

Lauder Common Riding 2026



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

Here we are again preparing to celebrate our annual Common Riding. I know we all look forward to this time, meeting family and friends and celebrating long standing traditions.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Common Riding Committee for appointing me as Chair. To hold this position is a great honour I will deliver with pride. Linda Wilson stood down as Chair at our last AGM, thanks to Linda's dedication, our 2025 Common Riding was a huge success seamlessly delivered. Anne Phillips was appointed as Vice Chair this year. Anne is always first to set her hand to any task – with a huge smile and bags of enthusiasm! Thank you Anne. Michael Middlemiss remains in the role of Secretary, and Kevin Laidlaw as Treasurer. I would like to acknowledge that their support is invaluable. I would also like to thank the committee members and volunteers for all their hard work throughout the year – without your commitment our Common Riding would not be the success it is today.

Since our last Common Riding we have been saddened by the passing of Cornets' Lasses Kathleen Symons & Elma Middlemiss, and Lady Bussers Christine Brotherton and Rosalind Maitland-Carew. Our long-standing Common Riding ribbon maker Christine Kellett passed away in April this year. All great supporters of the Common Riding sadly missed. Our thoughts are with their families and friends at this time.

Our Cornet this year is Ellis Wilkinson who is following in the footsteps of his father and uncle, Cornets in 1988 and 1989 respectively. Ellis has always been a keen supporter of the Common Riding, having followed on horseback since he was a young lad. I have every confidence Ellis will carry out his duties to the highest standard. Ellis and his Lass Amy Morris have been wonderful ambassadors representing our town at other Border Common Ridings and Festivals.

My congratulations to Ellis and Amy, I hope you and your families will have a most memorable week that you will never forget.

This year Isabelle Young has been appointed as our Lady Busser. Isabelle has long been a supporter of our Common Riding and knows all the 'weel kent faces' from her days as proprietor of The Tower in Oxtou and The Lauderdale Hotel.

Miss Morven Dick 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 Ian Fallas, and Diamond Jubilee Cornet Dave White. I hope you have a wonderful time meeting old friends and sharing fond memories. We also join the Threadgall family in celebrating what would have been Ex-Cornet the late Sid Threadgall's Golden Jubilee year. I know many of you will have very fond memories and great stories to share with the Threadgalls reflecting on a great man dearly missed.

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

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



"Safe Oot, Safe In"

Emma McNeill
LAUDER COMMON RIDING CHAIRPERSON

LAUDER CORNET AND STANDARD BEARER 2026

Ellis Wilkinson

Well, the first of August is fast approaching and with that, a day that I have been looking forward to since I first rode the marches on my little black pony, Molly.

My family and I have been keen supporters and followers of the Common Riding for many years. In 2010, following Ex-Cornet Fraser Middlemiss, I took part in my first Threepwood ride out and it was during that ride that I realised that this was something that I had to do when I was older.

After Molly, I was lucky enough to get another pony called Sugar, who I quickly found out required you to be concentrating on riding rather than talking as she had a fond habit of throwing me off the side. However, it was the moments like those when she was behaving going round the common riding that got me hooked into it all.

Now I would like to pass on my best wishes to this year's Jubilee Cornets: Silver Jubilee Cornet, Ian Fallas who has supported me on many a ride out on foot and in vehicle; to our Diamond Jubilee Cornet, Dave White on hitting such an amazing milestone. And to the family of our late Golden and Platinum Jubilee Cornets, Sid Threadgall Sr. and Jr. - I hope you all have an amazing week, I know it will bring back many fond memories. I hope I can do you all proud.

Onto this year's Top Team, I would like to thank my Right-Hand Man Rhys and my Left-Hand man Ryan for keeping me right whether it was sticking to the white line on picking night or trying to teach me the double windsor for my tie (I'm still mastering it).

To My Lass Amy, we've had a great time so far and the best is yet to come, you've taken the role of Cornet's Lass in your stride and I know you'll do Lauder proud.

I can't thank you and your family enough for the support you have shown me.



To Jessica and Lara - thank you both for keeping us all going throughout the summer, I'm very grateful to have you girls be a part of this special year. I hope everyone in the top six has an amazing week.

To Dad, who got me involved in this all, I can't fully thank you enough for all the things you have done for me over the years: teaching me to ride; transporting ponies between other towns; cleaning ponies after they'd rolled hours before a ride; and keeping me right along the way. I hope I can make you one of the proudest men in Lauder come Common Riding Day.

Mum - you've been amazing and I hope all the countless white shirts and breeches you have washed for me this year will be worth it, and thank you for keeping us right on our invitations to other towns.

Ruby - thank you for being there this summer, you've been great cheering me on all over the place and I hope you can enjoy yourself on Common Riding Week.

Laura - thank you for the taxi services from various Rides and Balls, being top leader on our hacks, and most of all the support you have shown me this year.

To the Tweedies and my extended Middlethrid family - you've all been so supportive so far this year and I hope I can do you all proud.

With that being said, I hope everyone in Lauder has a Wonderful Common Riding Week and I look forward to seeing you all filling the streets.

