



Spawning salmon scuppered by gravel build-up

What's happened to the 'mighty Ettrick'?



Some time ago it was discovered that the Ettrick river is completely blocked with gravel downstream from Gamescleuch in upper Ettrick. The gravel had built up over a period of time with logs and debris all contributing to the river bed being completely blocked for over 100 metres. The river water is filtering across to the other side of the Ettrick Marshes through small channels and then filtering back to rejoin the river bed further downstream at the Hopehouse burn near Honey Cottage. Over several visits it has been clear that the gravel blockage is growing all the time as more is deposited.

The photo shows officers from the SBC flood team, Nature Scot and the River

Standing where the river should be – officers from the SBC flood team, Nature Scot and the River Tweed Commission are shown the problem by Tommy, the Ettrick Marshes ranger (on right).

Tweed Commission being shown the problem by Tommy, the Ettrick Marshes ranger. As well as causing flood water to back up, the blockage is preventing salmon from getting upstream to their spawning grounds – a big problem given that the Ettrick Water is a crucial spawning ground for salmon in the wider Tweed river system.

Good news ahead

The good news is that the blockage is now going to be cleared! SBC and the Tweed Commission have come together to organise clearing the river bed and hope to have the work completed over the summer. The work will be carried out by SBC Contracts and will start as soon as the required licences and budget are in place. The start date should be in the next month and is expected to cost around £30,000. It can't come soon enough for the residents up Ettrick as well as the fish!

◀ Dead end – the gravel deposits are making it impossible for salmon to make their way upstream



Welcome ...to the June edition of The EYE.

We aim to keep residents and visitors alike up-to-date with all that is happening in this beautiful area of the Scottish Borders. Don't miss out! We'll keep an eye on diary dates and list them in these pages so you can plan your month ahead.

Star quality...

The Gordon Arms Restaurant with Rooms, Yarrow, this week announced that their multi-talented, ever-affable member of staff, Tom Wharburton – who has worked for many years at the popular valley eatery/hotel – has recently received recognition on a more prestigious level. Proprietor Bryn Jones expressed his delight: "We're beyond proud to share that our very own wonderful Tom, Thomas Warburton, or 'Sir Thomas' has been shortlisted as a Rising Star Finalist in The Scotsman SCRAN Awards 2025.

"While the world is busy nominating rising stars in their twenties, we believe the real stars – the steady, shining, reliable, essential ones – are often over 60. Sir Thomas is living proof."

A former shepherd, Tom busies himself daily in the roles of "gardener, builder, decorator, furniture maker, front of house, back of house, occasional philosopher and perpetual lifesaver", explains Bryn. "There's not a single job he won't take on – and he does each one with that rare mix of grit, grace and good humour."

Fingers crossed for Tom's success at the Awards, but it seems that Proprietors Bryn and Oxana Jones already feel like they are the winners, merely by having Tom as a team member.



Tom Wharburton: from shepherd to hospitality hero



Oh to be 10 years old again.

Cracking month for Kirkhope pupils

It's been a cracker of a month for Kirkhope pupils, with visiting VIPs, trips, events and sports challenges packing the weeks and days in the run up to the summer holidays later in June (25th).

Author's visit

On May 13th, Yarrow resident and new author Andrew Shields spent time with the pupils as he introduced them to his new children's book entitled *Gideon's Great Adventure*.

The Early Learning Centre boys and girls and school pupils thoroughly enjoyed listening to the story and learning where Gideon the gecko went on his adventures – can't wait to see where Gideon goes next!



▲ Author Andrew Shields with pupils

◀ His book 'Gideon's Great Adventure'

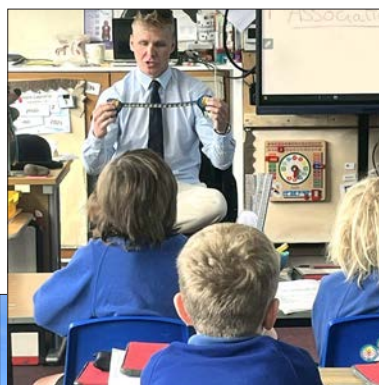
Ex-Standard Bearers' visit

Later in the same week, P4-7 school children were treated to a visit from Ex-Standard Bearers, David Mitchell and Peter Forrest. They explained about the history of the Common Riding and how it commemorates Fletcher and the Souters who fought in the Battle of Flodden in mid-June 1513! The current Common Riding event - held in Selkirk in a couple of weeks' time – mirrors the mid-June original, and the customs enacted every year are symbolic of the original events of centuries ago. Ending the afternoon session, Peter Forrest cast the town's colours along to the children singing "Up wi' the Souters".



