Original Song

Beth Brooks-Taylor

Men's Traditional Singing

Kit Copeland

Women's Traditional Singing

Carol Anderson

Border Ballad

Dave McFadzean

On Saturday evening, the Village Hall was completely sold out as locals and visitors alike danced and sang along to the



incredible Jason Arnup and his band. Their energetic performance kept the hall bouncing well into the early hours and provided a fitting highlight to the weekend.

Sunday morning saw the welcome return of the Amateur Solo Highland Bagpipe Competition, which was expertly judged by Iain Bell. Although there were just seven competitors, the standard was exceptionally high and the performances were enjoyed by everyone in attendance. The overall winner was Mark Miller from Coalburn Pipe Band.

The festival concluded with a

well-supported Chorus Cup, where singers of all ages, abilities and musical styles competed for the Mike Ward Memorial Cup.

The Newcastleton Music Festival Committee would like to extend its sincere thanks to everyone who helped make the weekend such a success. From volunteers and competitors to performers, judges, and supporters, every contribution was greatly appreciated. A special thank you also goes to everyone who attended the events in the Village Hall and helped keep the music alive by supporting the sessions in the village's pubs throughout the weekend.

Creaky Blinders to be Show finale



The countdown is well and truly on to this year's Holm Show.

With just four weeks to go, preparations are well underway for this very special anniversary year, which celebrates a whopping 130 years of Holm Show shenanigans.

It's a really busy time for the organisers, the conveners, the secretaries, the volunteers and all the behind-the-scenes people who play such a huge part in putting the show together.

The committee say they would like to thank local businesses for their continued support in helping with the schedules, raffle ticket selling, sponsorship

and so on. Schedules are available in local shops, or on the website holmshow.com but if anyone has questions, they can send a message to the-holmshow@googlemail.com

Don't forget that entries have to be in by Saturday August 8th.

There is still some availability for sponsorship, advertising, trade stands and craft tables. Sponsorships start from £6 per class, Adverts start from £20.

This year Show Day is rounding off with a performance by the very popular band Creaky Blinders, and there's still time to get tickets, so don't miss out.

Scottish Bike Trials in Holm

The fourth round of this year's Scottish Bike Trials is happening this weekend in Newcastleton.

Unlike other sports involving bikes, this one doesn't involve speed or distance, but rather is a challenge of balance, precision and control as the riders manoeuvre their way up, over and across a variety of obstacles such as rocks, logs and boulders.

The rider loses marks if they put a foot down while tackling the obstacle, or worse still if

they fall off the bike.

The rider with the lowest score at the end of the day is the winner.

The sport caters for all ages and abilities, so beginners can start off gently on the easier courses and work their way up to the trickiest and at Newcastleton there are routes to suit all levels.

It's become a real family sport over the years with plenty of fun for the spectators as well as the riders themselves.



Clegg brothers compete in Commonwealth Games

Clegg brothers Stephen and James who both grew up in Copshaw have made a triumphant return to the world of competitive swimming at the Commonwealth Games – but it meant missing the wedding of their big sister Libby.

Stephen's last dip into the pool was at the 2024 Paralympics in Paris where he won two gold medals to add to the rich collection of world championship medals he had already collected over the years.

But following that success, he suffered a shoulder injury that required surgery and sidelined him for more than a year and a half.

However, he was right back on form for his first event at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow – claiming silver in the 100m Freestyle (S-13).

And swimming along beside him – was brother James, who was making his Commonwealth Games debut and first international team appearance in thirteen years. He just missed out on a podium appearance alongside Stephen, taking fourth place just a shade behind Matthew Redfern.

James won bronze at London 2012 and went on to represent GB at the World Championships in 2013, finishing third in the S12 400m Freestyle. He was inducted

into the Scottish Swimming Hall of Fame in 2018.

After clinching the silver, Stephen thanked everyone who had helped him get there. "To me this is more than a medal it's a vote of confidence that I can still compete at a level that will make my country proud," he said.