"Safe Out, Safe In"

Ellis Wilkinson

LAUDER CORNET

CORNET'S LASS 2026

Amy Morris

Representing the Royal Burgh of Lauder as Cornet's Lass for 2026 is such an honour and I am absolutely delighted to take on this role.

My first experience with common riding was the Lauder Apprentice Ride when I was just 6 years old on my Shetland pony, Barney, and from that day on I have loved watching, following and taking part in the rides. I am so excited for the rest of the summer ahead to make memories and friendships to last a lifetime!

A huge congratulations to Ellis on becoming Cornet this year and thank you for inviting me to share this incredible experience with you. It is such a well-deserved honour and I know how much it means to you and your family. I am so proud to be supporting you throughout the year and I know you will carry out the role with pride, commitment, and plenty of enjoyment. I am sure you will make lots of unforgettable memories and enjoy celebrating everything that makes Lauder Common Riding so special.

Jessica, Rhys, Lara and Ryan - thank you for being such fantastic right and left hand supporters. Your support and guidance as we have stepped into our roles has been wonderful and your kindness has made this experience that much more special. We are so lucky to have such a great team and I am looking forward to spending the rest of the summer together!

"Safe Out, Safe In"

Amy Morris
CORNET'S LASS



PLEASE NOTE!

LAUDER COMMON RIDING

There will be

**NO ACCESS TO ANY HILL
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'OFFICIAL' VEHICLES**

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co-operation would be appreciated.*

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

We are once again delighted to be celebrating Lauder Common Riding and our Annual Riding of the Marches, together with the many events that take place throughout Common Riding week.

The first Saturday in August remains a very special day in Lauder's calendar — a time for the Burgh to come together, renew old friendships, make new ones, and welcome visitors to join us in celebrating one of our most important local traditions.

I would like to congratulate our new Chair, Emma McNeill, and Vice-Chair, Anne Phillips, on their appointments. Both have already shown great commitment, and I would also like to thank them, along with the wider Committee, for all their hard work in preparing for this year's Common Riding. The organisation of the week takes a huge amount of time and commitment, much of it unseen, and we are very grateful to everyone who gives their time so willingly.

As ever, the Committee has worked hard to put together a full programme of events, and we hope there is something for everyone to enjoy during the week. Please take time to look through the programme and support as many events as you can.

Fundraising remains vital to the future of the Common Riding, and we are extremely grateful for the support already received this year. It is becoming increasingly challenging to host fundraising events which appeal across the whole community, but we were delighted with the success of this year's Run/Walk over the Common and surrounding farms. We are also very grateful for the support received through our new Corporate Patrons scheme, and to the many sponsors who have contributed towards our Principals' horses. Thank you to everyone who has taken part, helped, sponsored or supported the Common Riding in any way.

This year, we are also pleased to be supporting the Borders-wide economic impact study into Common Ridings and local festivals. This is an important opportunity to show the wider value these events bring to our towns, local businesses and

communities. Please watch out for the QR code online and around the town, and take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire. The more responses received, the stronger the evidence will be.

The Committee has also made good progress in working towards charitable status. This is an important step in strengthening the long-term governance and sustainability of Lauder Common Riding, helping to protect the event for future generations while ensuring we continue to operate in a transparent and well-structured way.

Please keep an eye on our social media channels for regular updates on the week, including details of how to purchase Common Riding ties, rosettes and other merchandise.

A sincere thank you goes to all Committee members, volunteers, local businesses, organisations and the people of Lauder for their continued support. There are too many people to name individually, but without that support these events simply would not be possible.

The Committee truly appreciates the community's ongoing backing and is always keen to welcome new members and volunteers.

We hope the sun shines on our special week and that everyone has a safe, happy and memorable Common Riding. To Cornet Ellis and his Lass Amy,

"Safe Oot, Safe In!"

Ex-Cornet Michael Middlemiss
HONORARY SECRETARY



RIGHT-HAND MAN

Rhys Girling

Being elected as Lauder Cornet and Standard Bearer for 2025 was truly a dream come true, it was and continues to be the most proud and honourable experience of my life. I have made many new friends that I'm sure will last a lifetime.

There are many thank yous to be said. Firstly Jessica, thank you for being by my side as my Cornet's Lass, you did an incredible job and I'm very thankful to have gone through this experience with such a great friend like you. Ryan and Lara, thank you both for all the support over the summer, you both did a fantastic job at keeping everything flowing in a smooth fashion.

Jake & Megan, it was truly a great summer with you both, I hope you both enjoyed your last year in office and I cannot thank you both enough for keeping us all in line over the summer.

Congratulations to our Jubilee Cornets: Silver Jubilee Cornet Ian Fallas and Diamond Jubilee Cornet David White. I hope you & your families have a wonderful Common Riding Week. For the late Sid Threadgall Sr. and Jr., I hope the family have a great week.

