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50 years on, Langholm cricketers top another league



Thirteen straight wins since Nunwick defeat

By Graham Park

In the 50th anniversary year of Langholm Cricket Club securing the Border League win in 1976, the Langholm eleven have managed to clinch the Eden Valley Cricket League Division 2 title. What a great achievement for Langholm's cricketers.

Langholm's total of 193 for 8 was never really under threat from Caldbeck as 5 wickets from Ryan Johnstone and 4 from Tony Steele secured the 53 run victory for Langholm.

Caldbeck skipper Olly Burberry put Langholm into bat on the artificial wicket. A solid start was made by Graham Park and Tony Steele who added 28 before a rank full toss saw the end of Steele caught in the deep for 12. Skipper John Bell soon fell for 1 to another catch in the deep leaving Langholm in a bit of trouble at 32 for 2. Nicky P was the next to fall with the score on 52, which brought Corey Park in to join his father. With Corey to the fore the pair added 85 in a ten over spell. Corey fell agonizingly two runs short of his first 50, an innings that included 7 fours and 2 sixes.



TOP TEAM: Langholm Cricket Club have clinched the Eden Valley Cricket League Division 2 title

Next to go was the elder Park caught behind off Hetherington for 62 with the score on 143 for 5. Three quick wickets soon fell as Dave Steele departed for 13, Scott Norman and Jamie Ashton-Smith both for 1 leaving Langholm looking at a very under par score on 158 for 8.

Unbeaten Partnership

Thankfully Danny Tait and Andrew Paisley put together an unbeaten partnership of 35 to see Langholm up to 193, Danny with 14 not out

and Paiso 21 not out. 193 is probably about 30-40 runs under par for the small Caldbeck ground but Langholm felt they had enough.

Caldbeck made a solid if unspectacular start adding 37, before a bowling change saw Ryan Johnstone claim the first wicket with Dave Steele taking a good catch to dismiss Stockdale for 27.

Another half tracker from Ryan saw the end of Hodgson for 9 this time Jamie Ashton-Smith taking the catch to leave Caldbeck 39 for 2.

By this time it was plain to see that Caldbeck were never going to challenge the Langholm total but wickets were proving hard to secure, especially as Langholm had a case of the dropsies with 4 catches being spilled all of by the unfortunate Dave Steele. With the score on 62 Ryan removed Pattinson who was clean bowled for 12 and the Legion CDM claimed his fourth, bowling Flemming for 6 to leave Caldbeck 72 for 4.

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Aoiffion takes Scottish Title

Langholm super-athlete Aoiffion McVittie-Brangan continued her winning ways at the Scottish Athletics Age Group Championships in Grangemouth last weekend

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Family Announcements

Deaths

FENTON, Robert

Passed away peacefully at Cumberland Infirmary, Sunday 23rd August, aged 89. Beloved husband to the late Mina, father to Joyce and Ian, father-in-law to Siobhan, and loving grandfather to Ethan and Isaac. Funeral arrangements to follow.

Enquiries to Shaun Turnbull Funeral Directors 07896 557941

Thanks for Sympathy

DUNN, Elizabeth

Nick and family would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support after the loss of Elizabeth so soon after losing Robert. £338 was kindly collected in Elizabeth's memory and will be handed over to the Friends of the Thomas Hope

In Memoriam



Robert Harvey

In loving memory of Robbie who passed away 28th August 2025. Missed every day by Anne, Jacqueline, David and family.

*One year gone but your light still glows,
In the quiet woods where the river flows,
On the open paths we loved to tread
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Girls raise over £1,500 for charity close to home



IN THE PINK: Lily, Sophie and Isla worked really hard to raise as much money as possible

Three young girls from Langholm raised more than £1500 over Common Riding weekend with their 'bits and bobs' shop. Lily's dad is going through treatment for bone cancer and Sophie and Isla's mums Karen Reid and Lynsey Grieve, are both running the London Marathon for the charity, the Bone Cancer Research Trust.

The children worked incredibly hard and were thrilled to have their efforts recognised, while also helping to raise awareness of such an important cause and do further fundraising. Karen and Lynsey are now organising a 90s disco for October.



First league title since '76

Ryan claimed his fifth wicket with Nicky P taking a good catch with the score on 84. The introduction of Tony Steele into the attack saw him remove Megan Wetherall for 24 and next ball I. Stockdale to leave the home side on 108 for 7. Dave Steele eventually got his wicket with John Bell this time holding on to dismiss Bates for 6.

Jackson fell soon after clean bowled by Tony for 18 with the score 117 for 9. The last Caldbeck pair almost saw out the 40 overs but with Burberry fell caught by

John Bell off Tony Steele's bowling to secure the victory and the League. Going start with the pick off the Langholm bowlers who was Dave Steele who took 1 for 34 with four dropped catches, the other wicket takers were Ryan Johnstone 5 for 41 and Tony Steele 4 for 22.

A tremendous effort by Langholm winning 13 straight League matches since their first game defeat by Nunwick. Next week the team entertain Scotby in their penultimate League game on the Castleholm.



Common Riding Round-up 2026

Tying up some loose threads...



In the second fair crying at Langholm Common Riding we hear that 'a' land-louper, and dub-scoupers, and gae-by-the-gate swingers, that come here to breed hurdums or durdums, huliments or buliments, hag-glements or bragglements, or to molest this public Fair, shall be ta'en by order of the Bailie

and Toun Council, and their lugs be nailed to the Tron wi' a twalpenny nail. But did you know that on the wall at the Trongate in Glasgow there are still wee hoops on the wall that were used to actually nail people to?

If you'd caused a misdemeanour or been rude to someone in authority, you'd be at-

tached to the wall by your ears and left there for the whole day while people threw rotten vegetables or fish at you or even horse dung. It was known as lug pinning and you'd either be tied to the hooks or left hanging there until you had the courage to tear yourself free. What a terrible thought. Photo courtesy of the Glasgow Gospel

Biggest reaction ever to a photo in the E&L!



The photo on the back page of the Common Riding edition of the E&L caused quite a stir with a flood of compliments coming from readers.

The photo was taken by none other than Left-Hand Man Bailey Donaldson as the Front Three brought the day to a close with a walk down the High

Street. Many thanks Bailey!

Thanks must also be given to Katherine Latimer who provides all the official Common Riding photos each year. These include the posed official photos on Whita and at the Back of Tarras along with the Investiture photos and photos from the ride-outs. Many thanks Katherine.

Exhibition attracts over 1,200

The Common Riding Exhibition curated by The Eskdale Experience and help in the old Post Office proved a huge success with not only local visitors but also from visitors from all over the world. Here are some of the statistics.

For the four weeks from 18th July to 15th August:

Visitors 1,277

Countries 13 Australia, Austria, Canada, China, England, Lithuania, Northern Ireland, Norway, Scotland, South Africa, Spain, USA, Wales

Items loaned 470 **Lenders** 32 **Collaboration** 15 local organisations

Local suppliers 4

Volunteers 19 committee and 9 additional volunteers

Visitors' book: 269 comments, all very positive

Funders 6 local trusts

During the Common Riding exhibition, a volunteer noticed a visitor's Zimbabwean accent and mentioned that he had visited Zimbabwe in the late 1980s, with a highlight being a visit to a friend's uncle who kept a lion cub in his garden in Bulawayo. The visitor then said he had met the same lion cub, as his father lived next door to it, and brought his father to the exhibition the next day.

Flute Band has method behind its mastery!



Playing in Langholm Flute Band has become a hugely popular attraction for returning Langholmites

There's always been a pecking order to the arrangement of the lines in the flute band with the oldest-serving flautists fronting it up.

On the Simmer Fair night this year the front ra' consisted of David Latimer, Irving Bell, Jamie Telford, Ray Elliot and David Pool.

For many years John T Jeffrey, John Elliot, Arthur Elliot, Bert Weatherstone, David Latimer and Alan Little took the front ra'.

Not everyone who plays on the Common Riding morning as its too early for some and it makes it a very long day. The Thursday night band seems to bet bigger and bigger with lots of flautists and many triangles in attendance. It really is great to see the youngest ones being able to take part in the huge flute band parade down the high street after meeting the last train. Here's hoping that many of the young triangle players progress to the flute in the future.

