



## Valley road closed due to flooding ...again!

Ettrick residents are fed up with the frequency of flooding on the Ettrick road which regularly prevents them getting safely out or home from work, school, college or appointments.

The main road is particularly prone to flooding at the Gamescleuch roadend in upper Ettrick and also between the Angecroft Caravan Park and the Ettrick junction. These two points are the only road options for reaching upper Ettrick so residents are regularly marooned unable to get in or out.

February saw the road flooded to a depth of over one foot and impossible for nearly a day on three occasions. And while locals know to watch out for the flooding and when to risk driving through, that is not the same for less frequent travellers or visitors to the area. It's becoming a common occurrence for cars to be abandoned, with their engines flooded in the water and subsequently written off when drivers find the flood water deeper and longer than expected.

Flood signs are erected at both ends by local volunteers as part of the community resilience plan but the flood water rises very quickly and continues to catch people out. The road flooding is now a standing item on the community council agenda and the SBC Flood Team are well aware of the issue. Work has



Flooding at Gamescleuch looking up the valley

been carried out by the council last year to rebuild broken areas of river banking to reduce the instances of flooding in the Gamescleuch location. It is difficult to judge so far what effect this has had and further work is required to block other gaps in the banking.

However, as discovered last year, the river is completely blocked with gravel and debris downstream for several hundred meters with water reappearing on the other side of the Ettrick Marshes in effectively a new river course.

The effect this may be having on both the frequency of the flooding and on the Atlantic salmon reaching their spawning grounds is still being researched. Site visits have been carried out by experts from Tweed Foundation in relation to the salmon, NatureScot interested in whether the gravel is coming from clear fell in upstream forestry, SBC Flood engineers and one of the top SEPA hydrologists – no consensus reached on what to do as yet. Any solution will no doubt be expensive but the current situation is dangerous and a resolution to the flooding must be found sooner rather than later.



Flooding at Gamescleuch looking down the valley

*Welcome* ...to the March 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.



## Tune into the Batch Lady

Ettrick valley resident Suzanne Mulholland is better known as the Batch Lady – and you can see her new series, 'Batch from Scratch,' every Monday in March at 8pm on Channel 4 with co-presenter, Joe Swash as they help struggling households sort out their mealtimes.

Along with clever hacks and monthly meal plans, they show how to cut costs, save time and create easy batch-cooked meals for the freezer. Suzanne aka The Batch Lady is now an award-winning author of seven cook books including the Sunday Times Bestseller, 'Rapid Dinners', as well as an internet sensation and tv personality but she says it was necessity that led to her success.

Living remotely in the Ettrick valley with young children, aging parents and limited time, Suzanne turned her time management training to meal preparation. Soon she was demonstrating how to cook 20 meals in under an hour and sorting out the family suppers for the week in one cooking session.



Suzanne Mulholland

## Diary Dates: March 2025

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### Coffee Morning

Kirkhope Hall, 10-12 noon

Monthly Coffee Morning Tea / coffee / chat!

Sat  
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### Musical Evening

Kirkhope Hall, Ettrickbridge

Concert in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support with the popular group, **Wrong Side of the Grass** from 7.30. The Ettrick Valley fundraising committee for Macmillan Cancer Support organise fantastic events throughout the year and have raised £thousands for this very worthwhile cause.

Sun  
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### Sunday Morning Service

Yarrow Kirk, 11.30am

Church Services in the valleys move around the three churches. Services are led by the Selkirk and valleys minister, Kwame Ahaligah.

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### Whist evening

Boston Hall, Ettrick, 7pm

Come and play Whist in the Boston Hall on the first Monday of every month through the winter. Tea/coffee provided, bring your own cup and snack, only £1 per session.

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### Carpet Bowling

Cappercleuch Hall, Yarrow

Carpet Bowling Club weekly meet 7.30pm

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### New: Gentle Steps Class

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Low Impact Fitness class with Julieanne in the Yarrow Hall. Every Monday at 7pm. All abilities £5 per person.

