



Lauder Common Riding 2024

SAFETY NOTICES

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

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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

the Burgh during Lauder Common Riding 2024.

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 will 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 not to 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

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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

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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**

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



It is always a pleasure to Chair our hard-working Common Riding Committee, and our small band of enthusiastic volunteers have already excelled themselves in terms of fundraising and general "getting stuff ready" for our Common Riding week. It makes my job much easier when folks are happy just to take ownership and "get it done". We have had some changes in personnel, with Stewart Dick now the Vice-Chair, as David Wilkinson and Linda Wilson step down. Stewart is our Social Media convenor and has driven fantastic engagement in the Community, in particular working with Lauder Primary School to set up a "Common Riding Community Champion Award".

We have a new Chief Foot Marshall with Ronald Wilkinson taking over from Elliot Landells. Elliot over the past few years has turned his "foot soldiers" into a highly professional squad ensuring that everything "on the ground" is covered and dealt with efficiently, driving great relations with the Police and Scottish Borders Council. I have to say that last year's Common Riding morning was slightly stressful as Elliot and I debated the removal of the car in front of the Town Hall 15 mins before proceedings commenced! As ever it was dealt with high efficiency by Elliot, albeit we probably didn't expect to "go viral"! As Ronald takes over, along with his 'Right-Hand Man' Duncan Sutherland and the many other footstewards, we will continue to see the spectators managed brilliantly. Due to family commitments, I will not be present during Common Riding week, and the ceremonial side of things will be in the safe hands of Honorary President and Past Chairman, Ex-Cornet Ian Brotherston, while Vice-Chair Stewart, Secretaries Rachael and Christine and Treasurer Kevin will be on hand to deal with the last minute issues which always pop up. My thanks to them for covering for me!

As I say every year, the Common Riding doesn't just happen, and it is becoming more and more expensive to run every year. Last year we had one of the biggest (if not THE biggest) cavalcades in the Borders with over 220 horses participating, yet in population terms we are one of the smallest communities. Pound for pound, we massively punch above our weight. While we do not have the same number of events that other towns may have, the ones we do are fantastically well organised and run by our committee members. Our recent fun ride brought fantastic compliments of the ride and the organisers. The committee work so far this year has gone a long way to ensuring we get ourselves back in the black after a couple of loss making years. For

those of you who would like to there are always sponsorship opportunities, and this year, please look out for the collecting tins in local shops where this magazine will be available. Through the generosity of our sponsors, we continue to print and distribute over 1000 of our magazines free of charge, ensuring that the Common Riding message gets out to the people of Lauderdale.

We continue to be hugely appreciative of our long standing supporters, our Patrons, 100 Club Members, Advertisers, sponsors, etc. without whose support it would be impossible to run the Common Riding

We are incredibly fortunate to have a number of anniversaries this year, and I would like to congratulate our Silver Jubilee Cornet Gordon Gilder, our Golden Jubilee Cornet Robin Riddell and I look forward to hearing if our Diamond Jubilee Cornet David Waldie has gotten his horse out the field at Newmills on Common Riding Day!

Linda Wilson is our Lady Busser this year. As I have said she is a long standing and very hard working member of our committee always happy to give a hand to any Common Riding event. It is a hugely well deserved reward for Linda to enjoy her big day

Our Wreath presenter this year is Emily Maitland-Carew. Emily is a very keen horse rider who won our Best Turned rider last year. Her family have been great supporters of the Common Riding over the years, allowing us to host events such as the bike ride and happily provide horse box parking for the big day. I know Emily is very excited for the Common Riding!

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

"Safe Oot, Safe In"

Ex-Cornet Michael Middlemiss

LAUDER CORNET AND STANDARD BEARER 2024

Ryan Murray

Me, Ryan Murray, as Lauder Cornet. Never did I think I would hear that statement, let alone be given this once in a lifetime opportunity.

From being born and raised in Lauder and following every common riding that I can think back to, this year's will forever hold the fondest of memories. I wasn't the biggest fan of horses, but if I could have a field full of them now, I certainly would. I am at my happiest on a horse with my Lass Lara and our two sons cheering me on.

The support I've had from friends and family is out of this world, it all means so much. The love that the town, ex principals, school teachers, old neighbours, and school friends have shown me is greatly appreciated.

Lara, thank you for being there by my side every step of the way supporting and encouraging me. The memories we have made together will forever hold a special place in my heart. I believe we've done our children proud as well as every other family member.



Jake and Elliot, what can I say. I couldn't have taken on this role without you guys. It's true what everyone's said, you really do make friends for life. The support and guidance you have both given me so far has never went unnoticed. I've been taught by the best.

I hope I am doing everyone proud, and I will continue to carry out my role as Lauder Cornet and Standard Bearer to the best of my ability. Thank You, everyone - here's to a memorable and magical summer.

Safe Out, Safe In *Ryan Murray*



Ryan, Lara, Preston and Lennox

CORNET'S LASS 2024

Lara Tice

Having followed all the Common Ridings for as long as I can remember, this year's will be the most memorable yet. Representing the Royal Burgh of Lauder as 2024 Cornets Lass is such a privilege, especially having Ryan as Cornet.