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Top Marks for Langholm S4 Pupils

I am absolutely delighted to share the exceptional National 5 examination results achieved by our S4 pupils this year. The results represent the best set of outcomes Langholm Academy has seen for some years and are a tremendous achievement for our young people, their families and the entire school community.

Our S4 pupils have worked incredibly hard throughout their 4 years at Langholm Academy, showing commitment, resilience and determination in the face of the challenges that come with preparing for National qualifications. Their success is a testament not only to their individual efforts, but also to the encouragement and support provided by their families and the dedication of our teaching and support staff.

These results are particularly pleasing because they reflect the progress made by pupils across the year group. Many have achieved results that represent



Headteacher Lauren McLean is delighted with the S4 pupils' performance in their National 5 exams

significant personal success, while others have exceeded expectations and demonstrated just how much can be achieved when pupils are supported to reach their full potential.

As Headteacher, I could not be prouder of this group of young people. Examination results are only one measure of success, but they are an important recognition of the hard work and perseverance that our pupils have demonstrated. Behind every result is a story of early mornings, revision, determination, setbacks overcome and goals achieved.

I would also like to recognise the outstanding contribution of our staff. Our teachers have

worked tirelessly to ensure that every pupil received the support, encouragement and high-quality learning experiences they needed. Their commitment to our young people has been instrumental in securing these excellent outcomes.

We are also extremely grateful to parents and carers for their continued support throughout the year. The partnership between home and school is vital to pupil success, and these results are something that the whole Langholm Academy community can celebrate.

This year's results provide us with a great deal of optimism for the future. Most importantly, they give our young people the

confidence to take their next steps, whether that is continuing into S5, progressing to further education, beginning an apprenticeship or moving into employment.

Congratulations to every member of the S4 year group. These are outstanding results, and they are a wonderful reflection of the talent, ambition and determination within Langholm Academy and the hard work the team put into building the strong reputation our school has in this region.

Lauren McLean
Headteacher
Langholm Academy
2-18 School

'Kilngreen carbuncle' not open yet!

'It seems the carbuncle on the Kilngreen is finished but they henna got it open yet. Although I disagree with its placement now it's here it's about time it was open. Summer's nearly over after a'.

Yours in exasperation
D M Graham



Canonbie Public Hall EGM

Canonbie Public Hall and Playing Field Recreation Centre is calling an Extraordinary General Meeting on 24th September at 19:30pm in Canonbie Public Hall to wind itself up and form a new Charity, Canonbie Public Hall and Playing Field Recreation Centre.



Bridge results

7th August 1, Nancy McLure & Anne Ferguson, 2, Janet Ivison & Doreen Taylor, 3, Bob Francombe & George Graham, 4, Derek Scott & Judy Pitchford, 5, Sandra Ritchie & Anne Hislop, 6, Tom Stothart & Fiona Kay

14th August 1, Louise Grierson & Christine Burton, 2, George & Brenda Bullamore, 3, Lesley McCartney & Janet Ivison, 4, Nancy McLure & Tom Stothart, 5, Lorraine Morton & Aileen Graham, 6, Bob Francombe & George Graham.

Shortie-bakers call to action

Are you a good shortie maker? Why not enter the shortbread competition being run at Gretna Green this weekend. The Gretna Green Shortbread Festival returns from 29-30 August for two days of family fun, Scottish culture, food, drink and shortbread celebrations. Traditionally shortbread was made in Scotland at Christmas or New Year as being made with butter and sugar it was very rich. It was a special treat for many families and lots of people have their own family secrets in its baking.

Taking place across the Famous Blacksmiths Shop site, the festival features a shortbread baking competition (Sunday 30th), a charity tug of war competition (Saturday 29th), live entertainment, family activities and games, food and drink tastings and shortbread making demonstrations.

Think your shortbread has what it takes? Enter the shortbread competition and compete



for the title of Gretna Green Shortbread Champion. Entry is free and you can register online by 4pm on Saturday 29 August. Prizes include a Gretna Green Kids Hamper for the Young Bakers category and a Gretna Green £200 Voucher for the Home Bakers category. The competition takes place on Sunday 30 August. Entries must be submitted between 10am and 12pm, with judging beginning at 1.30pm. Winners will be announced at 2pm on the day.

Fewer investors in Scottish rural land market

In Eskdale in recent years, we have seen so many changes in land ownership and proposed land use by new owners that at times it can feel hard to keep up with all that is going on in our area. Along with land sales, rural property sales have also changed our rural population, and some have suggested there has been something akin to the clearances taking place.

The Scottish Land Commission recently published a report about the rural land market, which highlights a fall in investor interest in Scottish land, which may lead to land prices decreasing and making community purchases of land easier. A summary briefing paper by the Commission says that evidence for 2025 indicates a significant reduction in confidence across the board in purchasing land in Scotland with lower supply and demand in the rural land market.



PIG IN A POKE: Langholm residents have been let down by Loreburn's failure

This year it says land agents report inflation for land management, including for labour and materials, making costs prohibitive especially in the context of planting woodlands. The briefing says that extreme optimism about land possibilities has been shattered by the reality of it. Potential investors are more sceptical about investing in land and have been watching those who did buy land struggle with the realities of its ownership and management.

Some investors they say have struggled and been unable to exit their projects let alone with profit. Large scale capital investors are increasingly wary of the future value of carbon credits.

The briefing also notes that the trend of farmhouses and cottages being split from land upon sale has continued although it's not clear if the people buying them are moving to the country or buying them as second homes. It also says that once a farmhouse is split

from its land holding it's unlikely to be recombined in the future.

Land agents have also noted that housing developers are largely absent from the land market suggesting the buyers have land banked for the future, that land is not being used up and therefore that houses are not being built at the same pace and volume as in previous years.

However in Langholm we saw Loreburn pull out from building houses altogether leaving our population somewhat bewildered. This, we have been told, was due to inflation impacting on the costs of materials making the housing project unviable.

We certainly live in interesting times as far as land sales are concerned and there is no doubt in this area all of the changes are having an impact on our communities in many ways but whether that is for the better or not remains to be seen.

September at The Buccleuch has something for everyone

From Beatles, Country, Fleetwood Mac to Adventure films, it's all here

The Buccleuch Centre has an exciting programme this September. Starting on 4th September the 'Keep it Country' show with four of Ireland's top stars will keep the audience toe tapping. Starring The Queen of Country Philomena Begley, Louisiana man Robert Mizzell, County Cavan's Blue jean Queen Kathy Durkin and the energetic Shaun Loughrey, this spectacular production unites four of Ireland's most beloved performers for one unmissable night of hits, harmony and humour.

Holmlands Adventure Film Festival comes to Langholm for a special evening on Thursday 10th September, celebrating the very best in adventure filmmaking. Following the festival's headline event in London, Holmlands arrives at The Buccleuch Centre with a carefully curated programme of films inspired by adventure, exploration, wildlife,

and the natural world. It includes the Langholm made Moving Stories about mountain biking locally. The line up of films looks great.

Next up on 12th September is 'Across The Universe', a celebration of The Beatles' "studio years" 1966-1970. This unique show featuring live band and orchestra is a must-see for all Beatles fans. The music recorded by the Beatles from 1966-1970 represents some of the most groundbreaking strides in popular music history, in terms of song writing ingenuity, recording techniques and the establishing of different musical genres within pop music. Many of these innovative recordings were never intended to be recreated live. Now in homage to this sensationally creative period in The Beatles' career, Across the Universe brings these recordings to life with stunning detail and accuracy.

That is followed by The Fleetwood Mac Legacy on 19th, Derek



Ryan on 24th which is now sold out, and the Macdonald Brothers on the 25th. And that's just September. Go to the website and you're bound to find something to enjoy in the coming months.



No sheep at Benty Show

The Benty Show committee has had to cancel the sheep classes this year due to restrictions placed on the area as a result of Bluetongue disease.

The organisers feel that this is the responsible decision to make for the health and welfare of the sheep and to comply with current restrictions. This is not a decision that has been taken lightly. The show however is very much going ahead and organisers look forward to welcoming everyone along.

