



Help! Five reds dead

Welcome ...to the November 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.

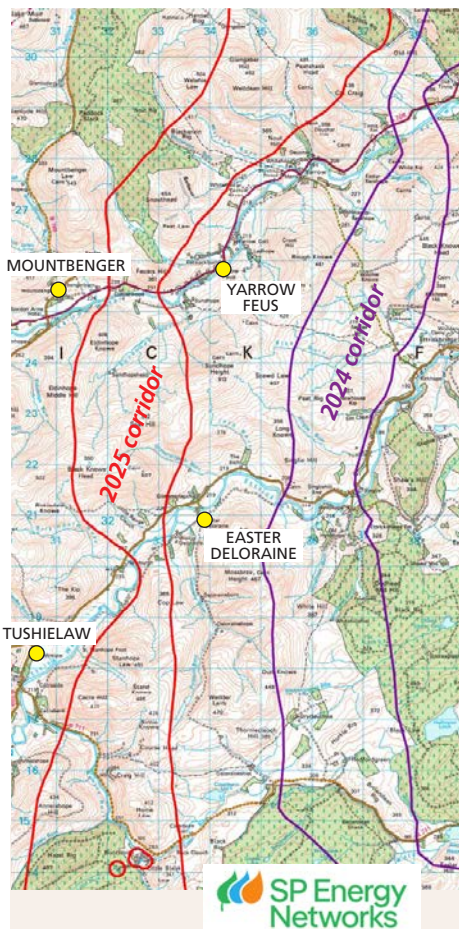
It has been a boom year for fruit and nut trees and maybe that's why there have been so many red squirrels out and about recently 'squirrelling away' their winter food supply.

Sadly five red squirrels have been reported killed on the valley roads over the last month alone. If you are shocked and saddened by this state of affairs, perhaps you could consider

supporting the work of the Borders Red Squirrel Network by buying a 'Slow Down - Red Squirrels' sign priced at just £8 from their website at www.bordersredsquirrels.com/product-page/slow-down-red-squirrel-sign and displaying it on the roadside near your home in Ettrick or Yarrow.



Cross Border Connection Update



◀ Cross Border Connection Preferred Option Comparison 2024 and 2025

Scottish Power Energy Networks (SPEN) continues to develop their plans for the pylon route across the Ettrick and Yarrow valleys and down to the Scottish/English border. The route, if agreed, will run from a new substation at Gala North to somewhere near Newcastleton.

SPEN has now published the so-called Proposed Route. Those people who commented on the previous route selections in May 2025 and in December 2024 should have received a note (by email or post) with details of how to find the documents with latest information. For all those interested in seeing the impact on the Yarrow and Ettrick Valleys, go to the SPEN website using the following link <https://tinyurl.com/4ta5tv3c> which will lead you directly to the Cross Border Connection tab of the 'Investment & Innovation' section.

The report is in the Project Documents tab and Figure 6 seems to be the key section with maps of the proposed route. You can ask for copies of the maps in a larger more legible scale.

■ The Ettrick and Yarrow Pylon Action Group met on 28 October to try to chart a way forward. More information will be available soon.

Central Borders Red Squirrel Network was formed in 2023 and is a charity dedicated to stopping the decline of red squirrel populations in the Scottish Borders, to contain or significantly slow the progress of squirrelpox in South Scotland and to improve conditions for viable red squirrel populations across Scotland.

It is a partnership project between the Scottish Wildlife Trust, Nature Scot (formerly Scottish Natural Heritage), Forestry & Land Scotland, Scottish Land and Estates, Red Squirrels forum for South Scotland, Red Squirrel Survival Trust and RSPB Scotland.

More information can be viewed at: www.bordersredsquirrels.com.

Is it that time already?



Organisers of Kirkhope Parish Hall's Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 13th December, 10-12noon, are planning ahead for the festive season – and are encouraging others to do so as well!

This week they issued a plea: STALL HOLDERS WANTED, £5 per table. A chance for local crafters to sell some wares ... and for everyone else to start thinking about their Christmas gift list!

