

Lauder Common Riding 2025



SAFETY NOTICES

Participation & Liability

- **Personal Responsibility:** All individuals participating in or observing Lauder Common Riding do so entirely at their own risk.
- **Liability Disclaimer:** Whilst every care has been taken by the organising committee and relevant landowners in facilitating these events, neither the organising committee nor the landowners accept any responsibility or liability for any injury, damage, or loss incurred by participants or spectators.
- **Insurance Requirement:** It is the sole responsibility of participants, or their legal guardians in the case of minors, to ensure they have adequate and appropriate insurance cover for personal injury and third-party liability.
- **Competence & Equipment:** Participants must ensure both they and their mounts are suitable and competent for the event. Wearing appropriate protective clothing, including approved headgear, is mandatory. Berets, Glengarrys, and bowlers (including safety bowlers) are strictly prohibited. All participants should take all reasonable steps to ensure their own safety and that of others during the event.
- **Traditional Protocols:** Riders and spectators must respect the traditional protocols associated with the Common Riding.
- **Steward Instructions:** Participants must comply with the instructions of the Mounted Marshals and Foot Stewards, who will be identifiable by Marshal armbands or high-visibility jackets.
- **Enforcement:** The Head Marshal reserves the right to remove any rider from the event for non-compliance with these instructions. The safety of riders, spectators, and horses is paramount.

Horsebox Parking

- **Location:** Horsebox parking is provided in the grounds of Thirlestane Castle.
- **Access:** Access will be via the main 'Eagle Gates' entrance on the B6362.
- **Directions:**
 - From the north: Turn left onto the A697 at Carfraemill roundabout, signposted for Coldstream, then continue for approximately 5 miles before turning right onto the B6362 signed for Lauder.
 - From the south: Turn right from the

A68 onto the B6362 just before Lauder, signposted for Coldstream.

- **Restrictions:** Horseboxes will not be allowed access to the centre of Lauder, and there will be no parking at the Burn Mill on the Galashiels road.

Vehicle Parking Restrictions

- **Wednesday (Fancy Dress Parade):** No vehicles parked in The Avenue, Mid Row, Market Place, and West High Street (except in lay-bys off A68).
- **Thursday (Preliminary Ride):** No vehicles parked in The Avenue until after horses depart at 6:15 p.m.
- **Saturday (Common Riding Day):** No vehicles parked in Mid Row, Market Place, West High Street, The Loan, Stow Road (to Upper Loan Park), Edinburgh Road, The Row, Castle Wynd, East High Street, Mill Wynd, and Whitlaw Road (to the Fire Station). All these areas will be marked with cones.
- **Waterin' Stane:** At the Waterin' Stane, vehicles are requested to park in designated areas under the supervision of stewards. No cars will be allowed to pass the stewards unless they have an official parking pass.
- **Golf Club Area:** In the interests of safety, please refrain from parking at the Golf Club. Stewards will ask any drivers to divert via Threepwood Crossroads to minimise the risk to pedestrians.

Spectator Safety

- **Safe Distance:** Spectators are asked to stand a safe distance from the cavalcade at all times and not to try to cross the path of any horses.
- **Assistance:** In the event of any problem or emergency, please immediately notify the nearest foot steward or mounted steward.
- **Litter:** Please tidy your litter; any litter should be deposited in the nearest bin or taken home.

Young Rider Medals

- **Collection:** Young Rider medals for Common Riding Day will be available to collect at the Waterin' Stane by any riders under the age of 12.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Ex-Cornet Fraser Middlemiss,
HEAD MARSHAL

CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

Well folks, here we are again getting ready to celebrate our history and traditions with our annual Common Riding. I'm sure everyone looks forward to this time, when we enjoy meeting family and friends.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Common Riding Committee for appointing me as the first woman Chairperson. To hold this position which is a great honour. Michael Middlemiss stood down as Chair at our last AGM. Michael took over the position of Chair just before we went into lockdown due to Covid. This was a really difficult time, but through Michael's commitment and hard work behind the scenes, we were able to celebrate a successful 2022 Common Riding when restrictions were lifted. Michael has now taken on the role of Secretary, and I would like to acknowledge that his help and advice has been invaluable. I would also like to thank the committee members and the volunteers for all their hard work throughout the year – without your commitment our Common Riding would not be the success it is today.

We were saddened by the passing of Ex Cornets, Dave Middlemiss and Ex Cornet Ian Scott – both were great supporters of the Common Riding and will be sadly missed. Our thoughts are with their families and friends at this time.

Our Cornet this year is Rhys Girling, who I am sure will carry out his duties to the highest standard. Rhys has been a keen supporter of the Common Riding, having followed on horseback since he was a young lad. Rhys and his Lass Jessica Donald have been wonderful ambassadors by representing our town at other Common Ridings and Festivals. My congratulations to Rhys and Jessica, I hope you and your families will have

a most memorable week that you will never forget.

This year Gail Millar has been chosen as our Lady Busser. Gail has been a hard-working member of the Committee for 20 years and is always ready to lend a hand when needed. Miss Mollie Ker has been chosen to present the wreath to the Cornet at the War Memorial. Best wishes to you both and I hope you have a fantastic week.

Congratulations to our Silver Jubilee Cornet Angus Crombie-Smith, Golden Jubilee Cornet George Riddell, and Diamond Jubilee Cornet Ian Brotherson. I would also like to thank Ian for all his help and advice. I hope you all have a wonderful time meeting old friends and sharing fond memories.

I would also like to express my gratitude to the people of Lauder for their continued support and enthusiasm.

Cornet Rhys, your big day will soon be here when you will carry the Burgh Standard with honour and pride. I hope you and Jessica have a fantastic week.

"Safe Out, Safe In"

Linda Wilson
COMMON RIDING CHAIRPERSON



LAUDER CORNET AND STANDARD BEARER 2025

Rhys Girling

I think it goes without saying how extremely proud and honoured I am to have been elected Cornet and Standard Bearer for the Royal and Ancient Burgh of Lauder 2025.

I have followed the Common Riding for many years now, watching from the sidelines since 2014, to riding my first ride out in 2019, to then go on and follow other Border towns on horseback that year. Visiting other towns festivals, representing Lauder has been such a privilege, making many new friends that I'm sure will last a lifetime.

I would like to give my best wishes to Lauder's Jubilee Cornets, Silver Jubilee cornet Angus Crombie-Smith, Golden Jubilee Cornet George Riddell, and Diamond Jubilee Cornet Ian Brotherston. I hope you and your families enjoy Common Riding Week. I must thank the Ex-Cornets and the Common Riding Committee for the wise words of advice and guidance throughout the summer, it's been amazing!

Onto my right and left hand men, Ryan and Jake, the support you have given me this summer is fantastic. Friendships that will last a lifetime. It's been truly



amazing spending my time with you both this summer, I hope you both enjoy Common Riding Week. A massive thank you has to go to my family for the support they have given me every step of the way. Mum, for making sure I'm fed and watered also top photographer. Shauna, for making sure I'm ready on time and most importantly top taxi service. I couldn't have done it without you both. My Lass, Jessica, you've been amazing, you've taken on the role as Cornet's Lass with honour. I can't thank you and your family enough for all the support. I hope you all have a great Common Riding Week.

Lastly, the great people of Lauder, the comments and general support from the community has been overwhelming. I hope you all have a wonderful Common Riding Week and thank you all for the support.

"Safe Oot, Safe In"

Rhys Girling LAUDER CORNET

CORNET'S LASS 2025

Jessica Donald

When I moved to the Borders in 2014, I had no idea what the Common Ridings were. But after seeing them for the first time, I knew I had to be part of it.

I picked up riding lessons again and took part in my first Common Riding, and I've loved it ever since. It's a real honour to be representing the Royal Burgh of Lauder as the 2025 Cornet's Lass. I'm so excited for the summer ahead, and I look forward to making unforgettable memories and new friendships. Huge congratulations to Rhys – what an incredible achievement becoming Cornet! You've dreamt of this for as long as I can remember, when you'd talk about it during our riding school and hacking days. I know you're

going to have an amazing summer, filled with moments you'll cherish forever.