Social Prescribing

The Scottish Government is inviting people across Scotland to share their views on social prescribing through an online survey and conversation. Social prescribing helps people find local support, activities and services in their community that can improve their health and wellbeing. Your feedback will help the future of this work and make sure that services are shaped by people who use them. You can provide comments at <https://Comhairle.scot/conversations>

Scottish Festival of Remembrance

Scotland is set to host its first ever 'Festival of Remembrance' this November, with a poignant concert to commemorate all those who have lost their lives through Service. Organised by the Royal British Legion Scotland, in association with Poppyscotland, the Festival of Remembrance will take place at the Usher Hall, Edinburgh, on Saturday, 7th November – a day prior to Remembrance Sunday.

The event will be hosted by broadcaster Mark McKenzie from British Forces Broadcasting Service and will include special performances from the Band of His Majesty's Royal Marines Scotland, The Band of the Royal Regiment of Scotland, and The Royal Air Force Central Scotland Pipes and Drums. Singer/songwriter, vocal coach and Royal British Legion Scotland 'sweetheart', Amy Hawthorn will also take to the stage performing a moving wartime medley before Scottish Young Artist of the Year, Ben Walker, entertains the audience.



Indie-rock singer Ben, of Montrose, is delighted to be performing in Edinburgh during Remembrance weekend.

He said: "To be asked to perform at the Usher Hall for such a special Remembrance event is a huge honour. It means a lot to be part of an event that brings people together to remember, reflect, and pay respect. I'm really looking forward to it."

Dr Claire Armstrong, OBE, Chief Executive of Royal British Legion Scotland said: "Royal British Legion Scotland and Poppyscotland are thrilled to host this national event, sup-

ported by the Scottish Government, at the Usher Hall, Edinburgh. This will be a poignant evening telling the story of service personnel through the mediums of music, film and song, culminating in The Act of Remembrance. We look forward to welcoming you on the night."

Tickets are priced from £24.20 and include a 10% per ticket booking fee. Under-16's must be accompanied by an adult.

To purchase tickets, please visit :

<https://cultureedinburgh.com/events/scotlands-festival-of-remembrance>

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Politicians give backing to Blue-Tongue dilemma

Local politicians David Mundell MP and Craig Hoy MSP are calling for urgent action to protect farmers, livestock and the region's agricultural sector following the confirmation of blue-tongue cases.

Both are stressing the importance of close coordination between the UK Government, Scottish Government and other agencies.

David Mundell MP said it's a deeply worrying time for farmers in the region.

"I have been in direct contact with APHA, DEFRA and the Minister, and I am also engaging with the Scottish Government to ensure the concerns being raised locally are heard," he said.

"What we really need is reassurance over vaccine supplies. While I welcome steps to bring additional supplies into the UK, farmers need clarity about what will be available, when it will be available and how they can place orders in advance.

"I will continue to press Ministers



Craig Hoy and David Mundell

and officials for practical action to support farmers across the region."

Craig Hoy MSP said the disease present a serious threat to Scotland's livestock farmers.

"Farmers need clear advice, effective coordination between the Scottish and UK Governments and access to the tools they need to protect their animals.

"Farmers must have confidence that sufficient vaccine will actually reach those who need it.

"I will continue to engage with the Scottish Government and press for a robust response that recognises the particular concerns of farmers across Dumfries and Galloway."

Double disease blow for D&G farmers

Temporary control zone in place covering the region

Livestock farmers in the south of Scotland have been dealt a double blow with the confirmation of cases of both blue-tongue and BSE.

A temporary control zone has been set in place in Dumfries and Galloway following the discovery of bluetongue in animals, first on a farm in Newton Stewart and then in Lockerbie.

Farmers within the zone will need a licence to move cattle, sheep or other susceptible livestock into or out of the affected area. Additional testing and surveillance will also be carried out on livestock nearby.

It is a notifiable disease, meaning any suspected cases are legally required to be reported to the Animal and Plant Health Agency.

Symptoms include nasal discharge, redness and swelling of the lips, nose and muzzle, lameness or reluctance to stand, decreased milk production and diarrhoea in cattle.

The disease is spread mainly by midges. It does not pose a risk to humans or to food safety.

The news has led to a huge upsurge in demand for vaccines, with Ark Vets in Lockerbie reporting that their stock of 20,000



doses was used up within 48 hours and that they're receiving more than a hundred calls a day from concerned farmers.

Scottish Agriculture Minister Jim Fairlie says it's vital that action is taken now.

"The recent detection of blue-tongue near Lockerbie, combined with the rapid rise in cases across the rest of the UK, means we must act now to strengthen our protections and minimise risk," he said.

"This will allow essential time for further investigations and to allow vaccine uptake levels to increase sufficiently to provide greater protective immunity across susceptible livestock in

Scotland.

"I recognise the significant impact this news will have on farmers and the wider industry in the area, and I do not underestimate the pressure this places on those affected. I am very grateful for their continued constructive engagement as we work together to introduce an effective control strategy while minimising restrictions on businesses as far as possible.

"We will ensure that control measures are proportionate. This is a dynamic situation while further investigations are carried out, and we will continue to monitor it closely, considering further control measures as necessary in

partnership with industry."

A number of shows have now cancelled their livestock sections including Newcastle's Holm Show.

Meanwhile a case of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) has been confirmed in a cow on a farm in Dumfries and Galloway.

It was identified during routine testing and is believed to be an isolated case. The animal was destroyed and did not enter the food chain.

It was the first case of classical BSE to be reported in Scotland since 2024.

Scottish Land and Estates Senior Policy Adviser Eleanor Kay, said the news would be concerning for farmers and the wider agricultural sector.

"It is important that the investigation into the source of the disease is completed thoroughly and that the industry is kept informed of any significant developments," she said.

"The affected farming business should also receive all necessary support while the investigation and associated measures continue."

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£1m Rowan Glen Investment

There's great news for the Wigtownshire-based yoghurt makers Rowan Glen with the announcement of a million-pound investment.

It's a great turnaround for a company which had faced total closure.

The company had been owned by the Dale Farm Group since 2002 but in 2022 the Irish-based company announced it was ceasing operations there.

The future looked bleak for the business, but former Factory Manager Alan Baxter stepped up to save the site.

With support from South of Scotland Enterprise and private investment, he spearheaded a successful management buyout and relaunched the business initially with a core team of nine.

Now it's been announced that a million-pound investment has

been made in the operation with more than £600,000 coming from Rowan Glen itself alongside a £400,000 Scottish Government Food & Drink Processing Grant.

This will allow the company to upgrade its factory and increase its manufacturing capabilities into new lines such as cottage cheese.

Rowan Glen currently produces around 20 million pots of yoghurt every year and is stocked in most major supermarkets in Scotland.

All of its milk is sourced from farms in Dumfries and Galloway.

The operation now has a staff of 30 and hopes to get back to its pre-closedown number of 45 by next year.

The company say they're incredibly proud of how far



they've come and are excited to enter the new chapter.

Great News for Rowan Glen

Teacher wellbeing one of three UWS research projects

The University of the West of Scotland which has a campus in Dumfries has been awarded funding for three research projects into teacher wellbeing, end-of-life care in rural Scotland and support for people living with brain tumours. The projects have received more than £19,000 from the Royal Society of Edinburgh's Spring 2026 Research Awards programme.

Professor Moira Hulme has received a £10,000 Research Collaboration Grant for Sustaining Teaching: A Cross-National Research Collaboration on Teacher Wellbeing. She said "We are delighted to receive this £10,000 grant from the Royal Society of Edinburgh. This funding gives us an important opportunity to bring together evidence and expertise from across the UK and Ireland, where teachers face a lot of the same pressures, but their education systems are responding very differently."

Dr Rhona Winnington and



Dumfries Campus of the University of the South of Scotland

Dr Sandra Lucas have received a £4,549 Small Grant to build a national picture of people's experiences of palliative and end-of-life care, with a particular focus on Scotland's rural, remote and island communities. This new funding will enable the research team to engage with these communities, to understand areas of unmet need and to provide evidence to support future research and shape services.

Dr Constantina Papadopoulou has received a £4,875 Small Grant for a nine-month study exploring the everyday wellbeing challenges experienced by people living long-term with low-grade brain tumours. Although more people are living long-term following a low-grade brain tumour diagnosis, evidence about their longer-term wellbeing and support needs remains limited.

