

Lauder Common Riding 2023

SAFETY NOTICES

To all taking part in or observing Common Ridings and Festivals in the Scottish Borders.

Whilst every care has been taken by the organising committee and relevant landowners in facilitating these events, the committee and landowners will not be responsible for any injury to any person taking part in any way whatsoever in the event, nor liable for any damage resulting from any acts or omissions of any participants or spectators.

It is the responsibility of those taking part, or their legal guardians in the case of minors, to ensure that participants have appropriate and adequate insurance cover for personal injury and third party cover and that they take all reasonable steps to ensure their own safe participation in the events. In particular in relation to equestrian events, they are advised to ensure both they and their mount are suitable and competent and that riders wear appropriate protective clothing, including approved headgear.

Please note that the organising committee reserve the right to refuse any person from participating in the event. Please follow instructions from foot and mounted Stewards. Safety of spectators, riders and horses is paramount.

Lauder Common Riding would like your help and assistance regarding spectator safety and car parking, in and around

HORSE BOX PARKING

The Horsebox parking is once again in the grounds of Thirlestane Castle. Access will be at the main entrance to the Castle from the B6362

roundabout and continue to the junction on the right, with the B6362 signposted Lauder.

Horseboxes from the South on the A68 should leave at the junction with the B6362 signposted Coldstream.

Horsebox parking signs will be in place and Stewards will be in attendance .

THERE WILL BE NO ACCESS TO THE CENTRE OF LAUDER FOR HORSEBOXES OR PARKING AT BURNMILL ON THE GALASHIELS ROAD

PLEASE NOTE – The Young Rider medals for Common Riding Day will be available to collect at the Waterin Stane

the Burgh during Lauder Common Riding 2023.

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 – No vehicles parked in Mid Row, Market Place, West High Street, The Loan, The Row, Lower Back Road and Mill Wynd. All these areas will be marked with cones. At the Waterin' Stane vehicles are requested to park in designated areas under the supervision of Stewards.

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.

Respect must be shown to all riders and pedestrians. Spectators are asked to stand a safe distance from the cavalcade at all times and do not try to cross the path of any horses.

In the event of any problem or emergency please immediately notify the nearest foot steward or mounted Steward.

Please tidy your litter, any litter should be deposited in the nearest bin or taken home.

Thank You

J F Threadgall, CHIEF MARSHALL

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

So having successfully re-kindled the Common Riding spirit after two barren years, we have moved into this year with a buzz of enthusiasm and excitement. Our hard working committee has been bolstered with a handful of enthusiastic new members, who have hit the ground running. We've also had a few retirements from the committee, and it is always a challenge to replace the vast amount of experience they brought, but we are fortunate to know that they are at the end of the phone line happy to provide advice when needed. Heartfelt thanks to those who have taken well-earned "retirement", the Common Riding would not have thrived as it has during your time on the committee – I will not name names, but you know who you are!

The activity of the committee has stepped up this year, and we've already had a couple of events which have generated significant income for the Common Riding. It is an expensive job to run the Common Riding, and after running at a loss last year, we have taken a number of steps to resolve that, and as ever we are hugely appreciative of our Patrons, 100 Club Members, Advertisers, Sponsors, etc for their continued support and for tolerating increases in prices. We also took the decision to cancel the Ball on the Saturday night. While it is and has always been a great event to finish the week, it was just not getting the numbers to "wash its face". We do still aim to have a Ball later in the year – sometimes we just need to freshen things up! We are going to have a "Cornet's Dance" on Saturday evening, so the week will finish with a bang!

Jake Mirley, our Cornet this year, has visited many of our neighbouring towns since his election in May, carrying out his duties with great enthusiasm, ably supported by his Right and Left Hand Men, Elliot Balsom and Chris Purves. The Ex-Cornet's Association has again made an excellent choice, and I wish Jake and his Lass Megan, and their families a great day on the 5th of August.

Unfortunately, Left Hand supporter Chris Purves had a cowp at Selkirk, and will regrettably be unable to carry out his duties on horseback. We are all gutted for Chris, but he still intends to participate in as much as he can during the week. We are fortunate that last year's Left Hand supporter, Chris Rogerson, has agreed to step up again for the rides. Thank you Chris R, it is much appreciated. I am sure we all wish Chris P a speedy recovery.

We are incredibly fortunate to have a number of anniversaries this year, and I would like to congratulate our Silver Jubilee Cornet Stevie Smith, our Golden Jubilee Cornet, Malcom Johnston, our Diamond Jubilee Cornet Bill Middlemiss (and Great Uncle of Cornet Jake) and our Platinum Jubilee Cornet Dave Middlemiss on reaching their respective



milestones. Malcolm is a past Chairman and Chief Marshall of the Common Riding and Bill and Dave were Committee men for 50+ years, so their congratulations is well deserved. Dave's wife Margaret was Gala Braw Lass 70 years ago, and I know that they have enjoyed re-living past memories so far this summer.

Liz Dalgleish is our Lady Busser this year. She was a long standing and very hard working member of our committee always happy to give a hand to any Common Riding event. She was Cornet's Lass to partner Ian Fallas in 2001, and ably supported Ian during his term as Chairman. It is a hugely well deserved reward for Liz to be in the "limelight" on Common Riding Day

Our Wreath presenter this year is Susannah Montague, cousin of Cornet Jake. Susannah is a very keen horse rider and I know is very excited for the Common Riding.

I am sure you two ladies will have a great Common Riding Day!

As I have said earlier, the committee works hard but we always welcome new faces, with fresh ideas. We are always looking for new members and will listen to any suggestions that would help improve our event in anyway for participants or spectators alike. Our AGM is held in November each year to which all are welcome to attend, or alternatively contact us through the Common Riding website or Facebook page with any comments. Even if you don't want to commit to being on the committee, we are always very grateful for help in any way, whether it is stewarding our events, or delivering this programme.

Cornet Mirley, your big day is fast approaching when the eyes of the people of Lauderdale and beyond will be on you. Carry the Burgh Flag with pride, but above all enjoy what will be a very special day.

To the people of Lauderdale, enjoy your week, and let's hope that the sun shines on Bonnie Lauderdale on Common Riding morn.

"Safe Oot, Safe In"

Ex-Cornet Michael Middlemiss

LAUDER CORNET AND STANDARD BEARER 2023

Jake Mirley

Well this is it! It's finally my turn to make my family and Lauder proud. For as long as I can remember I have wanted to be the Royal Burgh of Lauder's Cornet and Standard Bearer. It still hasn't really sunk in that this year is my year and to be honest I don't think it ever will.

From following my first Common Riding in 2001 to riding it for the first time in 2019, Lauder Common Riding has played a large part in my life and I look forward to it every year. Every year I always get involved as much as I can, I've helped marshal on foot, take part in fancy dress, as well as play in the pipe band leading the parade and I've also piped the top table in to the Ball.

With Threepwood being my first ride out of the summer, it couldn't have started any better. To see so many people out supporting myself and the ride made me fill with pride. I'd like to thank Ex Cornet Gregor Kerr for his guidance and support along the route, it was much appreciated! I'd like to offer my best wishes to Silver Jubilee Cornet Steve Smith, Golden Jubilee Cornet Malcolm Johnstone, Diamond Jubilee Cornet Bill Middlemiss and Platinum Jubilee Cornet Dave Middlemiss. I hope you all have an amazing Common Riding week and look forward to seeing you all out and about.