Royal Burgh Standard Bearer 2025 Darren Knox

Another Common Riding personality paid a visit to the school the following week, when the 2025 Royal Burgh Standard Bearer Darren Knox popped in to say hello to the P4-7 pupils. Darren took part in a Q&A session and also showed some of his (and his horse's) Common Riding attire, explaining the significance of each item and letting the children examine them. This session also ended in a lively singsong.



Sports Day

The school Sports Day (right) was another highlight, and was well attended by parents, villagers and visitors all out enjoying the beautiful weather.

"Brilliant" Leavers trip

And finally, last week, a group of Ettrick and Yarrow P7 pupils had a "brilliant" day out at Foxlakes Aqua Park (left) for their school leavers trip, rounded off with lunch at Frankie and Bennies restaurant before heading home. Great rite-of-passage fun.



E-Bikes for Hire

The Ettrick and Yarrow Community Development Company have a number of sturdy eBikes for hire on a daily basis. Ideal for exploring our quiet roads or the many forest tracks around our hills. They have front suspension, comfort saddles and puncture proof tyres so ideal for gravel tracks as well as the public roads.



Helmets and HiViz waistcoats are supplied as well as suggested routes.

Start and finish at the old Ettrick Primary School opposite the Boston Hall (TD7 5JA) Anyone wishing to hire an ebike must be 14 or over and ID and a deposit is required. £20 per bike for up to 4 hours, or £40 for longer.

Open every day by appointment only – must be booked in advance. Call **07483 404663** or **07846 505630** or email bikes@ettrickandyarrow.org.uk

Oodles of fun!

Diary Dates:
June 2025



New Campsite for St Mary's Loch?

Landowners, Wemyss and March Estates, have been working up proposals for a new camping site on the shore of St Mary's Loch following several summers of growing demand at this popular beauty spot.

The chosen site is in the lochside field just beyond the bridge over the Meggat Water going towards Moffat from Coppercleuch. It will have 20 car



parking spaces plus four campervan spaces with electric hook ups.

A designated wild camping area will be beyond this next to the loch. A waste collection point is included but no toilet or shower block.

Estate manager, Martin Andrew, will be at the community council meeting on Monday 2nd to outline the proposal.

Good to know

The Ettrick and Yarrow Community Council meets every two months and rotates around the five village halls in the valleys. It is chaired by Alison Renwick, and other council members are Jane Telfer, Kirsty Irving, Karen O'Brien Barrett, John Davidson, Paul Scott, Betty Williamson, Douglas Walker, Neil Chalk and Jonathon Rowley.

The upcoming community council meeting will take place at St Mary's Hall, Coppercleuch on Monday 2nd June at 7pm. The AGM will be held first with the regular meeting to follow. All welcome

Sunday Morning Service

Kirkhope Church, 11.30am

Church Services in the valleys move around the three churches. This Sunday the service is at Kirkhope at 11.30am with Rev Kwame Ahaligah. It will include Holy Communion.

Summer Fayre

Ettrickbridge Sports Field, 1pm

Kirkhope Primary School Fayre in Ettrickbridge. Starting at 1pm, there will be plenty of attractions and refreshments to keep everyone feeling in the joyful spirit of summer. In aid of funds for Kirkhope Primary School and Early Learning Centre.

Community Council Meeting

St Mary's Hall, Coppercleuch, 7pm

The AGM will be at 7pm with the regular meeting to follow. On the agenda are the proposed new campsite at St Mary's Loch, flooding in Ettrick, three proposed woodland schemes and the cross border pylon project. All welcome.

Book Club

Yarrow Feus Hall, 7pm

The new monthly Yarrow Valley Book Club meets in Yarrow Feus Hall at 7pm. Expect warm conversation, a good laugh, a glass (or two) of wine and plenty of book chat. £5 per session.

New Age Kurling

Yarrowford Hall, 2-4pm.

New Age Kurling in Yarrowford Hall. 2.00 - 4.00 pm. The club is suitable for all ages and abilities and can be played seated or standing. The cost is £3 per person and includes refreshments. 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month.