National Council for Economic Growth

Scottish businesses will get a direct line to government decision-making, as the First Minister chaired the first meeting of the National Council for Economic Growth on 4th August.

The Council brings together senior business leaders to advise government on the barriers businesses face, and their solutions to drive economic growth. Fulfilling a manifesto commitment made within the government's first 100 days, the Council sits at the heart of the government's plans to grow Scotland's economy. Members will use their expertise to drive economic growth and provide independent, expert advice and robust challenge on the performance and future direction of the Scottish economy.

First Minister John Swinney said: "Every priority this government has – better schools, a stronger NHS, safer communities, depends on a strong economy behind it. I believe the best economic decisions are made in partnership with the people building Scotland's businesses and creating jobs. The National Council for Economic



First Minister John Swinney

Growth reflects our commitment to listen, be challenged, and act on that challenge, because growing the economy has to be a shared endeavour between government and business.

"Members of the Council were selected for their expertise and experience across Scotland's economy, and their ability to bring insight, challenge and connections with industry, academia and the third sector. Together they help the Council act as a critical friend to government as we work to remove barriers to growth."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Doors Open Days in D&G

Early September sees Doors Open Days across Dumfries and Galloway with a number of different buildings open on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th September. This year these include Applegarth hall near Lockerbie, Dryfesdale Lodge Visitor Centre at Lockerbie, Lockerbie Memorial Church Museum and Robert Burns Ellisland Farm to name but a few.

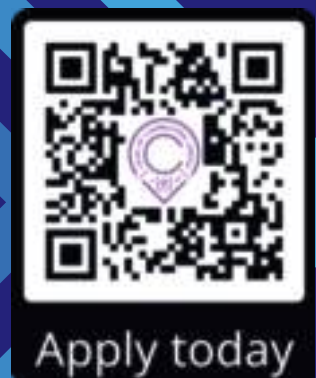
The most local building to open this year is Westerkirk Parish Library. The library situated in the village of Bentpath is going through a period of revival. Its opening hours have increased and there have been talks, a book club and more recently a metal detecting club utilising the library space. Those who live in the DG13 postcode can also borrow books and make recommendations for new purchases.



Westerkirk Parish Library

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"The laughs I have with the customers are what make my day." - Kirsten



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Great turnout for Canonbie Show



By Janice Sheppard

The sun was shining for Canonbie’s annual flower show, vintage rally, craft fayre and family activities on Saturday 15th August 2026 and what a fabulous day it was. With over 1200 entries in the main hall and over 80 entries in the vintage section, the show was full of colour, creativity and hard work from entrants old and new. The effort, imagination and community spirit on display was incredible. We were lucky enough to be joined by Fiona Armstrong and her cameraman, Rob who filmed the whole event and will be aired in a few weeks on Border Life.

The field activities started with the Vintage Road Run at 9am. Iain Bell, piped the parade into the village to mark the start of the show. The judging of all the vintage entries then commenced. The field activities included Cumberland Wrestling for the first time this year and this was supported well with a lot of local faces giving it a go.

The entertainment had something for everyone and included BJ entertainment, Border Party Hire bouncy castles, Paint and Sparkles, Magical Messy Moments, Family games, Tug of War, Tractor Pull, Slow Bike Race, Penny Pitching, tombola, Fly fishing, Rodeo Bull and Fun Dog Show. The field had a great atmosphere and was busy from start to finish with our compères Liz Tipper and Michelle Queen keeping everyone entertained and informed.

The “After Party” was held on the field from 7pm with live music from Amy Gospel and disco from Michael Gough and Pete Brown, food supplied by Claire Johnston catering. A great night was had by all. We would like to thank the supporters of the show for their donations and sponsors, list attached. The great team of volunteers cleared everything away on Saturday/Sunday and finished the show for another year. Preparations have already started for 2027, which will be held on Saturday 21st August 2027.



A huge thank you to all our supporters

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Results and Trophy Winners

FLOWERS

- Billy Norman Trophy for most firsts in show – Isobel Nichol
- Dr McGlasson Cup for most points in Section 1 Division 1&2 – Isobel Nichol
- The Whittaker Family Cup for the most points in Pot Plants Classes 1-11 – Isobell Nichol and Heather Park
- Society Cup – Best Bonsai – Isobel Nichol
- John Ainsworth Memorial Challenge Trophy for Best Exhibit in Fuchsias – Heather Park
- Trophy for Best Exhibit in Begonias – Ian Hope
- Bill and Isobel Kellitt Memorial cup for most points in Section 1 Division 2 – Isobel Nichol
- Society Cup for most points in Dahlias – Philip Hutton
- Dr A G Brown Rose Bowl for best rose in Show – Janet Carson
- Bert Irving Scroll for best exhibit in Classes 25-40 – Isobel Nichol
- Society Cup for best exhibit in Sweet Peas – Sarah Huddleston
- Helen Fisher Trophy for best exhibit in Floral Art – Eira Paisley
- Joe Maughan Memorial Trophy for most points in Floral Art – Pat Jagger

VEG

- Elliot Challenge Trophy for the most points in vegetable section – Nick Martin
- Peter Nichol Challenge Trophy for best exhibit in Shallot classes – Craig Carson
- Jock Millar Shield for best exhibit in Potatoes – Lewis-Ann Garner
- Elsie Donald Memorial Cup for the best exhibit in carrots – D L Irving
- Society Shield for best exhibit in vegetable section – Nick Martin

BAKING

- Esk trophy for most points in Jams and Jellies classes 86-94 – Kate Elliot
- Eskdale and Liddesdale Advertiser trophy for most points in baking classes 95-116 – John Innes
- The Lizzie McGimpsey Shield for Best Exhibit in Baking – Hazel Johnstone
- Jim and Margaret Leslie Trophy for the best exhibit plain scones – V Musgrave

INDUSTRIAL

- Hollows Challenge Trophy for most points in Industrial – Elizabeth Walters
- Gretna Gateway Cup for best exhibit in Industrial – Isobel Nichol
- Arthur Bell Ltd Crystal Bell for the most points in Needlework – Elizabeth Walters
- Society Cup for most points in Hand Knitting – Joan Cubbon
- Mr & Mrs McMinn cup for most points in Miscellaneous – Isobel Nichol
- Jack Todd Cup fly tying – George Potts
- Ben Brown Memorial Shield for best exhibit in Art – Craig McNee

PHOTOGRAPHY

- Bowholm Shield for the most points in Coloured Photographs – Catherine Wylie
- Stan Fisher memorial shield for most points in black and white photographs – Gillian Kinstrey
- Anderson Trophy for best exhibit in Photograph Section – Alastair Jagger

STICKS

- Society Cup for the best exhibit in novice walking sticks – Kate Elliot
- Gordon Fliteroft for best exhibit in Walking Sticks – Kate Elliot
- Society Shield for best exhibit in novice walking sticks – David Bowman

GENERAL

- Billy Beattie shield for most original entry – Edith Gaham
- Eskside Centenary Challenge Trophy for the best exhibit in general section – Jessica Davidson
- Eskside Centenary Runner – up trophy for second best exhibit in general section – Erin Grant
- Penny Pitching - Craig Carson

SCHOOL KIDS

- Tweddle family shield for most points in Secondary Section – Sophie Carson
- Border Fine Arts Trophy for most points in Primary Section only – Edith Graham
- Tarras Valley Trophy for most points in eight and under only – Henry Wood
- Miniature Cup for the most points in nursery/preschool section only – Ada Byers

SCARECROW COMPETITION

- Sadie, Abbie and Zach McGimpsey

VINTAGE CLASSES

- The PJ Tractor Parts Challenge Shield, Best Pre 1970 Tractor - Stephen Tweadle
- The Tynedale Challenge Cup Best Post 1970 Tractor - Ian McDamont
- The T B Imrie Challenge Shield - Tractor in working clothes – Joanne Liddle
- The Bridges Car Care Challenge Shield Best Pre 1970 Motor Car –John Ross
- The Ian Irving Memorial Award Best Post 1970 Motor Car- Stephen Griffiths
- The Hydra-tex Challenge Cup Best Motorcycle – Tony Eyre
- The DJ Johnston Fabrications & Welding Shield Best Commercial Vehicle – George Porteous
- The S & D Smith - Heavy Commercial Vehicle – Clark
- The Komatsu Forest Ltd Challenge Cup Best Stationary Engine – J N Foster
- The Whitesyke Garden Centre Challenge Cup Best Bicycle –
- The M&H Tree Services Challenge Shield Best Collection - E. Stewart
- The K&S McKenzie Challenge Shield Best Exhibit in the Open Class – Mike Curry
- The Peter Hannah Memorial Cup Best Overall Vintage Exhibit - George Porteous



All vintage photos courtesy of Sudden Impact Photography

...Liddesdale Lineup...

