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Time to bin food waste collections?

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A Hawick councillor this week questioned whether Scottish Borders Council's food waste collection service was worth continuing with.

Stuart Marshall was speaking after being "inundated" with calls from members of the public angry about uplifts being missed.

"Some people in this town have not had any food-waste uplifts for three weeks.

"And I am sharing the frustration felt by many



Stuart Marshall

when, yet again, we as a council can't seem to provide an important service because of one reason or another," he said, adding: "I have contacted the council this week."

Councillor Marshall continued: "To be honest, one must now ask if this service is worth running at all."

He said Teries were "losing faith" in presenting their food waste for kerbside uplift – "some have now informed me that it's fast becoming a joke and are just going to include it in with their domestic waste".

He added: "Often we are informed that it's staff shortages that's causing the problem, but, to be honest, council tax payers deserve much better."

"I'm afraid the current situation needs sorting."

The Hawick Paper asked the council on Wednesday morning for a response about the situation, but by the time we went to press last night (Thursday) there had been no reply.

Good causes kept in cheque

PICTURE: ILF IMAGING



Wendy Oliver, organiser of this year's Hizzy Memorial Run, presented a £1,436.50 cheque to Maria Burnett, right, from brain injuries charity Headway Borders, and Les Jarvis at his Longcroft Crescent home. The cash,

to be split 50-50, was raised at the annual event held last month in memory of local motorbike race ace Steve Hislop. Les is well on the road to recovery after falling down stairs in a local pub in April

Jockey Aidan defies medics

Some 18 months after suffering a life-threatening stroke, conditional jockey Aidan Macdonald was back in action at Sedgefield on Tuesday afternoon, defying medics and determinedly achieving his target to return to the track.

"It meant the world to me," the 23-year-old enthused, "as when I was in hospital I was told I'd be lucky to sit on a horse again never mind race again."

Partnering 12-1 chance Mac Suibhne to finish seventh in the two-and-a-half-mile handicap hurdle race marked another milestone in a remarkable recovery.

Macdonald fell seriously ill two weeks after a fall at Hexham on March 18 last year, and has shown extraordinary courage and determination throughout his ordeal.

The then 22-year-old collapsed in the High Street at Middleham – where he is based with trainer Micky Hammond – and spent

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SBC hears call to 'crack on' with care village

By **DEREK FORREST**
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Hawick councillors yesterday (Thursday) urged their colleagues to press ahead with the building of a care village in the town, with Stirches looking the likely location.

At a full Scottish Borders Council meeting, members received an outline business case for the proposed development. An accompanying report featured four options – refurbishment of Deanfield care home; building a new care village in partnership with Eildon Housing Association; partnership with a national private residential care provider at a site to be determined; and

partnership with a national housing management and care company to design, build and manage a new care village facility.

Reminding fellow councillors that they had been previously told that the current care facility at Deanfield was not fit for purpose, Hawick and Denholm representative Stuart Marshall said: "Of course I fully respect and support the need for this council to exercise due diligence when exploring all the options – but the fact is that we must get this right, it must be right for the council and it must be right for the most vulnerable of our community who deserve nothing less."

He went on: "Given the recent media attention regarding the

importance of dementia care in our town, then I, for one, would hope that alone would serve as a wake-up call to now push on at great speed and address a very important issue that will continue to affect not only Hawick, but all of our communities for a very long time to come."

Councillor Marshall added: "So let's crack on and deliver the much-trumpeted, much-promised care village for Hawick that our townsfolk are expecting – but more importantly – they rightly deserve."

Watson McAteer, who represents the Hawick and Hermitage ward, told the meeting: "The recommendation to develop a new care village facility, with Eildon Housing

providing a complementary role, is in my view what the local community have asked for and, more importantly, require and I would certainly hope this option receives a favourable outcome."

Alluding to the prospect of a national care service for Scotland, he said: "However, that needs to be put aside as we consider the here and now, and the urgent need to provide the best possible level of care for those most vulnerable in our community."

"It is the very least they deserve and they are placing their trust in us, their elected members, to do the right thing for them and their families."

The final outline business case will be presented to councillors early next year.

Terries lead Greens' councillor team

The late Wattie Scott of The Newton was well known during the 1950s and 60s for leading the Greens onto the rugby pitch – and now his son, ex-Hawick provost John Ross Scott, will be co-leading other Greens on the national stage.

He and stablemate, fellow Teri Susan Rae, have been elected as co-conveners of the Association of Scottish Green Councillors (ASGC) and, as such, will co-ordinate their party's 35-strong councillor group nationally over the next year.

John, an ex-Scottish Liberal Democrat transport spokesperson and leader of Scottish Borders Council, is possibly best remembered for his role in helping to bring the Borders Railway to fruition. He also went on to chair NHS Orkney and has been an Orkney Islands councillor for Kirkwall East since 2017.

Susan, daughter of Maisie Rae and the late Pipe Major Jock Rae, of Eastfield Road and Cheviot Road, is a founder of Hawick (now Borders) Women's

Aid, and studied politics and English literature at Newbattle Abbey College and Strathclyde University.

She has worked with Medical Aid for Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza, the Centre for the Study of Public Policy, as an economic development officer at Scottish Borders Council, and then with Edinburgh TUC's Support@Work Project.

A campaigner against gender-based violence and poverty, trade unionist Susan was elected as a Scottish Green councillor for Leith Walk on Edinburgh City Council in 2017. She topped the poll again in May, her vote rising by six per cent.

She is her party's housing spokesperson and participatory budgeting champion, and a City of Edinburgh bailie who, as such, represented the Scottish Greens at ceremonies in the capital after the Queen's death and accession of the King.

The duo first met in the former *Hawick Express* offices in 1978 – Susan as an administrator and John as a reporter.

Talks being held over case outcome

Scottish Borders Council officers are holding talks with lawyers this morning (Friday) to work out the next steps following a Court of Session judgment which ruled that SBC had acted unlawfully, **Derek Forrest writes**.

The case involved Teri Madge Elliot and SBC decisions made in respect of Teviot Day Service, which was based at the Katharine Elliot Day Centre.

Her son, Sean, had raised a judicial review on her behalf.

A report presented to yesterday's full meeting of the council by chief legal officer Nuala McKinlay said: "The court found that SBC had failed to properly undertake an equality impact assessment and, also, that it had failed to properly consult with affected parties."

"The council now requires to reach a decision on how best to provide services for those adults in need of day care in the Hawick area. In doing so, it must ensure it complies fully with the court judgment."

The report went on: "A fresh decision-making process will therefore be required. As of today's date, the Teviot Day Service is no longer a registered care service, nor are there any staff in place, so the centre cannot simply reopen its doors immediately."

The report stressed: "It is important to understand that the court did not say that it is unlawful to close day centres full stop. Rather, the way in which the council reached that decision was unlawful."

At yesterday's meeting, council leader Euan Jardine apologised to service users and their families, telling colleagues: "We got it wrong. The report is a lesson for us."

Hawick councillor Clair Ramage said the apology should also include those who had been unable to access older adults' day services.

Members agreed to receive a further report on the next steps in reviewing day service provision at October's full council meeting.

Drugs offender who failed to appear faces arrest

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of 35-year-old Clair Gold, of Hawick, who failed to turn up at Jedburgh Sheriff Court to be sentenced on two charges of possession of class

A drugs and two breaches of bail conditions.

■ Gagandeep Sharma, 39, of Hawick, denies a charge of driving while over the alcohol limit and will face trial on October 13.

■ Fifty-five-year-old John Wight, formerly of Hawick and now living in Morayshire, denies charges of assault and threatening or abusive behaviour, and will stand trial on December 8.



Rainbows and Brownies honoured the late Queen at the Slitrig Crescent Platinum Jubilee commemoration site

Blooming fine tribute to the Queen

A floral tribute to the late Queen has been paid by the 3rd Hawick Rainbows and 2nd Hawick Brownies.

Her Majesty became patron of the Girlguiding movement in 1953.

The youngsters' commemoration took place at the site in Slitrig Crescent where Hawick Rotary Club members had planted trees

and installed a plaque to mark the monarch's Platinum Jubilee.

Ellen Halliday, leader-in-charge of the two units, told us: "The girls wanted to do something for their patron, so on the day of the Queen's funeral – a Monday, the day we normally meet – we decided to postpone it and have a tribute instead.

"Each girl brought one flower stem that meant something to them – that they had grown, that they liked or just a flower they liked the colour of. We put them all together and made a commemorative bouquet, along with an Olivia doll, the Rainbows symbol, and a Brownie bow."

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Crackdown on bad behaviour

Joint steps are being taken to tackle antisocial behaviour in Burnfoot, **Graham Ford writes.**

Fed-up residents have vented their frustration to local ward councillor, Stuart Marshall, and, as a result of the ward member meeting with police, there will be "regular patrols" around the estate in a bid to stamp out the issue.

Councillor Marshall told *The Hawick Paper*: "I was asked to meet several concerned residents in

Burnfoot to see how best I could support them regarding a small group of youths who are allegedly causing some antisocial behaviour."

He continued: "Issues such as vandalism, fire-raising and verbal abuse have also been brought to my attention.

"And this week I've spoken to police about these allegations, and I'm delighted by their response."

He pledged to continue to work with the local force

and other partners "in order to support those who are being affected".

Inspector Robbie Noble commented: "We're aware of reports of antisocial behaviour in Burnfoot in recent weeks.

"Enquiries are ongoing to establish the circumstances and regular patrols are being carried out.

"We take reports of this type of behaviour seriously and we'd urge residents experiencing it to continue to report it to us via 101."

Social group's second event

A new social group for those with a disability will hold its second monthly get-together at Burnfoot Hub tonight (Friday).

The first event in August attracted 18 supported individuals who enjoyed

bingo, music, socialising and the tuck shop.

Tonight's event – which runs from 6-8pm – has been organised by support practitioner Sarah Savage who works for the Richmond Fellowship

Scotland and is based in Galashiels.

She is currently on the lookout for donations for the monthly raffle and bingo prizes. Anyone who can help should phone 07368 129231.

Facing High Court trial

A 29-year-old man will stand trial next summer on a charge of assault and rape to injury in Hawick.

Andrei Siminescu, who gave an address in Hawick, pleaded not guilty to the charge at a preliminary hearing at the High Court in Glasgow.

A trial has now been fixed for the sitting starting on Monday, June 26, 2023.

■ A man has denied a charge of driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Forty-year-old Robert Webster, of Loan, pleaded not guilty to the offence said to have happened in O'Connell Street on August 13 last year.

A trial will take place at Jedburgh Sheriff Court on October 11.

Jockey 'missed the buzz of being in a race'

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three-and-a-half weeks in hospital.

His rehabilitation continued at Jack Berry House, working on his fitness in the gym.

He returned to yard duties at Oakwood Stables in November before progressing to riding-out.

Aidan was naturally thrilled to be back on the track on Tuesday.

"The race didn't go as planned as the ground was too soft and we didn't get the best of starts," he explained, "but he looked after me all the way round and jumped great.

"It was just great to be back. I've really missed the buzz of being in a race."

"I'd like to thank my family and friends and girlfriend Ellie for their continued support throughout the recovery," continued Aidan.



Aidan Macdonald

Also, the Injured Jockeys' Fund (IJF) for getting me back to race fitness again, along with my jockey coach Russell Kennemore. It's been a long time coming and I'm happy it's over and done with so I can relax a bit now."

Aidan's milestone was watched nervously by his parents, Barrie and Claire.

"We are very proud of what he has achieved, from his stroke to getting back on the course," said Barrie. "He may not have won the race, but he's definitely won."

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Talking about our heritage and folk

Yachting legend Sir Chay Blyth will feature in a series of talks being launched by Live Borders at the Heart of Hawick.

Entitled 'Teri Talks', they will focus on aspects of the local community and its heritage, as well as contemporary passions.

Hawick-born Sir Chay will deliver a lecture on his lifetime of intrepid experiences on Wednesday, February 22.

The opening event is on Wednesday, October 19, and is in conjunction with the National Galleries of Scotland. Presented by two of the galleries' outreach team, the event will show how Burnfoot Community School pupils engaged with local artists and created original artworks in response to the Scottish national art collection.

Other confirmed events



Sir Chay Blyth

in the series so far:

Wednesday, November 9 – Piston Pen and Press: a celebration of the rich literary culture enjoyed by Victorian textile workers throughout Scotland and the north of England.

Wednesday, January 25 – Ian Landles will deliver the first part of his series on Robert Burns' 1787 tour of the Borders.

Wednesday, February 22 – A discussion about the legacy of renowned Scottish artist Anne Redpath (1895–1965) who

spent a considerable period working in and around Hawick.

Wednesday, April 18 – Talk by Peter A. Flannery, Borders-based author best known for the epic fantasy *Battle Mage* and psychological thriller *First and Only*.

Wednesday, June 14 – The Jim Clark Story: Kenneth McLean from the Jim Clark Motorsport Museum presents the story of the gentleman farmer from Berwickshire who took the motor racing world by storm.

Most talks will be admission by donation, unless otherwise stated.

More details at www.liveborders.org.uk/heart-of-hawick or visit the venue. Live Borders runs leisure facilities in the region including Heart of Hawick.

WEDDING ALBUM

PICTURE: DUNCAN IRELAND PHOTOGRAPHY



Katy Mabon, of Jedburgh, and Scott Anderson, of Hawick, were married at Lustruther Farm

IN BRIEF

Garages bid

Mr Thomas Lawyer is seeking planning permission from Scottish Borders Council for two garages and raised decking at The Bungalow, Stonedge.

■ Buccleuch Estates Ltd has been given the go-ahead for an access track on land east of Teindside Farm House, Teindside.

Trial date

Thirty-eight-year-old Jacqueline Yu, of Wellington Court, denies a charge of vandalism in Duke Street on June 17.

A trial was fixed for November 24 at Jedburgh Sheriff Court.

Weather

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Arts project lands £4,000 boost

Terries are set to reap the benefits after Artbeat Studios was handed a cash injection, **Hilary Mactaggart writes.**

The Havelock Street-based community arts project is celebrating after a successful bid for £4,240 from Scottish Borders Council's neighbourhood fund.

Manager Annette Reeves told *The Hawick Paper*: "It will enable us to create a workshop area so we can put on new art and craft activities such as glass fusion, jewellery-making, clay and slate work, felting, fine art and general craft."

The money will be used to invest in new equipment and start-up materials.

"There is a lot of work to do to get our new workshop area ready and have everything in place," continued Annette. "We hope to advertise the new craft activities in the New Year to make everyone aware of what we're offering."

"After being closed so long during Covid, this money will enable us to share our excellent facilities and unique creative environment with as many people as possible."

"We want to support people from the community

to get creative and benefit from our fantastic studio space."

She added: "We consulted local people in January and asked what they wanted Artbeat Studios to do."

"The workshop idea was strongly promoted, as was us offering more flexible attendance times that didn't impact on our normal art sessions."

Artbeat's funding application was rubber-stamped at this month's meeting of Teviot and Liddesdale Area Partnership, with a report stating that the bids



Annette Reeves

assessment panel noted it to be "a very worthwhile facility for the community".

The total cost of the project is £5,000, with the balance of £760 "relative to staff time" being met from Artbeat's own funds.

Calls from fake officer

Police have issued a warning about a local phone scam.

It comes after a number of residents in Hawick received calls purporting to be from an officer at Hammersmith Police Station.

"These calls are fake and are most likely attempts at a scam to gain bank details and defraud residents," said a force spokesperson. "Please hang up immediately and report them to us via 101."