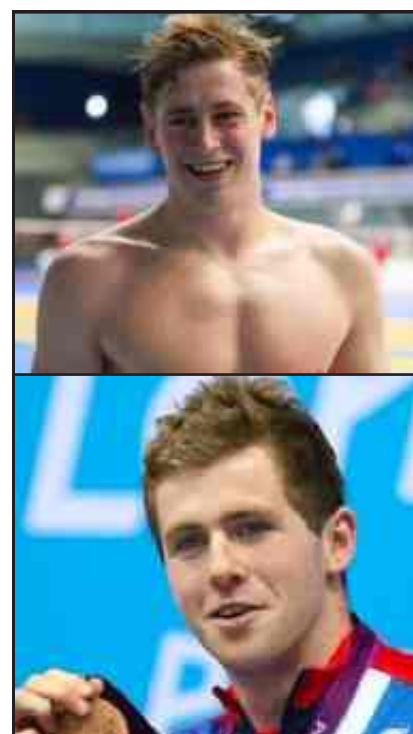
"I'm grateful to my team, my family, and the fans who have made this medal an unforgettable experience."

The only downside of the brothers' Commonwealth Games experience was that they had to miss big sister Libby's wedding. Since Libby is herself a Commonwealth Games gold-medal winner, having scooped the top prize at the 2014 event – also in Glasgow – in the Para-Athletics T11/12 100 metres as well as two golds at the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, we think she will have forgiven her brothers for their absence.

LAST MINUTE NEWS:

We heard late last night that Stephen has gone on to win his second Commonwealth medal...Gold this time in the men's S13 50m freestyle final. Congratulations to both brothers

Stephen Clegg (top) and brother James



Sun shines for Cornet in wreath-laying ceremony



Rev. Morag Crossan with the Front Three after what was her last Common Riding Service as she moves on to Pastures new. Everyone wishes her well in her new ministry in Ayrshire



C & D Marts (Longtown) Primestock Report

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C&D Auction Marts had forward an entry of 6,023 sheep comprising of 2,472 prime lambs and 3,551 cast ewes & rams at their weekly sale at Longtown Mart on Thursday 23rd July 2026.

PRIME LAMBS

A larger show of 2,472 lambs forward with trade being better than expected. Best heavies still breached £200 on numerous occasions with best exports breaching 400ppk. Prime lambs are still a marvellous trade for the time of year with fed lambs now receiving a premium in comparison to grass fed lambs.

Top price per head of £220 for Beltex lambs from R Pinder, Edisford Bridge, Clitheroe who also achieved the top per kilo of 414p. Overall average 365.4p (SQQ 367.7p)

Principal Prices (Per Head)

Beltex £220 Edisford Bridge, £218 Lingey Field, £209 Moss House, £198 Edisford Bridge.
Texel £214 Corneyside, £212 Tone Hall, £208 Crumhaughhill, £206 Corneyside, £201 Bygate, £200 Dian House, Lingey Field & Northway.

Suffolk £210 Bankhead, £205 Steel Hall, £204 Dian House, £200 Farlam Hill & Craumhaugh-hill, £199 Shankston.
North Country Cheviot £190 Humbleheugh & Larkhall.
Border Leicester £190, £180 Roxburghmill.
Blue Texel £188 Mid Bishopton.
Hampshire £183 Steel Hall.
Zwartbles £180, £172 Chaseside, £170 Holmlea.
Dorset £177 Ballycoach Smithy.
Easycare £164 Eland Hall.
Roussin £162 Farnham Park.
Jacob £160 Carsenestock.
Mule £159 Farnham Park, £154.50 Whiteside, £152.50 Ralphshield.

Principal Prices (Per Kilo)

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Texel 405p Shawhill, 402p Corneyside, 400p Newton of Logierait & Shawhill, 398p, 397p Corneyside, 397p Newton of Logierait.
Suffolk 373p Staffier & Northway, 369p Castlehills, 368p Marchbank, 367p Tone Hall, 366p Steel Hall.
Dutch Spotted 372p Hillend Gar-

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Hampshire 369p, Steel Hall, 365p Collie Law.
Mule 368p Whiteside, 363p Ralphshield, 355p Whiteside, 353p Shankston & Penpeugh.
North Country Cheviot 365p Meikleholm, 363p Bradley, 359p Humbleheugh & Raggetsyke, 358p Larkhall.