By Gilly Fraser

Busy last day for popular minister

Rev Morag is moving to an Ayrshire Parish

This Sunday sees the last two services by Reverend Morag Crossan before she moves to her new charge of Monkton and Prestwick Trinity Church in Ayrshire.

The day will begin at Canonbie United Church with the service starting at 9.30am. Then Reverend Morag will lead the Eskdale and Liddesdale joint service in the Parish Church in Newcastle-ton at 11am.

It's a return to her roots for Morag who grew up in Dalmellington in Ayrshire and had a long and happy career as a Network Engineer before worked as an electronics engineer and travelled the world troubleshooting servers for the American company Digital which was based in Ayr for many years.

Then the call to the Ministry became too loud to ignore and she retrained as a youth and community worker before transferring to full-time Ministry.

Initially she did placements at several different churches including St Columba's in London.

She arrived to take over her new post at Liddesdale Parish



POPULAR PARSON: Rev Morag Crossan seeks pastures new

Church in October 2020, right in the middle of the Covid pandemic. She says it marked a major milestone in her life and career.

"The years since have been some of the most significant and memorable of my ministry. Together we have faced challenges that none of us could have imagined. We have navigated change, adapted to new ways of being Church and worked through the significant changes brought about by the Presbytery Plan."

In 2025 Morag's responsibilities

increased with the union of Langholm, Ewes, Eskdalemuir, Westerkirk and Liddesdale parishes.

Morag says she will take many happy memories of her time here.

"I will remember baptisms, weddings and funerals. I will remember school assemblies, community events, holiday clubs, coffee mornings, soup lunches and countless conversations shared over a cup of coffee. I will remember standing alongside families in times of celebration and in times of grief."

No sheep at Holm Show!



The Show must go on – as the first marquees are put in place

Copshaw's hopes of celebrating a major milestone in the history of the village's beloved Holm Show have been dealt a severe blow.

The confirmation of cases of bluetongue in livestock in several farms in south-west Scotland and the resulting imposition of a travel restriction zone has led to the cancellation of all sheep classes at the Show.

The committee say the decision was taken with great sadness because the sheep classes always form a major and much-enjoyed part of the event with competitors and spectators coming from many miles around.

However, after holding many discussions with the Animal and Plant Health Agency (Apha) as well as local vets, it was felt that cancellation was

the only sensible option.

But it's full steam ahead for all other aspects of the Show and volunteers have already started putting the marquees up.

New attractions this year include the chance to get up close and personal with some amazing Birds of Prey – plus a demonstration of the sport of Bike Trials in which riders tackle a series of jaw-dropping obstacles and manoeuvres.

There will also be an opportunity to watch a Farrier at work, right from the start of the process of forging a horse-shoe through to fitting it to the horse's hoof.

This year the fun continues into the evening with a Dance in the Village Hall starring the popular Borders band Creaky Blinders.

Bottle Bank blights village

For the second time in just a matter of months Newcastle-ton residents have been left fuming by the village bottle bank which is both unsightly and in a dangerous condition.

The bottle bank has not been emptied for some time and the individual containers are overflowing.

This has led some residents to simply dump bags of empty bottles on the ground beside the containers.

Scottish Borders Council has warned that such an action amounts to flytipping which is illegal and can result in fines.

The council is asking residents to take bottles and jars home if they find the bank is already full.

Local people say the situation is a disgrace, because the bottle bank isn't just an eyesore right in the heart of the village, but is also a hazard because of

broken glass.

Last time the bottle bank failed to be emptied the reason was given as a machinery malfunction on the part of the company contracted to empty the bins.

On this occasion no official explanation has been forthcoming.



Overflowing bottle bank bins – not a great look for the village

Wrestling twins take top prizes at Appleby

Congratulations to 9-year-old Emily Stott who has been crowned the Under 10YO World Champion in Cumberland Wrestling and twin sister Abbie who took third place.

Emily becomes the first girl to have her name engraved on the Championship trophy – the rest have all been boys.

Emily won the title at Appleby Show where she was up against Abbie in the semi-final.

The girls first started wrestling two years ago after seeing the sport at several shows and deciding they wanted to have a go.

Since then, they have often practiced together at home on the family farm near Canonbie.

Dad Andrew says the girls really love sport.

"The amazing coaches at the Carlisle Wrestling Club do a great job at coaching the girls in the winter months and the girls have learnt all about the sport there.

"They also play football for Warwick Wanderers under-10's Lynx Pinks. They have a great team of girls, and they train on a Friday night and play matches on Sunday mornings. They also play Netball with the after-school team at Newcastleton."

The two have a busy time to look forward to over the next few weeks – on Saturday they'll be competing at the Holm Show, followed by Bellingham, Rothbury Mart, Heskett Newmarket, Loweswater, Westmorland and Langholm.

Andrew says he and the girls' Mum Barbara are very proud of their achievements at Appleby Show.

"We were very proud parents. Both girls did amazingly well in the Championship."

As for the twins themselves, they summed up their feelings in three words.

Happy, amazing and proud. And rightly so. See Page 16 for more Cumberland Wrestling.



WRESTLING SISTERS: Emily and Abbie Stott

ADVERTISING FEATURE

BUILDING SOCIETY PROMISES TO BUCK TREND AND MAINTAIN MUCH-VALUED LINK WITH CUSTOMERS

The Cumberland pledges to stay on our high streets

THE Cumberland has pledged to remain a fixture on local high streets, as major banks and building societies continue to close branches across the UK.

The commitment follows a region-wide listening exercise, commissioned by the building society's Chief Executive Stuart Miller, in which customers and residents were asked what they wanted from their building society.

Drop-in sessions were held in shopping centres across the region, and the message that came back was consistent: keep the branches open.

Research from The Cumberland found that more than a quarter of people (26%) across the North-West and Scottish Borders see high street decline as one of the biggest issues facing them and their families. The figure was higher still in some areas – 32% in Dumfries and Galloway, 28% in Cumbria, 27% in Lancashire and 26% in Preston.

The findings come against a backdrop of mass branch closures nationally, with around 6,600 having shut since 2015.

The Cumberland says those closures leave more than a financial gap – they also erode the fabric of the communities left behind.

The building society currently operates 31 branches across Cumbria, Lancashire, Northumberland and South-West Scotland. It is already the only remaining financial institution in 19 of those communities, a figure set to rise to 20 when Santander closes its Whitehaven branch this month.

Stuart said: "These findings reflect the concerns we hear every day from the communities we serve. The high street is not just a place



The Cumberland has reiterated its commitment to South-West Scotland and has recently modernised its Annan branch



to shop, it is where people bank, where businesses trade and where the community

comes together. When banks leave, they take more than a service with them.

"At The Cumberland, being an active member of our community is not optional, it

is fundamental to who we are so we simply won't follow the crowd and leave.

"Quite the opposite, we'll double down by publicly committing to stay and going further with a multi-million-pound investment programme into the branch network."

That investment has already modernised branches in Carlisle English Street, Carlisle Rosehill, Egremont, Annan, Preston and Barrow, with the Whitehaven branch currently being refurbished and due to reopen later this year.

The redesigned branches combine face-to-face service with private spaces for financial guidance.

Hannah Williamson,

Community Branch Manager for Gretna, Langholm & Lockerbie, said: "As a Community Branch Manager, I love seeing the difference that a local branch can make to the communities we serve.

"From being able to speak to someone face to face, supporting with day-to-day banking needs or being there for our customers through financial life events we're here when it matters.

"I am incredibly proud and excited The Cumberland is committed to staying on the high street and continuing to be here for the people, businesses and communities who make these places so special."



Looking back...

Lang Syne in Eskdale

...David J. Beattie on 'Kinmont Willie'

During the period when Border Reiving was most rampant, little or no provision had been made for detaining prisoners in custody; jails being few and far between.