Craft Group

Kirkhope Hall, 10am start

The Ettrickbridge based Craft group 10 am on the first Wednesday of every month in Kirkhope Hall.

Coffee Morning

Coffee morning in the Cross Keys every Wed 10.30 - 12 noon.

Quiz Night

Cross Keys Inn, Ettrickbridge, 7.30pm

Wednesday evening sees the popular pub quiz in the Cross Keys Inn. Maximum 5 in a team, £2 per person. Booking essential! Contact: Lindajack57@btinternet.com

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Here comes...

SUMMER

Summer Fayre

**Tombola : Cake & Candy
Face Painting: Games
Refreshments
And Much More.....**

Sunday 1st June 2025
FROM 1.00PM ONWARDS

Ettrickbridge Sports Field
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Diary Dates:
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First Wednesday Club

Yarrow Feus Hall, 2.30pm

The 'First Wednesday Club' meets in the Yarrow Feus Hall at 2.30pm. A friendly monthly meet up for valley residents- everyone welcome for a cuppa and a natter.

**Wed
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Table Tennis

Yarrowford Hall

Table tennis sessions in Yarrowford Hall 5.30 – 6.30pm every Wednesday.

**Thur
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Pilates Classes

Kirkhope Hall, Ettrickbridge

Improve your mobility and strengthen your 'core' with Pilates classes in Kirkhope Hall led by Katy Lothian. Mats provided and beginners welcome but must book first with Katy at katytherapies@yahoo.com

**Thur
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Men's Club

Yarrowford Hall, 2-4pm

Yarrowford Hall hosts a weekly informal 'men's club' for men of all ages to drop in for a chat, game of cards, dominoes, darts or simply a cup of tea. The cost is £3.00 per session (2.00 – 4.00 pm) and includes refreshments.

**Fri
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Playgroup fun

Kirkhope Hall, Ettrickbridge

Ettrick and Yarrow Playgroup meet in the Kirkhope Hall, Ettrickbridge every week from 9.30 to 11am. Experienced play leader, creative play, and a chance for the adults to catch up over a coffee. Open to all pre-school children.

**Fri
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Hogg Centre Opens

Former Ettrick Primary School

The James Hogg Centre opens for the summer at the old Ettrick Primary School, TD7 5JA. Learn about the life and work of the celebrated writer known as 'The Ettrick Shepherd' with knowledgeable local volunteers. 2-5pm every Friday, Wednesday and Sunday afternoons. Entry by donation



James Hogg
Exhibition

**Sat
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Coffee Morning

Kirkhope Hall, Ettrickbridge, 10-12

Monthly coffee morning in Kirkhope Hall, Ettrickbridge – a great way to catch up with news in the village. Delicious homebakes, tea and coffee.

More road closures on the way

The Top Swire (B709 between Tushielaw and the Gordon Arms) will be closed at Berrybush from Tuesday 1st July to Tuesday 8th July 8am to 6pm. It will then be closed again from Tuesday 22nd July to Tuesday 5th August. This has been requested by Scottish Woodland for roadside tree felling. (See map below).

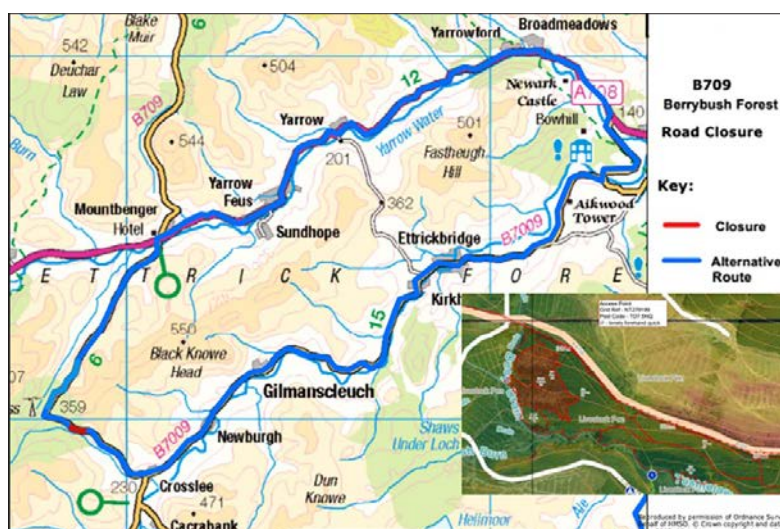
■ The A708 will be closed at Muchra for surface dressing between 9am and 5pm for 3 days from the 16th June.

