



Welcome ...to the October 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.



Is this the end for Tushielaw Inn?

The historic coaching inn at Tushielaw has been providing sustenance and accommodation to weary travellers in the Ettrick valley since opening in 1829 and has been a popular watering hole for valley shepherds and their neighbours for nearly 200 years.

The last time it closed was in 2013 when it shut for two years before being sold to the current owner at auction in 2015. It featured on Channel 4's Four in a Bed series in 2017 with leaseholders, Rab and Gail Forbes famously trying to win over the other contestants with their bespoke breakfasts(!)

More recently it was run by Sharon and Alan before the doors closed again earlier this year. It is now on the market with a guide price of £250,000. Let's

hope it is bought by people with the energy and enthusiasm to keep providing accommodation, food and a cheery meeting place in upper Ettrick for a long time to come.

▼ The sale is being handled by G. & J. Oliver W.S., Solicitors & Estate Agents, Hawick and can be viewed on the following websites: www.gandjoliver.co.uk as well as www.onthemarket.com, www.rightmove.co.uk and www.propertywindow.com.



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▲ A not-often-seen view of the rear of the Inn.



THE TUSHIELAW INN, ETTRICK VALLEY, SELKIRK, TD7 5HT
COACHING INN WITH LETTING ROOMS AND BAR/DINING



EPC UPON REQUEST
GUIDE PRICE £250,000

Winners all round!

In recent weeks, visitors to the Beehive Cafe/Shop at Honey Cottage Caravan Park, Ettrick, will have seen the charity stall (below) laid out with raffle prizes in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support – and many have supported the venture, bought a ticket and crossed their fingers for a win.

Their wait is over: the draw was made at the weekend, so keep reading to see if you have been lucky! Winners: Ann Thomson, Rosie (Number 19), Chris Carroll, John (number 14), Tanya, Caravan number 12, Tennant, Van 65, Billy Davidson, Andrew Johnston, Alison (caravan site), Margery Inglis, William (delivery driver), Tommy Bryson, Vicky Davidson, Jenna, Tracey and David, Helen Graham, Graeme, Walter Baxter, Claire (caravan park), Dougie and Anne, George, Simon, Bobby and Gillian, Kerry Brown (number 62), Karen, Caroline Johnston

Please go and collect your prize from the Beehive Cafe (open 10am - 2.30pm).

Thank you for all of your support, we raised a magnificent £266!!



The Ettrick flows again

Last month we reported that the Ldiggers had arrived to clear the huge blockage in the river Ettrick several miles above the Honey Cottage caravan park. Gravel and tree trunks had built up over a few years leading to a huge stretch of the river being completely blocked. This meant that salmon were no longer able to reach their spawning grounds above the blockage and the build up was continuing to worsen every month.

The River Tweed Commissioners with the help of Scottish Borders Council and the Nature Restoration Fund stepped up. It was a difficult section to access but after a few minor mishaps, the digger men prevailed and the river is now flowing freely again! Good news for the salmon and who knows, maybe the road will flood less frequently?



Diary Dates: October 2025

Wed
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Kirkhope Craft Group

Kirkhope Hall, Ettrickbridge, 10-12

The Ettrickbridge based Craft group meet at 10am on the first Wednesday of every month in Kirkhope Hall and if you prefer just to chat, the regular...

Wed
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Coffee Morning

...is in the comfortable and convivial Cross Keys Inn, Ettrickbridge every Wednesday, 10.30am-12 noon.

Wed
1

Pub Quiz

Cross Keys Inn, Ettrickbridge, 7.30pm

Then Wednesday evening sees the very popular pub quiz in the Cross Keys Inn, Ettrickbridge. Maximum 5 in a team, £2 per person. 7.30 for 8pm start. Booking essential with Linda on:

lindajack57@btinternet.com

Wed
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1st 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, 5.30-6.30pm

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

Thur
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Safety in Numbers Choir

Yarrow Feus Hall, 7pm-8.30pm

The Safety in Numbers community choir run by Hilary Bell rehearse in Yarrow Hall, 7pm-8.30pm every Thursday. Sessions cost £3.