Ryan, what an amazing achievement becoming Cornet. I didn't for one minute doubt your ability but wow have you shocked us all with just how well you've took to your role. Watching our boys' faces light up every time they see you on a horse and hearing them cheer you on is honestly the best, seeing their daddy do his home town proud will be a memory they will carry forever.

Jake and Megan, Elliot and Connie, thank you all for being such great Right

and Left principals, we couldn't have fulfilled our roles without the support from you all. We are all so proud of you Ryan and wish you the very best of luck for your summer ahead, not that you need it.

Safe Out, Safe In

Lara Tice



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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. We have now been joint Secretaries for five years now and the next Common Riding is upon us already!

Our family is full of Common Riding History and this year once again is no exception. Another year to mark as it has been 25 years since I presented the wreath to Ex-Cornet Gilder. We would like to wish Silver Jubilee Cornet Gilder along with his Lass Jenni Crombie-Smith our congratulations and best wishes for this year.

We would also like to congratulate this year's, Golden Jubilee Cornet Robin Riddell and his lass Sheena Riddell as well as Diamond Jubilee Cornet Dave Waldie and his Lass Janette Waldie Presenting the Wreath this year is Emily Maitland-Carew, the Maitland-Carews have always been a fantastic support to the Common Riding and we wish Emily and the family a great Common Riding week. We are absolutely delighted that Ex-Secretary and long-standing Committee Member Linda Wilson is Lady Busser this year. Congratulations to you Linda, we hope you have a brilliant week.

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

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 which are off to a great start including a very successful Ladies Night, a Fun Ride and a 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. We will also be continuing the "Cornet's Dance" on the Saturday evening and 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.

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

Safe Oot, Safe In

Christine McGee and Rachael Hughes

Lauder Common Riding Committee

RIGHT-HAND MAN

Jake Mirley

After an amazing year as Cornet and Standard Bearer, time has flown past and we are here again.

Last year was an absolute blast; from meeting lifetime friends, to carrying the town standard. and doing my family and town proud. I couldn't have asked for a better year. Now it's time for round two!

I'd like to thank my Lass, Megan, for all her support last year. We had a fantastic time throughout the summer and here's to another amazing year. To Elliot and Connie, thank you for everything you have done for me, your support and guidance was very much appreciated. To Chris and Zoe, thanks to you as well for your support and guidance. It was a great year with you both considering the circumstances. A special thank you goes to Ex-Cornet Chris Rogerson for stepping up as riding Left-Hand Man during Common Riding week last year, you did an amazing job. Thanks again to all of you; you have done yourselves, your families and Lauder proud.

A huge thank you goes to my family for their continued support, in particular my Mum, Dad and Sister Anna. I couldn't have done it without you; from taxi service to cheering me on at ride outs. You've been amazing, thank you!

Congratulations to all our anniversary Cornets this year; Silver Jubilee Cornet Gordon Gilder, Golden Jubilee Cornet Robin Riddell and Diamond Jubilee Cornet Dave Waldie. It is great to see



so many anniversary Cornets still able to take part in the festivities. I hope you all have a great Common Riding! Sadly our Platinum Jubilee Cornet Jim Middlemiss passed away before he could celebrate his 70th anniversary, he will be heavily missed as he was always a delight to talk to and was always full of Common Riding history and stories.

Finally, huge congratulations to Cornet Ryan Murray and Lass Lara Tice on your appointments this year. It's been an absolute pleasure getting to know you both over the summer. You have both been a credit to your families and to Lauder. Cornet Ryan, your enthusiastic energy has been very contagious and a delight to see over the summer. I hope to see the same enthusiasm and infectious smile over Common riding week. You'll have heard it all before, but take every moment as it comes and enjoy every second of it.

You've both done an amazing job so far. I look forward to supporting you as you carry out your duties on the big day

Safe Oot, Safe In!

Jake

RIGHT-HAND LASS

Megan Wilson



I would like to congratulate Cornet Ryan and Cornet's Lass Lara on your appointment for 2024. It has been a pleasure getting to know you both this summer and watching you carry out your duties with such pride. Ryan, I don't think the smile has left your face since Picking Night and on Threepwood you led the cavalcade with great enthusiasm. Lara you have taken to your role perfectly, supporting Ryan across the Borders all summer with your young family.

Last summer was a whirlwind. It was a privilege to follow our neighbouring towns on foot and horseback to celebrate their Common ridings and festival and along the way making friendships which will last a life time. The Borders is a special place - each town welcomed us with open arms, extending their hospitality to show us their traditions - this was a reminder that it is up to us to pass this on to the next generation in order to keep these historic traditions alive for years to come. I would like to thank Jake for choosing me as his lass, Common Riding day was a truly special day for us both and our families.