To Ryan, Lara, Megan, and Jake – thank you for being such fantastic Right and Left-Hand support. Your warm welcome into this whirlwind of a summer means the world to me. You've helped guide both me and Rhys and we couldn't have done it without you. Here's to a great summer ahead.

"Safe Oot, Safe In"

Jessica Donald CORNET'S LASS



PLEASE NOTE!

LAUDER COMMON RIDING

There will be
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'OFFICIAL' VEHICLES**

required for stewarding & medical provision. This decision has been made on safety grounds and your co-operation would be appreciated.



Lauder Principals 2025 - Brian Sutherland

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

It's that time of year again, and the residents of the Royal Burgh are looking forward to Lauder's Annual Riding of the Marches and all the fantastic events that come with it. It's always a great week where the town comes together to celebrate everything that makes Lauder special.

After five years of hard work, Christine McGee and Rachel Hughes have stepped down as Joint Secretaries — a huge thank you to them both. After wrapping up my own five years as Chairman, I've now taken on the Secretary role, and I'm happy to keep being part of such a dedicated team.

Congratulations to Linda Wilson and Emma McNeill on becoming our new Chair and Vice-Chair. They've both been hugely involved in the Common Riding over the years, and we're in great hands with them leading the way. Our new Head and Assistant Head Marshals Fraser Middlemiss and Craig Connell will no doubt ensure that the Lauder ride remains one of the highlights of the year!

The first Saturday in August is always a big day in Lauder — a chance to catch up with friends, welcome visitors, and enjoy a real sense of community.

This year hasn't been without its challenges — costs are rising and there's more red tape than ever — but the Committee has worked hard to keep things running smoothly and make sure our traditions stay strong.

Our fundraising events have got off to a great start. The Barn Dance, fun rides, and coffee morning were all really well supported — thanks to everyone who came along! There's more still to come, and we hope you'll be part of it.



Make sure to check out the full programme — there's something for everyone. We're excited to host the "Gig on the Rigg" at the park on Common Riding afternoon, and of course the "Cornet's Dance" on Saturday night. Tickets are already on sale — don't miss out!

Keep an eye on our Facebook and X (formerly Twitter) pages for all the latest updates — and don't miss out on our ties, rosettes, and other merchandise that'll be available.

A huge thank you to everyone who helps make the Common Riding happen — Committee members, volunteers, local businesses, and everyone who gets involved. We couldn't do it without you. And if you'd like to lend a hand next year, we're always keen to welcome new members!

Finally, best of luck to Cornet Rhys and his Lass Jessica — you're doing a brilliant job representing Lauder, and we hope you have an unforgettable week.

Michael Middlemiss

HON SECRETARY

LAUDER COMMON RIDING COMMITTEE

RIGHT-HAND MAN

Ryan Murray

2024, being elected Cornet and Standard Bearer for my home town will be up there with one of my most memorable and proudest accomplishments.

Last year was not only a privilege but an honour, from carrying the Burgh Standard to making new friends along the way, once again it's better "felt than telt".

I would like to thank my Lass, Lara for the amazing support you gave me throughout the past year, what a blast we had. To Jake and Megan, a special thank you for your guidance and pointing me in the right direction every step of the way, Jake's directions, mainly being to the bar. Elliot and Connie, another massive thank you to the both of you for all the support and guidance along this journey, your organisation was outstanding.

Congratulations to our anniversary Cornets this year; Silver Jubilee Cornet Angus Crombie-Smith, Golden Jubilee Cornet George Riddell, and Diamond Jubilee Cornet Ian Brotherston. What an honour it must feel celebrating these amazing achievements, I hope you all

have a great Common Riding.

Finally, a massive congratulations to Cornet Rhys Girling and Lass Jessica Donald. You have both taken to your roles with great pride and honour, it has been a pleasure getting to know you guys and spend time at various festivities. You both have so far done your families and the town of Lauder proud, keep embracing every moment along the way. Cornet Rhys, keep doing your job with honour, hold your head high on your big day and carry that Burgh Standard with pride — I will be there riding in support as you finalise your duties.

"Safe Oot, Safe In"

Ryan Murray
RIGHT-HAND MAN



RIGHT-HAND LASS

Lara Tice

Cornet Rhys and Cornet's Lass Jessica, a huge congratulations on your appointments for 2025.

It has been a privilege getting to know yourselves and your families, you have both carried out your duties outstandingly. Summer 2024 is a time I will always be able to look back on and cherish forever. Sharing the most amazing times with Ryan and our boys, creating wonderful memories and making life long friends. It really was a special time for us, watching our son Preston participate in his first Lauder ride inspired us to make sure our boys grow up with the Common Riding traditions at the forefront of their minds. We have already purchased our first family pony so maybe our boys will follow in their daddy's footsteps and

represent Lauder in years to come. Jake and Megan, thank you for guiding us and making our summer even more enjoyable. The support and advice from you both never went unnoticed and was greatly appreciated, couldn't have asked for two better people to become friends with and share our year. Rhys and Jessica, I hope you both have the most wonderful week and the weather stays on your sides. Soak in every moment and I look forward to supporting you both.

"Safe Oot, Safe In"

Lara Tice RIGHT-HAND LASS



LEFT-HAND MAN

Jake Mirley

Well, my final year is finally here, how is that possible? It feels no time at all since my announcement in 23. I knew it would disappear in a flash, just not this fast. Being Lauder Cornet and Right Hand Man has been an absolute honour and privilege.

It's weird to think that being Left Hand Man will be my last year in the principal party. Being the person the rest look to for guidance is a bit daunting but I'm excited to take on the responsibility.

The last two years have been absolutely amazing, a childhood dream come true. I've met so many great people along the way and made life long friends. I've enjoyed supporting the other towns on horseback and on foot, and will continue to do so. Riding from a young age, being able to enjoy my love of horse riding whilst representing Lauder has made this experience unforgettable.

I'd like to thank everyone who I've spent my time in office with, my Lass Megan, my Right Hand Man Elliot and his Lass Connie, my Left Hand Man Chris and his Lass Zoe, and my Cornet Ryan and his Lass Lara. I'd also like to thank the Ex Cornets, the Common Riding Committee, and all the people that help out behind the scenes. You have all made the last two years so memorable and I couldn't have done it without you all.

I'd like to congratulate our Jubilee Cornets for this year; 25th Anniversary Cornet Angus Crombie-Smith, 50th Anniversary Cornet George Riddell, and 60th Anniversary Cornet Ian Brotherston. I hope you all have an amazing summer on your Anniversary years.

Cornet Girling, I am honoured to be your

Left Hand Man as you carry out your duties as Lauder Cornet. You have done your town, your family and yourself proud. I know this has been a dream of yours for many years, waiting for the right time – well now it's here, and I am behind you one hundred percent! I'm so grateful to be able to spend my last year in office with such a close friend, it makes it that wee bit sweeter. You and your Lass Jessica have done amazing over the summer and will continue to be over Common Riding Week. It'll fly by so make sure you take it all in, as there is no feeling like it – like they all say "its better felt than telt".

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Jake Mirley
LEFT-HAND MAN



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Committee wish Cornet Rhys
and his Lass Jessica brilliant
2025 Common Riding and hope
all townsfolk have a great week.
Safe Oot, Safe In*

LEFT-HAND LASS

Megan Wilson

I would like to congratulate Cornet Rhys and Cornet's Lass Jessica on your appointment for 2025. It has been a pleasure getting to know you both this summer and watching you carry out your duties with such pride.

Rhys, you have taken everything in your stride and it is clear to see how much being Cornet means to you. Jessica, you have done a great job of supporting Rhys and it has been great fun riding alongside you to support the Cornet.