Tues  
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### The Stitchers

Boston Hall, Ettrick

Ettrick's sociable sewing bee runs from 2-4pm. Beginners welcome, bring along whatever project you are currently working on. Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday in the month.

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### Talk: Arrow Heads

Eskdalemuir Community Hub and Old School Cafe

**Aim for Eskdalemuir!** A talk on Arrow Heads by Si Goodwin, an Ettrick resident and specialist historical archer will take place on Tues 4th March from 2-3pm. The valleys are covered with history and this talk outlines the ways in which people caught their food and kept invaders out. The talk, with props, will last about ½ hour and Si will be happy to take questions afterwards. Its FREE for all to attend.



### Time to spring into action!

More tree planting in the community owned Ettrick Marshes will be taking place this month when the latest batch of native, wildlife friendly saplings arrive from the Woodland Trust. Volunteers welcome – please message Marshes ranger Tommy Bryson if you can help: 07749834896.

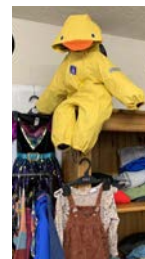
Ettrick Marshes Ranger  
Tommy Bryson



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SELKIRK, SCOTTISH BORDERS  
RUMMAGE

SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 9AM - 1PM

To celebrate the first Selkirk Farmers Market of 2025, **The Trading Post** in Selkirk (opposite the Peony Rose Café) will be holding a clothes and shoes (and more) rummage. Some items free, some items pay what you can, some 50% off marked prices. See you there!





## MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Ettrick Valley Committee

Join us for a musical evening with .....



### Wrong Side of the Grass!



covering all your favourite tunes from the 60's onwards.  
Don't forget to bring your dancing shoes!

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

at

**Kirkhope Parish Hall from 7.30pm**

🎵 Bar 🎵 Raffle 🎵 Dancing 🎵

*\*Bring your own snacks\**

**Tickets: £8.00 per person**

The Ettrick Valley Committee of the Macmillan Cancer Support charity is a "small but beautifully formed" committee of local volunteers who "do whatever it takes to support people with cancer - emotionally, physically and financially". In December they organised a 24-hour Stationary Cycle ride with the Wannabes 7s rugby team, part of which was held in Kirkhope Hall, raising £850. Contact: macmillan.ettrickvalley@gmail.com. Websites: Facebook and Instagram



**ARROW HEADS**  
A TALK BY SI GOODWIN

TUESDAY 4TH MARCH  
2-3PM  
FREE TO ATTEND  
EVERYONE WELCOME

BORDERS ORGANIC GARDENERS

# POTATO DAY

SPRINGWOOD PARK, KELSO  
11am - 3pm Sunday  
2nd MARCH 2025



Gordon Arms awarded entry into prestigious food guide

## Spring surprise sprung!



The Gordon Arms this week discovered they had been entered into the prestigious Good Food Guide 2025! They hadn't requested entry - they hadn't even been aware they were being judged so it came as a huge surprise when a mysterious letter arrived through the post together with a window sticker to publicise their award.

The letter stated: "Many congratulations on your inclusion in The Good Food Guide 2025. Since 1951 The Good Food Guide has championed the very best places to eat around Britain by dining anonymously, funding our own inspection meals and writing fair and honest reviews to inform our readers. Your inclusion is based on merit alone and cannot be bought."

Wow! To say owners Bryn and Oxana Jones were delighted would be an understatement. Bryn explained, "In a world where so many awards rely on applications and clever wording, being recognised in The Good Food Guide—where real inspectors experience the full dining journey firsthand—is a true honour."

"A heartfelt thank you to our incredible team and guests who make THE GORDON ARMS Restaurant with Rooms what it is. This recognition means the world!"



### CROSS KEYS INN

ETTRICKBRIDGE

A classic 17th Century Coaching Inn offering traditional pub food, real ales and B&B accommodation.