Connie and Elliot, Jake and I couldn't have asked for a better pair to show us the ropes. You have both carried out your duties perfectly. Elliot, it has been a pleasure to watch you develop into a confident rider and enjoyed being by your side on horseback throughout the summer. Connie thank you for your organisation and advice. The support from you both has been greatly appreciated, it has been incredible to have you both by our side and we have gained friends for life.

Cornet Ryan and Cornets Lass Lara, I hope the sun shines for your big week, take it all in and enjoy every minute.

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Megan

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LEFT-HAND MAN

Elliot Balson

Not to tempt fate, what with my two predecessors' track records, but it's strange to be in my final year as a Principal. As everyone says, it feels both ages ago and no time at all that I was announced in 2022. Everyone says it's over in a flash, but much like "you'll understand when you're older", it's not something that really clicks until you're in a position to say it to someone else.

There's a different air to the third year, you know a bit more of what to expect; you've seen things from the front and the side now, you're well versed on what goes into these things that seemed to happen around you. But by no means does it slow down, any! It's still a summer that flies by, just as fast as the first two – it's hard to take it all in.

It's by no means diminishing returns, however, as each year brings its own experiences and new people to meet and

spend time with. As with every town being as different as the many ways they're similar, so is each year, and each new wave of Principals.

I want to thank everyone I spent my time in office with – my Lass Connie, as ever, Chris Purves as my Right-Hand Man (though I doubt that will change, even out of office), Zoe as his Lass, Chris Rogerson as Left-Hand Man (that nearly didn't change either), his Lass Caitlin, and Jake and Megan as my Cornet and Lass. It couldn't, and wouldn't, be the same without you all – and that extends to all the other town principals, and those behind the scenes that keep everything moving.

Congratulations to our Anniversary Cornets; Silver Gordon Gilder, Golden Robin Riddell, and Diamond Dave Waldie. I hope you enjoy your celebrations, and I imagine by the time I'm writing my 25th I'll be saying the same thing again – that it feels like yesterday I was writing my Left-Hand Man spiel! A special mention to late Platinum Jubilee Cornet Jim Middlemiss and his family – I hope you're still able to use this occasion to celebrate him and reflect on happy memories.

To Ryan and Lara – you stepped into your roles with great enthusiasm and seeming ease, with Ryan appearing an absolute natural on horseback, even at his first outing at Threepwood. You've both carried yourselves and your duties well, especially all while juggling your own young family in Preston and Lennox. Neither job is an easy task at the best of times, individually never mind simultaneously, so hats off to you (even though we mainly carry them now)!

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Elliot

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LEFT-HAND LASS

Connie White



I'd like to congratulate you, Cornet Ryan and Cornet's Lass Lara, on your appointment for 2024. You have carried out your duties with enthusiasm and confidence. It has been lovely getting to know you both this summer and meeting your family and friends.

Representing Lauder for three years at the Borders towns has been a real privilege for me. "Take it all in - it'll be over in a flash", folk said to me on Picking Night 2022. Now, suddenly, as Left-Hand Lass, I realise how right they were.

Being new to many of the traditions of the Common Riding, I set it as my challenge to learn everything I could and I'm so grateful for the many new friends that have shown me the way.

Right-Hand Man, Jake, and Right-Hand Lass, Megan, after carrying out your duties brilliantly in your first year, it has been wonderful to see you grow into your right-hand roles and pass on all you have learned. I'm so happy to have had the time to get to know you all and I wish you all the best in the years to come.

Elliot, it has been a joy to be by your side in this adventure together and to see your work as a valued member of the committee.

I'm so proud of you and what you have achieved.

Through visiting our neighbouring towns, I've gained a unique insight as a principal: no matter what our different traditions may be, the spirit of community, remembering our history and the joy of reuniting with family and friends is something wonderful that we all share. I encourage all those who can to visit our neighbouring towns over their festive weeks, if you haven't already been doing so - there are many great friends and memories to be made.

I am so grateful to all those who support us and make the Common Riding possible. I will fondly remember my time in service to this wonderful town. Thank you.

Safe Out, Safe In!

Connie



Lauder Common Riding 2024 Principals

WREATH PRESENTER

I am very honoured to have been asked to present the wreath to Cornet Murray.

I first rode the apprentice ride when I was 4 years old and I have been fortunate enough to have ridden in the Common Riding for the last three years. Winning Best Turned-Out with my pony Shady last year.

My favourite gallop is the one after the Waterin' Stane Ceremony, across Lauder Common to the Cornet's Cairn, following the cornet with the Royal Burgh Standard. I really enjoy the Riding of the Marches with family and friends and I look forward to following the Cornet this year.

Best of luck to Cornet Ryan and the Cornet's lass, Lara. We hope you have an amazing week. Congratulations to you all.

Safe Out, Safe In *Emily Maitland-Carew*



Emily with her father Edward

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LADY BUSSER

I was very pleasantly surprised when Chairman Michael Middlemass asked me to be Lady Busser for 2024. It will be an honour and a privilege to buss Cornet Murray's colours and to present him with the Burgh Standard.