Potential stall holders wishing to book a stall at the event should email kirkhopeparishhall@outlook.com

Diary Dates: November 2025

Sat
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Coffee Morning

Kirkhope Hall, 10-12noon

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

Sat
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Firework Display

The Haining, Selkirk. 5.30pm start

Food and bar open at 5.30pm, Fireworks at 7pm. Entry by donation (please bring cash - card payments are limited). Live music from 7.30pm. Main parking at Selkirk Rugby Club (£5 per car) Shuttle taxi service from 5pm (£3 pp for taxi). More details at www.facebook.com/TheHainingHouseSelkirk

Sun
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Xmas Glass workshop

Yarrow Hall *Sorry! the Christmas Glass decoration workshops are sold out!*

Sun
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Morning Service

Yarrow Church, 11.30am

Church service in the lovely Yarrow Church at 11.30am. Tea and coffee beforehand.

Mon
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Monthly Whist

Boston Hall, Ettrick, 7pm

Monthly whist on 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. If you have ever enjoyed playing 'knock out whist' you will get the hang of this very quickly!

Mon
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Fitness Class

Yarrow Feus Hall 7-8pm

Gentle Steps – low impact fitness class with Julieanne 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.

Mon
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Carpet Bowling

St Mary's Hall, Cappercleuch, 7.30pm

Each Monday evening – all welcome, no experience necessary. Contact organiser is Tommy Hepburn 07933 306225 for new members.

Tues
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The Stitchers

Boston Hall, Ettrick.

Ettrick's sociable sewing bee – is back 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. If you don't have a project, come and try making a Christmas bag, material supplied.

SPARKLERS SAFETY TIPS

Do not give sparklers to under-5s

Wear gloves while handling sparklers

Hold sparklers at arm's length and light one at a time

Never hold a baby while using a sparkler

Put used sparklers in a bucket of cold water.

Respect farm animals and pets – keep sparklers away from all animals

Tues
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Yarrow Book Club

Yarrow Feus Hall, 7pm

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..

Tues
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New Age Kurling

Yarrowford Hall, 2-4pm

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

Wed
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Bonfire Night

Get the sparklers out – and stay safe!!

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...

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Coffee Morning

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

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Pub Quiz

Cross Keys Inn, Ettrickbridge, 7.30pm

Popular pub quiz in the Cross Keys Inn, 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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Carpet Bowling

Boston Hall, Ettrick, 7.30pm

The long-standing and ever-popular weekly carpet Bowling in the Boston Hall returns for the winter months. Every Thursday from 7.30pm. All welcome, no experience necessary as plenty of experienced bowlers will help to get you started.

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1st Wednesday Club

Yarrow Feus Hall, 2.30pm

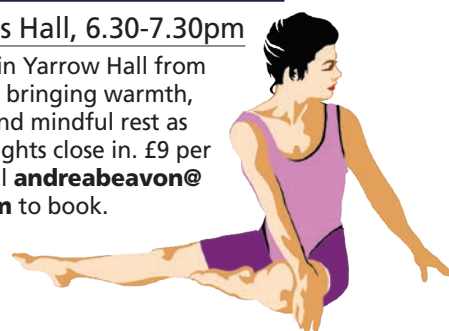
The 'First Wednesday Club' meets in the Yarrow Feus Hall at 2.30pm. A friendly monthly meet up for valley residents- everyone welcome for a cuppa and a natter.

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Yarrow Yoga

Yarrowfeus Hall, 6.30-7.30pm

Eildon Yoga in Yarrow Hall from 6.30- 7.30pm bringing warmth, movement and mindful rest as the darker nights close in. £9 per session. Email andreabeavon@hotmail.com to book.



**Diary Dates:
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Table Tennis

Yarrowford Hall, 5.30-6.30pm

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

Ettrick School Drop-in Day

Old Ettrick School, 2.30-4pm

Drop in for a cosy afternoon in front of the log burner in the old Ettrick School. Every Thursday afternoon in November. Activities will be shaped by who turns up or we'll just chat and catch up. Lifts home if required. Tea/coffee and traybake. No booking required. All welcome.

Yeekhaw! Line Dancing

Yarrow Feus Hall, 10-11am

Get in Line. Last month's 'Come and Try' line dancing in Yarrow Hall proved very popular so mosey on down to these Thursday morning sessions from 10am to 11am. Led by Yarrow resident, Fiona Henderson who runs the hugely successful Fiona Henderson School of Dance in various towns around the Borders.