Appeal following theft

Police are appealing for information after three quad bikes were stolen from Northhouse.

The thieves struck between 7pm on Sunday and 6.50am the following day.

A force spokesperson told *The Hawick Paper*: "Anyone with any information should contact us on 101, quoting incident number 488 of Monday, September 26, 2022."

When Walter blazed bravery trail

By JAKE COLTMAN
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But for the quick thinking and foresight of the late Walter Elliot, of Harwood, Bonchester Bridge, the historic Westminster Hall, where the Queen lay in state last week, would have been destroyed during the blitz on London in the Second World War.

The MP for Glasgow Kelvingrove resided in Westminster close to the House of Commons where he sat on the front bench for the Conservatives.

On the night of May 10, 1941, on hearing the bombs dropping on the Houses of Parliament, he rushed the 400 yards to find that the fire brigade were trying to save the newly-constructed House of Commons.

The chamber was hit and the roof of Westminster Hall was on fire. The fire service said that it would be impossible to save both.

Walter quickly confronted the fire officer in charge and told them to change direction and save the thousand-year-old Westminster Hall instead. The fire officer replied that they couldn't gain entry because the huge double, oak doors were locked and they couldn't get in.

Walter, a large man, grabbed an axe and started to hack at the locked doors, until they opened. He then waved the fire engines actually inside the huge building in order that they could spray the oak beams from the inside.

There is now a plaque in the hall in memory of his actions that night.

The Commons Chamber

was destroyed by the fire which spread to the members' lobby, causing the ceiling to collapse. By the following morning, all that was left of the chamber was a smoking shell.

Walter's active decision prevented the hall from being destroyed and only minimal repairs were needed.

Serving in the First World War in the Royal Army Medical Corps attached to the Scots Greys, Walter was twice awarded the Military Cross for bravery.

He was first elected to the Commons in 1918 and was a prominent Scottish politician, holding several Cabinet posts during the inter-war years, including secretary of state for Scotland. He farmed Harwood Estate and combined the two, commuting to London weekly by catching the train at Hawick Station.

He was awarded Freedom of the Burgh of Hawick in 1933.



Walter Elliot MP



Westminster Hall where the Queen lay in state

The Borderer died in 1958, and his second wife, Katharine Tennant, stood in his Glasgow Kelvingrove seat but was defeated.

However, she later became Baroness Elliot of Harwood and the first woman, other than the late Queen, to speak in the House of Lords.

The Katharine Elliot Day Centre was named after her in 1973. She died in 1994.

Walter's nephew, Andrew Lubbock, born in America, and a Mosstrooper, farmed both Langburnshiels and Harwood with his wife Jane from 1976.

Now retired and living at Harwood Mill, he told *The Hawick Paper* earlier this week that his uncle was a "towering figure of a man", both physically and mentally, and remembers him well.

"We watched with great pride the Queen lying in state under

that enormous oak-beamed roof where the firemen fought the blaze 82 years previously and thought of our Uncle Walter smashing the doors down with an axe.

"Due to his bravery and quick wittedness the hall survives today."

■ Westminster Hall was built during the reign of William II in 1097, the son of William the Conqueror, and finished construction two years later.

It was the largest residence in England and smaller more practical halls were built nearby to be used by the royal family on a regular basis.

King Richard II is largely responsible for adding embellishments to the hall, such as the 13 statues of the England's kings dating back to Edward the Confessor, which remain in the hall today.

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Local authority's cuts which will be welcomed

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Work on trees in the Princes Street area of the town is to begin shortly.

A Scottish Borders Council spokesperson explained that "tree husbandry" would be carried out as part of the winter programme.

"The trees are outgrowing the site and starting to suffer because of this," the spokesperson explained. "By removing one tree that is not growing well and pollarding/

pruning some of others, we will give the remaining trees more space to continue growing."

In June, we reported how, during high winds, an uprooted tree toppled on to a footpath, leading Councillor Stuart Marshall to request an urgent inspection of the trees within the proximity.

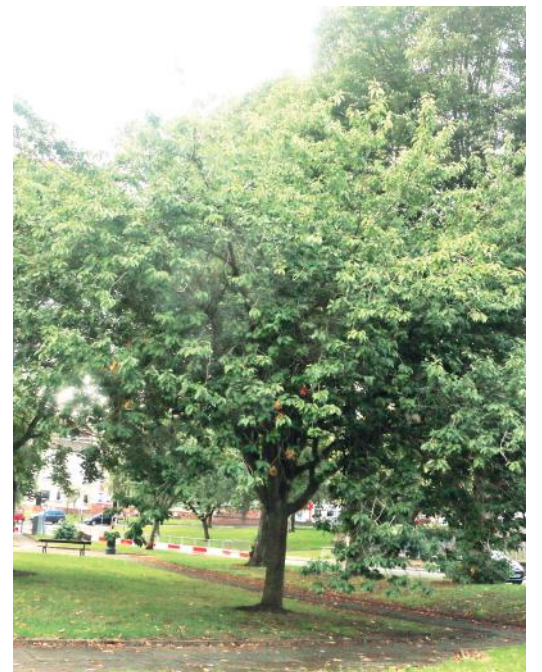
He welcomed the upcoming work.

"Recently, I received notification that a specialist tree surgeon had completed this exercise and has now found that several trees are indeed in

poor health, resulting in one large horse chestnut species to be removed and several others to receive pollarding."

Councillor Marshall added: "Work will commence soon to lift the crown of several other trees and I'm informed SBC do not carry out such drastic work lightly and, when complete, will change the appearance of the area."

"I'm proposing that we improve the seating and footpath area next summer to make it an even nicer place for folk to sit and enjoy."



One Princes Street area tree faces the chop

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SBC on right road with improvements

By HILARY MACTAGGART
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More than £200,000 is to be spent on road improvements at three locations within the Hawick and Denholm areas.

News of resurfacing works at Overhall Crescent, Wilton Park Road and Doorpool, between Bonchester Bridge and Southdean, has been widely welcomed.

"I'm absolutely delighted to learn this week that over £200k has been allocated to fund resurfacing works at three locations within my ward," said Councillor Stuart Marshall.

Some £70,000 of the allocation will be spent at Wilton Park Road to make "vital improvements".

He continued: "This area is so well used by many sporting groups and its poor condition has, in



Wilton Park Road is lined up for a £70,000 facelift

recent years, been brought to my attention by many who regularly drive or park along it. Work will commence on Monday and I'm told it is expected to take around five days to complete."

Resurfacing will also take place in Overhall Crescent.

"Residents living in the Overhall Crescent (Wilton Dean) area of town will be thrilled that at long last they, too, will have a

resurfaced car park area that has for many years fallen into a very poor state," added Councillor Marshall.

"The cost of this work is around £50,000 and is scheduled to commence soon."

The area between Bonchester and Chesters on the A6088, near Doorpool, will also receive some welcome attention and around £80,000 has been earmarked to make improvements on this route.

Philip Kerr, chairman of Southdean Community Council, told *The Hawick Paper*: "Roads are one of the big concerns, so major repairs to an area that has seen multiple verge and roadside damage from heavy traffic is to be welcomed."

The funding for all three projects comes from Scottish Borders Council's revenue and capital works budget.

Theft by housebreaking allegation

Robert Whyte, 48, of Hawick, denies a charge of theft by housebreaking and will stand trial at Jedburgh Sheriff Court on October 11.

■ Twenty-four-year-old Kieran Beck, of Hawick,

pleaded not guilty to charges of assault to injury and threatening or abusive behaviour and will face trial on October 13.

■ Dominik Rakowski, 38, of Hawick, pleaded not

guilty to a domestic-related charge of threatening or abusive behaviour and a trial date was set for October 11.

■ Forty-six-year-old Jason Bradshaw, of Hawick, denied a charge of assault

and will face trial on October 13.

■ James Hay, 44, of Hawick, denies breaching a non-harassment order and will stand trial on November 24.

Top award remains at Adam's Kitchen

By JAKE COLTMAN
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Adam's Kitchen on the High Street has scooped a major category win in a national food awards competition for the second successive year.

Owned by Kamila and Piotr Racznka, the restaurant was voted best in the south of Scotland at the Food Awards Scotland 2022 presentation ceremony at the Marriott Hotel in Glasgow on Monday night.

They took the top honours against nine other finalists, among them the Kingsknowes Hotel in Galashiels and Stewart's Cafe Bistro in Jedburgh.

A deserving and "delighted" Kamila told us: "With so many other finalists, we really didn't expect to win and certainly



Pictured at the prestigious awards ceremony with Kamila and Piotr, centre, are staff members Eve Rzanska, left, and Roksana Wierzchnecka

not for a second time. We were surprised and very proud."

The awards recognises innovation and creativity in the food and drink sector.

Kamila said the award belonged to their customers as much as it did to them. "Without their

continued support this wouldn't be possible.

"We are proud to be part of such an amazing community," she added.

The popular local eaterie was the venue for this year's Cornet's Breakfast, and last month hosted a Cornet's Night for past and

present Principals, which the couple have done for a number of years.

Hawick finalists in the cafe/bistro of the year south-east category were Johnstons of Elgin and Damascus Drum, with Stewart's in Jedburgh the winner.

Curfew for woman who spat on police

A woman who assaulted a female police officer by spitting in her face and kicking her on the body has been placed on a night-time home curfew.

Cassie Aghakhan, 26, of Boonraw Road, pleaded guilty at Jedburgh Sheriff Court to the offence which happened at the police station on January 24 last year.

She said it happened at a time when she was affected by drug taking.

Sheriff Peter Anderson said the offence could easily

have merited a custodial sentence, and added: "Police have a difficult job and they need to be supported by the courts particularly if someone assaults an officer in the deeply unpleasant way that you did. You have taken steps to deal with underlying issues regarding this but this was appalling behaviour and would have been deeply distressing for the police officer."

Aghakhan was made subject to a ten-month restriction-of-liberty order between 8pm and 7am.

Consultation on plans for new houses

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Members of the public are being invited to have their say on proposals for 14 new homes in Burnfoot.

As revealed by *The Hawick Paper* earlier this month, Scottish Borders Housing Association (SBHA) is set to plough more than £3million into housing developments in Fairhurst Drive and Leishman Place.

The consultation will be held at Burnfoot Community Hub next Friday, October 7, between noon and 3pm.

SBHA this week confirmed that it hopes 10-12 new homes will be built on the Fairhurst Drive site, comprising a mix of one-,



SBHA's Emma Garry

two- and three-bedroom houses and cottages. The site in Leishman Place will be able to accommodate larger three- and four-bedroom family homes.

SBHA director of development Emma Garry told *The Hawick Paper*: "Burnfoot is an extremely popular area and we're delighted to be in a position to increase housing options there with these new homes which will be

suitable for a variety of needs."

She added that the association was "keen to hear the thoughts of as many residents as possible on the suggested plans".

Local ward councillor, Stuart Marshall, said:

"This news signals a major investment programme by SBHA and it's great that new homes are to be built in this fantastic part of my ward."

Adding, he said: "I'm delighted that Burnfoot residents are being given the opportunity to see first-hand what the houses will look like and, more importantly, they will also be able to raise any issues or concerns they may have about the development."

He urged as many locals as possible to attend next week's consultation.

Homes bid for Allars Crescent

New housing has been earmarked for Allars Crescent, *The Hawick Paper* can reveal today.

The small development, comprising two homes, is part of the Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP), set to be unveiled at Tuesday's Scottish Borders Council executive committee meeting.

According to council documents, Scottish Borders Housing Association is "exploring options to carry out a housing regeneration project" in Allars Crescent.

The SHIP, which is being recommended for approval by the executive committee, sets out proposals for 1,320 new affordable Borders homes at an estimated investment value of £268million from 2023-2028.

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Derek lived his tangerine dream

By JAKE COLTMAN

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Derek Ramage passed away earlier this month after giving a lifetime of commitment to Hawick United Football Club. He was 76.

The Teri had another two passions – his family and the Angling Club.

He first played for the Tangerines as a 15-year-old, until hanging up his boots in 1969.

However, far from then walking away from the game with his playing days over, Derek was to go on to take up every position behind the scenes over the years.

Starting on the committee, he was secretary, match secretary, treasurer, chairman and honorary president.

He made sure there were water bottles for the players, first-aid equipment for each game, and was to be seen on the pitch on the morning of

a home match erecting the nets.

“He was a man you could count on to get things done,” said his wife of 50 years, Margaret.

When something was required, Derek was on hand. “He brought the players’ strip home for his mother to wash and it came to me after we were married,” added Margaret.

Such was the high esteem in which he was held at Hawick United, the changing pavilion in Wilton Lodge Park was renamed in his honour in July this year.

He made many friends through the sport and was well known on the Border Amateur Football scene.

He was also active in the shortlived Hawick Royal Albert and Hawick United merger, and with Hawick Colts.

Derek was born in July 1946 to Bunty and Tom Ramage.

He lived in Havelock Street, attending Wilton



Derek Ramage

primary. By the time he was at the high school, the family home was in Burnfoot.

His first job was with Hawick Knitwear, followed by Kintyre Knitwear and Pringle’s. He moved on to Goodsir’s furniture store in Central Square, and then the Scottish Gas Board, from which he ‘retired’ after 50 years’ service.

But for Derek, there was no idling the time away, and he became supervisor of the high school cleaners, prior to taking on the role of steward at the Angling Club.

He was not a fisherman, it was the social side of the

club that interested him, and at one time he was chairman.

Derek was also a member of the Burns Club and Ex-Service Club.

With the family living in Old Manse Lane, Derek was a regular at The Snuffin’ just round the corner at Towerdykeside at the Common-Riding, and also played host to the showmen in the Angling Club each June.

He met wife-to-be, Margaret (née Richardson) at a dance in the King’s Hotel in 1968. They were married four years later in the Old Parish Church. In March this year the couple celebrated their golden wedding with the family.

Blessed with two children: Angela, who was born in 1977, and Andrew, who came along in 1983. He is married to Lynn. There are four grandchildren: Chloe, Logan, Thomas and Ava.

Derek passed away on

September 8, the same day as the Queen. He is survived by a sister, Evelyn, who lives in Australia, and a brother, Doug, in Hawick.

At a funeral service in St Mary’s and Old church last Friday, a tribute was paid to the local football stalwart by fellow former player and club official, Dougie Leithead.

He described his great friend of 60 years as “helpful, loyal to his many friends”, with a “heart of gold” and “generous and kind to a fault”.

He said Derek’s love of the club “knew no bounds”. As a player he was “uncompromisingly hard as nails and took no prisoners”.

“Derek never scored many goals,” said Dougie. He went on to describe an incident in a game against Ancrum. The ball came floating across the box, the Ancrum player scuffed it, it hit Derek on the head and flew into the top corner of

the goal. Unfortunately, it was his own goal.

Alluding to the naming of The Derek Ramage Pavilion, he told mourners that people would learn of the “tremendous contribution” he made, not only to local football and Hawick United in particular, but to Borders football in general.

“People such as Derek and his loyalty and devotion to one club are a rare breed. His family, I know, are deeply proud of him and all that he achieved.

“Derek’s family meant everything to him, but Hawick United ran a very, very close second. Margaret would probably say United were first, but I know, through our chats, what Margaret, his kids and grandkids meant to him.”

Concluding, Dougie said: “Hawick United, Hawick Colts and everyone he was involved with owe him a huge debt of gratitude and he will never be forgotten for that.”

Garden volunteers scoop award

The commitment from volunteers at Burnfoot Hub’s garden has been recognised in Scottish Borders Council’s inaugural Greener Gateway Community Awards initiative.