In 1991 I bought the 'Mace Shop' and moved to Lauder with my children, Karina and Scott. Alan Gilchrist was Cornet that year and I can remember the emotions and excitement I felt that day. These feelings are still with me today when I hear the Silver Band playing on Common Riding morning. The Common Riding is steeped in history and traditions but it is still relevant today as it brings our community together to celebrate this historic event.

I have been an active member of Lauder Common Riding Committee for many years. I have had the honour of being Secretary and Vice Chair, therefore I know the hard work that goes into organising the Common Riding, and also the fundraising events that take place throughout the year.

My congratulations to this years Jubilee Cornet Gordon Gilder, Golden Jubilee Cornet Robin Riddell, and Diamond Jubilee Cornet David Waldie I hope you all have a wonderful week.

I would like to congratulate Cornet Ryan Murray and his lass Lara Tice and hope you both have a memorable week. Take it all in, as it is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

I hope the sun will shine and that everyone has a most enjoyable Common Riding.

Safe Oot, Safe In

Linda Wilson

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



SILVER JUBILEE CORNET

1999

Gordon Gilder

Time has certainly flown by, 25 years ago I was proud and honoured to be elected and fulfil my lifetime ambition of being Lauder Cornet.



summer spent round the common ridings making new and now life long friends. However, nothing will top riding Murphy out of Market Place carrying the burgh standard.

Thank you to all who made 1999 such a memorable year. Jenni Crombie Smith, my Cornet's Lass, Jean Brotherstone, for bussing my colours and Ray Middlemiss for all her support throughout the summer. Final thanks to my parents, Angus & Jean Gilder who supported me on the day and have continued to do so since, also Sonya and my nieces Alexandra & Susanna.

Congratulations to 1974 Cornet Robin Riddell in his Golden Jubilee year. Finally to Ryan and his lass Lara, best wishes for fantastic common riding week. Enjoy every minute.

Safe Oot Safe In.

Ex-Cornet Gorder Gilder

The memories made with my right and Left-Hand men Steve Smith and Nod Wilson, I have cherished. A great



Gordon and young Common Riding supporters

Robin Riddell

It started way back in 1970 myself, Malcolm Johnstone and Michael Wilson got horses for the week from Alec Cavers. We would ride out everyday and go to the functions in the evenings encouraged on by previous Cornets.

Friday 10th May at 8pm Provost W. Walker pronounced me as Cornet and Standard Bearer for 1974.

Carried shoulder high to the town steps by my right and left supporters Malcolm and George, then it was off round the town on Wullie Johnstones lorry to the cheers of the crowd. Round the pubs then down to the dance in the Public Hall.

Friday 17th May saw us off to Jedburgh for their election night where met up with most of the principals for the year, a great bunch.

Friday 24th May - Threepwood

Good turn out. My wife Sheena was Cornet's Lass and it was her first time on horseback (well done). Meeting up with Gala Braw Lad and Lass exchange of medals, singing then back to Lauder.

Next day, a bit tired, but it was off to Mosspace; a hot day and a long ride. Top of Linhope Hill, I met my very good friend, Raymond Knox (Hawick Cornet).



Robin Riddell and Lass Sheena Riddell



Next up Selkirk, Melrose, Gala and many more. Time is passing fast, the weather was so good every week with many friendships made over the summer.

Now it's Lauder's turn; Kirking on the Sunday, Dinner, on Monday etc., and all too soon it's Saturday. A lovely sunny day. Mrs Isa Walker presented me with Sash and Flag. Back onto my horse, Copper, and we were off round the town up to the golf course and onwards to the Waterin' Stane; some refreshments and singing, back to Lauder via Burgess Cairn. Ceremony at the War Memorial, wreath presented by Elaine Millar. Then back to the Town Hall, led by the band for the conclusion of the morning ceremonies with Mrs Isa Walker bussing my colours.

Special thanks to my lass Sheena, and my right and left supporters, Malcolm and George.

Wishing Cornet and his Lass... a very happy Common Riding.

Congratulations to Ex-Cornets D.S. Waldie and G. A. Gilder on their Diamond and Silver Anniversaries respectively.

Wishing everyone a great week

Ex-Cornet Robin Riddell

Dave Waldie

How time flies! It doesn't seem like 60 years since I was on top of Bill Middlemiss and Jock Murray's shoulders en route to the town steps to be greeted by Provost Jack Scott and proclaimed as Lauder Cornet and Standard Bearer for 1964.



I started following the cornet in 1950 and can vividly remember following Cornet Ryan Murray's great grandfather, Cornet Doug Whellans, round the marches in 1958, Doug hadn't been so well so he took us at a more leisurely pace.

Ten years ago in my golden jubilee remarks, I said that some of the events during the common riding week had changed but the first Saturday in August had not. This is true in my lifetime, but over the decades there have been changes, so I apologise for this.

Originally the riding was held on Ascension Day then on the King's official birthday, the then magistrates and town council assembled in front of the old tollbooth where they pledged allegiance

to the sovereign land. Immediately thereafter they set off to ride round the boundaries of the common land and check there had been no encroachments from neighbours.