Fri
3

Playgroup Fun

Kirkhope Hall, Ettrickbridge, 9.30-11.30

The Playgroup for both valleys is held in Kirkhope Hall, Ettrickbridge, 9.30-11.30am. Babies, Toddlers 0-5 years. Always a craft activity and lots of toys. All welcome (adult carer stays for the session so a good chance to get to know others over a friendly cuppa)

Fresh Fish Fridays!

If you enjoy fresh fish and can't get to a fishmonger, let the fishmonger come to you! James M. Horsburgh & Son, trusted fish merchants, come to Yarrow Hall every Friday at around 6pm with a great selection of fresh fish and seafood.

Come along and stock up for the weekend!



ECYDC Director Marjory Hutton and Project Manager Vicky Davidson get ready to welcome visitors to the company tent at last month's Yarrow and Ettrick Show held at Carterhaugh.

Competition Winners

The Ettrick and Yarrow Community Development Company ran their anagram competition again at Yarrow Show. This year the theme was wildlife to be found in the valleys. Twenty-two clever people managed to untangle the clues in time and were entered in the prize draw. The lucky winner was **Isla Young** who wins a voucher worth £25 for the Cross Keys Inn, Ettrickbridge.

The correct answers were: Mole, Red Squirrel, Water Vole, Pine Martin, Golden Eagle, Barn Owl, Hedgehog, Brown Trout, Kingfisher, Black Grouse, Badger, Mountain Hare, Roe Deer, Weasel, Stoat, Wild Goat, Atlantic Salmon, Harvest Mouse, Golden Plover and Common Shrew.



Colin from the Cross Keys Inn draws the winning name out of a hat

Swell the numbers - swell the sound!

If you are looking for more community singing than the excellent Safety in Numbers choir that meets in Yarrow Feus Hall on a Thursday evening, there is another community choir starting up in Selkirk called 'Voices o' the Borders.' Rehearsals are weekly on Monday evening from 7pm to 8.15pm at Fox Fit Gym, 10 Heatherlie Park, Selkirk TD7 5AL.



Visit: facebook.com/voicesotheborders or email: voicesotheborders@gmail.com for more information.

The BeeHive Café

...and Shop stocks all your essentials and is currently still in summer opening hours. The Beehive Shop and Café is at the Honey Cottage Caravan Park.

Opening times are: 7 days, 10am - 2.30pm every day. These may change later this month.

Tel: 07881 957809 / email: Kayweathered@gmail.com



For up-to-date info, see our Facebook page.



It's back!

More Road Closures!

No sooner has the dreaded yellow 'Road Closed' sign been taken away and motorists / villagers of Ettrickbridge able to make an uninterrupted drive through the hamlet after a spate of construction work on strengthening the bridge, than the groan-inducing yellow sign is back!

The good news is that this time the very bad bone-rattling road surface on approach to, and leaving Ettrickbridge is to be resurfaced. Of course, the bad news is that this means more inconvenient road closures.

The first closure is from Monday 6th to Friday 10th from 9am to 3pm from the Bridge to Howford.



The second closure is Monday 13th to Wednesday 15th from 9am to 5pm same place.

The third closure is on Thursday 16th and Friday 17th from 9am to 5pm from the top of the village to the Swire Road junction.

A good story well told...

Pupils at Yarrow primary school were treated to a special heritage event last month. The talented story teller Mrs Nicky Toneri of Selkirk visited, along with an array of props to relate the centuries old story of Thomas the Rhymer of Earlston. Afterwards staff reported that "everyone was captivated"!



Turning the 'old' into 'gold'



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Coming up in October...



COFFEE MORNING
Every Wednesday
10.30am - 12pm



THE TURNBULL TROPHY
DARTS EVERY FRIDAY

1 Quiz NIGHT



NEW AUTUMN MENU

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Ian Lowthian's
ACCORDION WEEKEND
Oktoberfest

17 PIZZA NIGHT
5pm - 8pm
Takeaway available



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Live Music

Diary Dates:
October 2025



Coffee Morning

Kirkhope Hall, 10-12

Monthly coffee morning – a great way to catch up with news in the village.