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www.crosskeysinnnettrickbridge.com

## What's On March...

<b>COFFEE MORNING</b>  Every Wednesday 10.30am - 12pm	<b>CROSS KEYS CLASSICS</b> <b>£13.50 MID-WEEK SPECIAL</b> BURGER FISH & CHIPS CARBONARA	<b>SIX NATIONS</b>  <b>8</b> 4.45PM SCOTLAND V WALES <b>15</b> SUPER SATURDAY 8PM FRANCE V SCOTLAND
<b>5-9</b>  <b>NATIONAL PIE WEEK</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Quiz NIGHT</b>	<b>14</b> <b>STEAK NIGHT</b> Pre-booking Essential
<b>21</b>  <b>PIZZA NIGHT</b> 5pm - 8pm Takeaway available	<b>29</b> <b>Live Music</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> SUNDAY TUNES & FIZZ

**Please note:** Pre-booking is essential for Steak Night (14th) and Mother's Day (30th). More details on website: [www.crosskeysinnnettrickbridge.com/blog/mothers-day-treats-tunes-at-the-cross-keys-inn/](http://www.crosskeysinnnettrickbridge.com/blog/mothers-day-treats-tunes-at-the-cross-keys-inn/)

## Diary Dates: March 2025

### New Age Kurling

Yarrowford Hall, 2pm-4pm

New Age Kurling is held on every 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month. Suitable for all ages / abilities and can be played seated or standing. The cost is £3 per person and includes refreshments.

### Table Tennis

Yarrowford Hall

Table Tennis, 5.30-6.30pm – all welcome.

### Craft Group

Kirkhope Hall, 10am start

The Ettrickbridge based Craft group on first Wednesday of every month.

### Pub Quiz

Cross Keys Inn, Ettrickbridge

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 as the pub can only hold so many! [Lindajack57@btinternet.com](mailto:Lindajack57@btinternet.com)

### Carpet Bowling

Boston Hall, Ettrick, from 7.30pm

Bowling every Wednesday. All welcome, no experience necessary as plenty of experienced bowlers will get you started.

### Macmillan AGM

Cross Keys Inn, Ettrickbridge

Ettrick Valley Committee of Macmillan Cancer Support will be holding their AGM at 7.30pm. All welcome – come along and get involved.

### Men's Club

Yarrowford Hall, 2-4pm

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. £3.00 per session (incl. refreshments).

### Singing Group

Yarrow Feus Hall, 7-8.30pm

Singing for spring! The Safety in Numbers singing group led by Hilary Bell meets every Thursday. Cost is £3 to cover refreshments and hire of hall.

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

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## Diary Dates: March 2025

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### Playgroup fun

Kirkhope Hall, Ettrickbridge

9.30-11.30am - 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)

Sat 8

### Faith Shared

Kirkhope Hall, Ettrickbridge

Church congregation members from the valleys and Selkirk are all invited to Kirkhope Hall, Ettrickbridge for a special meeting with lunch provided from 10am to 3pm. The aim is to start a discussion about how best to move forward together. It will be called "Faith Shared, Church and community in Selkirk and the Valleys". The session will be led by Rev. Kwame with guest speakers. Please let Nora Hunter know (email: [ettrickandyarrow@gmail.com](mailto:ettrickandyarrow@gmail.com)) if you plan to attend, for catering purposes.

Sun 9

### Sunday Morning Service

Kirkhope Church, 11.30am

Teas before the service from 11am. Services are led by the Selkirk and valleys minister, Rev. Kwame Ahaligah.

Mon 10

### Carpet Bowling

Cappercleuch Hall, Yarrow

Carpet Bowling Club weekly meet 7.30pm

Mon 10

### Gentle Steps Class

Yarrow Hall, Yarrow Feus

Low Impact Fitness class with Julieanne in the Yarrow Hall. Every Monday at 7pm. All abilities £5 per person.

Tues 11

### Ettrick WRI

Boston Hall, Ettrick

Ettrick Woman's Rural meets at 7.30 in the Boston Hall. Demonstration of Zentangle with Dianne Wilson. Visitors, plus new and returning members always welcome.