■ The C22 (bottom swire) road between Yarrow and Kirkhope has a weight restriction of 7.5

tonnes applied until 9th July. And remember the bridge in Ettrickbridge has the same weight restriction while rebuilding work continues.

■ The B7009 between Singlie and Gilmanscleuch will be closed for 2 days on the 12th June for resurfacing work (weather dependent)

■ From 19th June for one day the B711 road from Ettrick to Robertson will be closed for resurfacing near East Buccleuch, and again on the 20th and 23rd June at Ale Moor (7.30am to 5.30pm).



The BeeHive Café



...and Shop stocks all your essentials and is now into it's summer opening hours. The Beehive Shop and Café is at the Honey Cottage Caravan Park.

Summer opening times are: 7 days, 10am - 2pm midweek and 2.30pm at weekends.

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FRIDAY 6th JUNE 2025

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Changes afoot at former Ettrick Primary School?

Ettrick school was closed in 2012 with pupils transferred to Kirkhope Primary and since then the school has been managed by the Ettrick and Yarrow Community Development Company (EYCDC) where they currently have an office, host the James Hogg Exhibition and hire out electric bikes.

The playground is used by campervans for a small fee and there is also a large classroom with sofas and a woodburning stove for community get-togethers.

However, the old building could do so much more with a few adaptations! First on the list is a borehole in the school grounds as the supply is currently shared with five houses as well as the Boston Hall and struggles in dry weather.

The old boys cloakroom could become a bunkroom providing accommodation to walkers on the Southern Upland Way, cyclists, helpers in the Marshes or even a writer in residence.

It is suggested that the old girls cloakroom should remain but be converted into a shower room.

Camping could be promoted in the school gardens with access to the toilet at the back door.

Disabled access could be added to a new entrance at the rear of the main classroom with an added decking area.

A wood-clad shipping container added in the school grounds could hold the eBikes and a mounted PV array and battery to reduce electricity bills.

Finally the plumbing and heating system needs to be renewed so that the building can be used throughout the winter months without the fear of pipes freezing.

The aim is to make the building more usable as a community hub while reducing costs. This might all have to be done in stages but EYCDC would like to hear your views on these plans and any other suggestions for improvements. Contact us at: info@ettrickandyarrow.org.uk

Selkirk Common Riding

While the Valleys have a wealth of events taking place during the month of June, they will most certainly be eclipsed by the annual festival of **Selkirk Common Riding** which takes place on **Friday 13th June**, with accompanying events and attractions happening both before and after this day.

A souvenir booklet is produced each year which gives the reader an insight into the traditions, rituals and roles of the various Flags, Standard Bearers, Lady Bussers, Incorporations and Associations involved in this historic spectacle.

Featuring over 80 colour pages and a wealth of information about the 2025 event, the booklet is priced at £4.00 and is on sale at numerous outlets in Selkirk.



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Fabulous Fish

Cross Keys Inn, Ettrickbridge

Fishy goings on in Ettrickbridge. A special one-night-only menu inspired by the legendary Rick Stein. Come along and shell-ebrate at the fin-tastic Sea Food night in the Cross Keys Inn – set menu £32 per person. It looks crabsolutely delicious! Pre-booking is essential Tel: **01750 52224** or email: hello@crosskeysinnettrickbridge.com

Sunday Morning Service

Yarrow Kirk, 11.30am

Service today is at Yarrow Kirk at 11.30am, led by Rev. Kwame Ahaligah.

Safety In Numbers Tea Concert

Yarrow Feus Hall, 3pm

The annual summer concert by community singing group, 'Safety in Numbers' is in Yarrow Feus Hall on Sunday, June 8th at 3.00pm. Enjoy a delicious afternoon tea and songs from this talented community choir. All proceeds this year are to go to the St John's Memory Café and the S.I.N. Folder Fund. Tickets £10 for adults with children free, available from singers or tel Irene on: **07774 683 064** or Hilary on: **01750 82254**.

Table Tennis

Yarrowford Hall

Table Tennis, 5.30-6.30pm – all welcome.

Men's Club

Yarrowford Hall, 2-4pm

Drop in for a chat, game of cards, dominoes, darts or simply a cup of tea.