Oktoberfest Live Music

The Cross Keys, Ettrickbridge, 7.30pm

Oktoberfest – Ian Lowthian's accordion weekend of fabulous musicians will be entertaining in the Cross Keys, Ettrickbridge.

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.

Community Council meet

Kirkhope Hall, Ettrickbridge, 7pm

The Ettrick and Yarrow Community Council will be meeting in the Kirkhope Hall, Ettrickbridge at 7pm. Current council members are Alison Renwick (Chair), Kirsty Irving ((Treasurer), Karen O'Brien-Barret (Secretary), Jane Telfer, John Davidson, Paul Scott, Douglas Walker, Neil Chalk, Betty Williamson.

Monthly Whist

Boston Hall, Ettrick, 7pm

Monthly whist will resume on Monday 6th October 7pm in the Boston Hall and then 1st Monday each month through to March. New players welcome. Usual guidelines, £1 per person each night, bring your own mug, tea and coffee provided.

Fitness Class

Yarrow Feus Hall 7-8pm

Gentle Steps – low impact fitness class with Julianne in Yarrow Feus Hall 7-8pm every Monday. Light stretches, total wellness. Just wear comfortable clothing and trainers. £5 per class paid on the night.

GENTLE STEPS EXERCISE CLASS

WITH
JULIANNE



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Tues
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The Stitchers

Boston Hall, Ettrick, 2-4pm

Ettrick's sociable sewing bee – is back to the Boston Hall for the winter months. Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday from 2-4pm. Bring whatever project you are working on or would like to start – help will be provided.

Tues
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Windfarm Info Session

The Forman Hall, Robertson, 4-7pm

The promoters of the Mid Hill windfarm near Robertson are holding an information session in the Forman Hall, Robertson from 4pm to 7pm showing the revised layout.

Tues
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Book Club

Yarrow Feus Hall, 7-9pm

The Yarrow Valley Book Club meets in the Yarrow Hall at Yarrow Feus from 7-9pm A welcoming space for book lovers to share thoughts, sip a glass of wine and enjoy some book related discussions. £5 per session. The current read is 'House Rules' by Jodi Picoult.

Wed
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Yarrow Yoga

Yarrowfeus Hall, 6.30-7.30pm

Relax and stretch with popular yoga leader, Andrea Beavon from Eildon Yoga in the Yarrow Hall. 6.30-7.30pm. Every second Wednesday. Must be booked in advance. Email: andreabeavon@hotmail.com

Wed
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Table Tennis

Yarrowford Hall, 5.30-6.30pm

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

Thur
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British Wool Open Day

Lochcarron, Waverley Mill, Rodgers Rd, Selkirk and British Wool, Level Crossing Rd, Selkirk, from 11am

British Wool Celebrates 75 Years with an Open Day.

If you have ever wondered what happens to all the sheep wool from the valleys, this is a unique chance to follow its journey from sorting depot to finished product. One of the main sorting depots for British Wool is in Selkirk and they are throwing open the doors to celebrate 75 years of marketing British wool. Guided tours of both the wool sorting depot and the expert weavers at Lochcarron next door will show how a newly shorn fleece turns into a length of tartan fit for a king.

75th Anniversary Depot Open Day - Borders Tickets, Thu 9 Oct 2025 at 11:00 | Eventbrite



The award-winning **Gordon Arms** has just launched its October Tasting Menu and for

local lovers of fine dining it promises to set the tastebuds tingling. As Proprietor Bryn Jones explains: "My lord, what a menu! Five courses, all singing of the season". The 'mellow



fruitfulness' immortalised by Keats is encapsulated in this Autumn menu.