At the prize-giving ceremony at council headquarters on Tuesday, Burnfoot Community Futures won the Cultivating Communities category.

The new awards programme continues the legacy of the Floral Gateway competition which ran for nearly 20 years and has been refreshed with the emphasis on projects or initiatives with a particular focus on climate change.

Community engagement supervisor at Burnfoot, Joyce Short, told us: “We are over the moon and very proud of the



Trainee gardener Brandon Anderson receives the Cultivating Communities gold award from Councillor John Greenwell

PICTURE: SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL

work the volunteers put in to the garden. It was a team effort, an award for every one of them.”

Vegetables harvested go to the volunteers, used in the cafe and any glut donated to the estate’s food share initiative.

Leaderdale and Melrose councillor, Jenny Linehan, the executive member for environment and transport, said: “This award demonstrates clearly the sustainable ethos at the heart of Burnfoot’s project.”

CARS cash drop-in event

Owners of historic buildings in Hawick are invited to a drop-in session on Wednesday to find out about funding available for traditional repairs under the town’s Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS).

Hawick CARS is a six-year project (2019-2025) with a budget of just over £1.5million, funded by Historic Environment Scotland, Scottish Borders Council and South of Scotland Enterprise.

“The main aim of the scheme is to support the repair of

traditional buildings (pre-1919) within a defined area of the town using appropriate traditional methods of construction,” a council spokesperson told *The Hawick Paper*.

Grants are available in the range of 50-75 per cent of eligible costs (up to a maximum of £15k of funding), with owners required to provide match funding of the remaining amount.

The CARS project officer will be available during the community drop-in session between 3pm-6pm in Heart of Hawick to

discuss the funding available. “Anyone who thinks they may be eligible for a grant is invited to attend for an informal chat,” added the spokesperson.

So far, the following buildings have been repaired under the grant scheme: 7 High Street, 26 High Street, 21 High Street, 49 High Street, 30 High Street, 9 Oliver Place and 68 High Street.

Work is in progress at 4 Round Close, the former Glenmac mill, 17 High Street, 32 High Street (Queen’s Head), 80 High Street (former Liberal Club).

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Louise's heart-warming story

By JASON MARSHALL
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It is safe to say that Louise Sharp and husband Paul had more reason than most couples to celebrate their wedding anniversary last Friday.

For just over six weeks ago, Teri Louise underwent a nine-hour heart transplant at the Freeman Hospital in Newcastle, the culmination of what she describes as a "whirlwind" period in her life.

The 52-year-old, of Park View, was born with transposition of the arteries, a heart defect meaning her left ventricle didn't work, forcing her smaller right ventricle to pump twice as hard to get her blood flowing.

house on my own my heart went totally out of rhythm. I passed out, and it [the defibrillator] shocked me twice."

Her doctors had, quite literally, made a life-saving decision, with her defib providing the vital electric shocks to bring her round.

Under the care of the cardiology teams at the BGH and the Golden Jubilee Hospital in Clydebank, Louise was monitored over the next few years, but a routine appointment, which turned out to be anything but, at the Golden Jubilee in August, set her firmly on course for the transplant.

Taking up the story, she said: "I was in to get what they call a right heart cath, when they put a catheter in through your groin and feed it up to your heart to check

serious issue", said Paul, referring to the strict evaluation of patients who are not considered for a transplant if any of their major organs are not functioning properly.

With her treatment moving to the Freeman which, along with the Royal Brompton in London, is the only hospital in the UK which carries out congenital heart disease transplants, Louise faced a battery of tests over three days to establish whether her body would accept a new heart.

Thankfully, all the various specialists involved in the assessment gave her the green light for the operation – and she was added to the national transplant database on Friday, August 12.

A wait of three or four months for an organ donor was to be expected, Louise was told, but she was taken to theatre just a couple of days later when a suitable heart had been found.

"People I spoke to at the hospital said that for Louise to wait such a short time for a heart that matches perfectly had never been known," said Paul. The hospital had been notified of an organ donor on the Saturday morning, and although Louise said she was "pleased", she was only too aware that "somebody else would be grieving [the loss of their loved one]."

Paul, too, said it was a "difficult and emotional time tinged with sadness for the donor and their family, and worry and anxiety about Louise."

At around 5am the next day she was taken to theatre, determined to seize what she said was her "second chance of life".

The operation came more than 50 years after Louise underwent heart surgery at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children in London, but this time she would wake up without the congenital heart disease she had always lived with.

Talking of the moment he learned Louise was out of theatre and doing well, Paul continued: "I got a phone call from the surgeon at 1.50pm and he said 'everything was fine and the transplant was really good'".

Louise was on a ventilator immediately after the operation as she couldn't breathe for herself, but, remarkably, just three

days later she was breathing unaided, sitting up in bed giving husband Paul the thumbs up.

The couple both paid the warmest of tributes to staff at the Freeman, with an emotional Louise telling us they had been "second to none . . . just outstanding".

Echoing her sentiments, Paul said: "We just couldn't fault them at all. They went beyond the call of duty for Louise every day. They were just totally professional and so kind." After the operation, Louise said it had been "really hard" as she was only allowed two named visitors, Paul and daughter Niamh, due to infection control protocols. "I didn't get to see my mum, dad and sister Judith until about three weeks after the operation," she told us.

Moved from an isolation room, to ITU and then a heart ward, Louise was able to welcome a wider circle of visitors, including her "amazing pals".

"They really are true pals. Real friends," she said.

Summing up her recovery so far, Louise told us: "It's like somebody's flicked a switch. I'd always just kind of gotten on with it before [the operation]."

"It's really hard to describe, but I just feel totally different."

Louise, whose heart condition was not hereditary, added that she had been told by doctors in the past that she was just "unlucky".

But with a new heart, she admitted she was now very much one of the lucky ones.

Always uppermost in

her mind, though, is the family of the organ donor. "They're grieving. They've lost someone really close to them," she said.

Louise intends to write to the family via a transplant co-ordinator, perhaps in six months or a year's time. "It's then up to them if they want to get back in touch with me. If they wanted to meet, I would, but it would be their decision."

The road to recovery will be a long one for Louise – and she will be on anti-rejection drugs for the rest of her life – but she has already enjoyed a short walk around Wilton Lodge Park, after which she felt "fine".

These small steps are the latest indication yet of her grabbing that "second chance of life", for which she will always be grateful.

Heart transplant recipient Louise Sharp at her Park View home



"I was told a long time ago that I'd eventually need a transplant," Louise told *The Hawick Paper* when we visited her and Paul at home.

That need had become more pressing since 2016, with her health slowly deteriorating and her quality of life decreasing markedly. She was, however, told by medics that she was still "too well" for a transplant at that stage.

Louise's condition continued to worsen and after having to have her heart shocked back into rhythm at Borders General Hospital in 2018, doctors decided she should be fitted with a defibrillator.

"And thank God they did," she said, "because twice when I was in the

the pressure and blood flow.

"My heart went out of rhythm twice getting this procedure, and they had to use the defibrillator to get it back into rhythm. But I knew [then] something was [badly] wrong."

"Things were getting to a point that we had to talk seriously about a transplant for Louise," admitted Paul. "Her cardiologist said it was now the only way forward."

Compounding matters, doctors [at the BGH] then picked up an issue with Louise's kidneys which were not receiving blood because her heart was failing.

This, however, improved following a period of bedrest and a special drug being administered intravenously.

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DEATHS

BROWN: Very suddenly but peacefully at BGH, Melrose, on Wednesday, 21st September, 2022, Ella (née Cooper), much loved wife of Peter, loving mum of Allan and Neil, a dear mother-in-law to Wendy and Jennifer, and loving granny Ella to Hailey and Sean, beloved sister of Anne and Sam, a dear niece, cousin, loving aunt and great-aunt. Cremation service to be held at Borders Crematorium, Melrose, on Tuesday, 11th October, at 3pm, to which family and friends are invited. Family flowers only please.

DAVIS: Suddenly at Borders General Hospital on Sunday, 25th September, 2022, after a long illness, Ronald, beloved husband of Carol, dearly loved brother of the Davis family. Private family funeral.

FERGUSON: Peacefully at home with family around her on Thursday, 22nd September, 2022, Ena (née Dickson), beloved wife to Doug, much loved and adored mum to Robert and Linda, loving grandmother and great-grandmother to all the family and a great friend to many. Service to be held in Robson's Dovetail Chapel on Monday, 10th October, at 11.45am, then onwards to Borders Crematorium for 1pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, for Samaritans.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

TRIMBY: The family would like to thank everyone for the lovely cards, flowers and messages received on the very sad loss of Leny. Many thanks also to everyone who attended Teviot Church, Wellogate Cemetery and Hawick Rugby Club. Their presence was very much appreciated by the family. Huge thanks to Ross, Aidan and Sandra and all at John Beattie & Sons Funeral Directors for their support, kindness and professionalism; the Rev. Alistair Cook for his very kind and uplifting words; Ann Witherington for the organ playing; Gillian Patterson for the lovely flowers; and Deborah at HRFC for the fabulous buffet. Thanks to everyone for their kind donations which have been sent to Parkinson's UK.

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PERSONAL THANKS

McNAIRN: Bob would like to thank friends, family, neighbours and ex-employees for their good wishes on the occasion of his 100th birthday. He was overwhelmed by cards, messages and visits, making this a wonderful day of celebration.

CHURCH NOTICES

ST CUTHBERT'S SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Slitrig Crescent : SC003140
Sunday, October 2
10.30am – Eucharist (harvest thanksgiving). Food donations for the food bank
4.30pm – Taize service
Wednesday, October 5
10.45am – Eucharist
Tuesdays
11am–noon – Coffee morning
Mondays and Thursdays
10am–2pm – Church open for quiet space

WILTON AND TEVIOHEAD PARISH CHURCHES
SC017381 / SC006917
Sunday, October 2
Rev. Lisa-Jane Rankin
11am – Joint harvest thanksgiving service at Teviothead, followed by soup lunch in the village hall where a collection will be taken for the food bank

HOBKIRK AND SOUTHDEAN LINKED WITH RUBERSLAW PARISH CHURCH
SC012830 and SC034629
Sunday, October 2
Rev. Rachel Wilson
9.30am – Hobkirk
11.15am – Minto (Communion)
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ST MARY'S & OLD PARISH CHURCH LINKED WITH TEVIOT AND ROBERTON CHURCH
SC005574 and SC005191
Sunday, October 2
Rev. Alistair Cook
"Harvest"
11.15am – United all-age harvest service, Teviot Church
6pm – Harvest at Robertson Church followed by harvest supper in Forman hall
Live streaming at 11.15am. View the online service at www.smop-tero.org.uk, on our Facebook page @smoptero or teviot.online.church

TRINITY PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
(in Hawick South Group) : SC013892
Sunday, October 2
11am – Harvest thanksgiving service with John Mackay. Retiring collection for Salvation Army's food bank



GRUMPY AULD MAN

NOT SO GOOD TIMES
Cheery members of the happy clappy fellowship have occasionally urged me to stop harking back to the past and, instead, look forward with hope and confidence.

I'm absolutely not a permanently po-faced pessimist but, on the other hand, I also don't walk around town laughing uproariously every two minutes, just in case the white coat brigade turn up to take me away.

My latest bout of nostalgic melancholy was prompted by this newspaper's recent commemorative supplement on royal visits to Hawick. One particularly evocative picture depicted a huge crowd lining High Street, cheering a royal cavalcade as it approached the town hall. That scene from 1962 included several familiar and long established businesses including R. T. Smith (bakers), William Low (grocers), Woolworths, Burtons and the Victoria Hotel, all now consigned to history.

Back then, dozens of local knitwear and tweed mills worked around the clock, exporting highest quality textiles to a global market. Thousands of folk had full-time permanent jobs, and numerous workers were bussed in daily from Jedburgh, Kelso and Newcastleton. Townsfolk could

board a train in Hawick and travel direct to London, incredible as that now seems.

Fast forward to today and the 'for sale' and 'to let' signs are multiplying in our once buoyant town centre. The era has long gone when generations of family shopkeepers spent a lifetime looking after prized customers. Nowadays, new businesses come and go infrequently and precious few seem to stay the course.

All and sundry would cherish a utopian lifestyle where everything is perfect. That's an unassailable objective so I'd settle instead for Hawick regaining even just a modicum of its former prominence respectability and economic prosperity.

I yearn to be optimistic about the longer term but, in all honest objectivity, when witnessing widespread environmental decline in our townscape, jobs stagnation, increasingly alarming poverty levels, third division transport infrastructure, and often hopelessly ineffectual political intervention, then a return to halcyon days seems a desperately long way off.

JOIN THE QUEUE
Those were astonishing scenes in both Edinburgh and London when thousands patiently queued to pay respects to a deceased monarch lying in state. People of all ages, nationality, creed and colour waited in line for punishingly long hours, shuffling slowly forward at all times of the day and night.

Personally, I've a chronic aversion to queues and only join them if absolutely unavoidable. Even as a youngster, I didn't like the tailback seeking admission to the Saturday morning children's club at the Odeon Cinema in Towerdykeside.

The only monster columns of humanity seen in Hawick these days are at Common-Riding time when punters scramble to get their mitts on Hut tickets.

When it comes to supermarket shopping, many customers opt to minimise delays by scanning their own purchases. By the way, why do our Teuonic friends at Lidl in Wilton Path still have a large sign proclaiming availability of self checkouts when these were withdrawn many months ago?

Last weekend I was perturbed to see a small queue awaiting entry to the Common Haugh toilets. The shambolic condition of these facilities is frequently criticised, earning them a 'house

of horrors' moniker. But it really is demeaning and plumbing the depths when those bursting for a Jimmy Riddell or Tom Tit have to publicly wait in line.

RAISING A STINK
Still on a lavatorial theme, there have been adverse comments regarding the chemical waste sluice at the Common Haugh. It seemed to take forever to get this very beneficial amenity installed but, on a positive note, records show many hundreds of campervanners have already used the facility. However, irregular cleaning has led to recurring pong problems which must be resolved to safeguard this vital tourist-friendly service.

Scores of mobile home visitors have already intimated plans to return to Hawick for overnight stays in the coming months, even during winter. Whiffy worries need to be sorted.

Time for our elected councillors to ensure a co-ordinated, regular cleaning rota is funded and maintained.

RED FACE DAYS
Young at Heart, a huge hit for Scottish band, The Bluebells, is one of those feelgood songs which lifts spirits amid so much doom and gloom. It's a very long time since I was young but it remains therapeutic to recall even trivial incidents from yesteryear.

As a kid living at Burnfoot, one of my regular Sabbath routines was visiting Anderson's paper shop in Kenilworth Avenue to collect the family's favourite weekend read, *The Sunday Post*, plus a *Beazer* or *Beano* comic for my own delectation.

On calling into the newsagent's one particular Sunday morning, there was already a middle-aged customer standing at the counter and, immediately behind him, a young mum with an infant in her arms. The child was in boisterous mood and, while flailing his arms around, caught the gent's head, inadvertently and unexpectedly sending a toupee flying across the shop floor. The poor man went from an apparent full head of hair to Kojak lookalike in seconds. Talk about red faces all round.

On another occasion, this time at home, my parents were hosting the church minister and his wife. During the ongoing conversation, attention turned to the subject of literature. Already being a keen reader myself, I nipped upstairs to collect a few of my *Famous Five* and *Secret Seven* volumes to show the guests. Unfortunately, I was often remiss in upholding the parental instruction to keep my book collection clean and tidy.