I'd like to thank my family for their continued support throughout the summer, transporting me to and from events, supporting me at ride outs and always making sure there was plenty of food in the picnic bag for me to refuel after rides. I am so happy they have been able to be as big a part of my summer especially with dad having to travel down south after the passing of my Granny, whom I hope I'm making very proud.

A big thank you goes out to all the Ex-Cornets who have helped or given me



guidance through the summer, answering any questions or queries I've had.

A huge thank you goes to Elliot and Chris, you have both been so supportive towards me since I found out I had been elected. From Elliot organising ball tickets and socials to Chris keeping me right on rides and giving me plenty of guidance at events. I look forward to spending my Common Riding week with you pair, even if it's not how we first thought. However I'm sure we'll still have a blast.

Of course I can't miss out the Lassies! Firstly to my Lass Megan, I'm so glad we've been able to do this together, it's been a great experience and we've made so many happy memories together. Thank you for being there to support me and making sure I was organised and on time to every event. Connie and Zoe, you have been amazing, thank you for supporting me and Megan and keeping us both right.

With Common riding week fast approaching, I look forward to carrying the Burgh flag around the boundaries of Lauder on Common Riding morning, receiving the wreath from my little cousin Susannah and making the people of Lauder proud. I will carry out my duties to the best of my ability and look forward to see as many people supporting our town's traditions as possible.

Safe Oot, Safe In.

Jake Mirley

CORNET'S LASS 2023

Megan Wilson

It is an honour to represent Lauder this year as Cornet's Lass. My Grandad Ex Chairman Bill Hardie ensured I was involved in the Common Riding from a young age. From the fancy dress to first taking part in the Apprentice Ride in 2005, then buying my first pony Misty from his good friend Platinum Cornet David Middlemiss to allow me to ride the Common Riding for the first time in 2009, and I have ridden every year since.

Having ridden many of the Border festival ride outs on my horse Molly over the years, Lauder has always been my favourite. The sound of the Silver Band on Common Riding morning is a feeling like no other – this year will be so special.

I would like to thank



Cornet Jake for choosing me as his Lass. It has been a dream of ours since we were little and it's a great privilege to support you this summer. This summer has been a whirlwind, joining other Border towns to honour their traditions and meeting many new people along the way. It has been great fun watching you during the ride outs and carrying out your duties with great pride. I would like to thank my Right and Left Hand Lasses, Connie and Zoe, for their friendship, support and guidance this Summer.

Cornet Jake, I wish you all the best for Lauder Common Riding week and I look forward to following you round the marches on Common Riding Day.

Safe Oot, Safe In.

Megan

PLEASE NOTE!

LAUDER COMMON RIDING

There will be
NO ACCESS TO ANY HILL GROUND ON THE COMMON RIDING ROUTE FOR ANY 4X4 VEHICLES OTHER THAN 'OFFICIAL' VEHICLES

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SECRETARIES' MESSAGE

We are delighted once again to be celebrating our Annual Riding of the Marches and all the events that happen throughout the week. This is our fourth year of becoming joint Secretaries and our second Common Riding is upon us.

Our family is full of Common Riding History and this year bears no exception. My mum and Christine's sister Caroline (a former Cornet's Lass) is celebrating 50 years this year since presenting the wreath to Ex Cornet Malcolm Johnston.

We are also delighted to see Megan Wilson as this year's Cornet's Lass who is the granddaughter of Common Riding Ex President Bill Hardie.

We are pleased to be carrying on our family's involvement in the Common Riding traditions.

The first Saturday in August is a very special day in Lauder's calendar, it is a time to look forward to the Burgh coming together to renew old acquaintances, make new ones, and welcome others to join our celebrations.

There have been increasing pressures due to rising costs and more red tape to get through than ever, the Common Riding Committee has worked tirelessly throughout to do what we can to ensure we still carry out our traditions.

We want to thank the Committee who have put on some fantastic fundraising events this year including a very successful Fun Ride and an extremely well attended coffee morning, we look forward to putting on more fundraisers.

We will be having our "Gig on the Rigg" on Common Riding afternoon at the park and can't wait for you all to join us. In the effort of changing things up there will be no Common Riding Ball on the Saturday evening this year, but instead a very exciting "Cornets Dance" taking us back a fair few years to when this event was last held, anyone is welcome to purchase tickets and come along for what hopes to be a great night.



We would like to express a sincere thank you to Committee Members and Volunteers for all their hard work in organising all the events through the year. There are too many people to thank individually but without the continued support from the local businesses, organisations and the people of Lauder these events would not be a success.

We can assure you the Committee really appreciates your continued support, and we are always looking for new Committee members.

Our best wishes go to this year's Platinum Jubilee Cornet Dave Middlemiss, Diamond Jubilee Cornet Bill Middlemiss, Golden Jubilee Cornet Malcolm Johnston and Silver Jubilee Cornet Stevie Smith.

Presenting the Wreath this year is Cornet Jake's cousin Susannah Montague, we wish your family a great Common Riding week. We are delighted that long standing Committee Member Liz Dalgleish is Lady Busser this year. Congratulations to you Liz, we hope you have a brilliant week.

We would like to give our congratulations to this year's Cornet Jake Mirley and his lass Megan Wilson. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity, we are sure you will take in every moment.

Throughout the summer months you have been representing the Royal and Ancient Burgh at other towns very well. We hope you both have the most memorable week.

We hope the sun shines on our special week, and everyone has a fantastic Common Riding.

"Safe Out, Safe In"

Christine McGee and Rachael Hughes
Lauder Common Riding Committee

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RIGHT HAND MAN

Elliot Balson

After a long wait to get started last year, it feels this year has come around in no time at all - but perhaps it always does!

It feels strange being to the side of things this time around, but so far I have to say it's still been great getting back into it. Seeing, and celebrating with, everyone I met in 2022, and meeting this year's new Principals, has been a joy.

I'd like to thank Connie for accepting her position last year, and for joining me in this year's (and next's) celebrations and travels! Once again, I wouldn't be doing all this without you. And to my Right Hand Man, Chris Purves, along with his Lass, Zoe Bruce, who I hope both enjoy their last year in Office. It's been a long time coming, longer than most, and a well deserved break is in order for you and Zoe - especially after your fall. While it's not an ideal send-off, we had great fun last year together, and there'll be plenty more celebrations in future - which I'm relieved we can look forward to. In the mean time, all the best, and here's hoping for a speedy recovery, and some needed rest. Speaking of rest, I also hope my Left Hand Man, Chris Rogerson, and his Lass, Caitlin Megahy, are enjoying their retirement - though I imagine one is more than the other! Happy to have you back, and to still have a Chris to ride alongside on Common Riding Week.

A huge thank you to my friends and family for their continued support during these wild times, though particularly my Mum, Maurine. It's been a busy few years, with another to go, but all your help is



greatly appreciated.

A massive congratulations to all our Anniversary Cornets this year - Silver Jubilee Cornet, Steve Smith; Golden Jubilee Cornet, Malcolm Johnston; Diamond Jubilee, Bill Middlemiss; and his brother and Platinum Jubilee Cornet, Dave Middlemiss. It's fantastic to have so many to join in this year's celebrations, and I'm sure everyone will be raising a glass along with you. Here's to you all and your many happy memories!

Finally, even bigger congratulations to this year's Cornet and Standard Bearer 2023, Jake Mirley, and his Lass, Megan Wilson. It's been fantastic getting to know you two, and seeing that the festival is in safe hands during your year in office - and your remaining years as principals, to boot. If we keep telling you to take it all in we're reminding ourselves as much as we are you - as even knowing that in advance, and in hindsight in my case, it's over in a flash.