Tues 11

### Yarrowford WRI

Yarrowford Hall, 2pm

This month's meeting is a talk on tracing your family history with M. Chandler. Visitors and new members welcome.

Wed 12

### Coffee morning

Cross Keys Inn, Ettrickbridge, 10.30am

Coffee and chat in the Cross Keys every Wed 10.30 – 12 noon.

## Yoga comes to Yarrowfeus

A lot more full! There are just a couple of places left at Yarrow Hall's 'Yoga in the Valley' taster sessions with Eildon Yoga. If you want to discover the serenity and strength which comes from practicing Yoga - surrounded by the spring beauty of the Yarrow Valley, then don't hesitate! Don't miss out on your chance to stretch, unwind, and see if Yarrow - and you - need yoga!

- Sunday, 23rd March at 10am
- By Donation (Suggested min £5 to Yarrow Hall Charity)
- Only a few spots remaining!

Join us for a 60-minute vinyasa flow, perfect for all levels, followed by a cozy cuppa. Mats provided if needed.

To book visit [www.yarrowhall.com](http://www.yarrowhall.com) and look under the 'What's On' menu. Or copy [www.bit.ly/3DaP5jl](http://www.bit.ly/3DaP5jl) into your web browser.

Yoga is for everybody and every body.... More about Eildon Yoga: [www.eildonyoga.co.uk](http://www.eildonyoga.co.uk)



### Mobile Library Service

The monthly Mobile Library service, run by Live Borders will be coming to **Yarrow on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> & Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March** 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 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March** at the following locations and 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
Ettrickbridge	Woodend Rd	15.10-15.40





## Weaving a Kirkhope Tale

Talented Ettrickbridge weaver, Carole Gascoigne, has been making good use of her woolly neighbours from her studio workshop at Kirkhope Mill. There she cards the wool, spins and weaves on hand looms creating all sorts of wonderful fabric inspired by the local countryside.

She has woven all sorts of wool but Kirkhope neighbour, Jack Elliot and his prize-winning flock of Jacob sheep have been taking pride of place recently. With fleeces supplied by Jack she has been weaving wonderful, natural rugs using the variation of colours and mixing in small amounts of other wool to help the weave. From shearing the fleece to weaving fine rugs all within Kirkhope Steading – that's really keeping it local! Carole's business is called Yarn in the Barn and you can book workshops with her at [yarninthebarnuk@gmail.com](mailto:yarninthebarnuk@gmail.com)

(top) Carole with one of her rugs woven from the fleece of Jacob sheep.

(bottom) Jack with his wife Holly and his award-winning Jacob sheep



## Diary Dates: March 2025

### Table Tennis

Yarrowford Hall, 5.30 - 6.30pm  
Table Tennis session, all welcome.

### 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.

### Singing Group

Yarrow Feus Hall, 7-8.30pm  
The Safety in Numbers singing group meets every Thursday 7.00 - 8.30 in Yarrow Feus Hall.

### Men's Club

Yarrowford Hall  
Informal 'men's club' for men of all ages, 2-4pm. £3.00 per session (incl. refreshments).

### Playgroup fun

Kirkhope Hall, Ettrickbridge  
Playgroup 9.30-11.30am. 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)

### Beetle Drive & Hotdogs!

Yarrowford Village Hall, 7pm  
Beetle Drive and Hotdogs, Yarrowford Village Hall, Cost - 3 per adult, £2 per child.

### Sunday Morning Service

Ettrick Kirk, 11am  
First church service of the year in the historic Ettrick Kirk at 11am led by Rev. Kwame. Followed by tea and biscuits and a chance to catch up with neighbours. Toilet provision is in the Boston Hall which will be open before and after the service.



## Burger, beer and big screen rugby

### SIX NATIONS FIXTURES 2025



Sat 8th March  
Scotland v Wales  
(K.O. 4.45pm)

Sat 15th March  
France v Scotland  
(K.O. 8.00pm)

There are still two rugby International fixtures for Scotland in the Six Nations Rugby tournament - and the Scots need all the cheers and collective will that can be mustered. The Cross Keys Inn, Ettrickbridge, will be a brilliant venue for fans to share the passion and the play - with perks on the side. The award-winning Inn is offering a **Six Nations Burger & Beer Special** - four bottled beers and a Burger for £30 - available during every Six Nations game.