When I innocently showed the stoor-laden volumes to the Reverend and his good lady, my mortified mother was seethingly speechless, looking absolute daggers at yours truly. Once the visitors left, I was on the receiving end of a memorable domestic science lecture and no-holds barred verbal dust up.

A Teri tribute to the Queen

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Some 250 people attended a thanksgiving service for the late Queen at Wilton church on Saturday.

Proceedings were conducted by the Rev. Lisa-Jane Rankin, alongside the Rev. Alistair Cook, with readings delivered by Lord-Lieutenant the Duke of Buccleuch, deputy Lord-Lieutenant Kirsty Dunlop, Cornet Greig Middlemass, and councillors Stuart Marshall and Jane Cox.

Also in attendance were John Lamont MP, Rachael Hamilton MSP, Provost Watson McAteer, councillors Clair Ramage, and Neil Richards, members of the Common-Riding Committee, members of the Royal British Legion, Guides (both leaders and girls), and Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade leaders.

"It was lovely to see such a cross-section of the community coming to give thanks for the life of the late Queen," said the Rev. Rankin, "and lovelier still that young people from the Brownies and Guides came, especially as her late majesty was a Guide when she was young."

"In my thanksgiving for the Queen, we gave thanks for a monarch who gave



The Duke of Buccleuch, in his role as Lord-Lieutenant, with members of youth organisations who attended the service

her all for the people she served, and all of it done with a smile.

"Her faith was always important to her, and that showed in both her dealings with people and in her Christmas address she did each year.

"There were three Bible readings, one each from the psalms, the gospels and letters, as well as the poem *Floral Tribute* by the Poet Laureate, and we heard some of the late Queen's

own words from one of her Christmas addresses and her more recent pandemic one. Alistair Cook's prayers were excellent and we prayed for the King and his family as they mourn the loss of a much-loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

"We were so pleased the Duke of Buccleuch could attend, as well as our elected representatives and community councillors, and our Cornet."

She added: "Thanks to everyone who attended, to Cammy Renwick who played *Flowers of the Forest* so well, and to Peter Hendriks, our organist, for his excellent musical contribution."

There will be a joint harvest thanksgiving service at Teviothead church this Sunday at 11am, followed by a soup lunch in the village hall, where there will also be a collection for the food bank.

10,353 opinions sought

A total of 10,353 survey forms about the possible redevelopment of The Mair are being distributed to households and commercial businesses in the TD9 postal area.

Fiona Drane, project manager for the St Leonard's Park steering group set up by Future Hawick, the town's regeneration group, said: "We are stepping up our public consultation – we want people to have their say."

Information from the survey will be collated in a report due to be ready by January. As well as via post or email, forms can be handed in at Burnfoot Community Hub, Morrisons and Heart of Hawick which is hosting a consultation event on October 21 (1-4pm).

SBC invites private firms to bid

Scottish Borders Council hopes to save £350,000 by getting private companies to take over day services provided for adults with learning difficulties.

A report to councillors earlier this summer revealed that 187 individuals in the region were receiving day support pre-Covid. This service is provided in a range of settings, including the Katharine Elliot Day Centre, by the local authority's SB Cares organisation and the Galashiels-based Cornerstone charity.

Tenders, in respect of five 60-month contract lots worth a total of about £12million, are currently being sought, with a November 7 deadline.

Hawick councillor Watson McAteer told us: "I

am aware that the Scottish Borders Integration Joint Board, a partnership between Scottish Borders Council and NHS Borders, are progressing with plans to tender for a private contractor to take over the vital services for Borders adults with learning difficulties. Much of this is designed to provide improved services to help those most in need lead more independent lives and should include a mixture of building-based as well as outside services.

"While I have no doubt costs and efficiencies play a major part in these plans, I, for one, would like to see the Katharine Elliot centre being brought back to life, and this project may well be the catalyst for that to happen."



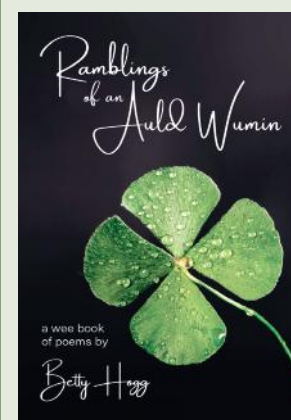
Councillor Watson McAteer

The local authority claims the project will have a positive impact on carers as day support services provide a dual purpose in that it also provides respite for carers and family members.

An SBC spokesperson said: "As part of an ongoing process of modernising our learning disability day support services, the Integration Joint Board agreed in June

this year to commission a refreshed model of support that maximises the independence of individuals with learning disabilities, ensuring there are some buildings-based services for those with the most complex needs and by providing services closer to home, following consultation with families and supported people.

"Our focus needs to continue to shift towards meeting people's outcomes in a variety of settings within a model of support that can respond flexibly. Recommissioning learning disability day support services will both ensure that we make service provision more responsive to people's needs and enable us to provide more cost-effective services."



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Happy holiday group agree – we do like to be beside the seaside

After a three-year gap, the Border Holiday Group set off on their Jumbulance trip on a wet Friday morning.

A strange mood prevailed – all were excited to be heading off, but there was a sadness, too, for the loss of the Queen and a minute's silence was held before the journey began.

The group headed to Birmingham for an overnight stop before travelling the rest of the journey to Exmouth on the Saturday. The Imperial Hotel was the holidaymakers' base for the week.

The group spent a relaxing Sunday in Sidmouth and the following day was spent shopping and exploring Exeter – some signed the book of condolence in the cathedral.

Tuesday was a wet day, but it did not dampen spirits. The Jumbulance was used to travel to Paignton where group members boarded a steam train to travel to Kingswear and get the ferry across the Dart to explore Dartmouth for a few hours.

Wednesday was spent in Exmouth. It was dull in the morning, so it was a trip to the bowling alley which everyone seemed to enjoy. By lunchtime the sun had come out, so a relaxing afternoon was had enjoying the seafront before returning to the hotel to get ready for the group's fancy dress night.

A Border Holiday Group spokesperson commented: "Once again everyone participated and the group were the talk of the hotel. Following dinner, the party continued with dancing and karaoke."

A day trip to Torquay by sea was on the agenda for the Thursday, with a sunny day and calm water adding to the enjoyment. At the destination, it was lunch, shopping and crabbing – "Although a couple of crabs were caught, the biggest catch was the extra crab net, after carer Brian Fowler threw the whole thing in,



Samantha Bell and Amanda Nichol at Paignton



Francis Turnbull and Lesley Fraser in Torquay



Peter Little and Gavin Storie at the zoo

forgetting to hold the other end of the line!" said the spokesperson.

The following day featured a visit to Paignton Zoo, the giraffes being the favourite of many.

It was then back to the hotel for the final evening activity of the week. Throughout the week everyone participated in 'Play Your Cards Right', a race night,



Elliot Ballantyne enjoys an ice cream in Dartmouth

newspaper quiz, bingo and the Border Holiday Group quiz, all of which were hotly competed for.

But Friday was different. It was presentation night where group members

show their appreciation for the hotel staff, Jumbulance driver and VIPs – something the hotel staff had never experienced before. There was

also a surprise presentation for group leader Gordon Jackson, which left him lost for words.

Saturday was an early start as the group had a long journey north to a mystery destination which was finally revealed when Blackpool Tower was spotted in the distance.

Following dinner in the hotel, the holidaymakers were taken by Jumbulance along the front to see the famous illuminations.

Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end, and Sunday marked the end of the trip – but not before stopping for ice cream in Langholm.

The Jumbulance returned to the Haugh at 3pm on the Sunday with some very happy, but tired VIPs and carers – so much had been packed into the ten days.

Although not the group's usual foreign holiday, it was still a trip to remember for all concerned.

The spokesperson said: "Those who travelled this year were all from Hawick and surrounding area – VIPs Elliot Balantyne, Logan Bell, Samantha Bell, Scott Goodfellow, Rhona Henderson, Olivia Robertson, David Storie, Gavin Storie and Frances Turnbull.

"The care team were Bryan Hall, Brian Fowler, Amanda Nichol, Mark Wilkes, Jackie Brand, Mags Darroch, Keith Lawson, Peter Little, Judith Hope Wilson, Lesley Fraser, Pauline More and Gordon Jackson.

"None of this would have been possible without the generosity of those individuals and beneficiaries who support the group, with thanks to Morrisons for their voucher and Sainsbury's for their voucher and assistance, hosting the Jumbulance for a night."

The group will meet again in a few weeks' time for a reunion, where trip diaries and DVDs will be given to all those who travelled.



Olivia Robertson and Keith Lawson in Torquay



Jude Hope-Wilson and Rhona Douglas in Exeter



Pauline More, Scott Goodfellow and Gordon Jackson at the zoo



Brian Fowler and Logan Bell in Torquay



David Storie and Jackie Brand on the prom in Exmouth



Will H. Ogilvie

Ogilvie poems are set to music

Lovers of the poetry of Borderer Will H. Ogilvie are being treated to the launch of a CD in Hawick this weekend, comprising his work set to music and performed by four of the country's top musicians, *Jake Coltman writes.*

Entitled *The Land We Love*, the CD features award-winning singer-songwriter Ian Bruce; teacher and composer Pete Clark on fiddle; accordionist Ian Lowthian, a graduate from the Royal Academy of Music in London; and fiddler and

recording artist, Bruce MacGregor. The idea for the CD is the brainchild of Norrie Fraser, of Eckford-based Well Road Productions, who selected some of Ogilvie's poems which demonstrated the

breadth of his work. He then composed some of the tunes to suit the style of the quartet. "This is a unique opportunity to see these incredible musicians performing together," said

an event spokesperson. The CD will be launched in the Heart of Hawick, tomorrow (Saturday) at 7.30pm. Tickets are £20 (concessions £15), payable on the night.

Formal launch meet for pro-indy group

Aye Hawick, the local pro-independence group, held its formal launch meeting last Friday in the Evergreen Hall.

Journalist and broadcaster Lesley Riddoch was the guest speaker, explaining to the audience how Estonia gained its independence.

She also discussed future activities that Aye Hawick could get involved with during the run-up to the referendum scheduled for October next year.

Group chairman Colin Hope told *The Hawick Paper*: "We were delighted to be able to get someone of Lesley's standing to be our first guest speaker. The attendees



Lesley Riddoch

thoroughly enjoyed her presentation and left very enthused." He went on: "With more than 50 attending, including some from other Borders towns, we were very encouraged."

Aye Hawick intends to run a series of "information sharing events and activities" over the next year.

"We're already engaging with similar groups in other Borders towns," added Colin.

Club aiming to make a splash in fund-raiser

Hawick and Teviotdale Amateur Swimming Club is holding a 24-hour swimathon – starting today (Friday) at 1pm – to raise vital funds.

From this lunchtime until tomorrow at 1pm, club members will take it in turns to do stints in the pool.

They will swim during daytime hours, while coaches and adults will take the plunge during the night, with all the money raised going to help the club in the future.

A spokesperson said: "We're raising money to help ensure the longevity of

our club, enabling more and more children in our area to get active and involved – and we'd love townsfolk's help.

"All the money we raise we'll keep, plus we could win up to an extra £5,000 if we're the top fund-raising group taking part in the challenge."

It is all part of the Radio Borders Cash for Kids Sports Challenge, and to donate visit cashforkidsgive.co.uk/campaign/radio-borders-sports-challenge-2022/fundraisers/-hawick-and-teviotdale-swimming-club/



Celebrating fitness

Marking National Fitness Day last Wednesday are Think Fitness member Donna Connelly, *right*, and personal trainer Floris Girdwood. Greg Dalgleish, co-owner of the O'Connell Street gym, said: "Fitness can make you happier, improve your sleep, help you switch off, connect with other people, raise your energy levels and increase your productivity."

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(Duke Street, Hawick)
(Temporary Closing) No 2 Order 2022

The Scottish Borders Council (Duke Street, Hawick) (Temporary Closing) No 2 Order 2022 has been made under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended. The Order, which has a maximum duration of 18 months, will come into force at 08:00 on 3 October 2022 and is expected to remain in effect until 18:00 on 14 October 2022 – 24 hour closure. The Order is required for Hawick Flood Protection Scheme works.

When the Order comes into effect no person shall drive or cause or permit to be driven any vehicle along Duke Street, Hawick from Noble Place to Earl Street. The alternative route for eastbound traffic is via Earl Street, Arthur Street and Noble Place to the point of closure, for westbound traffic the reverse of the foregoing.

A map showing the restriction and alternative routes can be seen at www.tellmesotland.gov.uk.

(Wilton Park Road, Hawick)
(Temporary Traffic Regulation) Order 2022

The Scottish Borders Council (Wilton Park Road, Hawick) (Temporary Traffic Regulation) Order 2022 has been made under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended. The Order, which has a maximum duration of 18 months, will come into force on 3 October 2022 and is expected to remain in effect for a period of five days between the hours of 08:30 and 17:00 each day. The Order is required for resurfacing works.

When the Order comes into effect no person shall (i) drive or cause or permit to be driven any vehicle; (ii) permit any vehicle to wait or to be parked, along Wilton Park Road, Hawick.

The alternative route for north-eastbound traffic is via Wilton Park Road, Overhall Road and Wilton Park Road to the point of closure, for south-westbound traffic the reverse of the foregoing.

A map showing the restriction and alternative routes can be seen at www.tellmesotland.gov.uk.

(C44 Standhill Farm, Minto)
(Temporary Closing) Order 2022

The Scottish Borders Council (C44 Standhill Farm, Minto) (Temporary Closing) Order 2022 has been made under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended. The Order, which has a maximum duration of 18 months, will come into force on 6 October 2022 and is expected to remain in effect for a period of one day between the hours of 08:00 and 13:00. The Order is required for a bridge assessment.

When the Order comes into effect no person shall drive or cause or permit to be driven any vehicle along the C44 at Standhill Farm, Minto.

The alternative route for southbound traffic is via the C44, C53, B6359, B6405 and C44 to the point of closure, for northbound traffic the reverse of the foregoing.

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The great Redpath migration

(PAIRT THREE)

Twins at opposite ends of the Earth



By Alastair Redpath

Ever heard of antipodes? In geographical terms, the antipode of any spot on Earth is the point diametrically opposite to it – ie if you were to draw a straight line through the centre of the planet from Lauder you’d land in the Pacific Ocean, a few hundred miles south-east of New Zealand.

Australia and New Zealand are thus sometimes referred to by people living in the Northern Hemisphere as the Antipodes, and their citizens the Antipodeans.

So, how did twin brothers from Channelkirk end up living at opposite ends of the Earth?

William Redpath, my two-times great-uncle, was schooled in Lauder and raised at St Leonard’s Farm, just south of the town along the A68. The farmhouse

is supposed to have been connected with a church or chapel dedicated to St Leonard – the patron saint of all things Hawick – of which no trace remains. Its thick walls may have also formed part of a hospital founded by Richard de Moreville, constable of Scotland, built for the poor sometime between 1175 and 1189.

This hospital was granted to Dryburgh Abbey by its patron, James de Lauder, and re-affirmed by further grants issued in 1429 and 1432. It does not appear to have survived after this time.

While his twin Thomas, my great-grandfather, would stay on in Lauder for a while, William followed their brother John to a shepherd’s house in the hills above the town, both young men working as agricultural labourers to support their widowed mother, Agnes.

The last definitive record we have of William bidding in Britain is in May 1874, when he attended his sister Agnes’s wedding at Newcastle. If he was still living on these shores for the 1881 census, there are two prime candidates: a Durham police officer based at Mansfield Street in Gateshead; or a Hawick butcher staying in Douglas

Terrace (the lower part of Wellogate Place). The latter was married to Barbara and had an infant son who was born in Galashiels.