But imprisonment had other inconveniences; prisoners had to be provided for when under lock and key and it was generally found to be more advantageous to leave those who had broken the laws to "fend" for themselves until such times as they were wanted. As offences against the law were numerous and frequent, it was ordained that a "Day of Truce" should be held every month when the Wardens of the Marches opposite each other should meet for adjustment of their respective claims and the punishment of evil-doers.

It was on a "Day of Truce" at Kershopefoot in Liddesdale, that a Wardens' meeting was held in 1596 which afterwards became so famous owing to the illegal capture of William Armstrong of Kinmont, by the English. This William Armstrong, known as Kinmont Willie, is said to have been a grandson of Johnie of Gilnockie. The exact relationship is not very clear but certainly Kinmont emulated the exploits of his famous kinsman.

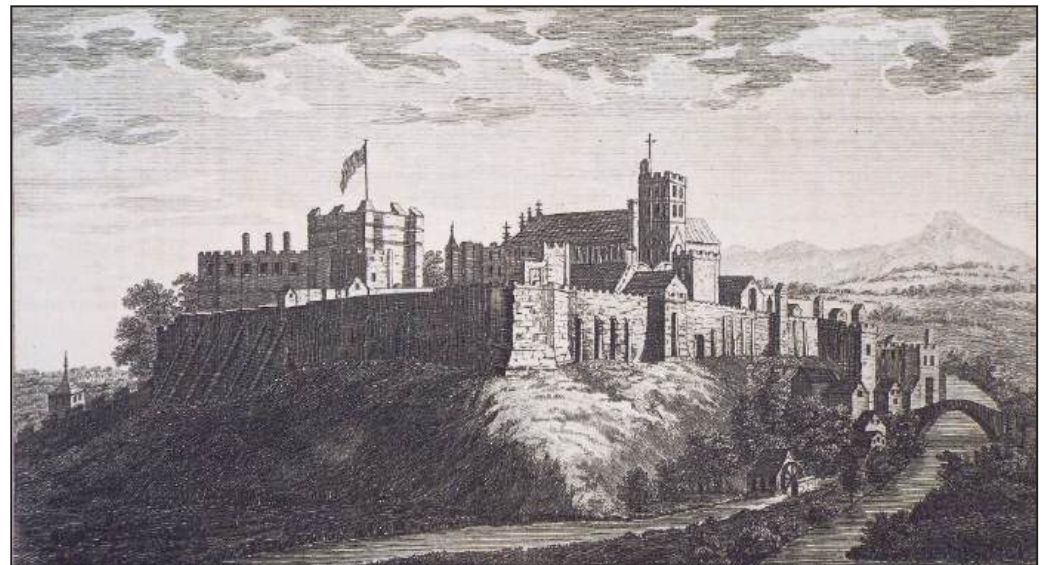
In 1587, James VI made an expedition into Dumfriesshire expressly to capture Willie, but failed. However, as we have just mentioned, he was wrongly arrested on a Day of Truce and lodged in Carlisle Castle

by the English Warden, Lord Scrope. Now this was a direct breach of the truce then existing for, according to Border law, it was laid down that – "All persons whatsoever that come to these meetings should be safe from any proceeding deputies till the next day at sun-rising".

Buccleuch was very angry at this violation of the truce and immediately applied to Scrope for redress. After exhausting the usual diplomatic means and wearying of delay, he resolved to take the settlement into his own hands. The plan of campaign was arranged a day or two before at Langholm, where the principals met at a race meeting.

Assembling his retainers from Eskdale, Wauchopedale, Liddesdale and Teviotdale, he marched towards the Border and concentrated his forces at the Tower of Sark on a dark and tempestuous night in April. Providing himself with ladders and masons' and smiths' tools, he set off with a band of picked men and crossed the Eden two hours before daybreak.

The story of how he tried to scale the walls of the castle but failed and had to undermine the Postern Gate to obtain entrance; how, in the face of the amazed garrison, with Lord Scrope himself at their head (who discreetly kept within his chamber) he effected to release Kinmont Willie and bore him over the Border as he had come, fording the



Carlisle Castle was an imposing edifice in the time of Kinmont Willie Armstrong

Eden and the Esk, both in high flood, has been recounted as one of the finest in the annals of Border warfare.

"Loud the reiver's trumpets spoke –

Hey! For Kinmont Willie!

Then the Citadel awoke –

Hey! For Kinmont Willie!

Scrope the Warden gat a shock:

Rudely wakened frae his sleep,

Fled he to the Castle Keep –

Hey! For Kinmont Willie!"

There was no time to strike off the fetters and Kinmont was born off in triumph on the shoulders of Red Rowan, the doughtiest of Buccleuch's henchmen. Just beyond

Longtown at a place called "Dick's Trees", there once stood a "smiddy" where Kinmont's irons were struck off. It is said that when Buccleuch arrived he found the door locked and the family in bed. The "knight of the hammer" was so sound a sleeper that he was only wakened by Buccleuch thrusting his long spear through the window and very nearly upsetting both the blacksmith and his gude wife on to the floor.

Popular hero

The rescue of Kinmont Willie made Buccleuch one of the most popular heroes of his day and it

compelled the admiration even of Queen Elizabeth herself. As a queen she was grievously offended at this daring raid into her kingdom and demanded, and obtained, the arrest of Buccleuch but, as a woman, she admired the dash and gallantry he had shown

The daring exploit created a profound sensation, not only through the Border country but further afield. However, the honour of England having been satisfied by the surrender of Buccleuch, the matter was allowed to drop, and he received from Queen Elizabeth a safe conduct to pass abroad for the benefit of his health.

C & D Marts (Longtown) Primestock Report

Thursday, 20th August 2026

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C&D Auction Marts had forward an entry of 6,444 sheep comprising of 2,638 prime lambs and 3,806 cast ewes & rams at their weekly sale at Longtown Mart on Thursday 20th August 2026

PRIME LAMBS

Prime lambs sold to the same ring of competitive purchasers. Trade was slightly better than forecast albeit slightly less than last weeks rates of return.

Well fed sheep were still wanted whilst leaner sheep proved difficult to shift and would be better suited to a Tuesday store sale at Longtown.

Top price per head of £210 for Texel lambs shown by D & T Bradley Farmer, Wester Parkgate, Dumfries.

Top price per kilo of 386p for Beltex from J Watret, Burnside, Annan. Overall average 315.5p (SQQ 319.4p)

Principal Prices (Per Head)

Texel £210 Wester Parkgate, £200, £194 Guardsmill, £184 Fenton & Tone Hall, £180 Crumhaughhill.
Suffolk £192 Burnside, £189 Brownleazes, £184 Guardsmill, £183 Wester Parkgate, £182 West Newlands.
Zwartbles £190 Holmlea.
Beltex £181 New Gardens, £174 Whitecroft Mains, £170 Middle Farm & Burnside.
North Country Cheviot £180, £163 Humbleheugh.
Mule £177 Brownleazes, £160 River Meadow, £157 Brownleazes.
Charollais £174, £165 Tinnishall.
Cheviot £173 Mansfield Cottage.
Cheviot Mule £170 Allanshaws.

Principal Prices (Per Kilo)

Beltex 386p, 368p Burnside, 367p Errington, 366p Cleughbraemill, 363p Errington, 362p Leanach.
Texel 358p Little Fithie, 356p Cubbyhill, 354p Ballywilline, 352p

Lingey Field, 350p Bywell, 348p Little Fithie.
Suffolk 342p, 333p, 332p Burnside, 331p Lords Lot, 328p Grindon Hill.
Charollais 336p Hundalee House, 328p West Newlands.
Hill Cheviot 332p Mansfield Cottage.
North Country Cheviot 327p, 326p, 325p Humbleheugh.
Easycare 320p Braidley, 319p High Trehwitt.
Mule 311p St Margarets, 305p Penpeugh, 302p Brownleazes, 300p Hareshaw.
Cheviot Mule 311p Grindon Hill, 311p, 308p Allanshaws.
Blackface 308p Silloans, 305p Bankend.

CAST EWES AND RAMS

A larger show of 3,806 of cast ewes and rams forward. all classes met some resistance but with feeding orders coming into play the leaner ewes still met a buoyant trade.