In these days the procession stopped one mile from the royal burgh and a race started, the finishing line being the burgh cross. This coupled with the fact that stones which were carried in pockets and supposed to be placed on cairns were sometimes used for other purposes and caused a few incidents! This caused the common riding to be halted for several years until it was reinstated in 1911.

Not so long now until our big day! Cornet Ryan Murray, Cornet's Lass Lara Tice and all your supporters- I wish you all the very best and have an excellent and memorable week.

Safe Oot Safe In

Ex-Cornet Dave Waldie



Davie Waldie on Pickin' Night

Jim Middlemiss

This year my Dad would have celebrated his 70th anniversary as Cornet.

As most of you will know he passed away in January having spent most of his life participating in and supporting the Common Riding.

Our families involvement and enthusiasm for the Common Riding all came from Dad and his encouragement and knowledge of the history or our ancient traditions will be sorely missed by us all.

However, time moves on and he was well aware that the Common Riding was in good hands, although I'm sure he will be looking down on us on the 3rd of August making sure we're doing things right and raising a glass to Cornet Murray.



*Safe Oot Safe In
Ian Middlemiss*



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COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD

The Common Riding is a fantastic celebration of our community here in Lauder, and it's certainly a community worth celebrating!

We're very lucky to have lots of fantastic volunteers in Lauder, giving up their time, effort and expertise to make it a wonderful place to live.

To recognise that, this year the Common Riding Committee are delighted to introduce the Lauder Common Riding Community Spirit Award.

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



We're thrilled to say that this year our very worthy winner is **Ray Theedam Parry**.

Ray regularly volunteers to support good causes around Lauder, and is one of the driving forces behind the wonderful Lauder in Bloom. Along with the other Bloomers, she can be found week in, week out - and in all weathers - devoting huge amounts of time to making sure that Lauder looks amazing. Thanks to the hard work and commitment of people like Ray, our town looks amazing all year round.

Ray will be presented with the Lauder Common Riding Community Spirit Award at the Exiles Reunion (8pm, Tuesday 30th July, Lauder Primary School) - all welcome!

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KIRKIN' O' THE CORNET



Cornet Mirley with his family

The first Kirkin' Ceremony I can remember was conducted by Rev. David A. Tosh, who was Minister in Lauder for 32 years. I have always said the Kirkin' is a very important and integral part of our Common Riding and our celebrations, and sets the tone for the entire week.

This year our Cornet and Standard Bearer, Ryan Murray, will lead our celebrations. Jesus was a Leader of Men, a more remarkable Leader than any single Book or Article could possibly cover.

Jesus said "Come follow me, I will make you Fishers of Men"; our Cornet Ryan Murray will lead us through our Celebrations this year, and I wish him and Lass and all his supporters every success.

Best wishes to all.

J.T. Brotherston, Cornet 1965



Ex-Cornets assemble in the town hall



FAMILY FUN DAY



SUNDAY

The Family Fun Day (free for all!) will take place at Lauder Park from 2pm on Sunday 28th July.

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

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

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

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



Cornet Mirley hands over a well deserved trophy at the Family Fun Day!

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.

To enter, email Kate Ainslie on kate_reed@live.co.uk or Amelia Strangeways on aswhittaker@hotmail.com by Friday 26th July.

LAUDERDALE FOOTBALL CLUB

The Darren Ainslie Memorial Cup

SUNDAY 28TH 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 - £10 per team
S1-Adult tournament - £20 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 28TH 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.



Young riders still managed to enjoy themselves despite the rain!



THE EX-CORNETS' DINNER



*MC for the evening
Ex-Cornet Iain Dick*

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.

*Ex-Cornet Elliot Watson
Dinner Secretary*



*Lauder Common Riding
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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 car park at 6pm. Refreshments will be available at the end of the ride.

Come and have some cycling fun

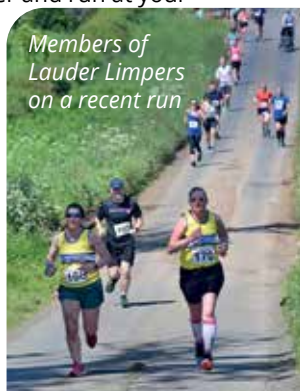
following this year's Cornet on his bike!

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 Mirley leads the ride with his Lass and Left-Hand - photo taken by his mother, Lynn Mirley!

EXILES' ANNUAL REUNION

Congratulations to our Cornet Ryan Murray and his Lass Lara Tice from all at the Exiles Association. We know both Ryan and Lara have been busy travelling across the Borders attending various Common Ridings and Festivals supporting other principals on their big day.

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 is an evening where young and old alike chat away which is always great to see.

This Year we are having a wee change of venue. The Reunion will be held on the Tuesday of the Common Riding at 8pm in the Primary School Hall. The traditional presentations to the Cornet and Jubilee Cornets start the evening off. Then it is time for a Buffet and a Bletcher. This year entry will be £5 which includes a light Supper. The Ex-Cornets will be selling a range of refreshments to ensure you are suitably lubricated for all that chat!