Family sources state, however, that William upped sticks for Australia, to find work as a sheep-herder – a slightly different job to that of a shepherd, in that he would herd sheep in vast numbers across unfenced country, driving the flock from the rear.

There is one William Redpath, of Woolgoolga, New South Wales, whose birthday – if not year of birth – matches that of our William, and it seems unlikely there’d be too many Berwickshire-born folk kicking about the Mid North Coast at that time. So, until such time that a death certificate or DNA kit arrives in the post, we’re hedging our bets that this William is our man.

He potentially arrived in Australia in June 1884, first staying at Grafton (a 6½-hour drive north of Sydney), then Corindi Creek and finally at Double Crossing Creek, Woolgoolga – all connected by Australia’s Highway 1, the longest national highway in the world.

The name Woolgoolga derives from the word

‘Wiilgulga’, which was used by the indigenous Gumbaynggirr Aboriginal people to describe the area, specifically the Black Apple trees that grew there. Today the town is home to Australia’s largest Sikh and Punjabi population.

William was among the first generation of white settlers at Woolgoolga and would live there for the next six decades. At the time of his arrival, there were no roads, no shops and all “packed requirements” were brought from Grafton or Coffs Harbour.

While working as a herder, he courted Sarah Henry Walden (b.1851), an English emigrant from Chard, Somerset, who had seven children by her first husband, James Blackadder, and was recently widowed. She had moved to Australia aged six.

William and Sarah were subsequently married on March 20, 1886, either at Goodooga, about eight hours south-west of Brisbane, or in

at least two children born in Grafton, Rita E. (b.1909) and Noel R. (b.1918).

Next to arrive was Jessie Jane (1888-1973), who attended Upper Corindi School and moved thereafter to Bellingen, midway along the Pacific Coast between Brisbane and Sydney, where she married Harry Davey. Her married name, Jessie Davey, may help clear up and corroborate a family story via the late Kenny Stone, William’s great-nephew. He was in the US army during the Second World War and visited William while in Oz. Prior to his death in 2011, he left his niece Jan a note stating that William married a ‘Jessy Davis’, and also that the Redpaths had a large herd of sheep.

Kenny remarked that he didn’t know why William had moved down under, rather “that’s where they sent criminals”!

Jessie and Harry’s kids included: Harry W. (b.1914), a banana grower; Edwin or Eddy Thomas (b.1916),

Bucca. Her wedding to Benjamin Robertson, in late November 1913, was a double affair with sister Jessie and her beau Harry, held at the Church of England in Coffs Harbour. Both brides were bedecked in “ivory-embossed silk, Valenciennes lace trimmings, wreath and veil”, after which they had a muckle family breakfast.

Of Alice and Ben’s offspring, there was: Eileen May (1914-15); Muriel Edith (b.1916); Gladys (1918-2006); a daughter who remains unknown; and at least two grandsons and a granddaughter. She is planted at Woolgoolga Monumental Cemetery under some carefully-crated rose-emblazoned tiles.

There is mention of a potential fourth child, Alma M. Redpath (1904-09), which seems doubtful as Sarah would’ve been in her fifties by the time of the birth.

Although there’s not enough column inches to cover all of William’s step-children, Alexander Blackadder fought with the 2nd Btn. Australian Imperial Force in the First World War. Unlike the Rowan Atkinson-inspired television character, however, this Blackadder returned home.

William’s many decades spent in Woolgoolga is easily explained by his status as a free-selector, someone who, as a settler, was able to select areas of Crown land and acquire the freehold by a series of annual payments.

We don’t hear Bo Peep from the sheep-herder again until September 1892, when he was summoned to Grafton Police Court by his estranged wife Sarah, on account of “leaving her without means of support”. Defendant William was noted as “a maintenance man on the Armidale Road” connecting Grafton with Nymboida. Complainant Sarah contended that he remitted her some small amounts which were totally inadequate for her support, so she had to depend instead on her son. The case,



Possible photo of Thomas Redpath PICTURE: MOFFAT/REDPATH FAMILY

the heritage-listed Christ Church Cathedral, Grafton, depending on the source consulted.

Their first child together, Elizabeth Agnes (1886-1964), would marry and divorce (on the grounds of desertion) Paulus Elseback, and move to Toowoomba, in the Darling Downs, west of Brisbane – where she was laid to rest. The couple had

Eileen Maud (b.1917), Edna May (1923-40), Hazel Eveyleen, and at least two other children. She is buried at Woolgoolga under an ornate blue and white mosaic grave covering.

William’s third child, Sarah’s tenth, was Alice Beatrice Caroline (1897-1981), who lived about ten miles south-west of Woolgoolga at Central

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though, was summarily dismissed as both parties gave contradictory evidence.

Sarah passed away on October 28, 1911, at Bellingin, but is buried at Woolgoolga. William was thereafter employed with Dorriggo Shire Council for 20 years alongside his work as a farmer.

In January 1935, he was threatened by Stanley Holloway, a banana grower, who used “insulting words on a public road adjoining [William’s] property” – which boiled down to threats of murder and a brandished iron bar. Stanley was fined £1 8s (and £11s 6d in costs) for his troubles.

Three years later, William is still listed as a farmer, and on September 22, 1940, celebrated his supposed 90th birthday – which would actually have been his 88th. Had he lied about his age when coming to Australia, or perhaps when he first met his wife? The large gathering included his long-time pal, W. Richards, who commented on William’s “long and honourable association with the district”, and a friend of over 50 years, D. Younger.

Despite his age, William reportedly “still possessed all his faculties” and “valourously undertook the task of blowing out 90 candles on the birthday cake”.

William Redpath would shuffle off this mortal coil on August 19, 1945, and is buried at Woolgoolga, in a plot adjacent to Sarah and some of their children.

His twin brother Thomas, who was also schooled in Lauder and lived at St Leonard’s, stayed on in the Scottish town for good reason: an older woman!

Aged around 16, he was courting Agnes Short (b.1845), seven years his senior. She was the illegitimate product of a brief love affair between John Short, a flour miller from Ednam, and Helen Cavers, a seamstress – and was living with her grandparents at Mid Row while earning a crust as an agricultural labourer. It’s not beyond the realm of possibility that the pair first locked eyes across a field.

When 1868 came around, Agnes was a domestic servant and Thomas a carter. Carters typically worked with a horse and trap, carrying produce from the country into the towns on market days. Many stood outside auction houses or any place where produce was being sold, and then



Woolgoolga, Mid North Coast of Australia

PICTURE: VISIT NSW

touted for business as the purchasers left for home.

The couple’s first child, Thomas D. Redpath, would be born out of wedlock on May 18, 1869, at Lauder. Agnes and Thomas were then married on August 17 that same year, in time for the arrival of their second son, James, on January 17, 1871. Thomas had by then ditched the cart to do some manual work at Cocklee Farm, located midway along the back road between Lauder and Earliston, coincidentally near the hamlet of Hawickshiel.

For the birth of their next son, John, on March 30, 1876, the family had flitted to Ettrick Crescent (Buccleuch Road) in Selkirk, moving them to within a few streets of sisters Betsy and Agnes, and elderly mother Agnes. John was likely named in memory of his late uncle who was killed in the railway accident (see last week’s paper).

The migration from Lauder to Selkirk appears to have been an economic one, with Thomas now employed in the woollen trade – perhaps at nearby Bridgehaugh Mill or Forest Mill. On June 11, 1877, tragedy struck when six-year-old James died following a prolonged bout of whooping cough and pneumonia, and he is buried at Brierylaw Cemetery in the town.

Within a few years, the family were on the move once more to 42 Buccleuch Road. Sons Thomas and John both attended Selkirk Parish School where, in July 1881, Thomas junior was awarded for being the top pupil in English studies. As far as I’m aware, Thomas and I are the only published authors in the paternal Redpath line.

Tragedy soon struck again when Agnes died suddenly on October 23,

1884, from phthisis or pulmonary tuberculosis, aged 39; she’s buried alongside her son James.

When the weight of grief lifted, Thomas fell in love with a younger woman, Jane Brown McKay, my paternal great-granny, who was born on June 21, 1867, at Innerleithen. The McKays lived in an old mill at Innerleithen, where her father Neil worked as a wool spinner and her sisters as wool weavers. Jane’s mother, Isabella Turnbull Hope, had roots in both Traquair and Stow.

Aged 14, Jane took up work as a woollen doubler and the McKays soon moved to Selkirk as a working family of spinners, twisters, weavers and darners. I had to look up some of these terms! Doublers combined two or more strands of yarn from one bobbin onto another without twisting them; twisters tended the machines that spun together two or more strands of yarn and transferred filled spools; and darners mended holes in woven cloth.

Thomas and Jane (now a woollen weaver) were married at Selkirk Manse on June 17, 1886, by the Rev. James Farquharson, minister of Selkirk. She was staying at 8 Hallidays Park and he still lived in Buccleuch Road. Their first child together, Isabella or Bella Hope Redpath, was born a Souter on January 8, 1888, but within a matter of months a decision was made to set up home in Hawick – more on which, next week.

Credit: Ancestry, Jan Brown; World Conference on Records (1980), Elizabeth Simpson; Friends of Salford Cemeteries Trust; Libby Shade’s Page of Family Trees; Woolgoolga: The History of a Village (1982-94), Neil Yates; National Library of Australia.

● ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Earlier this month, president Evelyn Jackson introduced Rob Longworth, of the Trimontium Trust, for the society’s first live lecture in the high school for around two-and-a-half years.

Rob joined the trust as its first full-time employee at the beginning of 2020, taking up the role of heritage resources development officer.

Alluding to his post, he said he felt “privileged to be working in a stunning part of the world on a fantastic redevelopment project for one of the most important Roman sites in Britain”.

Rob began his lecture, entitled ‘Trimontium, Past, Present and Future’, by covering the past of the site, near Newstead and the Eildon Hills, and known as “the place of the three hills”. It was built about AD79 and deserted and reoccupied several times in the period up to about 211 AD when the fort was deserted forever. At one time, it had a permanent garrison of 1,000 soldiers with a population of between 2,000-5,000.

In 1860, the excavation of a railway cutting near Newstead found numerous pits with a large amount of Roman artefacts but no detailed investigation was carried out.

However, from 1905-1910, James Curle, a Melrose solicitor and amateur archaeologist, excavated the site on behalf of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland. His finds were staggering – both in terms of the artefacts found which included a cavalry horse and a human body, and how they enabled a remarkable reconstruction of the fort.

Rob’s other main task was to renovate the old, existing Trimontium museum in Melrose and create a state-of-the-art facility. This he has managed successfully with the Trimontium story told through exhibits, with audio-visual and interactive displays. It has one of the finest displays of Roman and Iron Age finds north of Hadrian’s Wall, and is a VisitScotland five star-rated facility.

Rob concluded by showing a future two-storey extension which will be located at the rear of the museum and used for education purposes, discussion areas, storage and office space. Currently, there are several projects for primary and secondary school pupils both in the

museum and on the fort site. These would be developed further once the extension is completed. –BT

● CAMERA CLUB

The new season has just started and a warm welcome awaits all new and existing members. Anyone interested in taking photographs, digital manipulation and meeting like-minded people is invited to come along to the weekly meetings.

Whether an experienced photographer or just starting out with a new camera, fellow members’ tips and tricks will improve your photography.

Meetings are held in the clubrooms at 78 High Street every Thursday from 7.30-9pm. More details at www.hawickcameraclub.co.uk –KB

● COGSMILL

SWI vice-president Margaret Young opened the first meeting after the summer break, before introducing federation secretary Ann Redpath who gave a talk on the cookbook she put together during one of the lockdowns.

Providing ideas for easy meals, baking etc and a diary of the Covid restrictions at that time, it was a very informative account of what was happening to us all, especially the insight into the farming community during lambing time.

Ann also showed members how to make drop scones, after which Margaret gave the vote of thanks. A lovely supper was provided by Mary and Rae, followed by a few business items being discussed.

Voting papers were handed out ahead of the business meeting on Wednesday, October 19. This meeting will also include a tai chi demonstration by Mike Henderson. Members should wear loose clothing. The ladies who helped at the cream teas are asked to wear or bring along their T-shirt if they had one. –CL

● ROTARY CLUB

The club has changed its pattern of weekly meetings and now meets on the second and last Thursdays of each month. The most recent get-together at Mansfield House Hotel took the form of a business meeting at which a wide variety of projects and proposals were discussed. –RS

● SENIOR CITIZENS’ ASSOCIATION

Carpet bowling has resumed in the Evergreen Hall on Tuesdays/Fridays from 2-4pm. All welcome and no experience necessary for a social, fun afternoon. –CL

No levelling-up on the water

Angling

Another month with very little in the way of rain – the small rise in water of around 17 inches did nothing but stir up the algae and weed.

Any attempt to fish required constant cleaning of flies enveloped in this floating weed.

The last week, when spinning for salmon was allowed, saw over 1,000 fish caught. The majority of these were landed on the lower beats where they have been held up waiting for water. The following week, when it was fly only, the catch dropped to around half that number.

Many of the salmon pools require a decent flow of water to work the fly, so in low water conditions the spinner has the advantage. The majority of these fish were fairly coloured with very few clean silver fish among them.

A couple of sea trout were taken off our water, but it was disappointing that a few more were not caught. It is also noticeable that there are very few sea trout being caught on the Tweed.

We can only hope that when we

eventually get some meaningful rain it brings some fresh autumn fish into the system.

The trend over the past few years has been for the summer run of salmon to increase and the autumn run to decrease. But, overall, the numbers are well down on the total catch.

The water in Acreknowe is reaching a worrying level. Fortunately, the drop in air temperature will help.

Due to the danger of soft mud and silt, the angling committee took the decision to stop all fishing on the loch. To highlight the danger, a mortar bomb appeared through the mud and was blown up by an army bomb disposal squad.

Williestruther is being very lightly fished, while the level at Barns Loch is also well down, but still fishable. A few nice fish have been caught on dry fly.

Barnes closes at the end of the month as does river trout fishing.

The in-river flood prevention work will finish at the end of the month. With lots of various materials to be removed from the river, it is inevitable that there will be some discolouration, but this should be minimal.