• Selkirk figs, Gorgonzola & Glen Honey honey

- Bone marrow with garden parsley, shallot salad & sourdough
- Borders partridge with King Oyster mushrooms, roasted potato & red wine jus
- Elrick Log goat cheese with chutney & oatcakes
- Warm Kelso pear & almond tart with clotted cream

Even before the menu was advertised, bookings were already coming in – which is very flattering but you can see why. This is proper cooking, the sort that keeps October alive in every bite. Book at: thegordonarmsyarrowvalley.co.uk. £65.00 pp — October tables are disappearing fast.

A glut of apples?

Well, here's a solution put forward by Oxana Jones, Proprietor of The Gordon Arms Restaurant with Rooms, Yarrow – a no-nonsense Apple Crumble Cake. Simple, speedy, and very good at disappearing from the plate.



Apple Crumble Cake

Ingredients:

- Eggs – 4
- Sour cream – 400 g
- Butter (melted) – 160 g
- Sugar – 250 g
- Baking powder – 10 g (= 2 tsp)
- Flour (sifted) – 500 g
- Apples – 4, peeled and chopped into small cubes (any variety)
- Vanilla - 2 tsp

Method:

1. Mix together eggs, sugar, sour cream, and melted butter.
2. Add baking powder and flour, mix into a soft, slightly runny dough.

Assembly:

- Grease a rectangular baking dish ~ 40 cm x 20 cm (or 2 x round moulds).

- Pour in half of the dough.
- Spread the chopped apples evenly over the top.
- Sprinkle with vanilla or vanilla sugar (or cinnamon, if preferred).
- Pour the remaining half of the dough on top.

Crumble:

- Mix together:
- 100 g flour
- 100 g sugar
- 80 g butter (softened)
- Rub into crumbs and sprinkle evenly over the top.

Baking:

- Preheat oven to 180°C.
- Bake for 40–45 minutes until fully cooked through.
- Let cool slightly before serving.



Celebrate
of

75 YEARS
BRITISH WOOL
1950 - 2025

At our regional
Depot Open Days



■ Doors open from 11am with the first tour of either Lochcarron or British Wool setting off at 11.45am and then both repeated at 1.30pm, each lasting one hour.

■ Food will be served between 12 and 2pm British Wool, Level Crossing Road, Selkirk, TD7 5EQ

Halloween at Bowhill

Saturday 18 Oct - Sunday 02 Nov

Halloween can be celebrated in daylight hours too! And far from causing nightmares, it'll provide lots of outdoor fun!

Brave the spine-tingling trail hiding the spell book from the wicked witches, pick your perfect pumpkin, and enjoy a day packed with family favourites – from the Adventure Playground and Soft Play to spooky crafts and a special cinema screening.

The eerie adventures will take place between 11am – 4pm on the



following dates

■ Saturday 18th – Monday 20th October

■ Friday 24th – Sunday 26th October

■ Friday 31st October – Sunday 2nd Nov.

For further details and to book, visit www.bowhillhouse.co.uk/event/halloween/

Sensational Soak 'n' Sauna Saturdays

Readers may remember that in early summer we highlighted the presence of the 'Wild Douk Sauna' at St Mary's Loch for wild swimmers to use after a cold dip in the Loch. The 'mobile wellness experience' founded by Mhairi Burnett of Edinburgh earlier this year is still providing a welcome place to unwind and warm up after a 'douk' and has two October dates at the St Mary's loch site. These are: Saturday 4th October and Saturday 18th October. Book at: www.wilddooksauna.com/book



Glen Cafe
07512303205
AT ST MARY'S LOCH

Wednesday - Monday
10am - 6pm

Kitchen Closes at 4pm



ETTRICK & YARROW PLAYGROUP

MESSY PLAY

Friday 10th October

Yarrow Village Hall
9.30am - 11am

£5 per child
£2 per additional sibling

Talk: Cape Town to Jo'burg

Boston Hall, Ettrick,
7.30pm

Cape Town to Jo'burg Open Talk in the Boston Hall hosted by the Ettrick SWI led by Karen O'Brien Barratt.