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.

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.

Playgroup fun

Kirkhope Hall, Ettrickbridge, 9.30am

The Playgroup for both valleys in Kirkhope Hall, 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)

Ceilidh Concert

Kirkhope Hall, Ettrickbridge, 7.30pm

The now famous Ceilidh Concert in the Kirkhope Hall, Ettrickbridge with Ian Lowthian and the 'Weekenders' is back! Come and dance or just enjoy the music. 7.30pm start. Bar and raffle. All proceeds to Parkinson's UK. To book a ticket in advance please contact ianlowthian@yahoo.co.uk

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Yarrow's scary students...!

Last week it was Walk to School Week for Yarrow Primary school pupils who were daily dropped off at Yarrowfeus Hall and walked the off-road path alongside the main road before crossing the road to the school.

It was fun to start each day with a brisk walk – and even more fun was had on Friday 31st October when Halloween was celebrated in an array of spooky outfits!

**WALK TO
SCHOOL
WEEK**

#WalkToSchoolWeek

SELKIRK COMMUNITY FIREWORKS



More details at:
[www.facebook.com/
TheHainingHouseSelkirk](https://www.facebook.com/TheHainingHouseSelkirk)

THE HAINING

1 November 2025

Food and bar open 5.30pm

Fireworks @ 7pm

Live music from 7.30pm

PARKING RESTRICTIONS APPLY
www.facebook.com/TheHainingHouseSelkirk

Entry by donation*

* Please bring cash - card payments are limited

THE FAMOUS CEILIDH CONCERT IS BACK!
Ian Lowthian &
The Weekenders
Come and dance or just enjoy the music!



Saturday 8th of November 2025
Ettrickbridge Village Hall
7.30

Bar & Raffle

All proceeds to Parkinson's UK
Tickets: £10 Kids £3 on the door
Or to reserve a ticket please contact
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'Early Bird' Dining

Cross Keys Inn, Ettrickbridge, 5-6pm

Set yourself up for a Dashing White Sergeant at the ceilidh with an 'early bird' special menu in the Cross Keys. Two courses for £24 Available 5-6pm

**Sun
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Morning Service

Kirkhope Church, 11.30am

Church Services in the valleys move around the three churches but miss out Ettrick in the winter months. This Sunday the service is at Kirkhope at 11.30am with Rev Kwame Ahaligah. Tea and coffee from 11am.

**Sun
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Christmas Fayre

Yarrow Hall, Yarrow Feus, 1-3.30pm

Friends of Yarrow Annual Christmas Fayre from 1pm to 3.30pm. A chance to buy local for your Christmas shopping while supporting Yarrow primary school.

**Sun
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Yarrowford Hall AGM

Sunday 9th November, 7.00 pm

Get involved! Come along to Yarrowford Hall Annual General Meeting. New Committee members are warmly welcomed!

**Mon
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Fitness Class

Yarrow Feus Hall, 7-8pm

Gentle Steps – low impact fitness class with Julieanne in Yarrow Feus Hall 7-8pm every Monday. Wear comfortable clothing and trainers. £5 per class paid on the night.

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Carpet Bowling

Cappercleuch Hall, Yarrow, 7.30pm.

All abilities welcomed. New membership enquiries to organiser Tommy Hepburn, tel 07933 306225 .

**Tues
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Ettrick WRI

Boston Hall, Ettrick, 7.30pm

The monthly meeting of the Ettrick Women's Institute (the Rural) will be in the Boston Hall at 7.30pm for 'BellaElla' – a demonstration with pompoms and candles by Kirsty Armstrong. Visitors, plus new and returning members always welcome.

**Tues
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Yarrowford SWI

Yarrowford Hall, 2pm

Yarrowford SWI will enjoy learning how to weave a twill pattern on a 4-shaft loom with Ettrickbridge based weaver, Carole Gascoigne. New members / visitors welcome for a 2pm start in Yarrowford Hall. Carole is an experienced weaver who runs workshops in Kirkhope Mill as Yarn in the Barn.

A day for milling about...