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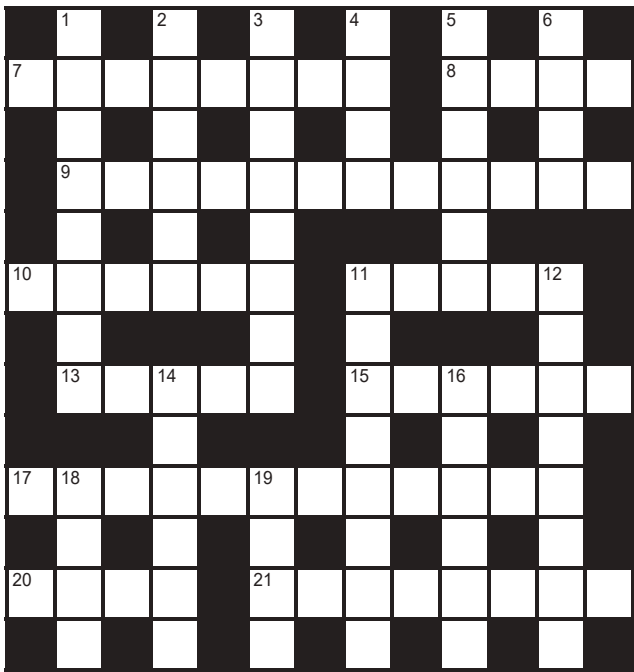


ACROSS

- 7 Pastor to cook simmered beef (3,5)
8 Defect (4)
9 Not on purpose (12)
10 Very intense (6)
11 Ordered set (5)
13 Native American icon (5)
15 Cease to hold (6)
17 Parent's pet? (9,3)
20 "Coppelia" costume (4)
21 Raises the hem (8)

DOWN

- 1 Plant scientist (8)
2 Dealer in foodstuffs (6)
3 Crazy Adam bred something unpleasant at night (3,5)



- 4 100 mph (1,3)
5 Not broadcast (3-3)
6 Bucket (4)
11 Would-be thespian's big chance (8)
12 Ambiguous answer (3,3,2)
14 Adopted (4,2)
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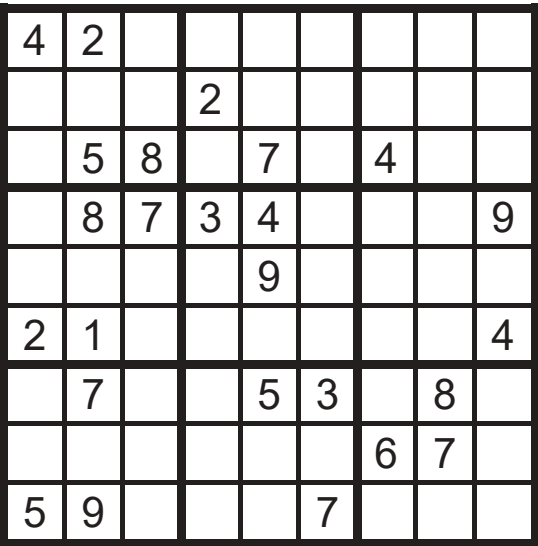
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Sudoku



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS
Across: 6 Castrato, 8 Oak, 9 Sprinkler head, 10 Relict, 12 No good, 14 Ent, 15 Tarmac, 16 Hoo-hah, 17 Weeping willow, 20 Lag, 21 Molasses. **Down:** 1 Stoicism, 2 Market economy, 3 Hole in the wall, 4 Noah, 5 Oklahoma, 7 Asp, 11 Elatedly, 13 Ghoulish, 18 Pigs, 19 Owe.

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6	3	7	9	5	2	1	4	8

Quiz

- By Brian Tait, Archaeological Society**
1 Where can you see the late Bill McLaren's saying "as slippery as a baggy up a Border burn" within the Hawick flood protection scheme?
2 Who erected the plaque on the High Street wall of the town hall explaining where the Hawick Mercat Cross had been located?
3 When was Rinkvale Cottages built and what are they named after?
4 Where and when was Hawick Rugby Club's first-ever game played?
5 For what event did Kerr Hartop, a pupil at Hawick High School, write the song *The Best O'A?*
Answers: Page 18

Word is ...

By Douglas Scott
GUAIRD
Also spelled "gaird", this is the same as the English "guard".
As a verb, Wullie Landles used it in lines such as "He'll keep your fit weel on the way, for aye he guairds his ain", and May Butler wrote "Holstered pistols cairried for gairdin' o' the fairms". As a noun, David Hill gave us the lines "Frae Hawick Muir, wi its guaird o' hills doverin into a dappled sleep" and Ian Landles wrote "Where heath-clad hills stand guaird aroon', and crystal rivers tummlie doon".

Athletics

Off the back of successful 5ks in the last few weeks, Teviotdale Harriers duo Robbie, centre, and Irvine Welsh competed in the Sport in Action 10k in Carlisle at the weekend.
In a field of 87, both ran personal bests with 17-year-old Robbie finishing first in 36.16 and 15-year-old Irvine landing third place in 37.23.
Both boys are grateful to the Young Teries funding they receive.



Bowls

BUCCLEUCH
The seniors played their final game in the seniors' cup against Kelso on Tuesday.
It was a day when the Buccleuch should have recorded a victory with three out of the four rinks recording a wins.
Unfortunately the one rink that was down was the J. Reilly-skipped rink, which swung the game to Kelso.
Top rink for the Buccleuch was the Alec Martin-skipped rink, ably supported by Bob Leithead and Fran Graham.
Rink scores: G. Johnstone 17, C. Patterson 16; J. Reilly 10, C. W. Patterson 23; J. Williams 12, R. Paxton 11; A. Martin 14, D. Poloczec 11.
Saturday saw the club hold its final closing day picnic, with 23 players taking part.
Eventually the final was contested by the Jim Williams triple, supported by Kevin Olsen and Eddie Hall against the Jim Wallace rink, supported by Norman Whellans and Joan Olsen.
It was nip and tuck over the eight ends, with the Williams rink getting home by a single shot.
President Mary Martin supplied an excellent buffet.

HAWICK
Tuesday morning saw the gents' senior singles decided with Keith Stewart defeating Jonah Anderson in the final.
On Saturday the Teviot Taxi triples became a new event to the calendar, thanks to this season's president Neil MacAskill.
Twenty entries from all over the Borders took part with the Langholm New triple of Duncan Ritchie Stevie Barker and Ian Scott taking on Brian Gray, Keith Stewart and Bill Anderson in the final.
In an incredibly-close final, the Langholm New triple won 4-3 after seven ends.

Many thanks go to Neil and all his team at Teviot Taxi for a well-supported new addition to the card and their support of the club.
The season came to an end on Sunday with the playing of the Allan Barker Memorial Trophy acting as the final picnic.
The final was contested between Irene Wilson and Martin Christy (skip) and David Thomson and David Clark (skip) with Irene and Martin taking the trophy 6-4.
The players retired to the clubrooms for a meal and were delighted to be presented their prizes by Allan's wife Maimee.

WILTON
On Saturday a total of 51 club members took part in the final fixture of the West Stewart Place club's season.
Played as a game of 18 ends between a team representing the president (Colin Easton) and the secretary (Stuart Anderson).
After the match was completed the Colin Easton team had won 138-93.
Top squad for the president's team was Margaret Thomson, Gary Hughes, Jimmy Thomson and Bill Jaffray (skip).
For the secretary's side the best were Ian Gillies, Lesley Pringle and Fraser Clyne (skip).
Rink scores: C. Easton 23, S. Anderson 13; R. Redmond 16, D. Macdougall 14; B. Jaffray 28, M. Scott 4; C. Sutherland 28, P. McCartney 9; A. Taylor 18, S. Macdougall 13; G. Brownlee 12, K. McCartney 17; D. Crozier 13, F. Clyne 23.
To finish off an excellent day Reflex Disco (Jim Thomson) kept the members and friends entertained until later in the evening.
On Tuesday the Wilton senior team of four triples travelled to Peebles to take on a team representing the Earlston and Melrose clubs in the final of the seniors' Knock-Out Cup.
Contested over 15 ends

the final score stood at 45 shots each.
The match was decided in favour of the team which had recorded the most individual rink wins on the day and that was the Earlston/Melrose combination.
League president Colin Thomson, of Peebles, gave a vote of thanks before handing out the prizes to the combined team.
Rink scores: K. McCredie 11, B. Swanston 15; K. McCartney 10, R. Beattie 11; A. J. Kyle 9, G. Cessford 9; C. Sutherland 15, I. Crawford 10.
A total of 20 senior bowlers from the club took part in the gents' seniors' final picnic with the winning duo securing custody of the Gordon Fraser Trophy.
After the completion of the third round of games lunch was enjoyed (prepared by Diane Smart).
The winners with three wins +13 shots were Billy Murray and Jim Dickson (skip). Runners-up were Bert Robertson and Alan Waugh (skip) with two wins +8 shots. In third place were Ger Grierson and Colin Sutherland (skip) with two wins +1 shot.
On Sunday a full entry of 24 combinations took part in the Kittybrewster Pairs at the club.
In the top half of the draw Greg Notman and Alastair Brown lost out to David Clark and George Beagley (Hawick).
The second semi-final saw Alister Taylor and Graham Brownlee defeat Alan Clyne and Fraser Clyne.
The final on rink three started well for Clark and Beagley as they gained the advantage. However, Taylor and Brownlee fought back and with one end to play only one shot separated them.
At the concluding end Clark and Beagley scored the crucial shots to record a win.
The vice-president then presented the Armstrong-supported prizes.

Pump track trial attracts riders from far and wide

Pump track

By GARY HEATLY
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A brilliant trial event was held at the Hawick Community Pump Track on Sunday with keen cyclists new and old using the facility.

The trial was held to show locals – and those from further afield – just what is available in the heart of Hawick and Kevin Mitchell, the chair of Hawick Community Pump Track, was pleased with how things went.

“There were competitors from as far afield as Edinburgh who came on Sunday while we had an under-10s category and the oldest rider was 62, so the Hawick Community Pump Track really is for everyone,” he said.

“We are hoping to run a qualifier for the World Championships in the next couple of years so we ran the event on the day the same way as one of those would be run, so competitors were involved in heats and then pushed through to the latter stages.

“The standard of some of the younger competitors was really impressive and hopefully they can continue to use the facility and have bright futures on a bike.

“And with more pump tracks set to spring up in the Borders over the next five years, hopefully in time we can set up a Borders Series with legs at each of the pump tracks and really work together to get the best use out of all of the facilities.”

Kevin thanked Kate Jackson from Scottish Cycling for her help in running the day and those who were in attendance were delighted to see Denholm duo William Brodie and Phoebe Gale competing.

In the summer, 18-year-old William was very pleased to win in his age group at the British Downhill National Championships in Glencoe and competed regularly on the UCI Mountain Bike World Cup circuit.

And Phoebe, also 18, finished up a very creditable second overall in the UCI Mountain Bike World Cup junior women's downhill category standings for 2022.

William won the adult male section on Sunday and Phoebe the adult female section while other winners were Draegan Knight (boys under-ten), Katie Benstead (girls under-ten), Josh Findlay (boys under-14), Glen McFarlane (boys under-16), Ellie Benstead (girls under-16) and Jim Findlay



Pump track treasurer Michael Graham, Scottish Cycling's Kate Jackson and young riders Charlie Playford, Amir Gamel, Ellie Benstead and Glen McFarlane

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(vets men).

Meanwhile, if you are able to volunteer at the pump track then visit the Facebook page and drop Kevin a message because helpers are always needed, even if you can spare a couple of hours a month.

And if you run a local business who would be able to donate funds to help keep the pump track lights on during the winter then you can also visit the Facebook page and contact Kevin.



Some of the competitors Katie Benstead, Teddy Fair, Kobi Richardson and Draegan Knight



Lindsey Knox

Orienteer Lindsey is a first class performer

Orienteering

Lindsey Knox has finished first overall in her category on the 2022 City Race Euro Tour after a busy seven months of orienteering in various locations.

Lindsey, from the Roxburgh Reivers Orienteering Club, was in the women's 55-64 category and between March and earlier this month competed in Lisbon and Leiria in Portugal, Basel in Switzerland, Coventry and Birmingham in England, Graz in Austria, Stockholm in Sweden and Gdańsk in Poland.

High points came with second-place finishes in Lisbon and Coventry and wins in Leiria and Gdansk.

Overall, she finished out on top ahead of rivals Pascal Martin and Sandra Mather.

“I have really enjoyed competing this summer and it is nice to get the overall win after some tough events and a lot of travelling,” Lindsey said.

Meanwhile, if anyone in the local area is keen to find out more about orienteering and get involved, Lindsey and the Reivers are holding the second event in the Autumn Series tomorrow (Saturday).

It is at Bowhill between 1pm and 2pm and you can pre-enter via the Roxburgh Reivers Orienteering Club website – roxburghreivers.org.uk – or you can just turn up on the day. There will be plenty of maps available and all are welcome.

“With the Sprint World Orienteering Championships having been awarded to Edinburgh for 2024, orienteering in Scotland has had a big boost and we want to keep that feelgood factor going in the Borders,” Lindsey said.

Snooker

Border League week three (Thursday, September 22) – Hawick Burns B 5, Selkirk Con A 1; Hawick Con D 4, Jed Legion 2; Hawick Con B 2, Hawick Con A 4; Hawick Burns C 5, Hawick Burns D 1; Selkirk Con B 1, Hawick Burns A 5. Free week – Hawick Con C. Breaks of 20 and above – David Clark (Selkirk Con A); Darren Williams, Dougie Hyslop (Hawick Con D); Lee McAllister (Hawick Con A); Mark Riddell (Hawick Burns A).



Joan English is given the Lothian Rosebowl by Mary Towers

Golf

HAWICK

Four-Man Team Open (Saturday, September 24) – 1, R. Williams, W. Anderson, R. Anderson, R. McNeil, 49 points; 2, I. Wright, S. Walker, E. Desport, H. Morgan, 49; 3, C. Gibson, D. Gibson, A. Reid, N. Crawford, 47; 4, D. Leggate, D. Nicholson, J. Telfer, P. Reilly, 47; 5, E. Turnbull, K. Suddon, C. Macdougall, K. Crawford, 46.

Ladies' Medal and Rosebowl (Saturday, September 24) – 1, Fiona

Turnbull 90 (17) 73; 2, L. Spalding 100 (25) 75; 3, Susan Coltman 102 (24) 78; 4, Anne Cockburn 101 (22) 79; 5, Elaine Millar 97 (17) 80.

Junior Champion of Champions (Sunday, September 25) – 1, Max Johnstone 78 (14) 64; 2, Sam Wight 91 (21) 70; 3, Joshua Wight 98 (28) 70; 4, Lewis Cook 111 (40) 71.

MINTO

Ladies Lothian Rosebowl (Saturday, September 24) – 1, Joan English 100 (29) 71; 2, Marilyn Adams 106 (34) 72; 3, Dorothy Elliot 88 (15) 73. Thirteen ladies took part.

Funding our sporting stars of the future

Grant scheme

Sponsors, The Stevenson Trust, Welcome to Langholm, The Jock and Mary Elliot Memorial Trust, and Hawick Sings (Hawick Callants' Club), are delighted to announce the third year of the Young Teries Future Champions Awards.

The aim of the awards is to identify and support Hawick's sporting stars of the future.

The five-year programme has been developed to support and help fast-track young sporting talent from Hawick and is a unique partnership with schools and sports clubs.

It is designed to cater for young athletes, including disability athletes, who live or attend school in the TD9 postal area and who are



in education or the early stages of their career/employment with the ambition to fulfil their potential.

Previous beneficiaries of the Future Champions Awards have come from a wide variety of sports – mountain bikers William Brodie and Phoebe Gale; rugby playing

brothers Rhys and Corey Tait; target shooter Isobel Mactaggart; athletes Thomas MacAskill, Maisie Ballantyne, Robbie and Irvine Welsh and Emma Philbin; tennis player Max Ferguson and swimmer Poppie Gibson – all of whom put their funding to good use through

purchase of equipment or travel.

Applications are now being accepted, which will be judged in three categories – five awards of £1,000 for International and National Level, five awards of £500 for National and Regional Level and ten awards of £250 for Regional Level only.

Application forms, which are now available, can be obtained from Think Fitness, high school head of PE Chris South, by writing to Future Hawick at 2 Kirkwynd, or by contacting admin@hawickonline.com.

Look out, too, for Young Teries Future Champions on facebook and Instagram.

Completed forms, hard copy or e-mail, should be returned to the Future Hawick office no later than Monday, October 31.

Badminton dream is on

Equestrian

By HILARY MACTAGGART
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Talented Teri event rider Katie Stephen is a step closer to realising her "dream" of competing at Badminton and Burghley, after achieving a number of goals recently.