The past 3 years have gone by in a flash. We have met friends for life from our neighbouring towns, and through following other Border towns I have found events and ride-outs which will remain firmly in my calendar for years to come. It really is a privilege to be involved in these ancient traditions, the hospitality we have received from the other Border towns has been so generous, and I don't think many people realise the time volunteers commit to making these events happen. I would like to thank the Committee members and volunteers for all their hard work in making Lauder Common Riding the fantastic event we all know and love.

Jake, it has been a joy to be by your side. We have had a ball and the memories we have made will stay with us forever. Although I am sure my Dad will not miss giving you a leggy up onto your horse! I don't think it will hit us until Common Riding Day that our time in office is nearly up, but I look forward to supporting the Common Riding going forward.

Cornet Rhys, and Cornet's Lass Jessica, I hope the sun shines for your big week – take it all in and enjoy every minute.

"Safe Oot, Safe In"

Megan Wilson
LEFT-HAND LASS



Lauder Common Riding 2025 Principals

WREATH PRESENTER

It is a huge honour to have been chosen to present the wreath to Cornet Girling.

I have followed the Common Riding my whole life, riding the Apprentice ride at the age of 4 and the Common Riding from age 7. I was presented last year with the youngest rider trophy at both Melrose and Lauder. Lauder Common Riding means a lot to me and my family as my Great Papa, Papa and Dad have all been Lauder Cornets in the past. I love riding the Common Riding and this year is going to be very special for me and my family.

I would like to wish the Cornet and his Lass Jessica a great day and I hope you both have an amazing week. I look forward to following you on horse back.



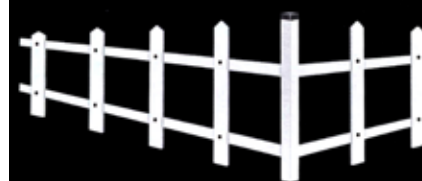
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Mollie Ker
WREATH PRESENTER



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LADY BUSSER

What a wonderful surprise I got when I was asked to be Lady Busser for 2025. I am so delighted to take on the honour of this role.

David and I moved to Lauder in May 1999, and I did my first Common Riding that August on a wee horse called Gilda. After that, I was hooked and have ridden almost every year since then.

By the December of '99, I had become a member of the Ladies Committee, which later included being Chair for a few years. We worked hard to raise funds and one of the most memorable events was the Casino Night at Thirlestane Castle.

After the ladies' and men's committees joined to become one, I continued to be involved in organising Common Riding events, my best achievement being the instigation of the cycling event.

The initial bike ride had a wobbly start, mostly caused by the A68 causing a barrier to finding a safe route. Plus, young children cycling up Trabrown Road and through knee high grass wasn't very satisfactory! A few years later, with the help of Jenny Erwin from Lauder

Cycling Club and Edward Maitland Carew, we found a safe route in the grounds of the castle. I'm so pleased that this event has continued to be a success and is now a fixture in Common Riding Week.

I might not have grown up with the Common Riding, but I have loved it since my first experience. The frisson of excitement hearing the flags being put up and seeing them when I open my front door on the Sunday morning is always there. It has become a tradition in the Millar household on Common Riding Morn to play the Common Riding CD full blast as we pin on our rosettes and get ready for the day.

Cornet Rhys and Lass Jess, you will be so excited for your special week. Have a fantastic time and relish every minute.

"Safe Oot, Safe In"

Gail Millar LADY BUSSER



SILVER JUBILEE CORNET

2000

Angus Crombie-Smith

Just over 25 years ago it began for me with a written letter to express my keen interest to be Lauder Cornet for the year 2000. And what a year it was!

From the buzz of excitement in being picked through to the heartfelt honour of representing Lauder in this special tradition here, and in many other Border towns.

It really is an experience like no other. It's a packed schedule of responsibilities, duties and events to attend. Every step supported by my family, friends and particularly my Right and Left Hand Men, Gogs and Stevie without whom I'd have been very ill prepared!

However, nothing really prepared me for the actual moment I was presented the sash and the Burgh Standard, there I felt the weight of responsibility given to me. On mounting my horse and hearing the band (which made the hairs on the back of my neck stand up), that is when it all felt very real!



Thankfully! and proudly I returned the Standard "Unsullied and Untarnished" back to its office.

Rhys – all the very best for your week and your day, Saturday 2nd August 2025, treasure this very special moment

"Safe Oot, Safe In"

Ex-Cornet Angus Crombie-Smith



Angus Crombie-Smith with his parents

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SILVER JUBILEE CORNET

1975

George S. Riddell

A surprise visit from Dave Waldie and the late Martin Bell two weeks before Election Night resulted in giving me a great year.



Election Night was the last to be with the Town Council. Rob and Malcolm did me proud, carrying me shoulder-high. I enjoyed seeing kids' faces, with their ice-creams from Joe's.

Jedburgh was my first town visited with my Lass Christine, Sheena, and Rob. We met other Town Principals, some of whom we are still in touch with.

MossPaul was my first Ride Out – I didn't quite make it round. Ended up at Cottage Hospital. Not a good start, but glad to say it was my only fall!

Ride Outs, Balls, and Gala Days made it a very busy Summer. Friendships were made, and we're still in touch – though we've sadly lost a few.

2nd of August, 1975, sun shining bright for the day. First stop, Peg's to collect the Saddle Cloth, then Loanend to get the horses. Mrs Janette Waldie presented my Sash and Standard, and charged me to carry it around the Marches "unsullied and untarnished".

Leading the Cavalcade round the town, up to the Golf Course, Waterin' Stane, a stop for refreshments, then back to Lauder via the Burgess Cairn. At the ceremony at the War Memorial, my wreath was presented by Sandra Jeffs Graham. Then, back to the Town Hall for the Conclusion of Ceremonies, with Mrs Janette Waldie Bussing my Colours. Special thanks to all for my great day.

Wishing Cornet Rhys Girling and his Lass Jessica Donald a very happy Common Riding.

Congratulations to Ex-Cornets Ian Brotherston and Angus Crombie-Smith on their Diamond and Silver Anniversaries.

"Safe Out, Safe In"

Ex-Cornet George S. Riddell



On the High Street, Common Riding morning



DIAMOND JUBILEE CORNET

1965

J.T. (Ian) Brotherston

On the 7th of May 1965 I was honoured to be elected Cornet and Standard Bearer for our Royal and Ancient Burgh, ably supported by my Right and Left Hand Men, Ex-Cornet David Waldie and Ex-Cornet William Middlemiss. my Mum, my Dad, and my two Sisters.

Proclaimed by Provost Jack Scott and the Town Council, I was taken around the Burgh on my father's lorry.

Many visiting Principals were present, and to this day have been great friends. With the 1965 Braw Lad David Stillie, I enjoyed visiting all the other Festivals and Common Ridings. My horse holder at the Waterin' Stane was Dave Mulvey. The Secretary was Miss Strachan. I was led around the Burgh behind Newtongrange Band. In the evening I was carried shoulder high around the Public Hall at the Dance. My Lady Busser



was Mrs Pitman Allanbank and the young lady who presented the wreath was Linda Sidonio. A wonderful year, never to forget.

"Safe Out, Safe In"

Ex-Cornet J.T. (Ian) Brotherston



A newspaper clipping from 1965 about Ian's Election as Cornet



ABSENT FRIENDS

Dave Middlemiss

As we look forward to Common Riding 2025 it will be different for our family without Dave Middlemiss who was Cornet in 1953.

However, he was lucky to have more years than most to enjoy the traditions and festivities that make our Common Riding so special. It was a big part of his life and he loved to talk about his memories and the traditions of Common Riding and our Royal and Ancient Burgh. He also liked to see and hear about fresh developments and new faces with new ideas making sure Common Riding appealed to as many in the community as possible.

We know he'd want us to wish Cornet Rhys Girling and Cornet's Lass Jessica Donald, their supporters and all those celebrating anniversaries a



wonderful week and Safe Oot, Safe In. He'd also want us to wish the whole community a safe and happy Common Riding.