You've both done an amazing job so far, and I'm sure the big day will be no exception! We look forward to supporting you as you carry The Flag in August Jake - though I doubt you'll need much of it!

Safe Out, Safe In!

Elliot



LEFT HAND MAN

Chris Purves

It's hard to believe that it's my final year representing The Royal Burgh of Lauder. I was told on Common Riding Day 2019 that it would be over in a flash, and it's hard to believe that it's been five years! I can still recall the immense feeling of Pride carrying the flag and the cheering of Lauder Townsfolk, a privilege will never forget.

As Left Hand Man, it will be a shame not finishing my term in office the way I had hoped to, though, a wheelchair might be safer than horseback!

I have the greatest memories and have made many lifelong friends through my time as Lauder Cornet 2019, as the saying goes, 'it's better felt than telt'.

Elliot, you did a grand job of being Lauder Cornet 2022 and are continuing to carry out your duties as Right Hand Man very well. There has been a few hair-raising moments,

but you very quickly learned the knack of hanging on (often commenting, "I don't know how I got here"). Joking apart we have been friends a very long time and you have done us and our town proud.

Connie, you have been by Elliot's side through all the festive seasons keeping him in check, and making my life easier, so thank you for that.

To my Cornets Lass 2019, Zoe. It's been a blast! You have turned up at every event and kept me right on time! You tried your best to keep me well dressed, but weren't impressed with the cable tie cufflinks! You even managed to teach me some good dance steps through the years.

Congratulations must go to Silver Jubilee Steve Smith, Golden Malcolm Johnston, Diamond Bill Middlemiss and Platinum Dave Middlemiss. I hope this Common Riding brings back many happy memories and stories of your time in office. I hope you all have fantastic Common Riding week.

I would like to congratulate Cornet Jake and Lass Megan you both have done such a good job so far, take it all in as it will be over in a flash. I am sure you and your Lass will make your families and The Royal Burgh of Lauder proud.

Finally, to Chris Rogerson, last year's Left Hand Man, who is kindly stepping in to cover my duties this year. You have a big pair of boots to fill, although they're certainly not mine as the paramedics cut them off! You thought 5 years was enough, now this makes it 6. You have been by my side through the last five years in and out office and I couldn't think of a better man to pick up my reins on Common Riding Day.

Safe Oot, Safe In

Chris



LEFT HAND LASS

Zoe Bruce

The best time of the year is nearly upon us once more. The last 3 (5) years in office have flown by. Over the last few summers I have built friendships to last a lifetime, thoroughly enjoyed visiting other towns; celebrating their common ridings and festival weeks along side Lauder and representing the town.

Riding my first ever ride out on Lauder Thursday and Saturday are two days I will never forget, being able to follow Cornet Purves, Right and Left Hand Men around the Burgh boundaries on horseback was certainly a memorable experience.

Summer 2019 I quickly realised I was given more responsibility than anticipated... teaching Chris how to dance! Threepwood night reel, grand marches and ceilidh dancing has certainly been entertaining to put it mildly over the last 5 years, at least we have all been spared his dodgy dancing for the rest of summer 2023!

Chris, it's been a pleasure to follow you on many of your ride outs and make memories to last a lifetime. You have

been a credit to Lauder throughout your time in office.

A big thank you to Julie Purves for keeping Chris and I on track with ride outs and events, being organised, running us about and being a fantastic supporter! Thank you also to friends and family for their support.

I would like to congratulate our 25th and 50th Jubilee Cornets Stevie Smith and Malcolm Johnston- have a fantastic week.

Jake and Megan- have a memorable and enjoyable week as Cornet and Lass. Take in every moment of what I'm sure will be a tremendous experience.

Safe Oot, Safe In!

Zoe

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WREATH PRESENTER

I am so pleased to have been asked to present the wreath to Cornet Mirley. It is a real honour.

I love the Common Riding. I first rode the apprentice ride when I was 3 and have ridden it every time since.

It was really exciting being allowed to ride on Common Riding day for the first time in 2022. I also enjoyed riding



Threepwood this year. 2023 Common Riding is very special for my family as my big cousin, Jake, is Cornet. It's my Great Uncle Bill and Great Aunt Elma's 60th year and also 25 years since Ray, my Mum's cousin, was Cornets Lass. Congratulations to them all!

I look forward to following the Cornet this year on my pony, Surf.

Best of luck to Jake and Cornet's Lass, Megan. I hope you have the best week ever!

Safe Out, Safe In *Susannah Montague*



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LADY BUSSER

I feel very proud and honoured to be Lady Busser for 2023. I came to Lauder in 1999 and within a short time found myself a member of the then Ladies Committee.

This was to be my first introduction to Lauder Common Riding which was followed in 2001 by an invitation from Ian Fallas to be his Cornets Lass. Due to the Foot and Mouth outbreak, that year was unique for all Common Ridings and Festivals throughout the Borders. Many towns did not elect principals at all and celebrations were much reduced. Lauder was lucky in being one of the later Common Ridings and therefore able to ride their marches, albeit on a reduced scale.

I had a further insight into the running of such Festivals when Ian was Chairman of Lauder Common Riding Committee and know how much work is involved in organising all these

events. I very much enjoyed visiting all the other towns on their big day and making new friends.

To Cornet Jake and your Lass Megan, enjoy your big week, make memories, new friends and most of all savour the day.

Safe Out, Safe In *Liz Dalglish*

▼ 1963 Lady Busser Miss Fleming busses the Standard in front of the Town Hall



SILVER JUBILEE CORNET

1998

Steve Smith



25 years have flown by since being elected as Lauder Cornet and Standard Bearer in 1998.

I truly had an amazing three years in office. I met so many new people that have all become life long friends and hope to catch up with

them at various events this summer. Myself and my lass Ray along with my Right and Left Hand Men Nod and Mark visited all the Borders towns and beyond to enjoy their festivities, and every town has their own special memories which I will never forget.

I have many stories from my time in office that I now share with my wife Anna and my two children Harris and Polly who now get very excited when common riding week comes around. I hope this Common Riding will be extra special to them as it will be for me.

I would like to wish my lass Ray a happy 25th and thank her again for all she did keeping me right and well organised all those years ago. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Nod and Mark for making my year as Cornet a blast.

Congratulations to our Golden Jubilee Cornet Malcolm Johnston. I hope you enjoy your golden year. I was honoured to have Tessie Johnston as my lady busser. Tessie's husband Wull celebrated his 50th year and Malcolm their son celebrated his 25th year while I was Cornet so it was certainly a special year for the Johnston family! Sadly Tessie and Wull are no longer with us, but I will be sure to raise a glass to them on Common Riding day which would have been Wull's 75th year.

Finally I would like to wish Cornet Jake all the very best on your election and wish you a happy and amazing Common Riding. You have been a credit to Lauder and your family at every event I have seen you at. Remember and savour every moment as it will fly by.

To everyone in Lauder I wish you all the best and an enjoyable common riding.

Safe Oot Safe In. *Ex Cornet Steve Smith*



GOLDEN JUBILEE CORNET

1973

Malcolm Johnston

Nowadays it can take me some time to remember what happened yesterday, but the summer of '73 when I was Lauder Cornet will be forever imprinted in my mind, and especially the first Saturday in August when I was honoured to carry the standard round the marches of the Royal and Ancient Burgh of Lauder. I was particularly proud as it was 25 years since my dad, Ex-Cornet Bill Johnston, had been Cornet and was an ambition I had held since being a young lad.