Heavy ewes topped at £330 for Texel ewes shown by Beckfoot Farms.

Light ewes topped at £170 for Easycare ewes from R Harrison & Sons, Peddar Hill, Longtown. Rams topped at £260 for Texels from TC Whiteford, Tercrosset, Brampton.

Heavy ewes

Texel £330 Beckfoot, £325 Lowhill, £320 Wester Parkgate, £300 Lords Lot, £285, £275 Wester Parkgate, £275, £270 Lowhill, £265 Wester Parkgate.
Beltex £280 Easter Ochtermuthill, £230 Inamay, £215 Chaseside.
Mule £220 West Newlands, £185 Carnochan, £178 Tinnishall, £170 West Newlands.
Suffolk £218 Triemain, £198 Lowhill, £195 Beckfoot & Chaseside, £193 Clackmae, £192 Inamay & Wester Parkgate.
Charollais £212 Beckfoot.
Cheviot Mule £202 Wester Parkgate, £188 Clackmae, £178 Hart-

bush, £175 Outertown.
Bluefaced Leicester £190 Laverhay & Shitlington Hall.
Blue Texel £180 Shepherds Cottage, £160 Little Tongue.
North Country Cheviot £168 Chaseside, £165 Philiphaugh.

Light ewes

Easycare £170 Peddar Hill, £150, £144 Lowhill.
Lleyn £148 Hemplands.
Blackface £132 Shitlington Hall, £122 Whiteside, £120 Little Tongue, £118 Lowhill, £115 Torna-cloch.
Hill Cheviot £118 Bloch & Lowhill, £115 Braidley, £113 Lowhill, £112 Terrona, £110 Mount Benger & Braidley.
Herdwick £115 High Burnfoot.
Swaledale £102 Low Closegill, £96 The Flatt, £95 High Burnfoot.

Rams

Texel £260 Tercrosset, £250 Incheoch.
Suffolk £235 Cambeckhill.

Charollais £225 Chaseside.
Hill Cheviot £185, £160 Cat-slackburn.
Blue Texel £170 Tercrosset.
Lleyn £165, £58 Incheoch.
Blackface £150 Shitlington Hall.
North Country Cheviot £146 Whitton.

Averages:

Lambs

Light to	312.0p (312.0p)
Standard to	358.0p (324.0p)
Medium to	386.0p (315.1p)
Heavy to	357.0p (312.8p)
Overweight to	342.0p (300.3p)

Ewes

Light to	£170.00 (£85.15)
Heavy to	£330.00 (£137.79)
Rams to	£260.00 (£151.30)



LOCAL NOTICEBOARD

**CREATION MILL**

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK
W/C 31st Aug 2026

Mon	Quilters Group	10-1	Creation Mill, DG13 oES
	Mending Minds	FULLY BOOKED	Creation Mill DG13 oES
Tues	After School Club	4-5.30	Creation Mill, DG13 oES
	Langholm Evening In Stitches	6-8	Creation Mill, DG13 oES
Wed	CLOSED		
Thurs	Climate Ready D&G Workshop	5.30 - 7	Creation Mill, DG13 oES
Fri	Langholm weekly In Stitches	1-4	Creation Mill, DG13 oES
Sat	Langholm Producers Market	9-1	The Buccleuch Centre DG13 oAW

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WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST

Fri 28th	Langholm Youth Rugby Fundraiser	Milntown Clubhouse 6 - 10pm
Sat 29th	Holm Show Creaky Blinders in evening	Show Field, Newcastleton Early till Late
Ends Sat 29th	Eskdale Experience Discover the History of Your House	Old Post Office 12 - 3pm

WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER

Fri 4th	Keep it Country	The Buccleuch Centre
Sat 5th	Benty Show	Bentpath Westerkirk
Thu 10th	Homelands Adventure Film Festival	The Buccleuch Centre 7.30pm
Fri 11th	A Journey East A trip through Asia	Gilnockie Hall 7pm
Sat 12th	Across the Universe The Beatles 1966-1970	The Buccleuch Centre 7.30pm
Fri 18th	Eskdale Gardening Club Trip to Drumlanrig Castle	Canonbie Hall 9.30am Contact: 07799 600042

The E&L
General Knowledge Quiz

No. 2630 answers next week

- 1

What is Britain's largest native carnivore?
- 2

One of Oxford's premier colleges is pronounced 'Maudlin'. How is it spelt?
- 3

Long established in London's Knightsbridge, in which northern city did the Harvey Nichols store open its second outlet?
- 4

Which border town has two main bridges, the Welsh Bridge and the English Bridge?
- 5

With whom would you associate the house called 'Rydal Mount'?
- 6

What is the Calf of Man?
- 7

Which Midlands city was the centre of World War II munitions production and as a result suffered seriously from German bombing raids?
- 8

What is Britain's longest-running radio serial?
- 9

Other than London, which other English city has a thriving Chinatown?
- 10

The triangle of farming land between Leeds, Wakefield and Pontefract once dominated Britain's growing of which fruit crop?
- 11

Who is Britain's most prolific author?
- 12

From which south-coast pier is a 'Birdman' competition held each year?
- 13

In which county are the River Aun and River Adur to be found?
- 14

What completes the name of this village which lies between Dorking and Guildford: Abinger?
- 15

What is an SSSI?
- 16

In which ounty are the towns of Crowborough, Hailsham and Uckfield?
- 17

What is Durdle Door?
- 18

The original Severn Bridge into Wales actually spans a second river as well. Which one?
- 19

How do you spell the Scottish town that is pronounced 'Kirkcoobree'?
- 20

Who was William Shakespeare's mother?



Crossword & Quiz
Solutions from
last week

Quiz 2629

- 1

Deeping
- 2

Wells
- 3

Drayton Manor
- 4

Mainland commercial radio station
- 5

Attorney General
- 6

BBC
- 7

Inch
- 8

Oxford
- 9

Hampshire
- 10

Coronation Street's Rovers Return
- 11

A bill
- 12

Calcutta Cup
- 13

24
- 14

30
- 15

1967
- 16

Outer Hebrides
- 17

Westminster Abbey
- 18

Lowestoft, Surrey
- 19

Birmingham
- 20

River Tweed

Crossword 2629

Across: 7 Core, 8 Executes, 9 Card, 10 Prostate, 11 Civics, 13 Got off, 15 Others, 17 Relive, 18 Grafting, 20 Bert, 21 Stockton, 22 Lose.

Down: 1 Loyalist, 2 Deed, 3 Tempos, 4 Mekong, 5 Sum total, 6 West, 12 In effect, 14 Feverish, 16 Saints, 17 Regent, 19 Ruts, 20 Bels.

NEVER A CROSSWORD!

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

Across

- 7

Sheer delight (8)
- 8

"Casablanca" club owner (4)
- 9

"Unlock this door!" (4,2)
- 10

Hoofing it (2,4)
- 11

Flags (5)
- 12

Chess champion --- Karpov (7)
- 14

Least prepossessing (7)
- 16

Sales pitch (5)
- 19

Small things (6)
- 20

Roman ode-smith (6)
- 21

Clammy (4)
- 22

As do the days in Spring (8)