CAST EWES AND RAMS

A similar show of 3,551 cast ewes and rams sold to a very buoyant trade and sold beyond expectations. Commercial over fat ewes seeing the largest rise on the week with all other classes realising last weeks very high rates of return and in some cases surpassing last weeks trading. More cast ewes are actively sought after on a weekly basis to satisfy an ever growing demand at Longtown. Please do not hesitate to contact our auctioneers for further enquiries.
Texel ewes sold to a top of £340 for Texel ewes from J & J Campbell, Dinnans, Whithorn.
Suffolk ewes topped at £242 for Suffolk x ewes consigned by Chaseside.

Mule ewes sold to biblical rates of return with several penfulls of heavy mules breaching £200. Topping at £232 for a pen of huge Scotch bred ewes consigned by M/s Wallace, Blairshinnoch. North Country Cheviot ewes sold to a huge enquiry with Dallas Allen, Humbleheugh stealing the limelight with his run of expertly finished ewes topping at an eye watering £238 and £235 respectively, achieving an average of £209 for 51 sold. Light ewes selling to £180 for Cheviots shown by D & E Waugh, Effgill, Langholm. Rams topped at £280 for Texels from MJ & CM Hutchinson, Fala Hill, Heriot.

Heavy ewes

Texel £340, £330 Dinnans, £325 Fiddleton Bank End, £310 Philiphaugh Old Mill, £295 Fiddleton Bank End, £290 Dinnans, £280 Beckfoot, £275 Dinnans & Middle Farm.
Beltex £280, £220 Middle Farm, £215 Meadehope, £210 Newton of Logierait.
Charollais £270 Drumblain, £250 Beckfoot, £245 Chaseside, £240 Beckfoot & Maryholm, £235 Beck-

foot.
Suffolk £242 Chaseside, £235 Blairshinnoch, £232, £230 Drumblain, £230 Gospel Hall & Beckfoot.
North Country Cheviot £238, £235 Humbleheugh, £235 Northway, £225 Humbleheugh.
Cheviot Mule £235 West Newlands, £225 Westend, £224, £222 Philiphaugh.
Mule £232 Blairshinnoch, £218 Dinnans, £205 Tone Hall, £202 Highwood & Glenart, £200 Shitlington Hall & Blairshinnoch.
Bluefaced Leicester £210 Drumblain, £202 Glenlaugh, £200 Chaseside.
Blue Texel £210 Newton Road, £200 Marchbank.
Easycare £200 Eland Hall.

Light ewes

Hill Cheviot £180 Effgill, £175 Newton of Logierait, £168 Corriehills, £165 Newton of Logierait, £160 Gospel Hall & Fala Hill.
Lonk £165 Church View.
Blackface £160 Farnham Park, £150 Plenderleith & Glenogil, £148 High Boreland, £146 Culquhasen, £143 Galleywreay.
Herdwick £160 Underheugh.
Jacob £145 Carsenestock.

Swaledale £128 West Newlands, £120 Morley Hill, £118 Batey Shield & Longrigg, £117 South Bogbain.
Shetland £118, £110 Auquhirie.

Rams

Texel £280 Fala Hill, £245 Hollin Close.
Bluefaced Leicester £245 Drumblain.
Charollais £230 Beckfoot.
Easycare £230 Eland Hall.
Suffolk £220 Gospel Hall, £210 Tone Hall.
Hill Cheviot £182 Effgill, £170 Beckfoot.
Beltex £175 Dirnow.
Blackface £150 Tone Hall, £145 High Boreland.
Shetland £125 Underheugh.