The Middlemiss Family



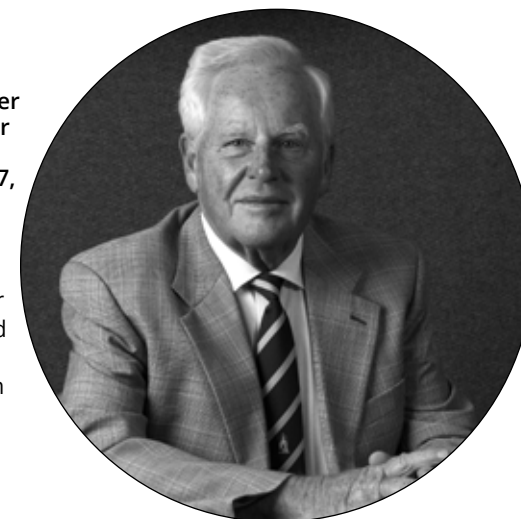
ABSENT FRIENDS

Ian Scott

As many of you will know Dad sadly passed away last October after a very short illness, this year would have been Dad's 58th year since being Lauder Cornet in 1967, fulfilling an ambition he had held for many years.

It was a very special occasion for the Scott family that year as Dad's Father Jack Scott was Provost of Lauder, and also the Chairman of the Common Riding Committee, and his Mum Jean Scott busied his colours.

Dad was a great supporter of the Common Riding and had never missed one, it will be very strange on Common Riding morning not seeing Dad at his usual spot at "Peg's House" and the Waterin' Stane, where we always had a brief chat on how the ride was going and if the horse was behaving, but I'm sure he



will be looking down on us and wishing everyone a Safe Oot, Safe In

Elaine Robertson



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*Good luck to Cornet Girling and his Lass Jessica
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COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD

The Common Riding is a fantastic celebration of our community here in Lauder, and it's certainly a community worth celebrating! To recognise that, last year the Committee introduced the Lauder Common Riding Community Spirit Award

Presented each year, the award is an opportunity to highlight and celebrate the work done within our community, rewarding an unsung hero and recognising the fantastic contribution they make to Lauder.

We're absolutely delighted to say that this year our very deserving winner is Margot Douglas.

Margot has been a regular volunteer and pillar of our community for many years, always willing to get involved and give up her time for the benefit of others. From running Lauder Youth Club, sitting on the Common Riding Committee and the Christmas Lights group, to spending no less than 55 years at the heart of Lauder Amateur Dramatic Society, Margot has served Lauder tirelessly.

Margot will be presented with the Lauder Common Riding Community Spirit Award at the Community Gathering (7pm, Tuesday 29th July, Lauder Public Hall) – everyone is welcome so please come along!



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KIRKIN' O' THE CORNET



The annual Kirkin' O' The Cornet will take place in Lauder Parish Church on Sunday 27th July at 11.30am.

This is the traditional Church Service which marks the official beginning of the annual Common Riding Festival of the Royal and Ancient Burgh of Lauder.

At this service we will ask God's blessing on our Cornet and Standard Bearer Rhys Girling and his lass Jessica Donald, along with their supporters, and all involved in the Common Riding.

As Locum Minister of Channelkirk & Lauder Church, I will have the great privilege of conducting this historic service, and I look forward to welcoming Rhys, his supporters and members of our community.

With best wishes to all

Rev. Scott Guy



Ex-Cornets assemble in the town hall

Photo credit: Kenny White



FAMILY FUN DAY

The Family Fun Day (free for all!) Will take place at Lauder Park from 2pm on Sunday 27th July.

There will be children's races and other activities including a bouncy castle and inflatable assault course. You can have your face painted and try your luck at the tombola, and don't forget there will be drinks and food available from the BBQ and Bar.

Lauderdale Youth Football Club is delighted to bring back the 5s Football Tournament as part of Lauder Common Riding's Family Fun Day.

The 5s tournament returns for the third year in a row, with teams battling it out for the Darren Ainslie Memorial Trophy, in tribute to the former player. The trophy has been won by team ABCDE FC for the last two years.

Like last year, there will be a children's tournament, for P1 to P7, starting from 1pm. Initial games will be based on age and ability, giving younger teams a fair chance, operating on a knockout basis.



Cornet Murray and his Lass, Lara, hand over a well-deserved Trophy at last year's Sports!

There will also be a young adult/adult tournament, for those in S1 and onwards. Please let us know the age range of the team when registering, and maximum 6 players per team. Entry is £10 per children's team and £20 per young adult/ adult team. Fancy dress and team strips welcome.

To enter, email Kate Ainslie on kate_reed@live.co.uk

or Amelia Strangeways on aswhittaker@hotmail.com by Friday 25th July.

APPRENTICE RIDE

The Apprentice Ride leaves from Lauder Public Park at 10am and heads out onto the hill where you can choose between two routes.

There is a halfway stop with snacks where there is a sing-song with the Cornet, before heading back into Lauder around 12 noon.



MC for the evening
Ex-Cornet Iain Dick

THE EX-CORNET'S DINNER

A staple of Festival week, our annual get-together of Ex-Cornets, Guests, and the Cornet and his Principals is a highlight for many.

Joined by locals, other Borderers, and guests from afar, we'll be enjoying speeches from our Ex-Cornets, invited Guests, and the Cornet himself. Chaired, as ever, by Ex-Cornet's Chairman Iain Dick.

These will be interspersed with musical performances, as well as the customary Town Songs from visiting Principals.

Once again, we are happy to be hosted by the Lauderdale Hotel, with tickets only available through Ex-Cornets or the Dinner Secretary.

Tickets are well sought after, but we hope to see you there for an enjoyable evening to help start off the big week.

Ex-Cornet Elliot Balson
Dinner Secretary

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FAMILY CYCLE RIDE & LAUDER LIMPERS RUN

Come and have some cycling fun following Cornet Rhys!

This is an event that is suitable for all children and family members who can ride a bike.

The established route is in three parts, making it suitable for mixed ages and abilities. However, as it's mainly off-road, it's not suitable for balance bikes and stabilisers. Cyclists can drop out after stage one or two of the route or can complete all three stages.

There will be cycling Marshals on the ride, but we ask that children under the age of 6 are accompanied by a known adult. For safety, helmets must be worn by all cyclists.

The event starts in the castle carpark at 6pm. A wee refreshment will be available at the end of the ride.

Thank you to Edward and Sarah for

Lauder Common Riding

Family Bike Ride



Tuesday 30th July
 Gather at Thirlestane Castle from 5.45pm for 6.00pm start
 Off road route around the grounds of the castle
 Unsuitable for balance bikes and stabilisers

Helmets must be worn and arms and legs should be covered.

This is a free event with a wee refreshment provided at the end.

their on-going support and kind permission to use Thirlestane Castle grounds.



LAUDER COMMON RIDING COMMUNITY GATHERING

Lauder Public Hall on Tuesday 29th July 2025. 7pm until 10pm.


EVERYONE is welcome to our informal evening with presentations to our Cornet, Cornet's Lass, Jubilee Cornets, Community Spirit Award, Lady Busser and Presenter of Wreath.

There will be a Bar, Tea & Coffee, Raffle, Photo display, Slide show and just a chance to have a good old blether and catch up about all things Common Riding. We may even get the Ex Cornets to entertain us with a song or two.

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LAUDER FANCY DRESS

Lauder Fancy Dress is always a highlight of events on Common Riding Week. It attracts all ages, young and old to get involved and dress up.

Fancy Dress always guarantees a great night so hunt out your best costume and come along or get involved in the fun!

Two new(ish) cups are included – The Wilrobway cup (for best vehicle) donated by the Wilsons, Robertsons and Strangeways families, and the Middlemiss cup for best adult group.