Lastly, I would like to say a massive congratulations to Cornet Ellis Wilkinson and Lass Amy Morris. You have both taken to your roles with such pride and honour, and have carried out your duties incredibly well so far. Ellis, I know you've dreamed of this for many years now and I'm grateful to be by your side as you live out your dream, following in your Dad and Uncle's footsteps. Embrace every second of this summer because it'll be over in a flash. I'll be there by your side supporting you on your big day in August.

"Safe Oot, Safe In"

Rhys Girling
RIGHT-HAND MAN



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RIGHT-HAND LASS

Jess Donald

I'd like to offer my warmest congratulations to Cornet Ellis and Cornet's Lass Amy on their appointment for 2026. It has been a privilege getting to know you both and your families.

Ellis, we can already see how much this means to you, and you've taken everything in your stride so far. Amy, you've done an amazing job supporting Ellis and have stepped confidently into your role.

We've already made some wonderful memories together, and I'm sure that will continue throughout the summer. I hope you both have an incredible season, making new friends and representing the town with pride. Soak everything in, the 1st of August will come by fast, I hope you get a brilliant day for it.

Being elected Cornets' Lass in 2025 is something I'll always look back on with great fondness, as well as serving as Right-Hand Lass this year. With only two years left in office, time feels like it's flying by, and I couldn't be more grateful for the opportunity.

I want to thank Jake, Megan, Ryan, and Lara for their support last year. You kept Rhys and me right through the summer—even with the occasional dress-code mishap—and we can't thank the four of you enough. You truly made our summer.

Rhys, it's been a joy supporting you last year and continuing to do so over the next two years—making memories that will stay with us forever—while also supporting the 2026 Cornet and Lass and helping keep them right this year. I am really looking forward to the next two summers ahead. Thank you again for asking me to be your Lass.



"Safe Oot, Safe In"

Jessica Donald
RIGHT-HAND LASS



LEFT-HAND MAN

Ryan Murray

Cornet Wilkinson & Cornet's Lass Morris, congratulations to you both on your appointment for 2026. It has been an honour to be your Left Hand Man, guiding you both through this surreal experience.

It feels like no time at all since I was in your position, Ellis, and what a time that was. It has been an absolute privilege to be lucky enough to experience this journey and touch wood I make it to the end without falling off a horse.

The amount of people I've met in the last two years and have gained friends for life. It's been great supporting all other Border towns at all different events. I never thought I'd say this but horse riding now will always be a passion of mine after being absolutely terrified by the sight of a shetland.

I'd like to thank everyone that I've experienced these past years with: my Lass Lara; Rhys & Jessica; Jake & Megan; Elliot & Connie; and everyone involved in Lauder Common Riding Committee.

Congratulations on this year's Jubilee Cornets, I hope you both have a great Summer - Silver Jubilee, Cornet Ian Fallas and Diamond Jubilee, Cornet David White. And for the Late Cornets Sid Threadgall Sr. and Jr. on their Platinum and Golden Jubilees, I hope the family have a memorable week celebrating.

Last year I was a bubbling mess on Common Riding Day so will be sure to remember my tissue this year as I feel it's going to be an emotional one.

Cornet Ellis and Cornet's Lass Amy, I hope you both have an outstanding week and enjoy every second.

"Safe Oot, Safe In"

Ryan Murray
LEFT-HAND MAN



Lauder Common Riding Committee wish Cornet Ellis and his Lass Amy a brilliant 2026 Common Riding and hope all townfolk have a great week.

"Safe Oot, Safe In"

1964 Cornet Dave Waldie is supported by 2026 Principals at Yetholm's Stob Stanes Ride - still riding at 85!



LEFT-HAND LASS

Lara Tice

Cornet Ellis and Cornet's Lass Amy, what an Outstanding job you both have done for Lauder. Ellis, it is clear to see you were born to become Cornet, following your dad & uncle's footsteps. You both should be so proud of yourselves.

What a memorable three years I've had as Cornet Murray's Lass for 2024, a time in my life I will always look back on and be forever grateful to have done it as a family with our 2 boys every step of the way.

Rhys and Jessica, another appreciation to you both for carrying out your right hand duties exceptionally well. It's been an absolute pleasure to have spent 2 years with you guys. Please don't miss us too much.

A massive thank you to the whole Lauder Common Riding Committee, for making this journey happen. Keeping us right, event planning, flag hanging and numerous alcoholic beverages bought for us. No matter how big or small a job, Lauder CR wouldn't happen with you all.

Don't worry though, you aren't getting rid of us that easily. Both boys are adamant they'll be Lauder Cornet when they're big boys. Preston's already got his speech to a T and Lennox can sing Bonnie Lauderdale better than I can.

2026 Cornet & Lass, I don't even need to wish you good luck as i know you both will do all of us proud. Enjoy your week and of course, hope the sun shines bright!

"Safe Oot, Safe In"

Lara Tice
LEFT-HAND LASS



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WREATH PRESENTER

I was delighted and honoured when Emma asked me to present the wreath to Cornet Wilkinson and I'm really excited for the big day...