The 28-year-old has had a fantastic season, completing her first 3* short at Floors Castle International Horse Trials, and the longer equivalent at Blair Castle International, where she and Tartan Chill finished in the top 20 against some of the sport's top riders.

Spurred on by her success, Katie stepped up another level, entering her first advanced class with Tartan Chill at Allerton

Park, where they finished eighth.

"This level has very difficult dressage moves and the show jumping is a course of 1.30m with cross country jumps of 1.20m," explained Katie.

Her other ride, Boris De Blae, also completed Allerton with a show jumping error costing them a top ten finish in the novice class.

A week later, the pair won the novice at Alnwick Ford.

"It feels amazing to finally be achieving my goals," enthused Katie.

"I had a bad setback in February 2019 when I broke my back in three places.

"I pushed myself to be eventing that June, but underestimated how long it would take to get back to full fitness.

"To finally be fit and

strong and able to really push towards my goals is an amazing feeling."

Katie has reached the top of national level and dreams of competing at Badminton and Burghley.

"Completing the advanced at Allerton really was incredible.

"I have dreamed of eventing at top level and for it to finally be happening is just phenomenal.

"To do it with Tartan Chill makes it even more special – he is a true athlete and gives me his heart and soul.

Of "Boris", she added: "I am absolutely delighted with my win at Alnwick Ford

"To get all three phases right in the one day is not very easy and he thoroughly deserved



Katie Stephen and Boris De Blae at Alnwick Ford Trials

the victory.

"He is an ex-racehorse but has adapted well to eventing."

Katie is grateful to her sponsors, including plasterers Blacklock and Douglas.

Jackie can't wait for World Cup to start

Hockey

Jackie Wilson is now in Cape Town, South Africa, with the Scotland women's over-50s squad for the World Masters Hockey World Cup, **Gary Heatly writes.**

The event runs from tomorrow (Saturday) to October 10 and, after numerous matches and training camps over the last

few months, the 54-year-old Borders Fjordhus Reivers player and her team-mates cannot wait to get stuck into the showpiece event.

"We are all very excited to be playing in a World Cup and we have really gelled as a squad because of all the time we have spent together over the last six months," Jackie told *The Hawick Paper*.

"In our pool we have the USA, Germany and Chile

and they will all be exciting opponents to play against.

"The top team from our pool will play the top team from the other pool for gold and silver while the second-placed teams in both pools will meet for the bronze.

"We just have to try and play our best hockey, stick to our game plan and back each other and you just never know what might happen.

"This really is an exciting

opportunity for me personally and I'd like to thank those who have made it possible for me to make the trip including The Scottish Thistle Pedigree Whippet Racing Club. I also received an anonymous donation and I have been overwhelmed by the support from others."

Jackie and her team-mates' first match is against Germany at the University of Cape Town on Sunday.

Jockey Jason hits the heights

Horse racing

By HILARY MACTAGGART
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Teri jockey Jason Hart is in tremendous form, having ridden ten winners in the last fortnight, taking his current seasonal tally to 81 on British soil, plus two major victories in Ireland, and a Group win in France.

He had a double at Chester on Saturday – clinching the novice stakes by a neck on Silent Monarch before adding the seven-and-a-half-furlong handicap on 14-1 chance, the Tim Easterby-trained Devilwala.

"Tim said I wasn't to hit this horse as he looked like he was going to win at Ayr last time but finished second," explained Hart.

Hart was back in the winner's enclosure on Tuesday, riding First Impression to land the middle-distance handicap at Ayr.

On Sunday he rode Benacre to victory in the nursery at Epsom.

He also added another win at Pontefract last Thursday, riding Dora Milaje to a 7-1 win in the novice stakes.

Rowan Scott posted a 5-1 win in the staying handicap at Chester on Saturday getting Novel Legend up by a head for Newmarket trainer James Fanshawe.

At Ripon, Teri trainer Iain Jardine won the feature sprint with 4-1 chance Abolish.

Over the jumps at Market Rasen, Craig Nichol won the three-mile handicap chase on Chase the Wind.

Sedgefield Tuesday's fixture was a landmark for Aidan Macdonald, returning to action following a stroke. He rode the Nicky Richards-trained Kajaki Multiple Sclerosis Borders Racing Club colours to victory in the two-and-a-half mile handicap hurdle.



Jackie Wilson

Young Legion players fight back to outgun Coldstream

Hawick Legion 4
Coldstream Ams 1

By JOHN SLORANCE
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Hawick Legion's young guns blasted their way to an impressive victory in their Border Amateur League B division game against Coldstream at Brunton Park on Saturday.

After conceding a goal in the early stages, Legion came back with a bang to emerge more than worthy winners.

Facing a side sitting in third place in the league table, Burnfoot-based Legion turned on the style, through good quality passing football, and all-round attitude.

Legion had two top performers in Euan Gray, and Oliver Stewart.

Man-of-the-match Gray, had a hand in making three goals, as well as netting himself.

Talking to *The Hawick Paper*, Gray, who was with Hawick Royal Albert United last season said: "It was a good win for us, and a good team performance."

"We are now unbeaten in our last four games and that is great going, as we have a lot of young players in the team and playing against more experienced sides."

"I managed to score a goal and help in others, but was only doing my job, and it's a team game."

Coldstream drew first blood by opening the scoring in the ninth minute, when Zac Brown, found the net with a well-struck drive.

Legion took this in their stride and Jason Inglis had a header, which appeared net-bound, diverted round the post by Coldstream defender Brian Tait, following a Euan Gray corner.

The hosts kept up the pressure and Moises Silveira had an effort kept out by the visitor's keeper one Nick Easton.

Legion then squandered two scoring chances in a matter of minutes.

Up and coming prospect Aaron Common, first found himself in the clear and fired in a shot that was



Hard-working Moises Silveira tracks a Coldstream player in Brunton Park victory



Aidan Oldham shows his commitment

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tipped round the post by the diving Easton.

Scott Craig in turn had a shot pushed away by Easton, when through on his own.

In the 38th minute, Legion got a deserved equaliser when Jason Inglis, prodded home a well-directed Gray corner-kick.

Six minutes into the second period, Oliver Stewart set Gray up to finish well.

Legion ruled the roost from here on in and in the 76th minute increased their lead.

Gray brushed off a challenge, before sending over a cross which was tucked away by Stewart.

Three minutes later Hamish Murray brought an end to the scoring, slotting a Gray cut-back out of the reach of Easton.

Expressing his thoughts, Legion defender and assistant manager Jason Inglis said: "I was very happy with the way we performed."

"We didn't get off to the best of starts, by losing a goal in the opening minutes."

"However, we recovered well and went on to put on a really good show."

"We moved the ball about well and created a lot of

chances and should have scored more goals.

"In our last few games we have been improving, and a win like this had been coming."

LEGION: K. Brown, J. Brockie, O. Stewart, A. Oldham, J. Inglis, F. Gordon-Wooley, A. Common, C. Law, S. Craig, E. Gray, M. Silveira. Subs: J. Turnbull, C. Caldwell, H. Murray, G. Moffat, L. Bouglas, C. Murray.

Tweeddale Rovers 2
Hawick Waverley 5

Hawick Waverley opened the scoring with just six minutes gone against Tweeddale.

Jordan Yardley dispatched a cross, from Lewis Robertson.

Twelve minutes later, Yardley notched what was to be his tenth goal in five games with a well-struck free-kick.

On the half-hour mark, Rovers reduced the leeway, through Stuart Mullins.

But Waverley came rallying back and a minute later Charlie Hope scored an excellent goal after Matty Linton had done the spadework.

Within two minutes Linton netted his first counter of the term.

In the 59th minute,

Tweeddale pulled another goal back, from a Grant Wilson strike.

Substitute Scott Duncan then made it a nap hand for Waverley, in the 63rd minute.

Reflecting on his side's triumph, Waverley manager Jordan Gracie said: "The boys put on a brilliant show."



James Hay shapes to shoot in defeat to Selkirk

"The entire side played exceptionally well."

"Lewis Robertson deserves a special mention, though, as he was just phenomenal and covered every blade of grass on the park."

"We went for the jugular right from the start and, apart from a brief spell

at the start of the second half, we played that way throughout the game."

Hawick Colts 1
Selkirk Victoria 2

Hawick Colts lost to Selkirk Vics and tumbled out of the Wright Cup at Wilton Lodge Park on Saturday.

With a place in the final of the competition awaiting the victors Colts broke the deadlock through Kevin Strathdee, who netted from a Nathan Gillie pass.

Selkirk got on level terms, when a shot from an attacker was deflected into the net by Colts' Colin Turnbull.

The woodwork then prevented the home side from restoring their lead, when a Kevin Strathdee shot hit the bar.

Victoria grabbed what was to be a winning goal, just after this.

Colts' Kevin Strathdee said of matters: "It was a very disappointing result for us."

"We had the better of the first half. Overall, though, we just didn't perform."

"Our attitude was poor, we missed chances and got what we deserved. Selkirk were the hungrier side."

Hawick victory is lost in red mist

Peebles Rovers 2
Royal Albert 2

A last-gasp goal denied Hawick Royal Albert their first win of the season.

Robbie Renwick edged Rovers ahead with 15 minutes gone.

Harry Fowler equalised in the 52nd minute and within five minutes To Hon To put Albert in front.

With the clock agonisingly ticking down, Ross Lamb levelled the score with a free-kick.

Seconds before the Rovers' leveller, there had been a spell of real drama, as the Royalists were reduced to nine men due to the red-carding of Sean Solley and Robbie McPherson – with Peebles man Michael Robertson also dismissed.

Giving his views on this Border derby meeting, Royal Albert manager Kenny Aitchison, told *The Hawick Paper*: “It was a gutting way to end the game, as far as we were concerned.

“We were a goal up and were looking pretty comfortable and seemed set for our first win of the season, as time was running out.

“It then went crazy. I didn't actually see the incident myself, as it was during a counter-attack, but Sean Solley stupidly got involved in an off-the-ball tussle with a Peebles player.

“Robbie McPherson, somehow also got involved in the fracas and it ended in Sean, Robbie and the Peebles boy – who I believe had been the instigator of the incident – all being red-carded. Peebles were awarded a free-kick, from which they scored to get a draw.”

Aitchison added: “Our discipline let us down badly and that cost us.

“The players were told this, in no uncertain terms, in the dressing room after the game as behaviour like this is unacceptable.”



Drumlanrig, back from left: Freya Walker, Rylee Domingo, Callun Huisamen and Joe Beattie. Front: Robbie Drysdale, Peyton Corrie, Cole Davidson and Ellie Cowan

It's Drumlanrig's day

Sunday saw Drumlanrig A taste success in the inaugural primary school tournament at Albert Park.

Wilton, Stirches, Drumlanrig, Trinity, Burnfoot and Denholm were all involved in a round-robin competition which produced great excitement and goals galore.

In the semi-finals, Drumlanrig A beat Burnfoot, while Trinity A got the better of Trinlty B.

Come the final, Drumlanrig turned on the style with a 6-0 win.

Royal Albert committeeman Gordon Solley said: “It was a fantastic day. More than 60 kids took part and they all enjoyed themselves.

“There was a lot of good football and some very talented young players.”

He continued: “The club would like to thank Yvonne Gilfillan, of [flood scheme main contractor] McLaughlin & Harvey, who sponsored the event which we hope will now be held annually.”

Royal Albert players Robbie McPherson and Harry Fowler were the referees.

Every player received a free lunch from Morrisons.

Albert take on table toppers

By JOHN SLORANCE
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There is a meeting between the bottom and top of the table in the East of Scotland League Second Division at Albert Park tomorrow (Saturday).

Lowly Hawick Royal Albert – who have yet to record a win this season – take on high-flying Dalkeith Thistle who are currently unbeaten in the league.

The Royalists certainly have face a tough task squaring up against the Midlothian side.

Looking ahead to the game, Albert Manager Kenny Aitchison told *The Hawick Paper*: “We are without Sean Solley and

Robbie McPherson, who are both suspended after having been red-carded in our last game against Peebles Rovers.

“Andy Common, however, returns to the squad.

“We have signed a new goalkeeper in Rory McIntyle who played in the Peebles Rovers match.

“Rory is on loan from a junior club and is the eighth keeper we have fielded so far this season.

“Dalkeith are a top side, so it will be a tough game for us but we are improving all the time.”

The match kicks-off at 1.30pm.

On Wednesday evening the Royalists entertain Whitburn at Albert Park

with a 7.30pm kick-off.

Saturday sees Hawick Legion tangle with Polbeth United in the second round of the Scottish Amateur Cup at Brunton Park.

Polbeth play in the Lothian and Edinburgh Amateur League and Legion manager Jory Robertson said: “It's the Scottish Amateur Cup, so you never know what kind of team you are going to play and we know nothing about Polbeth.

“If we perform the same way as we did in our last game against Coldstream I'll be happy though.”

Colts face Biggar United at Wilton Lodge Park in the league while United are away to Selkirk Victoria.

Waverley have no fixture.

Young Teries perform well

Rugby

It was a Sunday to remember for the Hawick Minis at the Duns Festival, keeping a great start to the season going, *Gary Heatly writes*.

The young players headed to the event in fine fettle after performing well at Jed the week before while the primary fives were still buzzing after acting as a guard of honour at the Hawick match with Heriot's on Saturday.

At Duns, Hawick won in the primary four, five and seven age groups while the primary threes are building well and the primary sixes won two and lost two on this occasion.

Lewis Ingles, Euan Miller, James Michael, Lyle Beattie, Ethan Scott, Harris Nichol, Regan Colville, Robbie Nichol, Bailey Durnan, Lexie Bell and Kai Telfer made up the primary seven squad at Duns.

The Chelley Trophy winners from Duns were Harvey Wilson (primary five) for his guts and determination, Eoghan Kelly (primary six) for some silky running and not shying away tackles and Bailey Durnan (primary seven) for massive improvement in his game, both in attack and defence.

A number of players will be in action this afternoon (Friday) when the first Hawick Community Rugby Group Tag Festival of the season takes place at Mansfield Park. It starts at

2pm and primary four to sevens from local primary schools are involved.

On Wednesday, Hawick Youth Rugby's under-16 team defeated Jed Thistle 24-5 away from home in the Inspiresport boy's Borders Town Conference.

And seven days ago, the under-15s also had a win on league duty, getting the better of Selkirk 52-12 at the Volunteer 3G.

Ruairdh Oliver led the way with two tries and three conversions, while Jordan Garcia scored two tries and Ciaran Cannon, Liam Gourlay, Kuba Wydro and Lachlan Beukes all crossed. Rory Swinton kicked two conversions and Josh Wight one.

Today the under-15s travel to Jed Thistle with a 3pm start at The Glebe.

On Saturday in the Border Semi-Junior League the under-18s lost 53-19 at Morpeth up against well-drilled opponents.

Try scorers were Rory Stanger, Owain Gray and Fergus Bell with Owain Gray and Eli Hamilton kicking conversions.

The under-18s will now dust themselves down for a trip to Carlisle tomorrow with a 2pm kick-off with the squad learning and growing all of the time as they go.

■ An opportunity has arisen to work in partnership with Hawick, Langholm and Scottish Rugby as a development officer – contact Graham Hogg via hawickrugbydo@gmail.com



The successful primary seven squad at the Duns Festival

Eight tries leave Heriot's reeling at Mansfield Park

**Hawick
Heriot's**

**52
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By **ATHOLL INNES**

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Hawick coach Matty Douglas warned his Premiership rivals that there is more to come from his side after an eight-try mauling of Heriot's Blues on Saturday at Mansfield Park.