This year's Fancy Dress classes are;

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Boys under 5 years | 10. Girls 10-15 years |
| 2. Girls under 5 years | 11. Couples 10-15 years |
| 3. Boys 5&6 years | 12. Groups 10-15 years |
| 4. Girls 5&6 years | 13. Best Family Group |
| 5. Boys 7-9 years | 14. Best Dressed Lady |
| 6. Girls 7-9 years | 15. Best Dressed Gent |
| 7. Couples U10 years | 16. Adult Couples |
| 8. Groups U10 years | 17. Adult Groups |
| 9. Boys 10-15 years | 18. Best Vehicle |

Judging for the children takes place in the Avenue at 6.15pm followed by the adults at 6.45pm. All vehicles should be parked in Market Place prior to judging. After the judging, at approximately 7.30pm, come and join in the parade round the town led by Stow Pipe Band.

Fancy Dress Code of Conduct

1. All participants must follow the instructions given by Marshals who are identified by high visibility clothing.
2. The Lauder Common Riding Committee will inspect all floats prior to the parade and reserve the right to exclude participants for any Health and Safety concerns.
3. Any participant found using foul and abusive language or creating a public nuisance will be severely dealt with and may be asked to leave the parade.
4. All children, especially those on floats, must be supervised at all times.
5. When participating in the parade, all children should remain seated when travelling on floats.

◀ Fancy Dress 2025



THURSDAY NIGHT RIDEOUT

Our preliminary rideout, traditionally held on the Thursday evening of our Common Riding was originally a practice ride for the Cornet and his Right and Left-Hand Men.

In the early years locals started to join the Cornet and the number of mounted supporters has continued to increase over the years. This has now become a regular event and is enjoyed by many locals and visitors alike who come to enjoy a relaxed friendly ride over our beautiful Lauderdale countryside.

All riders are made to feel very welcome. Times as follows:

6.00pm Cavalcade muster in The Avenue

6.15pm Cavalcade departs the town via East High Street, Mid Row, Mill Wynd

6.30pm Cavalcade proceed up the Golf Course

7.30pm Cavalcade stops on the heather above the Waterin' Stane (20-30mins)

8.00pm Cavalcade leaves the stop heading for Burgess Cairn

9.00pm Cavalcade returns to the town via Edinburgh Road *All times are approximate.*

Ex-Cornet Craig Connell Asst. Chief Marshal



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'NIGHT AFORE THE MORN' CONCERT

Thanks must go to thank Ex Cornet Stewart Dick for a great job comparing last year's concert. Stewart stepped in last minute due to me having COVID.

An informal evening, the concert will feature some local acts as well as some from further afield. There will be the traditional presentation of the Cornets Cup, reading of letters/cards and presentations of flowers. It will end as always with the Cornet and his supporters being joined by Ex-Cornets, and the audience, to sing the Lauder songs.

I will be back this year, and would like to invite you all to come along and support our Cornet Rhys Girling, his Lass Jessica Donald, and all the entertainers.

If anyone feels they could do a turn at future concerts. or know of anyone who would, please get in touch.

Everyone is welcome, hope to see you there.

Safe Out, Safe In.

Kevin Laidlaw



Western End



'Nicht Afore the Morn' Concert, 2023

Lauder Common Riding 2025, Photo courtesy of Rob Gray



SATURDAY 2ND AUGUST:
COMMON RIDING DAY

COMMON RIDING WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday 27th July

KIRKIN' O' THE CORNET, Lauder Parish Church 11.30am
Committee and Ex-Cornets are asked to meet at 11.15am at the Town Hall.

CHILDREN'S SPORTS & FAMILY FUN DAY, Lauder Public Park 2pm
including Lauder 5s Football Tournament
(competing for the Darren Ainslie Memorial Cup - starts at 1pm)

Monday 28th July

APPRENTICE RIDE, Leaving from Castleriggs (Public Park)..... 10am

EX-CORNETS' DINNER, Lauderdale Hotel 7pm for 7.30pm
(Strictly ticket only)

Tuesday 29th July

BOWLING COMPETITION: Lauder B.C., Ex-Cornets..... 11am

FAMILY CYCLE RIDE Thirlestane Castle 6pm

LAUDER LIMPERS TRAIL RUN (Common Riding Route, 8 miles) start and
finish at The Lauderdale Hotel Meet ready to run at 6.30pm

COMMON RIDING COMMUNITY GATHERING, Lauder Public Hall..... 7pm

Wednesday 30th July**FANCY DRESS PARADE**

Participants on foot to The Avenue. Vehicles assemble in Market Place.

Judging commences: children 6.15pm
adults..... 6.45pm

Categories:

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| 1. Boys under 5 years | 10. Girls 10-15 years |
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| 9. Boys 10-15 years | 18. Best Vehicle |

PARADE will be led by Stow Pipe Band approx 7.30pm

COMMON RIDING WEEK AT A GLANCE

Thursday 31st July

CHILDREN'S DISCO, Lauder Public Hall..... 1pm
organised by Lauder Common Riding Committee.

CORNET'S VISIT TO SOUTH GARDENS..... 3pm

PRELIMINARY RIDE, horses assemble at The Avenuedepart at 6.15pm

Friday 1st August

DUCK RACE, Thirlestane Castle carpark..... 2pm

'NIGHT AFORE THE MORN' CONCERT, Lauder Primary School hall. 7.30pm
Cornet will be presented with the Cornet's Cup.
Admission: adults £4, O.A.Ps and children £1

Saturday 2nd August, Common Riding Day

CORNET'S MARCH 7am
Departs from Lauderdale Hotel to Town Hall, led by Selkirk Silver band.

RIDERS ASSEMBLE behind the Town Hall 7.30am

**PRESENTATION OF BURGH STANDARD TO
CORNET BY LADY BUSSE** at the Town Hall 8.00am

CORNET LEADS THE CAVALCADE ROUND THE BURGH

RIDERS ARRIVE AT THE WATERIN' STANEapprox. 9.50am
Riders under 12 years of age to collect medals at Waterin' stane
Refreshments available

Leave the Waterin' Stane approx. 10.45am

RIDERS ARRIVE AT THE WAR MEMORIAL approx. 12.15pm
Memorial Service,Wreath presented to Cornet

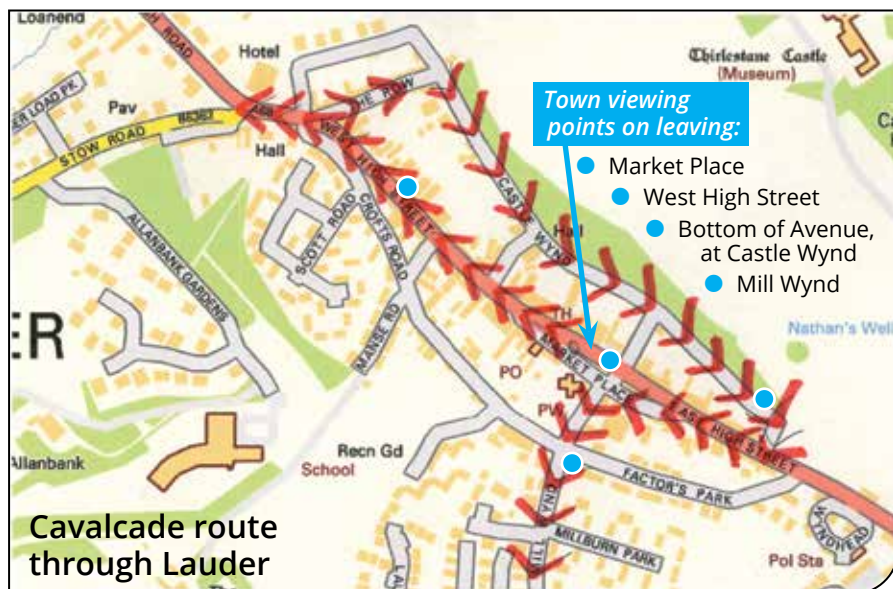
CONCLUDING CEREMONY at the Town Hall..... 1pm
Bussin' of Cornet's Colours by Lady Busser
Presentations