Selkirk Common Riding

Selkirk – various venues, from 7am

Saddle up for the annual riding of the Selkirk Marches - one of the biggest gatherings of horses in Europe. The horses set off from the Market Place at 7am and arrive back at the Toll just after 10am. The Casting of the Colours in the Market Place is at 11am. Rolling road closures apply.

! Note: School holiday and no playgroup

Selkirk Common Riding Games & Gymkhana

Philiphaugh, Selkirk from 1.30pm

An afternoon of events for all the family – races, gymkhana, open air music, food and refreshments and more. Selkirk Silver Band leaves the Mungo Park Statue at 1pm to lead the parade down to the sports fields at Philiphaugh for 1.30pm start.

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Diary Dates:
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Sunday morning Service

Kirkhope Church, Ettrickbridge

The Church service is in Kirkhope today at 11.30am.

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Father's Day

Cross Keys Inn, Ettrickbridge

We ♥ our Dads! Father's Day in the Cross Keys – who doesn't love a relaxing Sunday lunch with music – a day to treat fathers, grandfathers, fathers-in-law, father figures, father's-to-be, could include uncles... Details and booking Tel: **01750 52224** or email: **hello@crosskeysinnnettrickbridge.com**

**Sun
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Buffet Lunch

Yarrowford Hall, 12.30pm

Special Sunday treat! A two-course buffet lunch will be served – which includes a complimentary glass of wine or soft drink! 12.30 for 1pm. £18 per person. Call Jim on 01750 76204 to book.

**Tues
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The Stitchers

Bee Hive café at Honey Cottage
Caravan Park, Ettrick

The Stitchers – Ettrick's sociable sewing bee – is moving for the summer months to the Bee Hive café at Honey Cottage Caravan Park. Bring along whatever small project you are working on. 2-4pm. Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday in the month.

**Tues
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New Age Kurling

Yarrowford Hall. 2.00 – 4.00 pm.

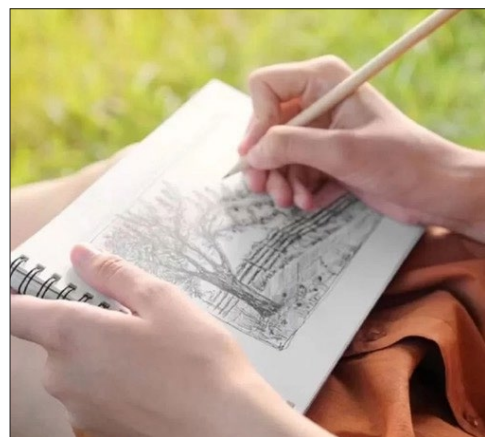
Can be played seated or standing. The cost is £3 per person includes refreshments.

**Wed
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Art Group

Kirkhope Parish Hall, 10-12noon

This month is weather dependent. If it's fine we will go down the village and sketch and paint at the pond (meeting at the Hall first to coordinate transport and get supplies). And if it's wet, we will focus on architecture and buildings from the comfort of the Parish Hall. All abilities welcome. Email **iris@happyhedgerow.co.uk** for more info.



James Hogg

The James Hogg and Ettrick History Centre

The old Ettrick School gets lots of international visitors in the summer months coming to the James Hogg Exhibition but some are more interested in the history of the valleys and finding out about their ancestors. So this year we're adding new displays including the old church register of births and deaths and lots more family history. We also have a growing collection of old history books, photos and artefacts which can be examined in comfort in front of the cosy wood burning stove. Open from 2pm -5pm Wed, Fri and Sunday or by appointment.

YARROWFORD VILLAGE HALL



TWO COURSE BUFFET LUNCH

INCLUDES GLASS OF WINE OR SOFT DRINK

SUNDAY 15TH JUNE

12-30 FOR 1PM

TICKETS £18

FOR CATERING PURPOSES

PLEASE CALL JIM ON 76204

TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT



Valley Pub closure

Sadly the new management at Tushielaw Inn decided not to stay so it is currently closed.

The good news is that some much needed roof repairs have been happening and hopefully new tenants will be found soon.



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COFFEE MORNING
Every Wednesday
10.30am - 12pm

PIZZA NIGHT
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
5pm - 8pm
Takeaway available

4 Quiz NIGHT

7 Seafood Night

15 Father's DAY tunes

25 END OF TERM PIZZA PARTY

28 Live Music



**Get ready
to explore**

If you are one of the many who enjoy visiting Bowhill during the summer months, you'll notice a few changes as the house and grounds open for the new season this year.