Averages:

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The applications, associated plans and documents can be viewed on-line by following the ePlanning link on the Council's website at www.dumfriesandgalloway.gov.uk/planning. Written comments may be made to Head of Economy and Development by email to Planning@dumgal.gov.uk or via the Council's website, as noted above, by 13/08/2026 (Type A).
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WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK
W/C 3rd August 2026

	Quilters Group	10-11	Creation Mill, DG13 0ES
Mon	Summer Craft Club - Eskdalemar	10-12	The Hub, DG13 0QU
	Make it Monday (come with a project you need help with)	1-3	Creation Mill, DG13 0ES
Tues	Summer Craft Club - Langholm	FULLY BOOKED	
	Evening in Stitches	6-8	Creation Mill, DG13 0ES
Wed	Welcome Wednesday	10-11	Creation Mill, DG13 0ES
Fri	Langholm weekly in Stitches	1-4	Creation Mill, DG13 0ES
Sat	Scrap Store open	10-11	Creation Mill, DG13 0ES
	Bumfoot Farm Tour	10-4	Creation Mill, DG13 0ES

Scrap Store is open
Monday - Friday 10-3
& Saturday 10-1

Booking required, please visit
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WHAT'S ON IN JULY

Thu 30th	Langholm Town Band Outdoor Concert	Langholm Market Place 7.30pm
Fri 31st	Langholm Common Riding Day from 5am - 9.30pm	

WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST

Sat 1st	Langholm Horse Racing Association Common Riding Meet	Castleholm First Race 2pm
Sat 1st	Langholm Producer's Market	The Buccleuch Centre from 9am- 1pm
Sat 8th	Golf Club Auction	Langholm Golf Club 7pm

Special guests at New Town Bowling



Who rocked up but the Front Three accompanied by Castle Criags Club President, Neil Fletcher

Texas Scramble and fundraising auction

Golf

Langholm Golf Club is pleased to present this year's Texas Scramble and Fundraising Auction. We have some truly spectacular lots up for grabs, with prizes sure to entice racing fanatics, football fans, and golfers alike.

Both members and non-members are welcome on 8th August at 7pm to join for an evening of fun. We also gladly accept sealed bids if you are unable to attend. Please get in touch with David Latimer or Alan Borthwick for further information about sealed bids, or any other enquiries. Sealed bids can also be handed in to Latimers of Langholm. All funds raised are going towards the incredibly exciting clubhouse renovations. We have secured a building warrant and are raring to go.

LOTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Lot One - One Hour Lesson with Stuart Rafferty. An hour lesson to perfect your swing. Kindly donated by S.Rafferty.

Lot Two - Signed Limited Edition Print - Oisín Murphy & Constitution Hill. A true collector's item. Kindly donated by O.Murphy

Lot Three - Four Ball at Archerfield Links. A fantastic opportunity to play at either Fiddra or Dirlerton. Kindly donated by D.J.Russell

Lot Four - Rock Luggage Set. A modern and durable luggage set from G.J.Latimer & Co. Kindly donated by Latimers of Langholm

Lot Five - Table for Four at Kelso Races. An amazing way to enjoy a wonderful day of racing. Kindly donated by D.Stevenson

Lot Six - One Hour Lesson with Ian Young. An hour with a well-seasoned pro, equipped with Trackman technology. Kindly donated by I.Young

Lot Seven - Bush's Boozey Hamper. A selection of alcohol, carefully curated by our resident connoisseur. Kindly donated by Mr & Mrs D.A.Borthwick

Lot Eight - Signed 26/27 Celtic Shirt. Signed by current team - a must have for any Celtic fan. Kindly donated by E. Macgregor

Lot Nine - Three-Ball at Barassie. A stunning opportunity to experience links golf at its finest, accompanied by a member. Kindly donated by I.Miller

Lot Ten - The Glenburnie Experience. A morning on the gallops at Glenburnie stables, including race day for four and exclusive course walk with top Irish jockey. Kindly donated by K.Lyons

Lot Eleven - Pamper Hamper. The perfect hamper to truly treat yourself - including a massage in La Belle. Kindly donated by S.Borthwick

Lot Twelve - Signed Print of Colin Keane - Cheltenham Bumper. This is one for all racing fanatics - something not to be missed. Kindly donated by K.Lyons