Enjoy an evening of high adventure without leaving your seat! Listen to the exploits and experiences of Karen and her husband while travelling through South Africa.

7.30pm start. All welcome. Free Entry.

Cape Town to Johannesburg

Ettrick SWI Open Talk

Tuesday 14th October
7.30pm

Boston Hall

All Welcome
Free Entry

**Diary Dates:
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Safety in Numbers Choir

Yarrow Feus Hall, 7pm-8.30pm

The excellent Safety in Numbers community choir run by Hilary Bell in Yarrow Hall tune up at 7pm-8.30pm. Sessions cost £3.

Playgroup Messy Play

Yarrow Village Hall, 9.30 - 11am

Ettrick and Yarrow Playgroup moves to Yarrow this week for a Messy Play session with an Autumnal/Halloween theme. Suitable for all ages up to 5 yrs with a range of fun, sensory activities that are too messy to do at home! 9.30am - 11am £5 per child (£2 for additional sibling)

School Holidays

Start of the October week school holiday for the older ones. The half-term break is Monday 13 to Friday 17 October 2025

■ Monday 20 October 2025 - in service day

■ Tuesday 21 October 2025 - Pupils resume.

Morning Service

Yarrow Kirk, 11.30am

Church service today is at the lovely Yarrow Kirk at 11.30am. Services are led by the Selkirk and valleys minister, Rev. Kwame Ahaligah.

Crafting Class

Kirkhope Hall, Ettrickbridge, 7pm

Calm and Creative. Free crafting class in Kirkhope Hall, Ettrickbridge from 7pm to 8.30pm. Shut out the stress and relax with a creative crafting class. No experience needed and different craft techniques to try. This is a community arts project run by Bright Arts CIC in partnership with Red Button Arts. Contact Mandy Durkin on 07958 158181 for more info.



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Tues
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Ettrick WRI

Boston Hall, Ettrick, 7.30pm

Ettrick Woman's Rural meets at 7.30 in the Boston Hall. Visitors, plus new and returning members always welcome.

Tues
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Yarrowford SWI AGM

Yarrowford Hall, 2pm

Yarrowford SWI come together for their AGM at 2pm in the Yarrowford Hall.

Wed
15

Kirkhope Art Group

Kirkhope Hall,
Ettrickbridge, 10-12

This month's theme is Halloween - so lots of scope for drawing or painting pumpkins, bats, haunted houses, you name it! All abilities

welcome. Materials can be provided if you need them. For more info email iris@happyhedgerow.co.uk



Wed
15

Table Tennis

Yarrowford Hall, 5.30-6.30pm

Wed
15

Ettrickbridge WRI

Kirkhope Hall, 7.30pm

Ettrickbridge Women's Rural meets at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of each month in the Kirkhope Hall (September to May). All welcome.

Thur
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Safety in Numbers Choir

Yarrow Feus Hall, 7pm-8.30pm

Safety in Numbers singing group in Yarrow Hall 7pm. Sessions cost £3.

Thur
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Yarrow Men's Club

Yarrowford Hall, 2-4pm

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. An informal get together every Thursday.

Sat
18

Harvest Lunch

Yarrowford Hall, 12noon - 2pm

Harvest Lunch in the Yarrowford Hall from 12 noon to 2pm. Homemade soup and puddings from those excellent cooks in the Yarrow valley. £8 per person.



Fully charged and raring to go!

Want to try out some electric wheels? Now's your chance!

Electric Bikes are still available for two-week-long FREE loans to anyone over the age of 14yrs from the Valleys, Ashkirk or Robertson area. Contact bikes@ettrickandyarrow.org.uk or **07846 505630** if you would like to give them a try. Helmets, lights, locks, Hi Viz waistcoat and comfort saddles included.

◀ Local visitor Jack enjoying one of the eBikes at Yarrow Show. (Did anyone find the pot of gold? ...Just wondering.)



Save the Date

EYCDC AGM

The Ettrick and Yarrow Community Development Company AGM will be on **Wednesday 26th November** in the Cross Keys, Ettrickbridge at 7pm.