My first experience riding the marches was as a youngster on a horse called Broonie, gratefully procured for me by Dave Middlemiss, but one of the ugliest, hairy-footed animals you have ever seen! These were the days long before stringent health and safety rules and risk assessments, when animals coming out of a horse trailer could have a wild look in their eye and the tack leave a lot to be desired. Nonetheless Broonie undoubtedly fired my enthusiasm to be Cornet and through the years I progressed to finer mounts!

Marlen Freebairn (whose father had the Lauderdale hotel) was my Lass and George Threadgall and Ivor Jones my Right and Left Hand Men respectively, all of whom were a tremendous support to me. A young Caroline Bell presented the wreath and Mrs John Rind busied my colours.

My flag horse was Copper and I vividly remember Common Riding day as being very windy, so much so that head marshall, Dave Waldie, decided the flag should be tied in. Luckily by the time the cavalcade reached the Waterin' Stane the



wind had abated slightly and we were able to continue with the flag unfurled.

Being a 19 year-old Cornet with the exuberance of youth meant I made full opportunity of all the socialising opportunities and attended as many other Common Ridings and festivals as I was able to, making numerous friends along the way. Kindredship is something that has been well documented and much clichéd in this magazine by other anniversary Cornets, but safe to say it is something that has to be experienced to enable you to appreciate how much it really means and how long-lasting it can be.

Like Cornets before me I remained passionate about the Common Riding, serving as head marshall for some 20 years and later Chairman of the Common Riding Committee which enabled me to renew old acquaintances while representing Lauder in other towns. Times change however and years roll on; I now tend to shy away from large gatherings leaving them to the premise of the young - which is exactly as it should be. It is heartening to know however that the younger generation are still as keen to uphold the many traditions of days gone by which ensures the survival of our great festivals.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Cornet Mirley, Lass Megan Wilson and all their many supporters the very best for Common Riding day and hope the sun shines sae rosy all week.

Safe Oot Safe In.

Ex-Cornet Malcolm Johnston

Diamond Jubilee Cornet

1963

Bill Middlemiss

60 years seems a long time, but I can remember quite clearly being Lauder Cornet in 1963 following Jock Murray ('62) and Bill Brown ('61), Right Hand and Left Hand men.

It always seemed inevitable that I would do it one day, following my brothers Dave ('53) and Jim ('54), both in their 90s, but still look forward to the first Saturday in August.



It is important to keep traditions alive to remember our historic part as a Royal Burgh for many centuries, being granted our common by Scottish Kings for services rendered to the Crown, the most recent Royal Charter being 1502 - 1700 acres of common land which is still cared for by Burges systems to benefit the Lauder common good. The right to claim the common has stood the test of time, being proved in High Court in a case against the Town Council, no less!

So, it is important to me to carry on the tradition of checking the boundary and markers each year followed by the

mounted cavalcade.

My first memory of Common Riding week was lying in bed in 16 Market Place in 1946, where I was born in 1940, trying to sleep with the sounds of revelry coming across the street from the Black Bull dining room; the first Ex-Cornets dinner after the war, with Lindsey Thomson as Cornet.

I first rode in 1951, with Jimmy Mackison as Cornet - my horse, Jane, coming from Dumfries at £5 for 2 weeks! I joined the Common Riding Committee after leaving School and was well versed in Common Riding matters by such members as Jack Scott, Bill Hardie, Bill Brud, Mulvey, Airch Aitchison, Martin Bell, Wull Gillie, and many others. I also attended the other festivals in the Borders and Musselburgh, made friends for life - the comradeship and fellowship cannot be overstated.

Border Festivals are a guid thing and must be continued. I write this note on the eve of Hawick Common Riding as another season starts - long may they continue.

Best wishes to Jake and Megan.

Safe Oot Safe In.
Ex-Cornet Bill Middlemiss



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1953 - Left to Right, Gala Braw Lass Margaret Finlay, Cornet's Lass May Nelson, Cornet Dave Middlemiss and Ex Cornet Jim Middlemiss

Platinum Jubilee Cornet

1953

Dave Middlemiss

1953, where has the time gone. It was a year which turned out to be very important for me. I was very proud to be elected Lauder Cornet, a long held ambition. It led to a special summer enjoying celebrations with other towns and making many friendships along the way. The most important for me was meeting the Gala Braw Lass Margaret Finlay at Threeepwood crossroads. We married in 1956 and she is and always will be my Braw Lass.



riders in the cavalcade and my photo album confirms my memory of huge crowds out and about in Lauder. Lady Mary Baillie-Hamilton presented me with the burgh flag, my sash of office and bussed my colours. My chosen colours were red, white and blue as it was the late Queen's Coronation year. Jean Gray

I was well supported by my Right & Left Hand Men, John Weatherly and Jimmy Mackison, my Cornet's Lass May Middlemiss (nee Nelson) and my family.

I have so many happy memories of that summer, including getting my horses from Bob Fairbairn and transporting them to ride-outs with Campbell of Oxton!

Lauder Common Riding week was the pinnacle. Common Riding morn dawned and I met my horse at Midd's shed, for those who remember that! She was called Sheila, but was also known as Lady Anne during the flapping season. She was a great flag horse but no good elsewhere in the cavalcade as due to her flapping career she always wanted to be at the front! My brothers Jim (1954) and Bill (Diamond Jubilee Cornet, 1963) also carried the flag on Sheila. There were 150

presented me with the wreath and Provost Crombie-Smith officiated. The morning ride was followed by gymkhana and foot races. A very special day.

Carrying the burgh flag remains a great honour and I was proud to support my sons who were Cornets and my daughter who was Cornet's Lass. I continued to ride and support the Common Riding for many years and I was very proud to lead my grandsons round the marches on their ponies and enjoyed my granddaughter doing the same. I retired from riding when Danny my horse retired.

I continue to enjoy celebrating our traditions and history, although less actively now. I also enjoy seeing how Common Riding week continues to develop and 'move with the times'.

I look forward to following this year's Cornet Jake and his Lass Megan and their supporting team and families. I wish them all a wonderful summer and good luck for their special week.

I also wish you all a safe and happy Common Riding.

Safe Oot Safe In.

Ex-Cornet Dave Middlemiss



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COMMON RIDING POSTER COMPETITION

Once again we've had some absolutely brilliant entries to the art competition with Lauder Primary School - we've got some very talented youngsters!

Primary 7 children were tasked with creating a poster for Common Riding Day, while the rest of the school were asked to produce a picture with the theme 'Thoughts of Common Riding'.

Cornet Jake Mirley had a really tough job choosing the winners - we're told he was literally there for hours! Huge congratulations to:

Primary 7: Cobey Burne

Primary 4 - 6: Madison Thomson

Primary 1 - 3: Ada Gilbert

Nursery: Fiadh Sutherland

Thank you very much to everyone who entered, and a massive well done for some awesome artwork!



KIRKIN' O' THE CORNET



Lauder Common Riding week gets underway with Sunday's Kirkin' in Lauder Parish Church at 11.30am. The service will be attended by Common Riding Committee, Ex-Cornets and townfolk, and serves to mark the traditional commencement of the week's timetable.

◀ **Kirkin' 2022:** Right Hand Man Chris Purves, 2022 Cornet Elliot Balson and Left Hand Man Chris Rogerson head a line-up of Ex-Cornets and officials on Lauder Town Hall steps.