'GIG ON THE RIGG' at Lauder Public Park..... Start 2pm
Cornet is Piped up to the Park, followed by the Beating of the Retreat 3.30pm
'GIG ON THE RIGG' Finish 6pm

CORNET'S DANCE..... 8pm - Midnight
Lauder Public Hall.
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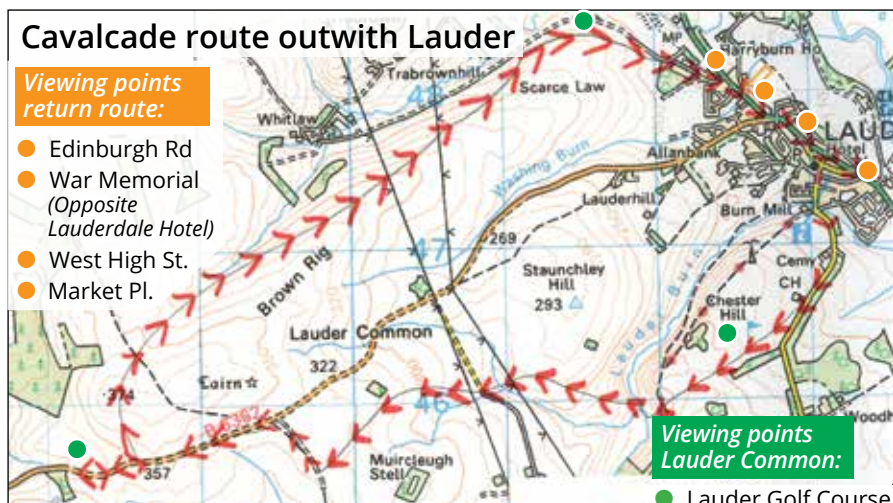
RIDEOUT ROUTES



Cavalcade route outwith Lauder

Viewing points return route:

- Edinburgh Rd
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- West High St.
- Market Pl.



PLEASE NOTE: Care must be taken whilst watching the cavalcade. Spectators should remain on pavements where possible and not cross the path of on-coming horses. They are also asked to adhere to instructions from Foot and Mounted Marshals. Cars to be parked in designated areas, out of the paths that emergency vehicles would use.

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PLEASE NOTE! - LAUDER COMMON RIDING RESTRICTIONS

Local Access to the centre of Lauder will be restricted from 7am to 1pm on Saturday 2nd August.

■ Spectators wishing to view the riders at the Golf Course will only be able to gain access from the South via Thirlestane Drive. Access to here for residents

from the North will be via the A68 North to Carfraemill, A697 South to High Cross and B6362 to the South of Lauder.

■ Parking at the Golf Course is limited so it is advisable to park at Thirlestane Drive & walk.

■ In the interests of safety if

people could refrain from parking at the Golf Club, Stewards may ask drivers to divert via Threepwood Crossroads to minimise the risk to pedestrians.

■ There will inevitably be some inconvenience to residents for which the committee apologise.



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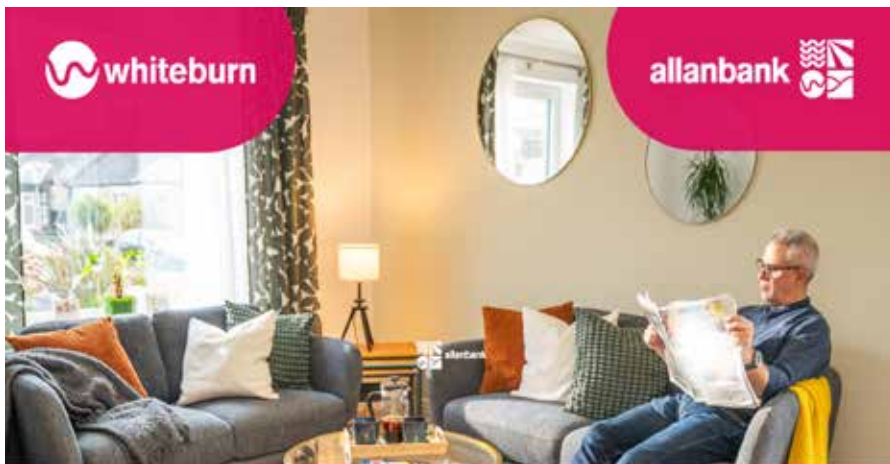


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Safe oot safe in.

Love Mum
X

Words cannot describe how incredible proud I am of you Rhys.

From the day I met you, you told me you were going to be Cornet one day, and fast forward 3 years you're now living your childhood dream. From the first hack we went on together and watching you riding, I knew you'd make the most amazing Cornet. I'm so pleased to see you take this in your stride and take on the role with so much passion and enthusiasm, even with all the stress it's caused along with it! I hope you and your Lass Jess make the most special memories in your time in office that I'll get to hear for many years to come, and we'll all be there cheering you on every step of the way.

Lots of love, Shauna xx



A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME EXPERIENCE

In 2022, I had the absolute joy of participating in the Scottish Borders Common Ridings, and I can honestly say that taking part in Lauder Common Riding was the time of my life. If I had died the next day, I would have gone feeling completely happy and fulfilled.

The people were warm, welcoming, and full of life, instantly making me feel like family. The energy was infectious, the camaraderie unforgettable, and I walked away with lifelong friends and memories that still give me chills. The entire event was a beautiful blend of adventure, history, and connection.

The horses? Absolutely incredible—brave, sure-footed, and full of heart. Riding through the breathtaking Scottish countryside was like stepping into a dream, and there's no better way to connect with the land, the people, and the rich, emotional history of the region.

This was not just a trip—it was full immersion in tradition, beauty, and joy; I

left with a full heart.

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COMMON RIDING COMMUNITY CHAMPION AWARD



Our 'Common Riding Community Champion Award' is now in its 4th year, and is given to a Primary 4 pupil who demonstrates community values such as teamwork, responsibility, friendship and compassion to name only a few. With 47 pupils to choose from this year was harder than ever. It was a close call and could have gone to so many deserved pupils.

However, the votes decided that this year, the winner of our Community Champion award for 2025 was Corey McCue. It was a complete surprise to Corey and I don't think his smile could have been any wider!

During our annual Cornet assembly, Corey was presented with a beautiful glass trophy, given to him by Cornet Rhys Girling and a book token handed over by last year's winner, Finn Hume. Corey received this award for many reasons such as always looking out for others, contributing to all activities with determination, being a positive role model and bringing community spirit to Lauder Primary. We really couldn't ask for any more!

It was lovely to welcome ex pupil of Lauder Primary, Cornet Rhys, and his supporters into the school. As always, thanks again must go to the Common Riding Committee who have helped and supported us to create and maintain this annual award for many future years to come. Well done again to Corey! All the pupils and staff wish everyone involved in Lauder Common Riding, a safe and enjoyable week.

Mrs Louise Scully
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EX-CORNETS' MESSAGE

The Royal and Ancient Burgh of Lauder can be proud to call Rhys Girling its Cornet and Standard Bearer for 2025. Fulfilling his duties to the required high standard so far, the biggest job is fast approaching.

Amongst our Association we have another bumper crop of Jubilee Ex Cornets celebrating more significant anniversaries. Diamond Jubilee Ian Brotherston, Golden Jubilee George Riddell and Silver Jubilee Angus Crombie Smith. Cornet Girling would benefit greatly from advice from any of these gentlemen. I hope this year brings back many happy memories for them all.

As we celebrate new Cornets and Jubilees every year we also raise a glass to absent friends. Ex Cornets Ian Scott and Dave Middlemiss sadly passed away but will be fondly remembered this Common Riding. Both Lauder worthies and possessed a wealth of Common Riding experience between them. Their presence will be missed but their legacy will go on.