I look forward to Common Riding Week every year. I love horses (and first rode a pony when I was three), and have taken part in the fancy dress parade for as long as I can remember. I love Common Riding Day, and really like watching the horses gallop away after the Waterin' Stane, and coming back into Lauder with the band before the ceremony at the war memorial.

I hope Cornet Ellis and his Lass Amy have an amazing summer, and wish them good luck for Common Riding Day.

"Safe Out, Safe In"

Marwen Dick
WREATH PRESENTER



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LADY BUSSER

I just could not believe it when the Chair of Lauder Common Riding Committee came to my door and asked if I would consider being Lady Busser for 2026.

To say I was excited is an understatement, so it took less than a second for me to accept.

My first experience of Lauder Common Riding was in 1969 when Ian Anderson was Cornet and my good friend, Kath Symons (Johnson), was his Lass — we had a fantastic time, so from then on I was hooked.

When my husband Wilson and I, with our young family, bought the Lauderdale Hotel in 1981, it was then that I fully learned to appreciate exactly what Lauder Common Riding entailed and how hard people work to make it happen year after year. The history, the tradition, the fun, the friendship and of course the fact that it has 'aye been'!

I have not missed a Common Riding since then.

Cornet Ellis and your Lass Amy, I know that you will have a great week culminating in Common Riding Day itself — the memories and the friendships you have made during your time in office will be with you for the rest of your lives.

I am so looking forward to seeing you on Common Riding Saturday and I will be very proud to 'buss your colours'



"Safe Out, Safe In"

Isabelle Young
LADY BUSSER



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Thomas 'Ian' Fallas

It was a great honour 25 years ago to be elected as Cornet and Standard Bearer. The time has certainly flown by but the memories and friendships will last a lifetime. Being entrusted with the Burgh Standard on the Saturday morning and riding up the street is a proud morning I shall never forget.

2001 was a difficult year for many and every town made the best of the situation. Some towns inaugurating new or amended events, parades, altered or shortened ceremonies with previous Principals standing in. Some Ride Outs did take place as restrictions eased, and Lauder went ahead - although Threepwood was held on the Town Steps, Thursday Ride Out cancelled, and we didn't go down to the Waterin' Stane but galloped to the Burgess Cairn and had toasts and refreshments there.

My thanks to my Right and Left-hand Men, Angus Crombie-Smith and Gordon Gilder, for their support. To my Lady Busser Grace Whellans and Louise Wilson who presented the Wreath, but most of all to my Lass Liz for putting up with me. Congratulations to 1966 Cornet Dave White on his Diamond Jubilee.

Finally, to Ellis and his Lass Amy, best wishes for a fantastic Common Riding week. Enjoy the week.

"Safe Oot, Safe In"
Ex-Cornet T. Ian M. Fallas



David White

Where has the time gone? Difficult to believe that 60 years have gone by since a 19 year old apprentice butcher was appointed Lauder Cornet and Standard Bearer.

I still remember vividly the Summer of 66, what a lovely time I had (One little hiccup the week before this Common Riding - England won the World Cup.) The Principals from neighbouring towns were tops; friendships were made, and are still firm. However, three of the fellow Principals have passed on: Matthew Patterson, Honest Lad; Harry Wright, Jethart Callant; and Carswell Imrie, Hawick Cornet - all gone, but certainly not to be forgotten.

The weather leading up to the Common Riding was fairly pleasant - except the ride-out night, when it poured. Halfway round the hill, Ex-Cornet Dave Middlemiss, the Chief Marshall, suggested that we go home. So home we went! On returning to Lauder, there was not a soul in the street. (No mobile phones then to let them know!) The weather cleared, so fortunately the Sun Rose Sae Rosey on Common Riding Day.



To Cornet Wilkinson, allow me to wish you a wonderful day. Good luck, and Safe Oot, Safe In; to the people of Lauder, come out and support the Cornet, and have a marvelous day; to our visitors, enjoy and return home and tell your family and friends what a wonderful day you had at the Common Riding.

*"Safe Oot, Safe In"
Ex-Cornet
David N. White*



ABSENT FRIENDS - PLATINUM JUBILEE CORNET 1956

Sydney 'Sid' Threadgall

Our Father was a devoted and excellent horseman, so it was only natural that one day he would be a Lauder Cornet.

With George and Sid aged 7 and 8 at the time of Dad's election, Mum and Dad had kept his forthcoming announcement a close secret, even from them.

We were to find out later, that it was in fact the actual day of "Pickin' Night", and only after some last minute efforts from one or two relentless Ex-Cornets, that Dad finally agreed to stand.

The first we knew about it was when Provost Jolly made the bombshell announcement from the Town Steps.

The flip side was that we, as "The Cornet's children" were privy to the front of the lorry, which, in those days was the mode of transport used to parade the newly elected Cornet and anyone else who was lucky enough to manage to jump up into the back (no health and safety issues back then).

An even bigger bonus was that we were escorted to the front of the huge queue outside Sidonio's cafe to claim our free ice cream, compliments of the newly elected Cornet.