Joyce and I are always happy to hear people's recollections and stories about



▲ Cornet Mirley with organisers Kevin Laidlaw and Joyce Ker at last year's Reunion

the Common Riding so if you would like to share them at the reunion, please contact 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 contact Joyce or Myself (contact details below).

We wish everyone a Happy Common Riding.

Safe Oot, Safe In *Kevin Laidlaw*



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◀ 2023 Exiles Reunion



LAUDER FANCY DRESS

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

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

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

This year's Fancy Dress classes are;

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Boys under 5 years | 10. Girls 10-15 years |
| 2. Girls under 5 years | 11. Couples 10-15 years |
| 3. Boys 5&6 years | 12. Groups 10-15 years |
| 4. Girls 5&6 years | 13. Best Family Group |
| 5. Boys 7-9 years | 14. Best Dressed Lady |
| 6. Girls 7-9 years | 15. Best Dressed Gent |
| 7. Couples 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*
2023





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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

Thursday Night Rideout 2023



Front Three reunited after Left-Hand Man Chris Purves' injury earlier in the year



'NIGHT AFORE THE MORN' CONCERT

The Concert on the Friday evening is when it really starts to get real. As the Cornet arrives in his riding gear it signals Common Riding Day is just one more sleep away.

An informal evening, the concert will feature some local acts as well as some from further afield. There will be the traditional presentation of the Cornets Cup, Jubilee presentations, 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.

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

Everyone is welcome, hope to see you there.

Safe Out, Safe In.

Kevin Laidlaw





Lauder Common Riding 2023, Photo courtesy of Lawrence Johnston

SATURDAY 3RD AUGUST:
COMMON RIDING DAY

COMMON RIDING WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday 28th 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 29th July

APPRENTICE RIDE, Leaving from Castleriggis (Public Park)..... 10am
EX-CORNETS' DINNER, Lauderdale Hotel 7pm for 7.30pm
(Strictly ticket only)

Tuesday 30th July

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 Primary School 8pm

Wednesday 31st 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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| 2 years and under | 3 & 4 years |
| 5 & 6 years | 7, 8 & 9 years |
| All couples under 10 | Best Group under 10 |
| Best Dressed Lady / Gentleman | |
| Best Family Group | Best Vehicle |

PARADE will be led by Stow Pipe Band approx 7.30pm



COMMON RIDING WEEK AT A GLANCE

Thursday 1st August

CHILDREN'S SHOW, Lauder Public Hall..... 2pm
organised by Lauder Common Riding Committee.

CORNET'S VISIT TO SOUTH GARDENS 3pm

PRELIMINARY RIDE, horses assemble at The Avenuedepart at 6.15pm

Friday 2nd 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.P and children £1

Saturday 3rd August, Common Riding Day

CORNET'S MARCH7am
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 MURRAY 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 12.15pm

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
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Admission by ticket only, see posters.



SATURDAY

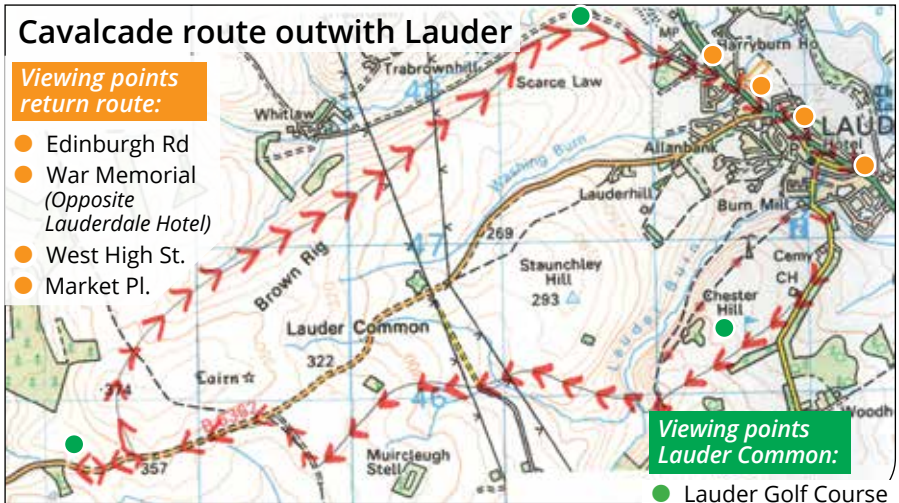
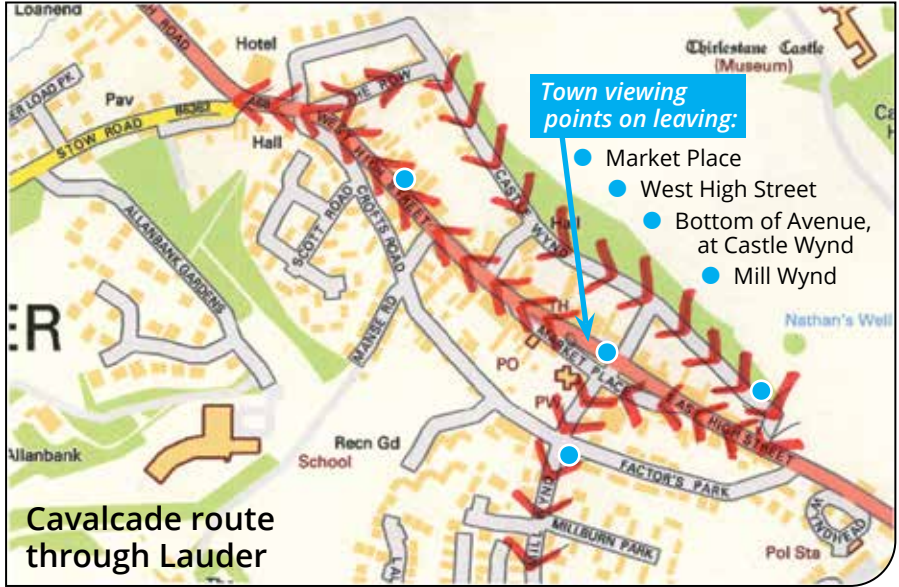