Photographer Kenny White captures 2022 Cornet Elliot Balson with his lass Connie White outside the Kirk, at the start of his memorable week



FAMILY FUN DAY



The Family Fun Day (free for all!) will take place at Lauder Park from 2pm on Sunday 30th 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 made a successful return to the programme last year, with eight teams battling out for the inaugural Darren Ainslie Memorial Trophy, in tribute

to the former player. The trophy was lifted in the end by team ABCDE FC, presented by Darren's Dad John Ainslie.



This year, there will be a children's tournament, for P1 to P7, starting from 1pm, and 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.

To enter, email Kate Ainslie on kate_reed@live.co.uk or Amelia Strangeways on aswhittaker@hotmail.com

The Darren Ainslie Memorial Cup

SUNDAY 30TH JULY

LAUDER 5S FOOTBALL

Lauderdale Football Club come together with Lauder Common Riding to bring back Lauder 5s as part of Family Fun Day

Lauder Park 1pm

Children's P1-P7 tournament - £5 per team
S1-Adult tournament - £10 per team with proceeds going towards Lauderdale Football Club.
To register a team, contact Kate Ainslie kate_reed@live.co.uk or Amelia Strangeways aswhittaker@hotmail.com

FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY 30TH JULY LAUDER PARK 2PM

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THE 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.



Iris Dodds riding the Apprentice Ride for the first time



THE EX-CORNETS' DINNER

The Ex-Cornets' Dinner has been one of the main events in our week of festivities for a number of years now. It is a chance for Ex-Cornets to get together with guests and friends from Lauder, and also further afield.

On the night itself we will be entertained by speeches from Ex-Cornets, invited guests and of course the Cornet himself. The evening is kept in order by our Chairman, Ex-Cornet Iain Dick.

We will also have some performances from singers and musicians as well as visiting principles from other towns.

The event is being held in the Lauderdale Hotel this year with tickets only available through Ex-Cornets.

If you are lucky enough to get hold of one it is certainly one of the highlights in our fantastic week of celebrations.



MC for the evening
Ex-Cornet Iain Dick

Ex-Cornet Chris Rogerson
Dinner Secretary



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FAMILY CYCLE RIDE & LAUDER LIMPERS RUN

Thank you to Edward and Sarah, for their on-going support and kind permission to use Thirlestane Castle grounds for the Common Riding Bike Ride.

This is a fun event and suitable for all the family.

This year the route will be in three parts, as before, making it suitable for mixed ages and abilities. However, as it's mainly off road, the route is not suitable for balance bikes and stabilisers.

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.

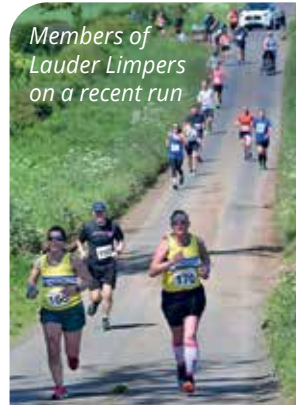
The event starts in the castle carpark at 6pm. Refreshments will be available at the end of the ride.

Come and have some cycling fun following this year's Cornet on his bike!

RUN THE COMMON RIDING ROUTE!

In collaboration with Lauderdale Limpers Running Club, a chance to run the common riding route. Over 8 miles of trail running which should only be attempted by those experienced over this distance of demanding terrain.

Dress for the weather and run at your own risk. All must carry a fully charged mobile phone with an emergency contact. Meet ready to run at 18.30. The run will start and finish at the Lauderdale Hotel.



Members of Lauderdale Limpers on a recent run



Cornet Balson leads the 2022 Family Cycle Ride in the grounds of Thirlestane Castle

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EXILES' ANNUAL REUNION

Congratulations to our Cornet Jake Mirley and his Lass Megan Wilson from all at the Exiles Association. We know both Jake and Megan have been busy travelling across the Borders attending various Common ridings and Festivals supporting other principals on their big day.



After a 2-year hiatus Joyce and I were delighted to see a large crowd come through the doors. It was obvious by the noise level that folks were catching up after 2 years.

The Exiles Reunion is very informal and open to anyone – Exile or not so please come along and you will be made very welcome. It's an evening where young and old alike chat away which is always great to see.

The Reunion is held on the Tuesday of the Common Riding at 8pm in the Public Hall. The traditional presentations to the Cornet and Jubilee Cornets start the evening off. Then it is time for a Buffet and a Blether. This year the buffet is provided by Marion Pate. The Ex-Cornets will be selling a range

of refreshments to ensure you are suitably lubricated for all that chat!

We are always happy to hear people's recollections and stories about the Common Riding so if you would like to share them at the reunion please get in touch with Joyce or myself.

If you know of anyone who would like to become a member of the Exiles or would like more information about the Association, then please get in touch with Joyce or Myself (contact details below).

We wish everyone a Happy Common Riding.

Safe Oot, Safe In *Kevin Laidlaw*



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◀ 2022 Principals enjoying their night at the reunion

Photos: Kenny White



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 Wilrobyway 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 U-10 years | 16. Adult Couples |
| 8. Groups U-10 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 8pm, 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 Marshalls 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*
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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 depart the town via East High Street, Mid Row, Mill Wind
- 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 Burges Cairn
- 9.00pm** Cavalcade returns to the town via Edinburgh Road *All times are approximate.*

Ex-Cornet Fraser Middlemiss Asst. Chief Marshall





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Lauder Common Riding 2022

**SATURDAY 5TH AUGUST:
COMMON RIDING DAY**

COMMON RIDING WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday 30th 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.

LAUDER FOOTBALL 5s & FAMILY FUN DAY, Lauder Public Park... 2.00pm

Monday 31st July

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

EX-CORNETS' DINNER, Lauderdale Hotel 7pm for 7.30pm

Tuesday 1st August

BOWLING COMPETITION: Lauder B.C., Ex-Cornets vs Twenty10.... 11am

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

FAMILY CYCLE RIDE Thirlestane Castle 6pm

EXILES ANNUAL REUNION, Lauder Public Hall..... 8pm

Wednesday 2nd August

FANCY DRESS PARADE

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

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

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| Classes: | 1. Boys under 5 years | 10. Girls 10-15 years |
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PARADE will be led by Stow Pipe Band approx 7.30pm

COMMON RIDING WEEK AT A GLANCE

Thursday 3rd August

CORNET'S VISIT TO SOUTH GARDENS 11am

CHILDREN'S SHOW, Lauder Public Hall..... 2.30pm
organised by Lauder Common Riding Committee.

PRELIMINARY RIDE, horses assemble at The Avenuedepart at 6.15pm

Friday 4th 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.P and children £1

Saturday 5th 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 AND STANDARD BEARER BALSON..... 8.00am
Cavalcade will proceed along West High Street, The Loan, Lower Back Road, Mill Wynd, Lauder Golf Course, Crossing Muircleugh Road to the Waterin' Staneapprox. 9.50am
Leave the Waterin' Stane approx. 10.45am