"We are not the finished article," Douglas said, as his rampant players opened the floodgates and ripped Heriot's aside despite a brief second-half spell when they lost a little ground... not to be unexpected amid the turmoil of the contest.

Douglas, was delighted with the performance and the result, but feels there is more to come.

"We went off the boil for a time in the second half and have to be happy with the result. Our set-piece was good and we responded to that and got over that period," he said.

It was an emotional day as Hawick added the Norman Suddon Memorial Shield and the Bill McLaren Shield at the end of an exciting 80 minutes.

Members of the Suddon family were there to see Hawick receive the trophies as the Greens maintained a title challenge with a rumbustious display.

It was all credit also to the Heriot's players, who agreed to an after-match photograph of both XVs despite the scoreline, to mark this occasion.

Hawick honoured Norman Suddon, who died in April.

Norman played 13 times for Scotland and 279 games for the Greens, and the trophy will be contested each time Hawick play Heriot's – the club that he most enjoyed playing against.

The Greens had the bonus point in the bank after a remarkable 40 minutes, leading 26-0 at the break.

Their tries were scored on a day of high-scoring in the Premiership and Heriot's can take positives with three tries of their own and almost a bonus point.



Jae Linton leaves the Heriot's team in his wake on the way to scoring under the posts

PICTURES: MALCOLM GRANT / HAWICK RFC



Hawick lock Shaun Fairbairn, back from injury and making his presence felt

Coach Phil Smith was not too downhearted. "We have a lot of injuries and players to come in and who will add bulk to the squad," he said.

Heriot's succumbed to Hawick's power up front after dominating the early stages without getting

the sniff of a try. Hawick weathered the storm and broke the deadlock in 15 minutes when the forwards drove to the line and Nicky Little was awarded the try and Kris Ford converted.

The Green Machine sensed victory and from a Dalton Redpath kick, the

pack pounced and Ross Graham added a second try with only 25 minutes played and Ford again converted.

It was now one-way traffic as Andrew Mitchell charged though for a try converted by Ford.

The massacre continued in the final seconds as

Redpath romped over and Ford added the points for a satisfying half-time lead.

The Heriot's coach made changes at half-time and this inspired them to allow Oisin Quinn to break Hawick's rearguard and Graham Wilson converted.

But their joy was short-lived as from a lineout throw-in from captain Matty Carryer, who had come on as a replacement, Little drove over.

The match then ebbed and flowed. Craig Robertson scored and Paul Christie converted. Jae Linton, the man-of-the-match, replied for Hawick before Charlie Dineen hit back for Heriot's.

The game finished as one-way traffic as Tom Hope and Ronan McKean wrapped it up for Hawick, with Ford sealing six conversions.

HAWICK: K. Ford; L. Gordon Wooley, A. Mitchell, G. Huggan, L. Ferguson; K. Brunton, G. Welsh; S. Muir, R. Graham, N. Little, D. Redpath, H. Donaldson, S. Graham, J. Linton, C. Sutherland. Subs: M. Carryer, T. Hope, S. Fairbairn, C. Riddell, R. McKean.

GREEN ZONE

THE LATEST NEWS AND VIEWS FROM HAWICK RFC



TOUGH AWAY TRIPS:

Last Saturday was a great day. Two excellent wins for Hawick and the Force. Well done to all involved.

The Bill McLaren Shield was retained and the new Norman Suddon Memorial Shield was won.

We now go to GHA and Biggar on Saturday – two tough assignments.

As always a good travelling support will help the boys in green.

MATCH-DAY PROGRAMME PRIZE:

This season the club are awarding a cash prize of £100 to one lucky supporter.

Don't forget to collect each home Premiership match-day programme, together with the team-sheet insert, and once the last regular season home league game (currently Currie on January 14), entries for the prize draw will be welcomed, on presentation of all nine complete programmes.

So don't miss out. Make sure to buy your programme at the next home game.

INTERNATIONAL TICKETS:

Members wishing to apply for tickets for the games against England and France have to do so by Friday, October 14. More details of ticket prices are on the HRFc and SRU websites.

Applications should be made to D. Wright, international ticket secretary, direct or via the treasurer at HRFc on treasurer@hawickrfc.co.uk

NEW DATE: The Hawick v Musselburgh game has been rescheduled for Saturday, November 19.

■ Tim Tunnicliffe will visit Mansfield Park today (Friday). Tim will be on day 24 of his 'Great Rugger Run', raising funds for the My Name's Doddie Foundation. Why not go along and give him a cheer on his way to Jedburgh.

Quins enjoy a thumping win

**Earlston
Harlequins** 8
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Earlston got the East Bowl round one tie under way at The Haugh and right from the off the visitors piled on the pressure on Saturday. After ten minutes the Teries turned that pressure into points with Fred Stevenson catching the defence napping with a quick tap and go to crash over under the sticks. Adam Hall added the simple conversion.

Harlequins were soon on the attack again and this time used the width with winger Mark Nichol just caught short managed to offload to Steven Mabon to go over in the corner. Hall again added the extras.

Earlston got some points on the board with a penalty after their first foray into Quins territory. Right from the restart, holes started to appear in the Earlston defence and after some good play by Rikki Kiore and Ross Aitken the Quins were awarded a penalty 30 metres out and Hall stepped up to extend their lead.

After the restart didn't go ten metres the Quins

capitalised by pinning Earlston into their own half. After a few phases the plucky Earlston defence were soon scrambling and Gav Douglas squeezed over out wide. Hall again added the extras.

The game started to break up with a couple of injuries and some ill discipline from the home

side resulted in them receiving a yellow card and the Quins a penalty try, seeing the visitors lead 31-3 at the break.

Straight from the second-half kick-off the Quins piled on the pressure and some more ill discipline for Earlston left them down to 13 men.

Quins took full advantage

shipping it wide for Nick Swanston to score in the corner. On-form Hall converted from the touch line.

After the restart a home player took out second row Will Ryan in the air which resulted in another yellow for Earlston.

However, after a series of penalties against Quins the home side were inspired and after pressure from numerous pick and goes eventually bundled over at the posts. Incredibly the conversion was missed.

The game really started to break up from here on in. Backs and forwards linked up nicely on two occasions for Mabon to score his second of the match

followed by a good break from Matthew Wilkinson setting up veteran Ali Thompson for a well-deserved try. Hall converted one of the two tries.

Liam Lawrence now came into his own with a couple of nice breaks getting the Quins back into the Earlston half and after a loose clearance by the home defence Hall scooped up the scraps to squeeze through a gap and run in the Quins eighth of the afternoon.

With play coming to a close and the home side tiring, scrum-half Neil Anderson made a neat break to put in Kiore for the final try. Hall added the extras to make the final score 62-8.

The Anderson brothers performed extremely well, as did Mabon and Ali Thompson carrying well.

Harlequins are back league business tomorrow (Saturday), hosting Gala YM at Wilton Lodge Park with a 3pm kick-off.

HARLEQUINS: I. Thomson, S. Mabon, C. Richardson, W. Ryan, F. Stevenson, A. Thompson, S. Anderson, R. Kiore, N. Anderson, G. Douglas, M. Nichol, R. Aitken, L. Lawrence, N. Swanston, A. Hall. Subs: B. Taylor, M. Wilkinson, N. Douglas.



Gav Douglas squeezes over for Harlequins' third try in their fine East Bowl win at Earlston

PICTURE: SEL MESSER

Linden stay well in the game but lose out

**Linden
Penicuik** 17
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Always behind in the game, Linden kept in touch throughout and even had chances to take the lead near the end but it was not to be as Penicuik denied the Royal Blues.

The visitors were first on the offensive and the dam eventually burst after 13 minutes when a kick ahead by Penicuik saw Steven Ketchen touch down and Oscar Malone converted.

Mid-way through the first period Linden got off the mark when winger Michael Brownrigg cut a great angle on a Euan Wood pass to go over.

On 35 minutes, a tap penalty well inside their

own half and another kick ahead from Penicuik followed by a hack on saw scrum-half John Sprott race over and Malone converted.

Turning around 14-5 behind, the Royal Blues needed to hit back quickly and they did as No.8 Graham Colville picked up from a scrum five to power over.

Failure to secure the kick-off caused danger but Linden recovered until a clearing box-kick was run back for Aiden Dean to score. Malone converted.

The one area the Linden were dominant was at scrum time with one second-half drive going fully 20 metres. They eventually gained some reward after Tom McDonald went for the line before Aiden Fairbairn twisted in the tackle to touch down for his fourth try of the season. Matthew Mallin's conversion

narrowed the score to 21-17 for the visitors.

A kick-out from defence by Penicuik looked to have created a score at the other end but Linden held out and won a penalty to relieve the pressure.

Only four points behind, the home team worked hard to achieve a try that would not only put them in the lead but secure a bonus point.

As time ticked down, they were chasing the game in their own 22 and a loose pass led to Ketchen sneaking up the blindside to ensure it was Penicuik who claimed the try bonus and put the game to bed.

LINDEN: J. Frew, C. Glendinning, M. Mallin, C. Gracie, M. Brownrigg, R. Graham, E. Wood, M. Boyle, S. Spalding, R. Borthwick, A. Fairbairn, D. Kubicki, J. White, T. McDonald, L. Sharkey. Subs: S. Glendinning, K. Mabon, J. Scott, J. Ford, G. Colville.

Hard graft secures a well-deserved victory

**Force
Heriot's 2s** 19
17

A win was secured at Mansfield Haugh at the weekend, as the Force came out on top in a classy encounter worthy of a National League 1 fixture.

The team had a boost with the return of Renwick, MacLeod, Linton (R) and Donaldson (B).

The crowd was swollen with those expectantly awaiting the long overdue return of two of Hawick's best talents in Sean Linton and Lee Armstrong.

Heriot's came out of the blocks and quickly went ahead with a try that made the most of a their early lineout superiority.

However, the Bailey supporters' club were delighted to see him slot tough penalties, leaving the



Lee Armstrong

Greens trailing only just a fraction at half-time.

David Cranston and Eddie Brogan deserve huge credit for providing a pitch and surrounds that allowed both sides to play quick, attractive rugby.

The second half was almost all Force pressure, with the home-grown talents of Comley, Young, Douglas and Delaney setting

the hearts racing with swift attacking play.

The Force scored two lung-bursting tries through Renwick and Linton, with Donaldson adding some extras.

However, it was the defensive bravery of Harris Brogan and Murray Renwick that won the day with the visitors being denied repeatedly.

These lads, with a mix of older heads, played as well as anyone in the firsts, exemplified from the front by Sam Frizzel but it was undoubtedly Matthew Huggan who won the man-of-the-match accolade.

Now the task is to keep this standard going.

FORCE: J. Delaney, S. McMichan, L. Armstrong, F. Douglas, B. Graham, B. Donaldson, C. Comley, M. Hutton, G. Welsh, R. Linton, C. Renwick, M. Renwick, S. Linton, R. Macleod, H. Brogan.



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Shield honours Norman's memory

Jenny Sharp, Daniel Suddon, Abbie Linton, Emma Suddon, Rhona Suddon, Christine Suddon, Tracey Sharp, Keith Suddon and Rachel Sharp were all at Mansfield Park on Saturday and presented Greens man Andrew Mitchell with the inaugural Norman Suddon Memorial Shield.

The family have donated the shield in memory of Norman, who died in April, to be played between Hawick and Heriot's once a year, taking it in turns home and away. His daughter Tracey told us: "Heriot's was a team my dad really enjoyed playing against so we thought it was fitting to have

it played for in this fixture. We were all invited down before the game for lunch and all enjoyed watching Hawick come away with a victory.

"My brother Keith presented the shield – a moment my dad would have been very proud of."

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Confident clubs are ready for challenges

By GARY HEATLY

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Hawick RFC and Hawick Harlequins are both looking to keep their winning runs going tomorrow (Saturday) on a busy day of local rugby.

Since they drew with Selkirk in their Tennent's Premiership opener on August 27, the Greens have defeated Jed-Forest, Edinburgh Accies and Heriot's Blues.

It means they travel to Glasgow to take on GHA this weekend looking for their fourth victory on the spin while the Quins will be out for third win in a row.

The Quins defeated Lismore on September 17 in Tennent's East Region

League Division Three and backed that up on Saturday by triumphing over Earlston in the East Bowl.

Tomorrow they are back on league business at home to Gala YM at Wilton Lodge Park.

For their trip to Braidholm, Hawick have Shaun Fairbairn back from injury and he starts in the second-row. Calum Renwick gets a start in the back-row while young back Finlay Douglas could make his first XV debut from the bench. He is the latest Hawick Youth Rugby graduate to get his chance.

"We are looking forward to it," captain Matty Carryer said.

"Against Heriot's Blues we played some good rugby

and scored some nice tries, but we felt like we took our foot off the gas late on and we have worked hard in training to iron a few things out.

"GHA have started the season pretty well and pushed Currie Chieftains hard on Saturday, so we know that we need an 80-minute performance."

On the Quins recent run, their head coach Brian Renwick said: "Credit to the guys who have come together to form the squad and two wins in a row have given everyone confidence.

"We are looking forward to being at home this weekend."

Elsewhere, Hawick Linden are on the road to Dunbar in Tennent's East

Region League Division Two after a home loss to Penicuik last time out while the Force are away to Biggar.

That one is in Tennent's East Reserve League Division One and the Force should be feeling good heading into it after a 19-15 win over Heriot's Blues last time out.

All four matches mentioned are at 3pm while today 'The Great Rugger Run' fund-raiser is set to pass through the town.

HAWICK SQUAD: K. Ford; L. Gordon-Wooley, A. Mitchell, G. Huggan, R. McKean; K. Brunton, G. Welsh; S. Muir, M. Carryer (C), N. Little, D. Redpath, S. Fairbairn, C. Sutherland, C. Renwick, J. Linton. Subs: R. Graham, T. Hope, S. Graham, B. Donaldson, F. Douglas.

World Cup pair thank town for 'great support'

By GARY HEATLY

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They may be 11,000 plus miles away from home in New Zealand preparing for the Rugby World Cup, but Hawick is never far from the minds of Lisa Thomson and Lana Skeldon.

Just over a fortnight ago the Teri duo were named in Scotland's 32-strong squad for the showpiece event which takes place in October and November.

And last Friday they began the journey to the Southern Hemisphere where centre Lisa, 25, and 28-year-old hooker Lana will look to play starring roles for their country.

This is the first time Scotland have been at a World Cup since 2010 and this week the squad have been acclimatising Auckland ahead of their first Pool A match against Wales on Sunday, October 9, at Northland Events Centre in Whangarei.

That game will be live on ITV with a 5.45am UK time kick-off and as locals get ready to set their alarm clocks, Lisa said: "The support myself and Lana get from the local community in Hawick is really great.

"After I found out that I had been selected for the World Cup I had a lot of nice messages of support and it is great to know that people will be getting up early to watch the first match.

"I think Hawick punches above its weight when it comes to rugby and Lana and myself are always proud to represent the town on the wider stage when we get the chance."

Lisa is excited that some of her family – dad Allan, mum Susan, brother Matthew and granny Ann – will be making the trip to watch her play in person, while Lana said: "Only recently I met with Hawick president Ian Landles and it is always great knowing



Lana Skeldon



Lisa Thomson

that the club and the rest of the town are behind what myself and Lisa are doing.

"If you'd told me when we were younger and became friends that one day we'd be going to a World Cup I would not have believed you, but now it's happening and we are excited."

From next week we will have exclusive columns from the duo to bring to The Hawick Paper readers from New Zealand.



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