### Beetle Drive

Yarrowford Village Hall  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025  
7.00 pm



Entrance: £3.00 which includes Hotdog  
(children £1.50)  
Bar available/Prizes

### The Beehive Café



...and Shop  
stocks all your essentials but is still with winter opening hours. The shop and cafe is closed every Mon, Tues and Wed. Open as usual 10am till 2pm Thurs-Sun. Located in upper Ettrick at the entrance to the Honey Cottage Caravan Park.



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### Carpet Bowling

Cappercleuch Hall, Yarrow  
Carpet Bowling Club weekly meet 7.30pm

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### Gentle Steps Class

Yarrow Hall, Yarrow Feus  
Low Impact Fitness class with Julieanne in the Yarrow Hall. Every Monday at 7pm. All abilities £5 per person.

Tues  
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Tues  
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### New Age Kurling

Yarrowford Hall, 2-4pm.  
£3 per person includes refreshments.

Wed  
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### Art Group

Kirkhope Hall, 10am-12noon



This month we are going to be painting seascapes and coastal scenes in acrylics, thanks to a very kind donation of acrylic paints and boards that the art group recently received. All abilities welcome. Email [iris@happyhedgerow.co.uk](mailto:iris@happyhedgerow.co.uk) for more info.

Wed  
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### Carpet Bowling

Boston Hall 7.30pm  
Indoor bowling in the Boston Hall, every Wednesday. All welcome!

Wed  
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### Yoga

Yarrow Hall, Yarrowfeus  
New taster yoga sessions on Wed. 19<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm (sold out) and on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 10am-11.30am. 60 min classes led by Eildon Yoga. [www.eildonyoga.co.uk](http://www.eildonyoga.co.uk). Let the hall committee know if you are interested or book online at [www.yarrowhall.com](http://www.yarrowhall.com)

## Carpet Bowling's best meet at the Boston

Forty of the best carpet bowlers in the Borders gathered in the Boston Hall on the 17<sup>th</sup> February to compete for the Annual Ettrick Head Singlehand carpet bowling competition.

These serious bowlers came from clubs from Westruther to Wamphray to compete for the cup, with Gary McClarty (on left) narrowly beating David Gray (right) in the final.



## Bowhill Duathlon - Long Course

Saturday 15 March, 12noon

This month Bowhill welcomes back Dirty Events for the Long Course leg of the Bowhill Duathlon series. The route is an epic run and cycle around the picturesque estate grounds. The Long Course has a winning time of approx. 80mins (approx. 50/50 bike and run), but this depends on the weather, underfoot conditions, etc. ...but expect to get 'dirty'!

The event is very newcomer friendly and relaxed, but can also offer a stiff challenge for those wanting to try and go quick. Book via website.

**DURTY  
EVENTS**

## Philippaugh Gardens and Nursery



### WE'RE OPEN

MONDAY to FRIDAY  
9am to 3pm

We have seed potatoes, onion sets, shallots, garlic and new season compost for sale!

Stock up for spring - we're based just outside Selkirk.

### PRICES:

Seed Potatoes: £4 for 2kg,  
£2 for 1kg  
and £1 for 500g

Onion Sets: £2 for 250g

Shallot Sets: £2.50 for 250g

Garlic: £2 per bulb

Compost:  
£8.50 multi-purpose  
& £9.50 tubs & baskets

*\*please note the Walled Garden remains closed for refurbishment.*



### TYPES OF SEED POTATOES

Charlotte	Maris Peer	Sharps Express
Desiree	Maris Piper	Swift
Golden Wonder	Marvel	Wilja
Jazzy	Nicola	Arran Pilot
Kestrel	Picasso	
King Edward	Rocket	



# We ♥ our mothers!

Mother's Day: Sunday 30th March

Mother's Day is a time-honoured tradition of celebrating the role of our wonderful mothers, and local residents have no excuse not to go out and treat their mums, grannies, step-mums and mums-to-be to a variety of special occasions being offered right here on our doorsteps!