CORNET AND CAVALCADE arrive at war memorial 12.15am

CONCLUSION OF CEREMONIES at the Town Hall 1pm

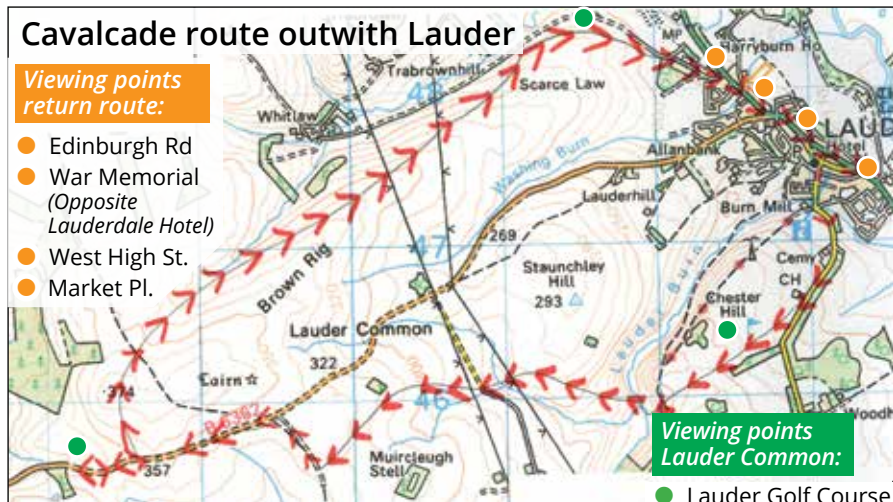
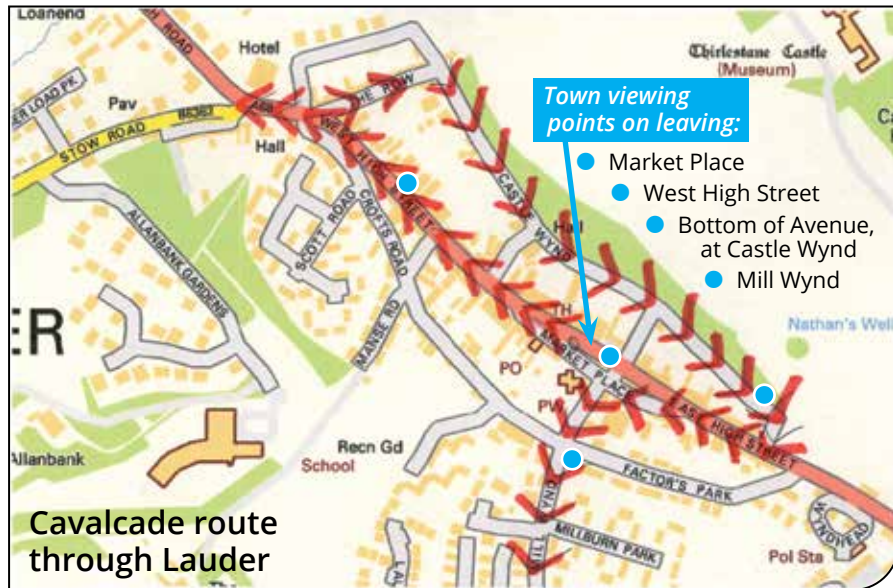
'GIG ON THE RIGG' at Lauder Public Park, free entry..... 2pm - 6.30pm

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

Admission by ticket only, see posters.



RIDEOUT ROUTES



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 marshalls. Cars to be parked in designated areas, out of the paths that emergency vehicles would use.



CORNET'S DANCE

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Local Access to the centre of Lauder will be restricted from 7am to 1pm on Saturday 6th 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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"JAKE ... DO LAUDER PROUD "

We are so very proud of Jake and the way he has approached his year as Lauder Cornet and Standard Bearer. He has taken on his responsibilities with enthusiasm and pride.

Every photo of him at the many events he has represented Lauder at, he has had a beaming smile showing just how much he is enjoying his experience. As his parents it is a joy to see.

It is also great to have a friend like Megan to support him as his Lass, an excellent choice especially as she's such an accomplished rider and a newly qualified vet. She's also good at helping keep him on track.

Jake was always destined to apply for the honour of being Cornet. We can remember him proudly wearing his rosette on Common Riding Day as a 4 year old and getting to sit on a horse at the Waterin' Stane. At 11 he borrowed his Grandpa's Common Riding tie and at 13 he got to lead the front row of the Stow Pipe Band on Fancy Dress Night and did it most years from then on. He loves the tradition and the buzz of excitement that surrounds the week.

With our family's long association with Lauderdale and it's community we will have a tear in our eyes as we watch Liz buss Jake's colours and then lead the cavalcade with his trademark beaming smile on Common Riding morning.

Safe Oot and Safe In Jake and Megan. Have a fabulous week.

Lots of Love Mum, Dad and Anna x



The Stevenson family have been in Lauder for over a hundred years and throughout the generations have been keen supporters of Lauder Common Riding.

We are thrilled that our grandson Jake has been chosen as Cornet and Standard Bearer for 2023, and achieved his dreams. We are sure he will carry out his duties to the high standards set by his predecessors. We wish him and his supporters all the best.

As the time honoured saying goes,

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From Granny and Grandpa Stevenson

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COMMON RIDING COMMUNITY CHAMPION AWARD



Our 'Common Riding Community Champion Award', was introduced last year to our pupils and required the votes of all the staff in the school to recognise one individual in Primary 4, who demonstrates community values such as team work, responsibility, friendship and compassion to name only a few.

Yet again, it was a difficult decision as there could be so many worthy winners. However, the votes decided that this year, the winner of our Community Champion award for 2023 was **Sadie Anderson**. Sadie was presented with a very delicate but beautiful glass trophy, given to her by Cornet Jake Mirley, during our annual Common Riding Cornet Assembly. Sadie was also presented with a book token, given to her by last year's winner of the award, James Leach.

Sadie gets to keep the trophy for the year and will have her name and photograph displayed at the front entrance of the school for all to see!

It was lovely to welcome Cornet Jake and his supporters into the school, especially with Jake being an ex-pupil of Lauder Primary.

Our 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 Sadie!

All the pupils and staff wish everyone involved in Lauder Common Riding, a safe and enjoyable week.

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Cornet Mirley presents Sadie Anderson with the Common Riding Community Champion Award

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EX-CORNETS' MESSAGE

Iain Dick *Chairman, Ex-Cornets' Association*

The Royal and Ancient Burgh of Lauder can be very proud to call Jake Mirley it's Cornet and Standard Bearer for 2023. Fulfilling his duties so far to the required high standard so far, the biggest job is fast approaching.

As an Association we are very lucky this year to have more significant anniversaries than ever before. Platinum Jubilee Cornet Dave Middlemiss, Diamond Jubilee Cornet Bill Middlemiss, Golden Jubilee Cornet Malcolm Johnston and Silver Jubilee Cornet Steve Smith. This will be the first time in our history we have had this many special Jubilees in one year, truly a full house. A historic occasion for this Association with each man a Lauder Common Riding stalwart in their own way with many years of experience between them. I'm sure Cornet Mirley will not be short of quality advice if he bends the ear

of any of these gentlemen over the next few weeks. Gents, I hope you and your families have a great Common Riding week that brings back many happy memories of your time in office and you get to meet up with friends old and new.

Our Association has had a busy year so far. The Quiz Night fundraiser in April was a great success and allows us to continue our support for the local community with donations to Lauder & Channelkirk Church, Lauder in Bloom, OAP groups and others. We have also been helping install 8 new planters for Lauder Primary School to support their outdoor learning and gardening projects, putting our eclectic skill sets to good use. The Association loves to engage with the community where we can and work together to make Lauder the excellent wee town we know today.

Cornet Mirley, you and your Lass Megan have been great ambassadors for us so far this year so far but as you will know, the best is yet to come. Jake and Megan 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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FUN RIDE FUND RAISER

On a glorious May morning, some 70 riders of all ages and abilities set out from the bottom of Stirk to do the first "Fun Ride" Lauder Common Riding Committee have staged for a while.

Rain the night before made horse box parking a little slippery but meant fabulous under foot conditions for all the horses and ponies taking part.