Our Burns Supper in January continues to go from strength to strength with some fine entertainment provided from all across Lauderdale and beyond. Our Quiz Night fundraiser in March was a great success and allows us to continue our support for the local community with donations to Lauder & Channellkirk Church, Lauder in Bloom, OAP groups as

well as our Principals. All funds raised by the Ex-Cornets

either go back into the running of the Common Riding or to local groups so a big thank you to all who have supported us in some way this year. We also helped Lauder Primary School tidy up their car park with a happy band of volunteers earlier this year.

Cornet Girling, you and your Lass Jess have been great ambassadors for us so far this year but as you will know, the best is yet to come. Rhys and Jess have taken everything in their stride up to now and I can assure you that we are in safe hands this Common Riding Week. Both of you, cherish every moment and have a blast.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Common Riding.

"Safe Oot, Safe In"

Ex-Cornet Iain O. Dick
CHAIRMAN,

LAUDER EX CORNETS ASSOCIATION



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Our Patrons Society gives the people and friends of Lauder the opportunity to support our Common Riding and plays a vital part in running our festival each year.

However, any support towards funds goes a long way towards keeping the festivities afloat, especially as prices for running such events rise each year. We appreciate that not everyone will

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HANDSOME HARLEQUIN MEMORIAL TROPHY

Handsome Harlequin fondly known was part of The Wilson family for over 12 years. Sadly, as of last year, he is no longer with us. Harley loved life, he loved pulling like a train, he loved Common Ridings and ride-outs, he loved a photo opportunity, he always had his ears pricked but most of all he loved a job!

His favourite job was looking after the little Wilsons, Ryan, Jamie and Cara and their ponies when they were learning the ropes around the Borders (he also helped Nod out a few times too) – so, it seemed only right that The Wilson family donated the Handsome Harlequin Memorial Trophy for the Youngest Rider Off the Lead Rein who completes Lauder Common Riding on the first Saturday in August. Last year's winner was this year's Wreath Presenter, Mollie Ker! Best of luck, and we look forward to finding out this year's winner.

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*Best Wishes to
the 2024 Cornet
& his Lass*



RIBBON HANDER OOTERS

It has been fifty plus years since Martin Bell and myself took over from Ruby Strachan and Iain McLaren handing out the common riding ribbons to the riders.

When we first started this, we handed the ribbons out at Kirk Wynd. In 1975 this was changed to the bottom golf course gate. We were then joined by Billy Cranston, whilst Martin took a couple of years out. In the mid 80's, we then moved to the top golf course gate with Jock Ker. Dave Middlemiss joined the ribbon team when he retired from riding, assisted by his wife Margaret, Jean Ker and a flask of tea! George Riddell joined me when Dave retired from the ribbon squad (we did miss Margaret's tea) Sinclair Murray joined the squad after covid restrictions were lifted. We know that our task is over on common riding day when we see the hounds and Jim & Davie go past. The much-treasured

ribbons are all made by hand by Sheena Riddell & Christine Kellett who took over from Dorothy McLaren. They make over 800 ribbons each, although this number is increasing this year. These ribbons, approximately 400, are then put into an envelope (donated by myself & Christine) with a ticket for the Waterin' Stane. Well done ladies, it's all the small parts like this that make the day run smoothly.

Drew Kellett



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LAUDER COMMON RIDING - Riders Code of Conduct

- MARSHALS WILL BE IN CHARGE** – Marshals will be clearly identified by armbands and will be stationed throughout the ride, following the direction of the Head Marshal. Foot Marshals will be suitably attired and positioned as required at gates and crossings. All riders must show full respect for, and comply with, any instructions given by marshals.
- RESPONSIBILITIES OF HORSE RIDERS** – All riders are responsible for maintaining control of their horses throughout the ride. If a rider becomes dismounted, they must either remount and rejoin the ride or return their horse to the designated horsebox area. While marshals may assist, it is not their duty to retrieve or control loose horses.
- DISCIPLINE AT GATES AND CROSSINGS** – Riders must exercise a high degree of discipline and courtesy at all gates and crossings. In some situations, it may be necessary or preferable to pass through a gate or crossing in single file and regroup on the other side—marshals will advise accordingly.
- ROUTES** – Routes are pre-arranged in collaboration with the Common Riding Committee, farmers/landowners, and the police. All riders are required to follow the agreed route at all times. If a rider must leave the ride early, they must notify a marshal in advance.
- DRESS CODE** – To uphold our high standards, all riders must wear smart, appropriate riding attire. This applies equally to anyone joining the ride at any point.
Suitable protective headgear must be worn by all riders.
The following headwear is strictly prohibited:
• Berets • Glengarrys • Bowlers (including safety bowlers)
Riders not complying with these dress requirements may be excluded from the ride.
- BASIC MANNERS AND COURTESY** – Riders must always display respect and courtesy toward fellow riders, marshals, members of the public, and especially the farmers and landowners who generously permit access to their land.
- TIMING** – Punctuality is essential. We must maintain high standards of timekeeping to assist the police in managing public road access and to ensure timely arrival at key locations. This is also a courtesy to the public, who eagerly await the Cornet's arrival. Timing will be managed by marshals.
- EMERGENCY PROCEDURE** – In the event of any incident—such as damage to property, broken tack, or injury to horse or rider—immediate contact must be made with a Mounted or Foot Marshal. Appropriate actions will be taken (e.g., first aid, veterinary assistance, spare tack). All related costs are the responsibility of the rider or horse owner/hirer.
- GENERAL CONDUCT** – a. Any rider found to be under the influence of alcohol and unable to control their horse will be immediately excluded from the ride at the discretion of the Head Marshal.
b. Riders must not ride on pavements under any circumstances.
c. Foul or abusive language or any behavior creating a public nuisance will not be tolerated and may result in removal from the ride.
d. All riders are expected to support the marshals in upholding these rules.
e. Any rider who cannot maintain pace with the riding marshal may be asked to leave the ride.
- INSURANCE** – It is the responsibility of all participants—or their legal guardians in the case of minors—to ensure that they have appropriate and adequate insurance cover for personal injury and third-party liability. Riders must also take reasonable precautions to ensure their own safety.
- YOUNG RIDERS** – Young or inexperienced riders must be accompanied by a responsible and capable adult at all times. This adult should introduce themselves to the marshal in charge prior to the ride.
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1932 – A. Brown	1970 – D. A. E. Elrick	2002 – D. Megahy
1933 – R. T. Landells	1971 – G. I. Jones	2003 – S. Murray
1934 – J. Watson	1972 – G. Threadgall	2004 – S. M Dick
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1938 – F. Tocher	1976 – S. Threadgall	2008 – J. Threadgall
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There'll be music from Wrong Side of the Grass, the Fun Fair from Slaters, as well as a pop-up bar from Just Add Tonic and other stalls. Food will be available from the Haggis Box. A big thank you to Spectrum Sound & Light for providing the stage, once again!

The Pipe Band will lead the Cornet up to

the Park from the Scout Hall at 3.30pm, which then will turn into the usual muck about with the Band, Principals and children with the Beating of the Retreat – everyone is encouraged to join in and dance along! This will finish approximately 4.30pm, at which time Wrong Side of the Grass will take over again to lead us to the end of the evening.



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The Common Riding costs almost £20,000 to stage annually. We receive a grant of £3,300 from Scottish Borders Council with the remainder being raised through donations and events organised by our hard-working Committee of volunteers. The support from our generous Patrons gives us a substantial pot of money that can be relied upon each year to help meet the Common Riding expenses.

The society began in 2008 and we're hugely grateful to every single member who's supported us over the years. If you haven't done so already we'd love you to consider joining as well. Becoming a Patron costs a minimum of £15 per year (only £1.25 per month, or under 29 pence a week!).

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Cornet Girdling and his followers
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After all the excitement of winning Gold in Britain in Bloom last year, Lauder in Bloom is taking a break from judged competitions. We continue to keep our community looking lovely and are still part of the Keep Scotland Beautiful family throughout the non judged section of the competition.