## Spring Wreath Making and Afternoon tea

Bowhill: Saturday 29th March and Sunday 30th March

Bowhill House and Gardens is hosting a Spring wreath making and afternoon tea event in the spring sunshine (hopefully!). The afternoon of "crafting and cake" will start at 1pm with a Ranger-accompanied walk around the grounds to collect natural materials for a spring wreath. Then, using traditional techniques weaving willow rings, the workshop will, with guidance, encourage participants to create some beautiful, decorated and beribboned wreaths for a front door. The two-hour workshop will be followed by afternoon tea in the Old Kitchen Cafe. Booking details and information at [www.bowhillhouse.co.uk/event/spring-wreath-making-afternoon-tea](http://www.bowhillhouse.co.uk/event/spring-wreath-making-afternoon-tea)

## Sunday Tunes & Fizz

Cross Keys Inn, Ettrickbridge,  
Sunday 30th March, 12-7pm

This Mother's Day, Kaiser Matt's Record Box will back spinning his vintage turntables as part of a 'Sunday Tunes' session. It'll be the perfect, chilled accompaniment to a delicious Sunday roast that mum didn't need to cook herself. And

she'll get a free glass of pre-lunch fizz to toast her amazing mum-ness! Call **01750 52224** to book a table - or book direct [www.crosskeysinnetrickbridge.com/book-a-table](http://www.crosskeysinnetrickbridge.com/book-a-table)

## A gourmet meal at an affordable price

The Gordon Arms, Yarrow, Sunday 30th March

Indulge in a delightful Mothering Sunday Lunch at the award-winning GORDON ARMS Restaurant with Rooms! Choose between delicious 2 or 3-course options, priced at £40 or £45. What better way to get your Mum out for the day and be served up some fabulous award-winning cuisine? Make this Mother's Day a memorable culinary experience that combines exceptional flavours with heartfelt moments! Limited spaces, so book early at [www.gordonarmsyarrow.co.uk/mothering-sunday/](http://www.gordonarmsyarrow.co.uk/mothering-sunday/)





Glen Cafe will be opening on **Friday 28th March** for the new season.  
Open 10am-6pm, Wednesday - Sunday  
Look forward to seeing you all.



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## Table Tennis

Yarrowford Hall, 5.30 - 6.30pm

Table Tennis session, all welcome.

## Men's Club

Yarrowford Hall, 2-4pm

Informal 'men's club' for men of all ages  
£3.00 per session (incl. refreshments).

## Playgroup fun

Kirkhope Hall, Ettrickbridge,

9.30-11.30am - Babies, Toddlers 0-5 years.  
Always a craft activity, lots of toys and an experienced play leader. All welcome.

## Nashville Night: Live music

Kirkhope Hall, Ettrickbridge, 7pm

London, Bristol, Newcastle, Cardiff, Dublin and ...Ettrickbridge!  
Nashville born and raised, singer-songwriter, Kevin Montgomery returns to his favourite small venue for a not-to-be-missed evening of beautiful music in the Kirkhope Hall. Fitting in Ettrickbridge on his UK and Ireland tour, Kevin seems to have fallen in love with these wee valleys - must be the hospitality he enjoys with his new valley buddies pre and post gigs!

Talking of Buddies, Kevin's father played with Buddy Holly and his Mom sang with Elvis, and Kevin himself has written songs for too many country stars to mention. Extra special for this tour, Kevin is joined by singer-songwriter royalty, Jude Johnstone. Its going to be a special night so book your tickets early! [www.kevinmontgomery.com](http://www.kevinmontgomery.com)



**UK & IRELAND TOUR 2025**

WITH SPECIAL GUEST  
**JUDE JOHNSTONE**

Nashville singer-songwriter with songs recorded by Johnny Cash, Bonnie Raitt, Stevie Nicks, Beth Nelson Chapman, Graham Gouldman, Trahe Harwood and others

**FRIDAY MARCH 21st**  
**Kirkhope Village Hall**  
**ETTRICKBRIDGE**

Tickets on sale now via [www.kevinmontgomery.com](http://www.kevinmontgomery.com)

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## Diary Dates: March 2025

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### Sunday Morning Service

Yarrow Kirk, 11.30am

Church Service in Yarrow Kirk at 11.30am. Services are led by the Selkirk and valleys minister, Rev. Kwame Ahaligah.