Some partnerships cantered from the start, others trotted but many were happy to walk and take in the stunning scenery on Lauder Hill and surrounding farm land. The route was roughly ten miles, all way marked with gates and road crossings marshalled by dayglo jacketed volunteers.

At roughly halfway, the Cornet and his Right and Left Hand Men were on hand to give out refreshments and words of encouragement. Not that much encouragement was needed, as the majority of riders were reported to have broad smiles on their faces and be thoroughly enjoying themselves! The quickies got round in 90 minutes but most were two hours plus.

They returned via Trabroun to be greeted by family, friends and helpers. And the delicious smell of frying bacon - there were plenty of filled rolls and tray bakes available to satisfy the appetites that

had been worked up.

All in all, the event raised some £1400 for Committee funds. But more importantly, created a huge amount of goodwill. There were compliments aplenty - about our beautiful Royal Burgh, the organisation of the ride and the opportunity it gave people to go across country, especially young folk who are still learning and are more used to the confines of a riding school.

Encouraged by this feedback, we will look to stage a similar event in the autumn. Let's hope the weather then is as kind! In the meantime, many thanks to all those who gave up their time to help and to the farmers who let us onto their land. You were instrumental in making a very happy day!



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Best Wishes to the 2023 Cornet & his Lass



SADDLE CLOTH

On Common Riding morning you'll notice that the Cornet's horse wears a very nice blue saddle cloth with yellow trim, but you may not be aware of the history behind it. Each year the Cornet is given the saddle cloth to be used on the big day, but it wasn't always quite as smart as it is now...

In 1972 Cornet George Threadgall collected the saddle cloth that he was to use and recalls taking it home to his late mother, Peg. *"We found to our horror on returning to the house, that the saddlecloth had, the previous year, been unceremoniously stuffed into a bag, without first having been cleaned or folded in any way. It was, quite frankly, a mouldy, smelly and crumpled mess."* Peg quickly decided that a replacement would have to be found, declaring that *"There is definitely no way any Cornet should be expected to use that."*

With time being of the essence, Peg opted to make a new saddle cloth herself, using an old war blanket. The blanket had belonged to George's father Sid, himself Cornet in 1956, and had a long history of its own. Sid had fought in World War Two, serving as a Sergeant Major in a special forces unit in the Bruma campaign. The unit had been landed by glider behind enemy lines, deep within the hostile jungles of Burma, as part of an elite group of Chindits fighting against the Imperial Japanese Army. Armed with guns and ammo, these highly trained troops also carried their own bedding, which provided invaluable protection against the cold as they slept in their makeshift shelters in readiness for the next day's guerilla activity. These Chindits were publicly accredited for their part in the victory in Burma, with the campaign being shortened by their daring exploits behind enemy lines. Though



wounded in action, Sid (and his blankets) survived the war, though was unable to escape the inevitable mosquito bites during his time in the jungle and suffered from bouts of malaria for some time following his safe return.

The blanket was covered with some new blue fabric and yellow ribbon, and the new saddle cloth was ready for its first outing. Peg was very happy for it to be used by each successive Cornet, on the condition that it was collected in person and returned promptly after Common Riding Day so that she could personally ensure it was properly cleaned and stored in readiness for next year's Cornet. More than half a century later, it's still going strong and now in the safekeeping of our Chief Marshall, Ex Cornet Jack Threadgall. Come Saturday 5th August Cornet Mirley will be the 50th Cornet to use it.

Away from Common Riding Day itself you'll notice that the Cornet and Lass, and Right and Left Hand Supporters, all use matching saddle cloths. These have the same blue with yellow trim design, with the Town Hall embroidered on to them as well. These were donated to the Common Riding Committee for our Principals to use by the Exiles Association in 2011 as part of the celebrations to mark the 100th anniversary of the current Common Riding.





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1. **MARSHALS WILL BE IN CHARGE** – Marshals will be clearly identified by Arm Bands and be positioned throughout the ride and will follow the direction of the Head Marshal. Foot marshals will be suitably attired and positioned, as required, at gates and crossings again all due respect should be given to their requirements and instructions.
2. **RESPONSIBILITIES OF HORSE RIDERS** – It is the responsibility of all riders taking part to maintain good control of their mount throughout the ride. If a rider becomes dismounted at any time it is their responsibility to either remount and re-join the ride or return their horse to the horsebox. It must be noted that while it is the role of foot or mounted marshals to advise and direct riders it is not their duty to control loose horses.
3. **DISCIPLINE AT GATES AND CROSSINGS** – A high degree of discipline and courtesy should be shown at all times by all riders at gates and crossings. It may be possible and in some cases preferable to pass through a gate or crossing and muster on the other side (marshals will advise).
4. **ROUTES** – The routes are pre-arranged between the Common Riding Committee, Farmers/Landowners and Police. Therefore all riders are required to adhere to the agreed route. If for any reason a rider has to leave the ride early a marshal must be notified.
5. **DRESS CODE** – To maintain our previous high standards, only smart, suitable riding gear will be accepted. This also applies to anyone joining the ride at any point. It should be noted that **SUITABLE PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR MUST BE WORN BY ALL RIDERS.**
6. **BASIC MANNERS AND COURTESY** – Should be shown to all fellow riders, marshals members of the public and the farmers/landowners who support and allow us to cross their land.
7. **TIMING** – All riders should be aware that it is essential that we maintain our current high standards of timekeeping for the Police who control and manage the time we spend on public roads, not least the public who enthusiastically wait on their Cornet's arrival (marshals will control).
8. **WALKERS** – To the requirements of farmers/landowners it is essential that all dogs must be kept on a lead at all times.

LAUDER COMMON RIDING Riders Code of Conduct

9. **EMERGENCY PROCEDURE** – In the event of any problem arising, be it damage to gates or fences, breakage of essential tack or injury to horse or rider, immediate contact should be made with either a mounted or foot marshal so that any necessary action be taken (i.e. first aid, veterinary help or help with spare tack). It is the owner's/hirer's responsibility for all costs incurred.
10. **GENERAL** – In an effort to retain some element of respect it should be noted that:
 - a. Any rider who is found to be under the influence of alcohol and to be incapable of controlling their mount, will, at the discretion of the Chief Marshal, immediately be excluded from the ride.
 - b. Riders MUST NOT mount the pavement for any reason whatsoever.
 - c. Any rider found using foul and abusive language or creating a public nuisance will be severely dealt with and may be asked to leave the ride.
 - d. All riders should assist both riding and foot marshals to address these problems.
 - e. Any rider who fails to keep up with the riding marshal maybe requested to leave the ride.
11. **INSURANCE** - It is the responsibility of those taking part, or their legal guardians in the case of minors, to ensure that the participants have appropriate and adequate insurance cover for personal injury and third party liability cover and they take all reasonable steps to ensure their own safe participation in the events,
12. **YOUNG RIDERS** – It should be noted by all concerned that young or inexperienced riders should always be accompanied by a responsible and capable adult who should make themselves known to the marshal in charge.