Lot Thirteen - Signed Ireland Rugby Shirt - O'Driscoll Era. A unique and priceless collectors' item. Kindly donated by K.Stevenson

Lot Fourteen - Golf Items - To Be Confirmed. Kindly donated by S.Gallacher

Lot Fifteen - 4 full hospitality tickets at St James Park for Newcastle vs Bournemouth Saturday 5th September 1.30pm kick off - To Be Confirmed. Kindly donated by Salthouse Family

Lot Sixteen - Four Ball at Gleneagles. A spectacular opportunity to play at the Kings, Queens, or PGA. Kindly donated by J.King



Fancy a Four-ball at Gleneagles? Then bid for it at the Golf Club Auction on 8th August

NEVER A CROSSWORD!

No. 2630 A mix of general knowledge and cryptic clues think. Answers next week

Across

7 Assassinated (5,3)

8 Coarse file (4)

9 Stirred the embers (5)

10 Doubting Thomas (7)

12 Initial impression (5,7)

14 Stasi milling about sources of unwanted letters (7,5)

17 To a much greater degree (3,4)

19 Rows (5)

21 Like a wet noodle (4)

22 Duke or baron (8)

Down

1 Hush money (3-3)

2 Introduction to a specialist, perhaps (8)

3 Weep (3)

4 Self-detrimental syndrome (9)

5 Stagehand (4)

6 One of Handel's "Messiah" sources (6)

11 Wandering worker (9)

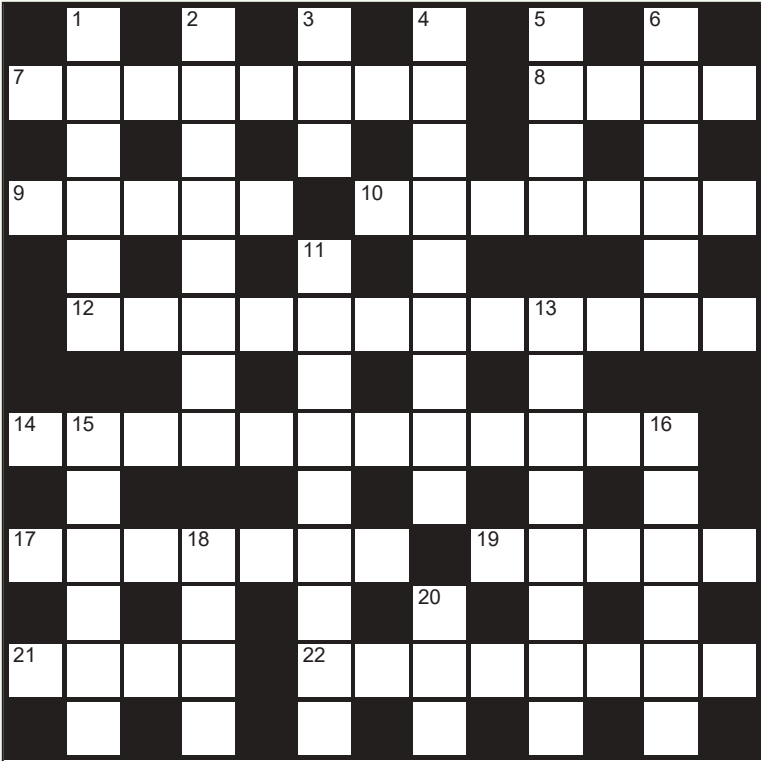
13 Not appropriate (8)

15 "All the perfumes of --- will not sweeten this little hand" (Shakespeare, "Macbeth") (6)

16 Resident of Aleppo (6)

18 Charts (4)

20 Rocket killer (1-1,1)





Paisley's seven takes LCC to ten wins on the bounce

Cricket

by Graham Park

Langholm made it 10 wins on the bounce as they defeated Wetherall by 100 runs on Castle Craig's Day. Batting first Langholm made 216 for 4 with Graham Park top scoring with 67, in reply Wetherall was bowled out for 116 with Andrew Paisley taking 7 wickets in a superb spell.