Typical of our Father, he then purchased a Horse, which he aptly named Cornet, and rode him at every Ride out that year - and also of course, as his Flag Horse on Lauder's big day. As Mum and Dad had a shop and two young children to look after, they made the big decision that as Mum would be unable to attend those many functions over the Summer months, Dad asked Mary Purvis, a close friend of the family, as his Cornet's Lass.

It would have been a proud occasion for him on Common Riding day, both to lead the cavalcade with the honour of carrying the burgh Standard on behalf of

the town, but also with the knowledge of this unique occasion, namely that his two sons were riding closely behind him as part of the mounted support.

1956 was also the last year that the original route of the Marches was undertaken.

After descending from the White Knowe End, the riders used to continue "Route one" and traverse over the two streams that were once there. Invariably, a couple of casualties always ensued at that point. Riders now approach the Allanshaws Track which the cavalcade takes en route to the Stow Road, whereas back in '56 they continued straight along the boundary and on to the Watering stane

There were less than 100 followers back in the '50s, which made for more of an intimate gathering, with the abiding memories of the merriment and singing of all the Border songs, joined in by those visiting Principals and of course Lauder Ex-Cornets, and anyone else who cared to join in, as they rode back across the heather moor from the Cairn to the beginning of the Gallop along the Stirk Hill to Lauder.

One more point to note was that 1956 was the last year of the Flag bearing every preceding Cornet's Ribbon.

Dad was supported by his Right and Left-Hand men, Rob Landells and Jim Middlemiss, with Lady Busser Mrs Murray and June Stewart presenting the Wreath.

Mum and Dad made many lifelong friends that year and we recall numerous visits to and by several Principals from other towns, notably Hawick Cornet Rob Fraser, Melrosian George Bunyan, and Gala attendant Bill Hislop.



Sid Threadgall Jr.

As a family, we have always looked forward to Lauder's big week, but this year will give us an added sense of anticipation and emotion, as we celebrate what would have been Sid's 50th Anniversary, and of course, his Dad's 70th.

As Sid, like most Lauder folk, was brought up with "Common Riding Week" running through his veins. It was literally in his blood since childhood.

In 1950, he was youngest rider at the ripe old age of three. He rode again when his Father was Cornet in 1956.

Sid was part of that group of enthusiastic young kids, who, in the late '50's acted out the Riding of the Marches on their bikes (we still have his Cornet's ribbon in the house).

Sid of course was Lauder Cornet in 1976 and his good lady Pat was his Cornet's Lass, with George and Robin Riddell as his Right and Left-Hand men.

Lady Busser was May Middlemiss with Pamela Brown presenting the Wreath.

It was mentioned earlier that the Riding of the Marches is in the blood. Well, it was no surprise then that their son Scott inevitably became Cornet, because he actually had his first taste of Common Riding fever before he was even born!

Yep, his mum Pat also enjoyed the Common Riding festivities, so much so (albeit a few years prior to their big year) and not wishing to miss out on the party just because she was heavily Pregnant (8 months +), she wholeheartedly and without hesitation, participated by giving it her full gusto in the dancing of the eight-some reel outside the Town Steps.

Much to the horror we may add, of Peg when she found out.

Scott, none the worse after his pre-birth experience, was born 3 weeks later. (Pat was some Girl!)

Onwards to Common Riding Day and Sid got his wish by getting a big 17 hands grey Flag Horse called Skipper.

Pat, forever the glass half full personality that

she was, had never ridden previously, hired a horse for the day and did not disappoint.

Suffice to say that was the one and only time she rode.

A very young Scott and Gillian were well looked after all day by Granny Peg and Auntie Frank.

Sid, a larger-than-life character, along with Pat, had a great year by attending every function at every neighbouring town's festivities - and of course, made many lifelong friends along the way.

"A hard act to follow" as they say.

To quote our oft-used parting words to each other:

"See Ye at the Watering Stane."

Sorely missed.

Many congratulations to Cornet Wilkinson and his Lass.

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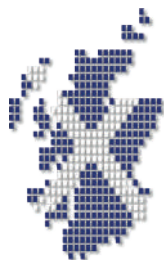
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COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD

The Common Riding is a fantastic celebration of our community here in Lauder, and there's no doubt it's a community worth celebrating! To recognise that, the Committee introduced the Lauder Common Riding Community Spirit Award in 2024.

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.

In 2024 our winner was Ray Theedam-Parry, and in 2025 the award went to Margot Douglas. This year we're delighted to be adding another very deserving name to that list: Jim Archibald.

Jim is the very definition of a weel kent face in Lauder, a community stalwart and a willing volunteer for lots of worthwhile local causes over many years. Always happy to help anyone who needs a hand, Jim has lent his support to many community organisations, including the church, Masonic Lodge, Rotary, Probus, Lauderdale News and Lauder Over 60s (where he spent an impressive 40 plus years on the committee). Jim is always there to step up if needed, help out and offer words of advice and guidance to anyone who needs it, be they friend or stranger – embodying community spirit.

Jim will be presented with the Lauder Common Riding Community Spirit Award at the Community Gathering (7pm, Tuesday 28th July, Lauder Public Hall) – everyone is welcome so please come along!