▲ *Bowhill Grounds will be open daily from Sunday 1st June to Sunday 31st August*

This spring marks the final stage of the Bowhill driveway improvements, bringing a landscaped one-way system, a brand-new General's Bridge Car Park, additional tree planting, and the installation of new gates at the visitor entrance.

What Does This Mean For You?

- During Bowhill's open season, entry will be managed via the kiosk as usual. Season open dates and entry prices can be found here.
- Outside of the open season, when Bowhill is closed to the general public, the gates will be closed to vehicles. Visitors at these times can park in the General's Bridge Car Park (parking charge applies), located just opposite the kiosk.
- Annual Pass Holders will enjoy year-round access to the Grounds and main car park via the vehicle gates, which will open with vehicle registration technology as well as the physical Annual Pass card.

Annual Pass Benefits

For those who love Bowhill in every season, an Annual Pass offers year-round access to the Grounds – even when the main gates are closed.

With our new system in place, your physical pass will open the gates, allowing you to drive through to the main car park beside the House and enjoy endless time exploring the estate.

A few key things to note:

- On event days, an additional paid ticket will be required.
- This year, rather than renewing, all visitors will need to purchase a new Annual Pass, as we've introduced an upgraded system.

Purchase your Annual Pass

Passes are available online for a quicker, hassle-free visit and they come in all 'shapes and sizes' offering a customised option for you. They are:

- Adult Annual Pass£14
- 1 Adult & 1 Child Annual Pass£24
- 2 x Adults Annual Pass£28
- Family Annual Pass (2 adults and up to 3 children)£30
- Family Annual Pass (2 adults and up to 4 children)£40
- Family Annual Pass (2 adults and up to 5 children)£50

Buy online at: <https://www.bowhillhouse.co.uk/plan-a-visit/annual-pass/>

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Table Tennis

Yarrowford Hall, 5.30-6.30

Men's Club

Yarrowford Hall, 2-4pm

Informal club for men of all ages to drop in for a chat, cards, dominoes, darts, cuppa!

Playgroup Fun

Kirkhope Hall, Ettrickbridge.

Babies, Toddlers 0-5 years. Always a craft activity, lots of toys and an experienced play leader. All welcome (adult carer stays for the session so a good chance to get to know others over a friendly cuppa). 9.30-11.30am.

Walk on the wild side

Start/finish Honey Cottage car park

Join ranger Tommy for a peaceful evening walk through the Ettrick Marshes and the wildflower meadow and learn how to make a cup of tea in the wild. Children welcome if accompanied. Suggested adult donation £5, children free. All donations go towards the upkeep of the boardwalk. Dogs only on leads please. 5.30 – 7.30pm.

Summer Solstice BBQ

Boston Hall, Ettrick, 2pm onwards

Celebrate the summer solstice in the magical Ettrick valley and spend the longest day of the year with friends and neighbours. The hall committee is hosting a barbecue next to the Boston Hall from 2pm onwards. Entry is £2 and includes a burger or hotdog. If a special diet is required please notify Karen O'Brien-Barrett at klobrienbarrett@gmail.com by 14th June.

Sunday morning Service

Yarrow Kirk, 11.30am

The church service today at 11.30am, led by Rev. Kwame Ahaligah.

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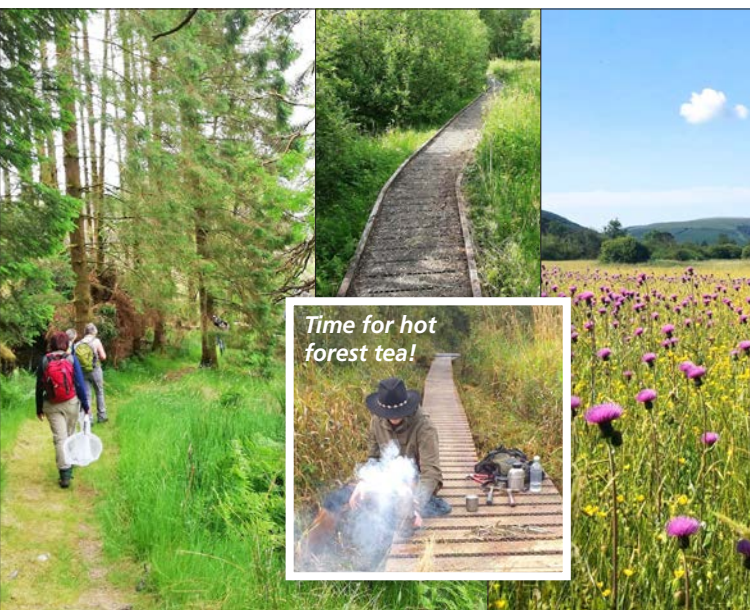
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Summer Ramble