With it drizzling all morning the toss was vital and for once skipper John Bell came good and elected to bat giving the visitors the damp outfield. Graham Park and Corey Park opened the batting and Corey in particular got Langholm off to a good start as they added 32 before Corey was caught by Downie low down for 19. This brought Tony Steele in to join the elder Park and the runs kept ticking. Drinks were reached with the score on 80. After drinks the pair upped the run rate and had reached 145 in the 29th over when Steele was bowled by a shooter for 45, next over Park fell caught out deep for 67. Gregor Park joined Chris Stewart, and they added 25 before Stewart was

out for 16 with the score on 172 for 4 in the 36th over. Dave Steele and Gregor added 44 more runs before the overs ran out with Gregor making 25 not out and Dave 19 not out and Langholm finishing on 216 for 4.

Wetherall made a decent start adding 47 for the first wicket, Garnett was the first to fall hitting a Corey Park long hop straight to John Bell for 26. Langholm spilled 2 or 3 catches with Graham Park hastily removed from the slips as he dropped two in two balls. The introduction of Andrew Paisley brought the second wicket when he bowled Lyon for 28, then next over had Sunny caught by Ryan Johnstone to leave Wetherall 74 for 3. Scot Ritchie claimed the fourth wicket, bowling Lightfoot for 15. Then Paisley struck twice again bowling Powell for 2 and taking a return catch off Lyon to leave the visitors 90 for 6. Johnson who caused Langholm problems in the away fixture, looked to continue that hitting a quick fire 19 before he was caught in the deep



MATCH HERO: Andrew Paisley took seven wickets from Wetherall

by Dave Steele off Ritchie with the score on 114 for 7. The match came to an abrupt end as Paisley claimed a hat-trick by clean bowling Downie, Lyon and Hogarth with Wetherall finishing on 116. Paisley had tremendous figures of 7 for 26, the other wicket takers were Ritchie

with 2 for 15 and Corey Park 1 for 39.

Ten wins in a row sees Langholm cement their position top of the Eden Valley Division 2 as they have their yearly Common Riding break. Next up is Patterdale once again on the Castleholm on the 8th of August.

LHRA Common Riding Meeting

Horseracing



Very popular racing meeting on the Castleholm this Saturday

Photo: Mel Horne Photography

Langholm Horse Racing Association holds their annual meeting at The Castleholm on Saturday 1st August, the day after the Common Riding.

The first race is at 2pm for the 1 mile, 1 furlong 'Tucker' memorial handicap. The next race, the 6-furlong handicap is for the Elliot Borthwick shield with the following 1-and-a-half-mile race for the Archie Scott cup. Finally, the

7 furlong 'Doof' memorial handicap will be the last race of the day at 3.30pm. As well as the horse racing there's be bike racing for kids on the home straight after the final race, a sweetie hunt in the paddock, bubble wands, glitter tattoos and face painting. Music by John Penn will bring a celebratory end to the afternoon.

There will be a burger and the ice cream van on the site.

Castle Craig's pairs competition 2026

Bowling

A great day once again with 42 entries for the Castle Craig's pairs competition 2026.

Thanks to the Castle Craigs' Club for their generous sponsorship - they support us well every year and it is much appreciated!

Saturday's winners were:

Kirk Ford and Simon Spalding (Hawick)

Runners-up were -

Alan Glendinning and Steven Barker (Marchmount and Langholm Old)

It was an excellent final to watch - being 2-2 after 7 ends!

Beaten semi-finalists were -
Danny Hetherington and Drew Rutherford (Newcastleton) and Davie and Sandra Oliver (Ancrum)

Beaten quarter finalists were
David Reid and Calum Bell (Langholm New)
Luke Tolson and Paul Mitchell (Langholm New)
George Graham and Kenny Bell (Langholm New)
Max and Robert Phillips (Langholm Old)

Thanks to everyone who helped make the day once again a huge success. I hope everyone enjoyed our new look bar!

President David Pool presented the prizes (pictured)



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