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KIRKIN' O' THE CORNET



Dear friends, once again the time has come for the annual Kirkin' of the Cornet service. This important event will take place in Lauder Parish Church on Sunday 26th July at 11.30am.

I would personally like to invite each one of you to join us as we offer our support to our Cornet and Standard Bearer Ellis Wilkinson and his Lass Amy Morris.

This will be my second Kirkin' service, and I look forward once again to leading the people of Lauder in worship, welcoming Ellis and Amy, their supporters and each one of you on this special occasion.

With best wishes to all,

Rev. Scott Guy
LOCUM MINISTER
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Ex-Cornets assemble in the town hall

Photo Credits: Top and Bottom, Kenny White - Middle, Chris Batchelor



FAMILY FUN DAY

The Family Fun Day (free for all!) will take place at Lauder Park from 2pm on Sunday 26th 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 fifth 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 'Who ate all the Depays' 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.

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.

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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.



Photo by Joyce Ker

DOUGIE SCOTT MEMORIAL CUP

Dougie Scott was a huge character in and around Lauder, many knew him as the cheerful postie, friendly firefighter or for always being in the thick of most goings on during Common Riding week.

He was a huge supporter of Lauder Common Riding, serving on the committee for a number of years, following on horseback 38 times, taking part in the fancy dress, and attending the Ex-Cornets Dinner regularly. Dougie was incredibly passionate and dedicated to seeing the Common Riding continue and thrive, and he is dearly missed by all who knew him. This year, with his enthusiasm for getting the young folk involved in the Common Riding in mind, The Scott family have donated the Dougie Scott Memorial Cup for the Best Turned Out Rider and Pony who completes the Apprentice Ride on the Monday of Common Riding week. We wish all taking part in the Apprentice Ride the very best of luck, and we look forward to seeing who will be the inaugural winner.

*Corrine Scott, Ex-Cornet Greg Scott
& Ex-Cornet's Lass Ashleigh Scott*



THE EX-CORNET'S DINNER

Lauder Ex-Cornets Dinner has been a highlight of Common Riding week for a number of years now.

It brings together our Ex-Cornets, Guests, and the Cornet and the rest of our Lauder Principals to enjoy a night of speeches and songs from a range of entertainers.

The event is chaired by Chairman of the Ex-Cornets Association, Iain Dick, and is one of a number of events through the summer which brings together visiting Principals from across our Borderland to give us a rendition of their own town's songs.

As with previous years we are delighted to be hosted by The Lauderdale Hotel, and tickets are only available through Ex-Cornets or the Dinner Secretary.

With tickets always in high demand it is a popular event, but we hope to see as many of you there as possible for an enjoyable evening which helps to kick off Common Riding week in style.

*MC for the evening
Ex-Cornet Iain Dick*

*Ex-Cornet Greg Scott
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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 their on-going support and kind permission to use Thirlestane Castle grounds.

Gail Millar & Rebecca Rudkin

Lauder Common Riding

Family Bike Ride



Tuesday 28th July

Gather at Thirlestane Castle
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Off road route around the grounds
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LAUDER COMMON RIDING COMMUNITY GATHERING

Lauder Public Hall on
Tuesday 28th July 2026.
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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 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;

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Age 5 and under | 7. Couples Age 10 to 15 |
| 2. Ages 5 & 6 | 8. Groups Age 10 to 15 |
| 3. Ages 7 to 9 | 9. Family Groups |
| 4. Ages 10 to 15 | 10. Best dressed Adult |
| 5. Couples under age 10 | 11. Adult Couples |
| 6. Groups under age 10 | 12. Adult Groups |
| | 13. 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





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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. Please note the slight change from previous years that the ride goes through Thirlestane Drive.

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, Thirlestane Drive.

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.)

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'NIGHT AFORE THE MORN' CONCERT

A first for the concert last year saw 3 young Irish dancers take to the stage. Their talent shone through with the audience enjoying their fast and intricate foot work.

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 Cornet's Cup, reading of letters/cards, and presentations of flowers. It will end as always with the Cornet and supporters being joined by Ex-Cornets and the audience to sing the Lauder songs.

I would like to invite you all to come along and support out Cornet Ellis Wilkinson and his Lass Amy Morris and all the entertainers.