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COMMON RIDING DAY

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.



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PLEASE NOTE! - LAUDER COMMON RIDING RESTRICTIONS

Local Access to the centre of Lauder will be restricted from 7am to 1pm on Saturday 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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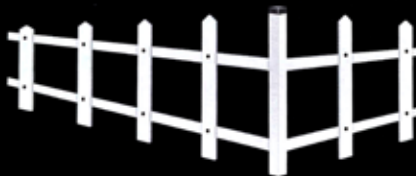
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Proud doesn't come close to describing how we feel. Never thought we would see you on a horse, let alone be Cornet, but you always succeed in everything you do and you will be an amazing advocate as Lauder Cornet and Standard Bearer 2024. What a fantastic year you're going to have. Enjoy every single second! Safe oot, safe in.

Love Mum & James xx



When Ryan and Lara facetimes us to share their secret news we thought it was another one of Ryan's wind ups. Fast forward to 10th May and our hearts were bursting with so much pride as we watched you both take on your official role of Lauder's 2024 Cornet and Lass at the Picking Night Ceremony. It was such a special moment seeing Ryan on horseback for the first time at the Threeewood Ride, the excitement in little Preston's face cheering and waving as his Daddy went past will stay in our hearts forever. You're such a beautiful little family and I know that it means so much to you to have Lara by your side, and your wee boys there watching you. We are both really looking forward to the Lauder Common Riding week and hopefully the sun will shine on you all. No doubt we'll be on babysitting duties but we'll be there with Preston and Lennox cheering you on from the sidelines and enjoying watching you both make magical memories to last a lifetime. Enjoy every moment and do Lauder proud.

Lots of love, Cheryl & Gary

Ryan. We are incredibly proud of your unwavering dedication and commitment to your role as Cornet and Standard Bearer.

You consistently put 100% effort into everything you do and as someone who is more familiar with riding motorbikes, we were surprised by how quickly you embraced the horse riding lessons! We are confident that you and your Lass Lara will do Lauder proud. Have a fantastic and memorable summer!

Safe Oot. Safe In. Louise, Robbie, Chloe and Callan

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COMMON RIDING COMMUNITY CHAMPION AWARD



Our 'Common Riding Community Champion Award' is now in its 3rd year and is given to a Primary 4 pupil who demonstrates community values such as teamwork, responsibility, friendship and compassion to name only a few.

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 2024 was **Finn Hume**.

During our annual Cornet Assembly, Finn was presented with a beautiful glass trophy, given to him by Cornet Ryan Murray and a book token handed over by last year's winner, Sadie Anderson.

Finn received this award for many reasons such as being helpful to his peers and teachers, being polite and respectful, being inclusive of all, going out of his way to volunteer to help others and for sharing happiness and positivity wherever he goes - what lovely reasons to be voted Community Champion!

It was lovely to welcome Cornet Ryan and his supporters into the school. 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 Finn!

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

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Cornet Murray presents Finn Hume 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 proud to call Ryan Murray it's Cornet and Standard Bearer for 2024. Fulfilling his duties to the required high standard so far, the biggest job is fast approaching.

Every year is a cause for celebration and as now often happens we are very lucky as an Association to be celebrating some very significant anniversaries this year. Diamond Jubilee David Waldie, Golden Jubilee Robin Riddell and Silver Jubilee Gordon Guilder. All weel kent faces locally and further afield with an abundance of experience and stories between them. Cornet Murray would do well to take some advice from these sage Ex-Cornets. Gents, I hope you and your families have an excellent Common Riding that brings back many happy memories and the renewal of old friendships.

After his sad passing, thoughts this year will be with the family and friends of Ex-Cornet Jim Middlemiss who would have been celebrating his Platinum Jubilee this year. Jim was highly revered and respected by all in the Association and by many more across the Borders. His knowledge and passion for all things Common Riding and Lauderdale were unmatched with an extensive archive of photos and videos to hand. There may be an event in the future showcasing some of these historical pieces so watch this space. As always, we will be raising a

glass to Absent Friends this Common Riding.