Come along and help steer projects aimed at improving life in the valleys. All offers of help and ideas very welcome. Current directors of the community company are Trevor Timms (chair), Bron Clark (treasurer) Lynne Hume (company secretary), Andy Wright, Marjorie Hutton, Alison Renwick, Ingrid Earp and Colin Robson.

YARROWFORD HALL



You are welcome to join us for a harvest lunch (a choice of homemade soup and bread rolls followed by various homemade puddings)

Saturday 18th October

12.00 - 2.00 pm

£8 per head

A collection of non perishable food items will be made for Selkirk Foodbank



The monthly Mobile Library service, run by Live Borders will be coming to **Yarrow on Monday 6th & Monday 20th October** at the following locations and times:

LOCATION	STOP	TIMES
Broadmeadows	Bridge	13.40-13.55
Yarrowford	Yarrowford	14.00-14.10

The library bus will also be visiting the **Ettrick Valley on Thursday 2nd, 16th and 30th October** at the following locations /times:



LOCATION	STOP	TIMES
Ettrick	Roweburn	12.30-12.35
Ettrick	Newhope	12.40-12.55
Ettrick	Boston Hall	13.05-13.30
Ettrick	Honey Cottage	14.10-14.30
Ettrick	Tushielaw	14.35-14.50
Ettrick	Crosslee Steading	15.00-15.10
Ettrickbridge	Woodend Rd	15.20-15.50

Mobile Library Service

Well, well, well...

The old primary school in Ettrick has been managed by the Ettrick and Yarrow Community Development Company (EYCDC) since it closed its doors in 2012. Both it and the Boston Hall (as well as other neighbours) share a private water supply from a spring on the nearby hill.

As part of the project to upgrade the old school, the EYCDC plans to install a borehole in the school garden. Funding to drill the well has now been received from the Community Led Local Development Fund and work will start within the next few months.

More funding will be required to install the pumping equipment and the search is on to make up the difference.

The option for the Boston Hall to share access to the borehole is available and the new well will also provide a clean, reliable source of water for everyone living nearby should we have another very dry summer.



Stock photo
of a well
construction

■ The change of use planning application to convert the old boys toilets in the old school to a small bunkroom has been submitted and is currently on the SBC planning portal. Also proposed is a disabled access ramp to the rear of the building.

■ The Community Led Local Development grant is funded by Scottish Ministers in conjunction with Scottish Borders Council, as the Lead Partner for the Local Action Group.



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**Diary Dates:
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Morning Service

Ettrick Kirk, 11am

The Church service today is at the historic Ettrick Kirk at 11am led by Rev. Kwame Ahaligah. Tea and coffee served afterwards.

School dates

Mon 20 – School in-service day

Tues 21 – School restarts

The Stitchers

Boston Hall, Ettrick, 2-4pm

Ettrick's sociable sewing bee – in the Boston Hall from 2-4pm. Haven't made anything since High School? No worries, beginners welcome and help will be provided.

New Age Kurling

Yarrowford Hall, 2-4pm

New Age Kurling starts again in Yarrowford Hall 2pm to 4pm. Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday through the winter. £3 per person, all welcome.

Yarrow Yoga

Yarrow Feus Hall, 6.30-7.30pm

Relax and stretch with popular yoga leader, Andrea Beavon from Eildon Yoga in the Yarrow Hall. 6.30-7.30pm. Every second Wednesday. Must be booked in advance. Email: andreabeavon@hotmail.com

Table Tennis

Yarrowford Hall, 5.30-6.30pm

Line Dancing Session

Yarrow Feus Hall, 10-11am

Hoedown! Come and Try Line Dancing in the Yarrow Feus Hall 10am to 11am. This is a free session so turn up and get ready to Cha-Cha Slide!

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Community
Land Festival



For more
details
about the
Kirkhope
Mill Studio
Open Day,
see 'Dairy
Dates entry
on page 8

Kirkhope Mill Open Day

Sat 25 Oct * 11:00 - 16:00

Kirkhope Mill, TD7 5HW

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Shhhhhh...