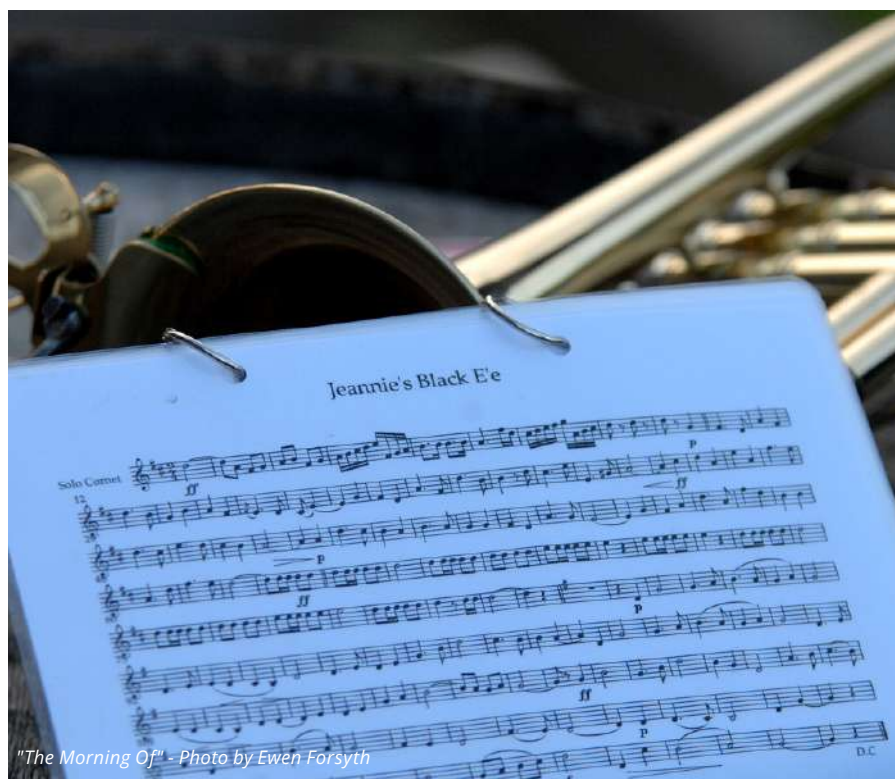
If anyone feels they could do a turn at the concert or know of anyone who would please get in touch.

Everyone is welcome, so we hope to see you there!

Safe Out, Safe In.

Kevin Laidlaw

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"The Morning Of" - Photo by Ewen Forsyth

Lauder Common Riding 2025, Photo courtesy of Grant Kinghorn



SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST:
COMMON RIDING DAY

COMMON RIDING WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday 26th 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 27th July

APPRENTICE RIDE, Leaving from Castlerigg (Public Park) 10am

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

(Strictly ticket only)

Tuesday 28th 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 29th 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. Age 5 and under | 8. Groups Age 10 to 15 |
| 2. Ages 5 & 6 | 9. Family Groups |
| 3. Ages 7 to 9 | 10. Best dressed Adult |
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| 5. Couples under age 10 | 12. Adult Groups |
| 6. Groups under age 10 | 13. Best vehicle |
| 7. Couples Age 10 to 15 | |

PARADE will be led by Stow Pipe Band..... approx 7.30pm

COMMON RIDING WEEK AT A GLANCE

Thursday 30th 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 Avenue depart at 6.15pm

Friday 31st August

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

'NICHT 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 1st August, Common Riding Day

CORNET'S MARCH 7am

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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 7.30pm - Midnight

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SATURDAY



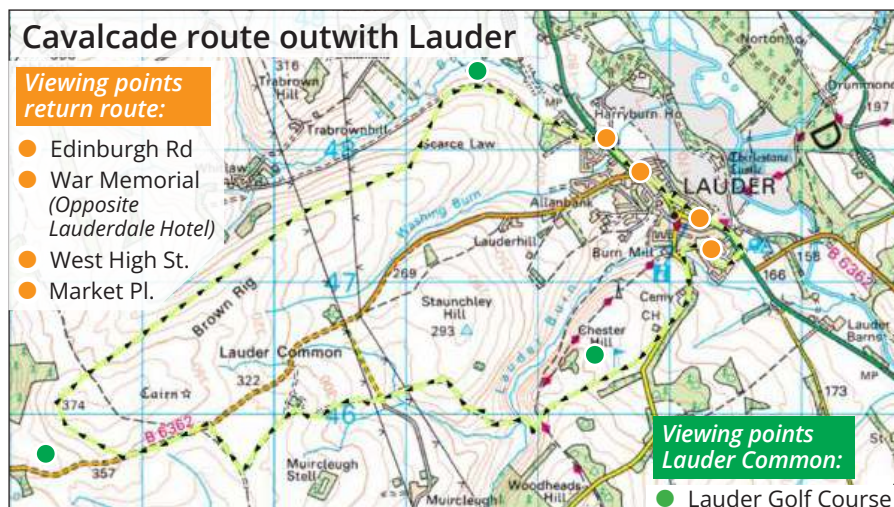
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from the North will be via the A68 North to Carfraemill, A697 South to High Cross and B6362 to the South of Lauder.

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

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It's hard to believe it's sixteen years ago since you rode your first Common Riding, and back then just as now, you've never stopped smiling.

We know how long you have wanted to be Cornet, so when Common Riding Day arrives, try to take as much in as you can as the day will fly by.

Hope you, Amy and all your supporters have a fabulous week.

It goes without saying Ellis, that we are both so very, very proud of you.

***Safe Oot, Safe In
Lots of love
Mum &
Dad***

***To
my
big brother,
Ellis.***

For as long as I can remember you have talked about wanting to be the Cornet, and now you've finally done it & I'm so happy for you.