Ettrick Marshes, 2pm start

Come for a summer ramble – with added treasure hunt activity for children. Join ranger Tommy for a guided walk from the Marshes Car Park at Honey Cottage all the way through the Ettrick Marshes and Gamescleuch Forest to the Tima carpark at the other end. Lifts will be provided back to the start. This is a 3 mile walk, initially on boardwalk and fairly level paths, the second section involves a short section uphill but it gives great views of the upper valley. Bring your own snacks but a cup of hot forest tea will be brewed up at some point en route. Suggested donation of £10 per adult (children free) will go towards the upkeep of the boardwalk. Dogs only on leads please. Not suitable for prams. Start time 2pm (so you can have lunch in the café first) Please car share if possible.



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Yarrow Valley Crafting

Yarrow Hall, Yarrow Feus

Craft your heart out! Join local maker Roz Carter for an evening creating beautiful fabric heart wreaths. No experience needed—just bring your creativity and leave with something handmade and heartfelt. £12pp, all materials supplied. 6-8pm. Best to book: www.yarrowhall.com/event-list

**Wed
25**

School Holidays: Pizza Party time!

Cross Keys Inn, Ettrickbridge

School holidays! Hurray! Celebrate the last day of term at a pizza party in the Cross Keys garden, Ettrickbridge, 5pm - 8pm

**Wed
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Yarrow Yoga

Yarrow Feus Hall, 6.30-7.30pm

Yoga is back! Join Andrea Beavon of Eildon Yoga in the Yarrow Hall for six sessions of yoga designed for all levels. Whether you're a beginner or just in need of a good stretch, this is your time to unwind, reset, and reconnect. £9 per session, £45 for 6 sessions. Spaces are limited – book now and roll out your mat! www.yarrowhall.com/event-list

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Table Tennis

Yarrowford Hall, 5.30-6.30

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Men's Club

Yarrowford Hall, 2-4pm

Informal club for men of all ages to drop in for a chat, cards, dominoes, darts, cuppa!

**Fri
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Playgroup fun

Yarrow Hall, Yarrow Feus, 9.30-11.30

Playgroup meets in Yarrow Hall, Yarrow Feus today. Babies, Toddlers 0-5 years. Lots of toys and an experienced play leader. All welcome.

**Fri
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Child friendly ramble

Ettrick Marshes, 2.30pm

Guided walk through the Ettrick Marshes starting from Honey Cottage at 2.30pm and finishing back there around 5pm. Suitable for all ages (not prams) Dogs only on leads please. Suggested adult donation of £5, children under 16 free.

**Fri
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Social Night

St Mary's Hall Cappercleuch, 7.30pm

Cappercleuch Social Night in St Mary's Hall. Cash bar, Family friendly, Everyone welcome

**Sat
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Live Music

Cross Keys Inn, Ettrickbridge

Live music in the Cross Keys, from 8.30pm



Please Note: News items /photographs /adverts for the next newsletter should be sent in by **25th June, 2025**. email: vicky@ettrickandyarrow.org.uk or phone/text 07846 505630.



GOOD TO KNOW...

- The Langhope Rig windfarm fund managed by Foundation Scotland is open for grant applications from community groups in the valleys until the 19th June. Grants of up to £20,000 available – decision in late August.
- The Glen Café at St Mary's Loch Open 6 days (Closed Tuesday) 10am to 6pm. Hot Food until 4pm.
- Brigend Week – a whole week of fun community events 2nd to 8th August
- School Summer Holidays – Wednesday 25 June is the last day of term; Wednesday 20 August - all pupils back to school

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Ettrick Kirk 200th Anniversary Service

Ettrick Kirk, 11am

On June 29th there will be a special service in Ettrick Kirk to mark the 200th anniversary of worship in this historic building. After the service there will be a plant sale and refreshments in the old manse across the road from the church and courtesy of Roxy Stephen.

ETTRICK 200

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REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SERVICE.

PLANT SALE IN GARDEN OF THE OLD MANSE.



11AM SUNDAY 29 JUNE 2025