Our 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 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.

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

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Common Riding. *Safe Oot, Safe In*

*Ex-Cornet Iain O Dick
Chairman, Lauder Ex-Cornets Association*



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

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

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Wishing the Cornet & his Lass all the best! SAFE OOT. SAFE IN.

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Handsome Harlequin fondly known as “Harley” or “P&J” (Pride & Joy) 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 !!

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LAUDER COMMON RIDING

Riders Code of Conduct

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.
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 may be 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,
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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 is busy preparing to welcome Britain in Bloom judges as we represent Scotland in the RHS Britain in Bloom UK Finals in the Large Village category.

Judging takes place on 8 August 2024.

We appreciate all the support and encouragement we get from the community, so if you would like to find out more about lending a hand in the run up to judging or helping out in general or about our Friends of Lauder in Bloom supporters scheme contact **LauderinBloom@gmail.com**

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2018	Mrs. Beth Middlemiss	Caitlin Megahy	Ellyn Wilkinson
2017	Mrs. Mary Fallas	Ashleigh Scott	Sophie Millar
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2013	Mrs. Isabel MacRae	Helen Middlemiss	Abigail Anderson
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1969	Mrs. Ann Hardie	Kathleen Johnston	Avril Fortune
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1962	Mrs. Jean Scott	Moira Howie	Kathleen Johnston
1961	Mrs. Haddon	Carol Young	Mirna Redpath
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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 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

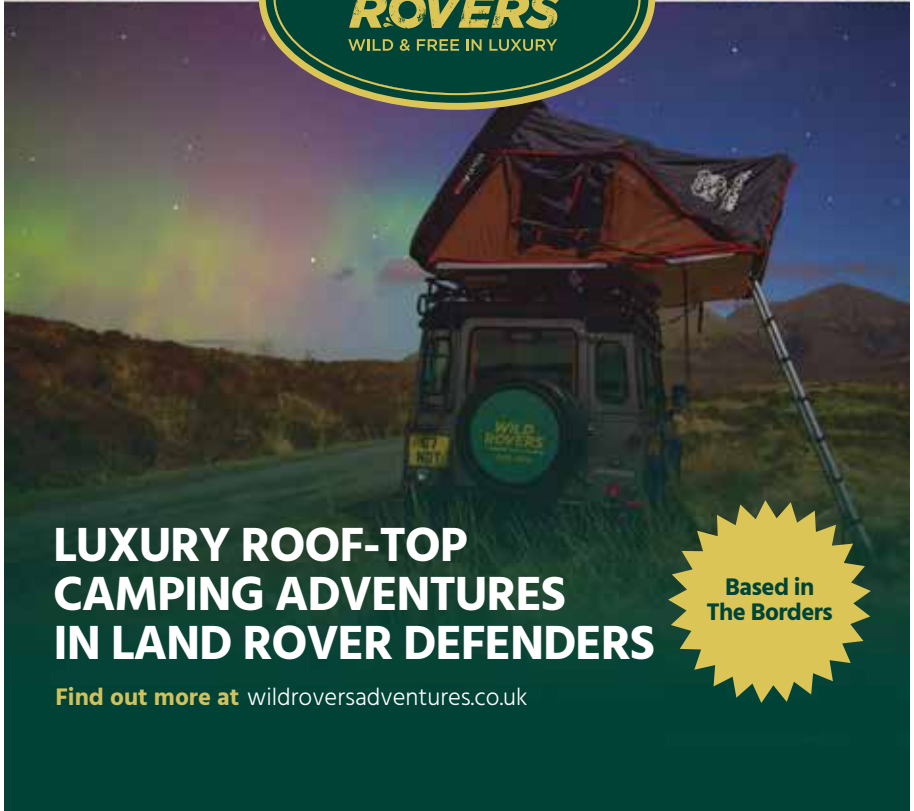
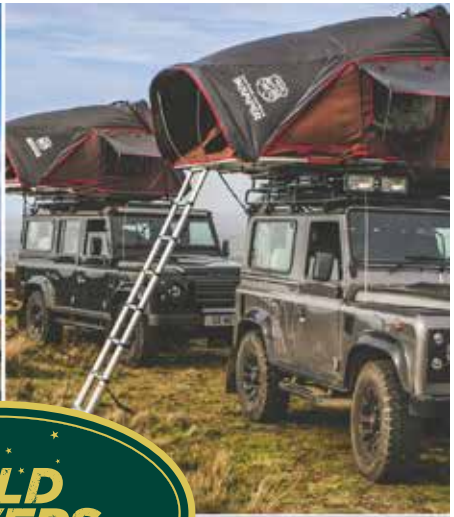
The sun rose sae rosy, the grey
hills adorning,
Light sprang the lavroc and
mounted sae hie,
When true to the tryst o'blythe
May's dewy morning,
Jeannie cam' linkin' out ow'r
the green lea'.

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 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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