I can't wait to see you at the front of the ride when our Common Riding Day arrives.

I hope you, Amy and every single one of your supporters have a wonderful time.

While everyone will see the 2026 Lauder Cornet, I will see my amazing big brother.

***Safe Oot, Safe In
Lots of love & hugs
Ruby***



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COMMON RIDING COMMUNITY CHAMPION AWARD



The Common Riding Community Champion Award has now become a valued tradition at Lauder Primary School, with this year marking its fifth anniversary. The award celebrates a Primary 4 pupil who consistently shows the qualities that make a strong and caring community — kindness, teamwork, responsibility, compassion, and friendship.

Once again, there were many pupils worthy of recognition, making the decision incredibly difficult. After the votes were cast, the 2026 award was presented to Charlotte Williams — unfortunately, Charlotte happened to be absent on the day the winner was announced!

Charlotte was later presented with a beautiful glass trophy and a book token in recognition of her achievements. She was chosen for countless reasons, including her warm and friendly nature, the genuine interest she shows in both adults and classmates, and the positivity she brings to school each day. One nomination perfectly summed her up as a “constant ray of positive light” — praise that is hard to beat.

The school was also delighted to welcome back former Lauder Primary pupil and current Cornet, Ellis Wilkinson, along with his supporters. Their visit added to the excitement and community spirit surrounding this special time of year.

A huge thank you, as always, goes to the Common Riding Committee for their ongoing support in helping the school continue this meaningful award tradition.

Congratulations once again to Charlotte from everyone at Lauder Primary School. Pupils and staff would also like to wish everyone involved in Lauder Common Riding a safe, successful, and enjoyable week.

Mrs Louise Scully
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The people of The Royal and Ancient Burgh of Lauder should be proud to call Ellis Wilkinson their Cornet and Standard Bearer for 2026. Having done a stand up job so far this year I'm confident we are in safe hands for what lies ahead.

Ellis is fully aware of the honour and responsibility only this Royal and Ancient Burgh can bestow on a young man. Of course he has been ably supported for this significant duty by his trusty Right & Left hand men and Lass Amy. I might add there may not be prouder parents anywhere in the Borders this year than David and Lesley.

Our Association is again rich with Jubilee Ex Cornets celebrating more important milestones. Diamond Jubilee David White and Silver Jubilee Ian Fallas. Both Common Riding stalwarts, Lauder to the core and generous with advice and stories for Cornet Wilkinson to emulate. Our thoughts go out to the Threadgall family on what would have been Sid's Golden Jubilee. I hope this year brings back many happy memories for them all and as always we will raise a glass and toast our Absent Friends.

It's been a busy year so far for the Association. Our Burns Supper in January was a very enjoyable evening with entertainment provided from Blackburn, East High Street and Southbridge New Zealand. The annual Quiz Night fundraiser was successful again, thank you to all who attended or contributed. Thanks to our Threepwood Rideout head Marshall Craig Connell and his team of helpers for another tremendous ride over our stunning countryside to once again meet our

friends from Galashiels.

Your backing 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. In changing times and increasing economic pressures the warm familiarity of our Common Riding provides a welcome tonic to the burdens of modern life.

Cornet Wilkinson, you and your Lass Amy have been great ambassadors for us so far this year so far but as you will know, the biggest and best is yet to come. Both have taken everything thrown at them on the front foot, showing tremendous enthusiasm and pride for the roles they occupy. I know you will enjoy every moment, and try to take in as much as you can as you only get one shot.

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Ex-Cornet Dain W. Dick
CHAIRMAN OF THE
LAUDER EX-CORNETS ASSOCIATION



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HANDSOME HARLEQUIN MEMORIAL TROPHY

Handsome Harlequin, fondly known as 'Harley', was part of The Wilson family for over 12 years. Sadly, 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 Zahra Cheyne, daughter of Ex-Selkirk Standard Bearer James Cheyne! (Pictured) We look forward to finding out this year's winner.

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Your support does not go unnoticed, and we are incredibly grateful for your

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- 1. 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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.
- 6. 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.
- 7. 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.
- 8. 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.
- 10. 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.
- 11. 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.
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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 – 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 afternoon.



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We're hugely grateful to you all, and wanted to share this note from a supporter who recently became a Patron:

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What a great message, perfectly summing up the importance of Lauder Common Riding to everyone in our community, not just those on horseback or that come along to enjoy the day.

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. This year we've expanded the society to include corporate membership and are delighted to have the support of local businesses, both in Lauder and further afield.

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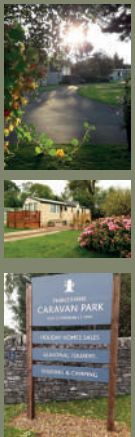
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Bonnie Lauderdale

'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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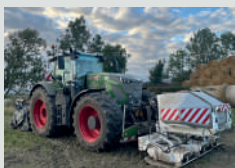
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And once again, a Thank You to everyone who supports the Common Riding, in various ways, from Lauder and further afield. At the end of the day, this is all about Community - and we seem to have a good one!

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