We appreciate all the support and encouragement we get from the community, but like all voluntary organisations we are always looking for new volunteers. You don't need to have green fingers to join us - enthusiasm, a sense of humour and interest in keeping Lauder looking blooming marvellous is all that's required. You can find out more about what we do by contacting

LauderinBloom@gmail.com

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2023	Ms. Liz Dalgelish	Megan Wilson	Susannah Montague
2022	Mrs. Joyce Ker	Connie White	Cara Wilson
2019	Mrs. Janice McNeill	Zoe Bruce	Ruby Wilkinson
2018	Mrs. Beth Middlemiss	Caitlin Megahy	Ellyn Wilkinson
2017	Mrs. Mary Fallas	Ashleigh Scott	Sophie Millar
2016	Mrs. Nancy Hardie	Jenni Cook	Anna Mirley
2015	Mrs. R. Neil	Chevonne Ainslie	Jenna Wilkinson
2014	Mrs. P Brotherston	Louise Wilson	Penny Threadgall
2013	Mrs. Isabel MacRae	Helen Middlemiss	Abigail Anderson
2012	Mrs. Joanne Watson	Sally Middlemiss	Hannah Dick
2011	Mrs. Pat Fairbairn	Anneka Ker	Beth Hardie
2010	Miss. Rosemary Landells	Jan Baird	Kerrie Wood
2009	Mrs. Margaret Dick	Vivienne Hogarth	Joanna Etchells
2008	Mrs. Anne Strangeways	Marianne Graham	Caitlin Megahy
2007	Miss. Margaret Landells	Rachel Tweedie	Shona Fairbairn
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1987	Mrs. Jean Murray	Christine Hamilton	Janine McHutchon
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1972	Mrs. Walker	Pat Rodger	Joyce Middlemiss
1971	Mrs. Campbell	Ann Jones	Mary Keddie
1970	Mrs. C. Morgan	Lorraine Dunn	Susan Landells
1969	Mrs. Ann Hardie	Kathleen Johnston	Avril Fortune
1968	Ms. R. Strachan	Christine Weir	Sheila Thomson
1967	Mrs. Jean Scott	Frances Graham	Sheila Henderson
1966	Mrs. M. James	Barbara Gilchrist	Pat Zlotos
1965	Mrs. Pitman	Muriel Lugget	Linda Sidonio
1964	Mrs. J. Waldie	Jeanette Plenderleith	Elizabeth Anderson
1963	Ms. Fleming	Elma Stevenson	Margaret Landells
1962	Mrs. Jean Scott	Moir Howie	Kathleen Johnston
1961	Mrs. Haddon	Carol Young	Mirna Redpath
1960	Mrs. Jean Scott	Mary Waldie	Margaret Lothian
1959	Mrs. Wight	Beatrice Glasgow	Margo Elrick
1958	Mrs. P. Threadgall	Margaret Whellans	Janet Stewart
1957	Mrs. Landells	Kathleen Thomson	Kathleen Brotherston
1956	Mrs. Murray	Mary Purves	June Stewart
1955	Mrs. Duncan Watson	June Elrick	Fay Thomson
1954	Mrs. Jolly	Betty Middlemiss	Janet Lockstone
1953	Lady Mary Baillie-Hamilton	May Nelson	Jean Gray
1952	Mrs. Smith	Liz Taylor	Jean Graham
1951	Mrs. Harvey	Betty Dickson	Anthea Scott
1950	Mrs. Paterson	Nettie Dagg	Nan Elrick
1949	Mrs. McLean Stone	Maisie Aitchison	Irene Wilson
1948	Mrs. Crombie-Smith	Margaret Alchin	Norma Murray
1947	Mrs. Doughty	Gladys Nichol	Ann Renwick
1946	Mrs. Dinnie	Kathleen Munro	Betty Middlemiss
1939	Mrs. Halcrow	May Davidson	Margaret Mathews
1938	Mrs. M Paterson	Nora Thorburn	Maisie Aitchison
1937	Mrs. G. A. Mill	Lena Duff	Ella White
1936	Mrs. Monro	Winifred Cossar	Betty Inglis
1935	Mrs. Shaw	Elsie Brown	Iro Patterson
1934	Lady Lauderdale	Bunty Whellans	Shelagh Graham
1933	Mrs. James Cossar	Jean Landells	Nancy Mackison
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1931	Mrs. Pringle	Mary Shaw	Fanny Watson
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1923	Mrs. Anderson	-	Miss N. Bruce
1914	Ms. Lindsay	-	-
1913	Ms. Lindsay	-	-
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Bonnie Lauderdale

'Mid the splendour and the beauty o'
the bonnie woods and glens,
Where the Leader rins sae cheerie
as it winds aroon' the ben's
Ye may boast o' Tweed or Ettrick,
the Teviot or the Ale,
But gie tae me the Leader and my
Ain dear Lauderdale.

Chorus:

Lauderdale! Bonnie Lauderdale!
Sae dear, tae me!
I will sing in praise where'er I go,
O' Bonnie Lauderdale.

We hae bonnie lads and lassies an
we fear na ither toons,
Although we're kin o' wild a' wee
we're seldom oot o' boons
We're a jolly lot o' fellows,
aye heartie, true an' hale,
And proud we are tae be the sons
o' Bonnie Lauderdale.

Chorus:

When the Cornet is presented
on the Common Riding morn,
Wi' the flag his predecessors
have safe and proudly borne,
Let us all unite and cheer him,
Half-hearted nae but hale,
And let the laddie see he is the
Pride o' Lauderdale.

Chorus:

Composed by John Riddle

Scotland Yet

Gae bring ma guid auld harp yince
mair,
Gae bring it free and fast,
For I might sing anither sang
E'er a' my glee be past;
And trow ye, as I sing, my lads
The burden o't shall be,
Auld Scotland's howes and
Scotland's knows
And Scotland's hills for me;
I'll drink a cup to Scotland yet
Wi' a' the honours three!

The heath waves wild upon the hills,
An foam frae the fells,
Her fountains sing of freedom still,
As they dance doon the dells!
And weel I lo'ed the lands my lads,
That's girded by the sea
Then Scotland's vales, and
Scotland's dales,
And Scotland's hills for me,
I'll drink a cup to Scotland yet
Wi' a' the honours three!

The thistle wags upon the fields
Where Wallace bore his blade,
That gave her dearest foemens bluid,
To dye her auld grey plaid;
And looking to the lift, my lads.
He sang this doughty glee,
Auld Scotland's rights, and
Scotland's mights,
And Scotland's hills for me,
I'll drink a cup to Scotland yet
Wi' a' honours three!

By Henry Scott Riddell

Jeannie's Black e'e


The sun rose sae rosy, the grey
hills adorning,
Light sprang the lavroc and
mounted sae hie,
When true to the tryst o'blythe
May's dewy morning,
Jeannie cam' linkin' out ow'r
the green lea'.

Tae mark her impatience, I
crep' 'mang the brackens,
Aft, aft tae the kent gate she
turn'd her black e'e
Then lying doon sae dowie,
sih'd by the willow tree
"I am asleep, dinna wauken me"

Saft thro' the green birks I stole
to my jewel,
Strek'd on springs carpet
aneath the saugh tree,
"think na, dear Lassie, that
Willie's been cruel"
"I am asleep, dinna wauken me"

"Wi love's warm sensations I've
marked your impatience,
Lang hid midst the breckans I
watch'd your black e'e"
"You're no sleepin, pawkin
Jean, open that lovely e'e".
"I am asleep, dinna wauken me"

Words by Hector MacNeill



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THANK YOU

They say it takes a village (or in this case, a Royal Burgh) – and when it comes to our Common Riding, we're no exception. While the main focus is rightfully the Cornet and his Principals, it takes all of our Committee, Volunteers, and Patrons to get everything going, and for the town itself to come out and show its support.

As for the magazine itself, we couldn't continue to provide our Magazine to the community, the last in the Borders to be free of charge and available to all, without our Advertisers. These adverts are less about getting their names out there, as most are well-known in the community already, and instead showing their support for our Common Riding. It's greatly appreciated!

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