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1914 – D H Watson	1960 – A P Turnbull	1992 – A Strangeways
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1925 – J M Paterson	1963 – W Middlemiss	1995 – R Millar
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1927 – T Shaw	1965 – J T Brotherston	1997 – R J Wilson
1928 – J Nivison	1966 – D N White	1998 – S W Smith
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1930 – J Brodie	1968 – C G A McHutchon	2000 – A Crombie-Smith
1931 – W J Shaw	1969 – I W M Anderson	2001 – T I M Fallas
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
1935 – G A Brown	1973 – M Johnston	2005 – S Threadgall
1936 – J C Delahunt	1974 – P R Riddell	2006 – L Wilson
1937 – J T Robson	1975 – G S Riddell	2007 – S Hardie
1938 – F Tocher	1976 – S Threadgall	2008 – J Threadgall
1939 – A Landells	1977 – G W Masson	2009 – M Alexander
1946 – A L Thomson	1978 – S R Gryczka	2010 – F J Middlemiss
1947 – R Redpath	1979 – I Middlemiss	2011 – I O Dick
1948 – W Johnston	1980 – R J R Ker	2012 – G R Ker
1949 – J Johnston	1981 – J F Threadgall	2013 – C McNeill
1950 – J B Dagg	1982 – R A Kerr	2014 – C Connell
1951 – J Mackison	1983 – S Thompson	2015 – D Simpson
1952 – J P Weatherly	1984 – J C Mc Neill	2016 – G Scott
1953 – D T Middlemiss	1985 – R E Landells	2017 – H Steele
1954 – J A Middlemiss	1986 – P F Middlemiss	2018 – C Rogerson
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The society began in 2008 and we currently have over 170 members; we're hugely grateful to every one of them for their contributions. 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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This year Lauder in Bloom celebrates 10 years of working with the community to brighten up Lauder.

To mark this special occasion we are hosting a community celebration event on Saturday 23 September 2023, at 1pm in the Public Hall, Lauder.

You are all invited to join us as we celebrate our achievements over the years.

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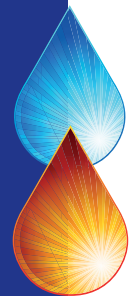
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2019	Janice McNeill	Zoe Bruce	Ruby Wilkinson
2018	Mrs Beth Middlemiss	Caitlin Megahy	Elyn Wilkinson
2017	Mrs Mary Fallas	Ashleigh Scott	Sophie Millar
2016	Mrs Nancy Hardie	Jenni Cook	Anna Mirley
2015	Mrs R. Neil	Chevonne Ainslie	Jenna Wilkinson
2014	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
2006	Mrs. Janet Laidlaw	Jenny Riva	Katy Gilligan
2005	Miss Susan Landells	Hazel Threadgall	Tabitha Threadgall
2004	Mrs. Sheena Riddell	Michelle Wood	Amy Russell
2003	Miss Chris Mackie	Gillian Thornton	Lauren Watson
2002	Mrs. Barbara Whellans	Fiona Megahy	Fiona Laing
2001	Mrs. Grace Whellans	Liz Dalgelish	Louise Wilson
2000	Mrs. Dorothy Archibald	Amy Mclean	Erin Bonnar
1999	Mrs. Jean Brotherstone	Jenni Crombie-Smith	Rachael Hughes
1998	Mrs. Tessie Johnston	Ray Middlemiss	Kim Steele
1997	Mrs. Margot Douglas	Susan Wilson	Rebecca McNeill
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1994	Mrs. Helen Cranston	Claire Taylor	Helen Middlemiss
1993	Mrs. Jenny Wilson	Amanda Gryczka	Lauren Johnston
1992	Mrs. Venetia Scott	Suzanne Virtue	Emma McNeill
1991	Mrs. Irene Turnbull	Lyndsay Hogg	Jenni Crombie-Smith
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1986	Mrs. Carol Brown	Elaine Middlemiss	Joanne Douglas
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1980	Mrs. Jean Landells	Joyce Middlemiss	Laura Halliday
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1977	Mrs. Margaret Middlemiss	Fiona Seaton	Susan Brotherston
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1974	Mrs. Isa Walker	Sheena Riddell	Elaine Millar
1973	Mrs. Margaret Rhind	Marilyn Freebairn	Caroline Bell
1972	Mrs. Walker	Pat Rodger	Joyce Middlemiss

ROLL OF HONOUR

	Lady Busser	Cornet's Lass	Presenting the Wreath
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1970	Mrs. C. Morgan	Lorraine Dunn	Susan Landells
1969	Mrs. Ann Hardie	Kathleen Johnston	Avril Fortune
1968	Miss R. Strachan	Christine Weir	Sheila Thomson
1967	Mrs. Jean Scott	Frances Graham	Sheila Henderson
1966	Mrs. M. James	Barbara Gilchrist	Pat Zlots
1965	Mrs. Pitman	Muriel Lugget	Linda Sidonio
1964	Mrs. J. Waldie	Jeanette Plenderleith	Elizabeth Anderson
1963	Miss Fleming	Elma Stevenson	Margaret Landells
1962	Mrs. Jean Scott	Moira Howie	Kathleen Johnston
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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
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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.*

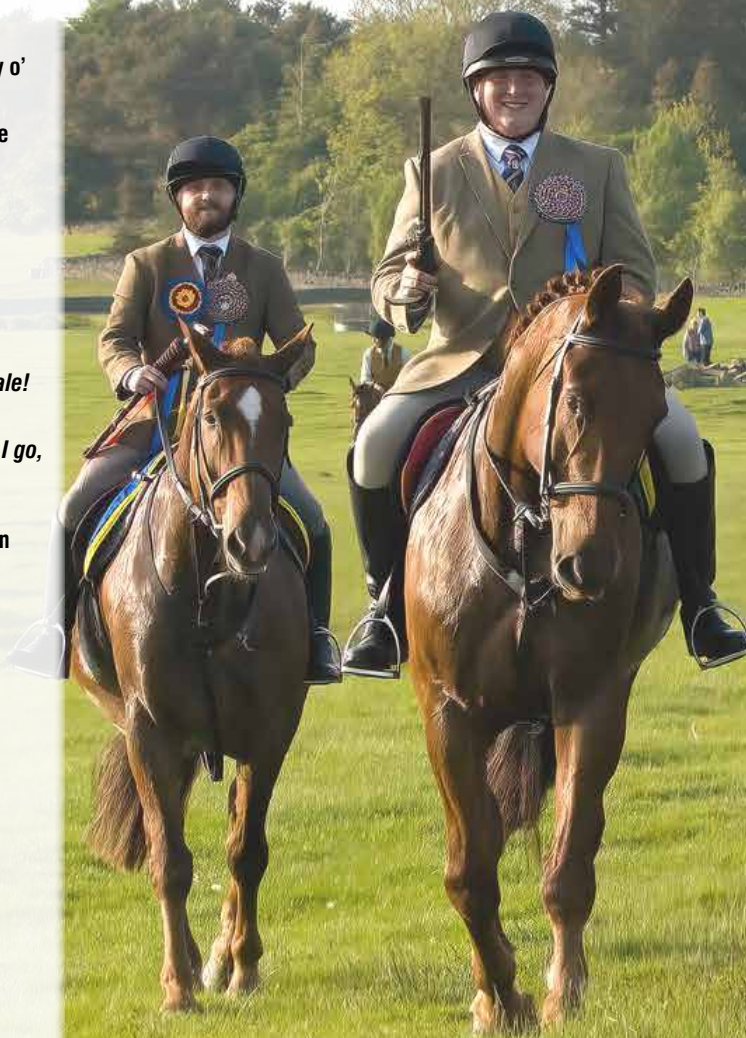
We hae bonnie lads and lassies an
we fear na ither toons,
Although we're kin o' wild a' wee
we're seldom oot o' boons
We're a jolly lot o' fellows,
aye heartie, true an' hale,
And proud we are tae be the sons
o' Bonnie Lauderdale.

Chorus:

When the Cornet is presented
on the Common Riding morm,
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 foamin 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 might,
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 dowlie,
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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