Down

- 1

Wimp, preaching revolution in the kitchen (8,5)
- 2

Scrounger (6)
- 3

Nutty as a fruitcake (5)
- 4

Magnates (7)
- 5

Advantage (6)
- 6

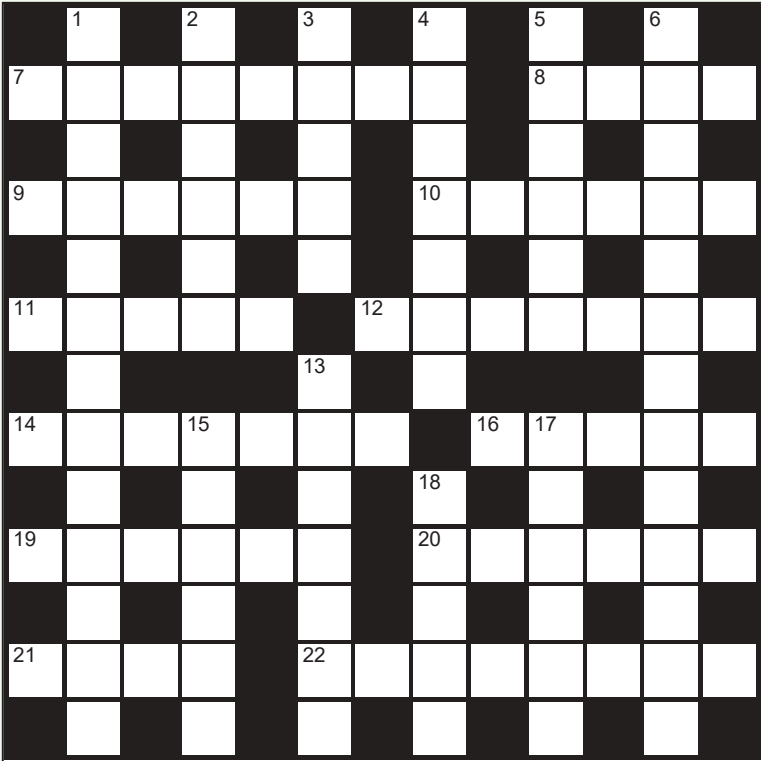
Dominie, in Scotland (6,7)
- 13

As a rule (7)
- 15

Conjure up (6)
- 17

Spotlessness (6)
- 18

Directed a light (5)



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1997 (B)

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26/1278/LBC (B) Bottom Flat, Flat 2 And Top Flat, Langholm Lodge,
Langholm - Installation of 31 replacement timber windows

26/1413/LBC (B) Glencartholm Farm, Canonbie - Installation of
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Bowling in the Holm...

Bowling



Master Bowler Steven Barker picks up another trophy at Newcastleton

Sunday saw Newcastleton Bowling Club's last open tournament of the season.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the club this season it's very much appreciated.

Thank you to Danny Hetherington who sponsors the singles tournament every year.

It was an all-Langholm semi-final. Beaten semi-finalists were Keith Davidson and Paddy Laing. It was a close final between Luke Tolson and Steven Barker with the winner this year being Steven Barker. Thank you to everyone who helped out throughout the day and thank you to the green keepers Howard and Ross.

...and Canonbie

Canonbie Bowling



The winning Canonbie team celebrate

Canonbie Bowling Club hosted the 2026 Nancy Nicol memorial trophy women's match which is played annually between the Canonbie and Langholm Old Town clubs.

Canonbie triple Carol Graham, Liz Smith & Ann Wightman won 13 – 7 against Langholm Old triple Evelyn Coombes, Louise Keeney & Ann Wilkinson, whilst Langholm Old triple Nancy McLure, Trish Henderson

& Elma Aitken, won 14 – 12 against Canonbie's Teresa Irving, Vivien Wilson & Isla Sandford, resulting in an overall victory for Canonbie by 25 shots to 21.

Russell Bell, grandson of the late Nancy Nicol kindly presented the trophy to the winning Canonbie team, and Nancy McLure thanked the Canonbie club for their hospitality concluding a very successful event.

Both clubs are looking forward to a re-match next season.

Ian Henderson event attracts 114 bowlers

Both Old and New Town greens put to good use

LOT Bowling

By Stevie Barker

A massive thank you to the Henderson family for sponsoring yesterdays Ian Henderson memorial tournament, also to the New Town bowling club for letting us use the green

To Lauren for running the tournament and to all the bar and kitchen staff, ladies on the raffle and also to the lads who look after the green it was amazing yesterday

Thank you to Ultra Bowl for coming to the tournament hope you both had a great day

Thank you to Nicky Henderson for the entertainment after the final

Winners

Stevie Barker and Ian Blenkinsop

Runners up

Scott Dickson and Scott Irving

Beaten semi finalists

Ryan Baxter and Steven Farish

Keith Davidson and Niall Cubbon

And lastly thank you to everyone who came down and supported the club.



The weather excelled itself for the late-summer memorial tournament



Neil Henderson presents winners Stevie Barker and Ian Blenkinsop with the Ian Henderson Trophy watched by Runners-up Scott Dickson and Scott Irving and President Louise Keeney

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Scottish Title for Aoiffion after busy Championships

Athletics by Calum Graham

Fourteen-year-old sprinter Aoiffion enjoyed another outstanding weekend on the track, claiming a Scottish title at the Scottish Athletics Age Group Championships in Grangemouth.

Competing in her first year in the Under-16 age group, Aoiffion faced a demanding schedule, racing in three 100m events and three 200m events across an eight-hour programme.

Her day began with the 100m competition, where she crossed the line as the leading Scottish athlete in the final. However, she had to settle for the silver medal after being narrowly beaten by an older competitor from England.

Undeterred by the result, Aoiffion returned in impressive fashion for the 200m. She progressed comfortably through the heats and semi-finals before producing a superb performance in the final to take gold and become Scottish Under-16 200m champion. The victory came in her second-fastest electronically timed 200m race.

The latest success follows a strong showing in the Scottish Youth Development League Final last weekend, where Aoiffion represented Edinburgh Athletic Club against Scotland's top eight clubs.



GOLDEN GIRL: Aoiffion (c) ran in three 100m and three 200m events within eight hours before taking the title

resented Edinburgh Athletic Club against Scotland's top eight clubs.

She collected three gold medals, winning the 100m, 200m and 4x100m relay. Aoiffion was also drafted into the club's 4x300m relay team and delivered an impressive second-leg run to put Edinburgh into the lead before the team eventually finished runners-up behind Ayr Seaforth.

Attention now turns to Aberdeen, where Aoiffion will compete against Scotland's leading Under-18 athletes, as well as a visiting

Irish team, in both the 100m and 200m events over two days.

Her busy spell will continue in early September when she travels to Liverpool with Edinburgh AC for the UK Youth Development League Final, featuring the top clubs from across the United Kingdom.

Also representing Langholm at the championships were Mollie Phillips, who competed in the Under-16 200m and 300m and reached the 200m semi-finals with a time of 28.46 seconds, and Evelyn Bell in the

Under-16 100m.

On Sunday, Jessica Cuthbert impressed in both the Under-14 high jump and 100m. A new personal best of 1.43m earned her a silver medal in a closely contested high jump competition, while another personal best of 13.42 seconds saw her reach the 100m final, where she finished a commendable fifth.

**WELCOME to LANGHOLM
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AWARDS**

Fraser wins Golf Open

Golf



CHAMP: Fraser Mitchell receives the trophy from Andrew Porteous

Congratulations go to Fraser Mitchell who won the open at the weekend with 40 Stableford points on another successful sunny day at club.

1st Fraser Mitchell 40 points; 2nd Dan Johnstone 37 points; 3rd Ross Rae 36 points (B16); 4th Alan Wilson 36 points (B19); 5th TA Borthwick 36 points; 6th Neil Irving 35 points; 7th Der Johnstone 34 points.

Scratch winner Barry Patterson 35 points; Best Visitor Kris Macleod 33 points.

Nearest the pin 4/13th Stuart Couperthwaite; Nearest the pin 9/18th Barry Patterson.

The club says thanks to everyone who played, the course is playing fantastically well at the moment. Big shout out to Andrew, Dougie, and crew for superb maintenance of the course. Thank you to Tessa, Shirley and Wendy in the kitchen who turned out 70 odd meals like clockwork throughout the day. Thank you to Sarah and Thomas for their bar duties all day.

Main men meet

Rugby



When Langholm's rugby team met the Selkirk A fifteen to play a pre-season friendly match at Milntown on Friday night, Cornet Thomas Hope came up against the Royal Burgh of Selkirk's Standard Bearer Sam Coltherd. Langholm won the game by 35 points to 10.

Cumberland Wrestling at reintroduced at Canonbie

A Cumberland & Westmoreland Wrestling devotee, Donald Waugh, paid a visit to the E&L Office to tell us that he had been instrumental in the reintroduction of the ancient sport to Canonbie Flower Show earlier this month.

There was a fair number of youngsters taking part at Canonbie and the event had been popular.

Donald would like to encourage as many people as possible to give the sport a try and told the E&L that if they visit the web site www.cwwa.org.uk they can find all sorts of information about the association and find training sessions. Why not give it a try?



ANCIENT SPORT: Donald Waugh presents the prizes at Canonbie Show

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