No Safety in Numbers choir tonight.

Thur
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Yarrow Men's Club

Yarrowford Hall, 2-4pm

Men's Club in the hall from 2-4pm

Fri
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Playgroup fun

Kirkhope Hall, 9.30-11.30am

Ettrick and Yarrow Valley Playgroup is in Kirkhope Hall, Ettrickbridge this week. Babies, Toddlers 0-5 years.

Sat
25

Studio Open Day

Kirkhope Mill, Ettrickbridge, 11am

Open Studio Day at Kirkhope Mill as part of the Community Land Festival 11am to 4pm. A chance to see round the community owned building, now restored as workshops and meet some of the creative tenants including sculptor Deirdre Nichol and interior designer, Shaz Morton. Other local artists showing their work include Ettrickbridge artist, Willie Muirhead, beautiful wildlife paintings by Arlene Lockhart and intricate hand spun and woven rugs by Carole Gascoigne. Free entry, refreshments included.

Sat
25

Live Music

Cross Keys Inn, 7.30pm

Round off the month with a live music night in the Cross Keys, Ettrickbridge.

Sun
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Goodbye summer...

An extra hour in bed this morning as the clocks go back an hour...

Sun
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Morning Service

Kirkhope Church, 11.30am

The Church service today is in Kirkhope Church at 11.30am. The worship will be led by Rev. Kwame Ahaligah.

Wed
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Table Tennis

Yarrowford Hall, 5.30-6.30pm

Thur
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Yeehaw!

Yarrow Feus Hall, 10-11am

Channel the cowboy in you! If you enjoyed the free Line Dancing trial (23rd), make sure you sign up for these Thursday morning classes.



Thur
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Safety in Numbers Choir

Yarrow Feus Hall, 7pm-8.30pm

Safety in Numbers singing group in Yarrow Hall 7pm. Sessions cost £3.

Thur
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Yarrow Men's Club

Yarrowford Hall, 2-4pm

Club for men of all ages to drop in for a chat, game of cards, dominoes, darts or simply a cup of tea. £3.00 per session (2.00 - 4.00 pm) incl. refreshments.

Fri
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Terrifying Tales for Halloween

Scott's Courtroom, Selkirk, 7-8pm

Gothic, Ghostly and Gruesome Tales for Halloween at Scott's Courtroom in Selkirk. More bone-chilling poetry, terrifying tales and haunting Halloween atmospherics from Julian Colton and Fiona McDonald Colton. 7-8pm (£5 entrance) Tickets can be booked in advance from 01750 720761 or museums@liveborders1.org.uk

BE VERY AFRAID...



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

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT
Ettrick Valley Committee

Christmas Wreath, Garland & Swag Making Workshops!

Join us on.....
Monday 1st December : 7pm-9pm
or
Tuesday 2nd December : 10am-12pm

Kirkhope Parish Hall in Ettrickbridge

£30.00 per person to include all materials and festive refreshments

Christmas Gifts & Home-Baking on sale!

Places must be booked and paid in advance. To book, please email: macmillanettrickvalley@gmail.com

Ettrick Valley Committee - Macmillan Cancer Support : Find us on Facebook : Follow us on Instagram

YARROW HALL UPCOMING EVENTS...

POTTERY WORKSHOP
■ Join us for Sharon's Pottery Workshop on Monday 8th December at 7pm at Yarrow Hall, at which you'll sculpt your very own Moon Gazing Hare. For all abilities - and all materials and tools provided. After the workshop Sharon will glaze and fire the hares for collection a week later. Cost: £35 per person

XMAS STAINED GLASS WORKSHOP
■ Interested in a Christmas glass decoration workshop at Yarrow Hall? You'd get to make 3 glass decorations. Sunday 2nd November (am + pm session depending on demand.) £36pp. Small group (numbers limited, 4-6 people each workshop) Please register interest soon - email: info@yarrowhall.com (Not recommend for pregnant/nursing Mums)