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### CAB Drop-In Surgery

Kirkhope Hall, Ettrickbridge and Yarrow Hall, Yarrow Feus

Citizens Advice Bureau Drop in Surgery in Kirkhope Hall from 9am to 11am and in Yarrow Hall from 12 – 2pm. Speak face to face with one of our very experienced Advisers about issues that may concern or affect them. This could be about entitlements to benefits (or support to apply for them), or help with energy, debt, employment, consumer issues or a myriad of any other concerns and questions that people have but are not sure how to deal with. No appointments needed, people just need to pitch up and speak to the Adviser. Advice is always free, independent, confidential, impartial and for everyone.

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### Gentle Steps Class

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### Table Tennis

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Table Tennis session, all welcome.

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### Singing Group

Yarrow Feus Hall, 7-8.30pm

The Safety in Numbers singing group meets each Thursday in Yarrow Feus Hall. The weekly sessions led by Hilary Bell cost £3 to cover refreshments and hire of hall.

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### Men's Club

Yarrowford Hall

Informal 'men's club' for men of all ages, 2-4pm. £3.00 per session (incl. refreshments).

Fri  
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### Playgroup fun

Kirkhope Hall, Ettrickbridge, 9.30-11.30

Babies, Toddlers 0-5 years. Lots of toys and an experienced play leader. All welcome.

Sun  
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### Sunday Morning Service

Kirkhope Church, 11.30am

Sat  
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*The Ettrick Shepherd*

## James Hogg Supper

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March  
7 pm start

Boston Memorial Hall, Ettrick

Enjoy first class professional entertainment from:

John Nichol, Hilary Bell & Guests

2 Course Meal with Coffee and Treats

Cash Bar

Tickets: £19 from Vicky Davidson

Tel: 07846 505630 or email [vicky@ettrickandyarrow.org.uk](mailto:vicky@ettrickandyarrow.org.uk)  
or in person from the Bee Hive Café at Honey Cottage Caravan Park,  
Ettrick Valley Open Thurs-Sun 10-2pm



**James Hogg Supper – March 29th, 7pm in the Boston Hall.**  
This is a fundraiser for the James Hogg Exhibition, celebrating the work of James Hogg, the Ettrick Shepherd with professional entertainment led by well known local artists John Nichol and Hilary Bell. Guest artists include fiddlers Lucy Cowan, a familiar collaborator with John and Hilary and also Sheila Sapkota from Riddell Fiddles. Supper will be shepherd's pie followed by pudding then tea/coffee with traybake or shortbread. Tickets are £19 and must be booked in advance with Vicky 07846 505630 or [vicky@ettrickandyarrow.org.uk](mailto:vicky@ettrickandyarrow.org.uk) or can be bought in the Bee Hive café at Honey Cottage Caravan Park. No speeches, just fun! Cash bar run by the hall committee.

### Timely reminder

On Sunday  
30th March  
– the clocks  
go forward  
an hour  
at 1am to  
2am in the  
morning.

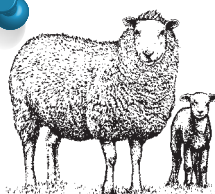


### SCHOOL DATES: Easter Holidays 2025

Friday 4 April - Last day  
of term for pupils

Easter Holidays  
Monday 7 to  
Friday 18 April

Summer Term  
Monday 21 April  
term commences



### Hooray! Signs of Spring

Hill sheep lambing traditionally starts on the 17th April but field sheep lambing gets underway towards the end of March. Abaaaaat time, I hear you say...