Kirkhope Mill threw open its doors on Saturday 25th October, and in you came! Over 100 people came to look round, chat, admire (and buy!) the artwork and catch up with old friends. Sculptor Deidre Nicholls and painters Arlene Lockhart and Will Muirhead chatted to visitors, while a display by weaver Carole Gascoigne gave visitors ideas for Christmas gifts. Ellie from the John Muir Trust led activities for youngsters and spoke of the Trust's work. Meanwhile home baking and refreshments fuelled some lively chat in the kitchen.





Time to have your say!

Ettrick and Yarrow Community Development Company (EYCDC) is a member organisation that started with a steering group in 2011 made up of volunteers from all parts of the two valleys and with the help of the community council and the Southern Upland Partnership. It registered as a company limited by guarantee in 2013 and became a charity a few years later.

Since then it has been delivering projects and actions identified by the community through the development plan that was drawn up in 2013 by Julie Nock as a result of a household survey and a lot of village hall meetings. The most notable achievements have been taking ownership and restoring the paths in the Ettrick Marshes and providing five affordable houses to rent at Kirkhope Steading along with the business units.



Now – and again in conjunction with the community council – a new household survey and series of consultation meetings will be held leading to both a 'Place Plan' for the valleys as well as a new Community Development Plan.

Another not-for-profit company called Community Enterprise has been appointed to do the legwork and produce the finished document.

'Place Plans' are now required documents and can run to over 60 pages! EYCDC and the community council will be working with Community Enterprise over the next few weeks to plan the household survey with the aim of reaching every household in the valleys. They're looking forward to hearing lots of great ideas!

The Beehive Shop and Café now has the Waters Butchers Christmas order forms in the café to collect. Last orders for turkey is 1st December. Any other orders by 13th December.

The BeeHive Café



From 1st November we will be closing every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. On Thursdays and Fridays we are open 10am-2pm, weekends, 10am-2.30pm.

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Chicken Liver Parfait, Apple & Ginger Wine Jelly, Orkney Oatcakes (GFO)
Home-cured Gravlax, Dill Crème Fraiche, Caperberries, Toasted Brioche (GFO)

MAIN DISHES

Roast Turkey, Sage & Onion Stuffing, Pigs in Blankets, Roasted Potatoes, Sprouts, Roasted Root Veg, Rich Gravy & Cranberry Sauce (GFO)
Pan-Fried Fillet of Sea Bass, Truffle Dauphinoise, Wild Mushroom & Sauce Verjus (GF)
Spiced Butter Bean, Wild Mushroom, Spinach & Rosemary Puff Pastry Pie, Mashed Potato, Savoy Cabbage (VGO)

DESSERTS

Traditional Christmas Pudding, Over Langshaw Brandy Butter Ice Cream
Chocolate & Grand Marnier Mousse (GF, V)
A Taste of Christmas Crème Brûlée (GF, V)

Coffee & Tablet

Our legendary Christmas menu is back, and we're looking forward to another season of cosy fires, long lunches and celebratory dinners! Whether it's a night out with colleagues or a get-together with friends, our three-courses for £36 will be sure to start your festive shenanigans with a bang. Give us a call on **01750 52224** to book your party

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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.

Carpet Bowling

Boston Hall, Ettrick, 7.30pm

All welcome, no experience necessary so come and give it a try.

Table Tennis session

Yarrowford Hall, 5.30-6.30pm

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The Stitchers

Boston Hall, Ettrick, 2-4pm

Ettrick's sociable sewing bee – is back for the winter months. Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday from 2-4pm. Haven't made anything since High School? No worries, beginners welcome and help will be provided.

**Tues
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New Age Kurling

Yarrowford Hall, 2-4pm

New Age Kurling every 1st and 3rd Tuesday through the winter. £3pp, all welcome.

**Wed
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Kirkhope Art Group

Kirkhope Hall, Ettrickbridge, 10-12

Monthly Art Group in Kirkhope Hall. This month we will be drawing and painting trees. All abilities welcome. Materials can be provided if you need them. Email: iris@happyhedgerow.co.uk for more info.

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Old Ettrick School, 2.30-4pm

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From fleece to fabric

Following on from the Open Day held last month at the Selkirk Wool Sorting Depot to celebrate 75 years of British Wool, some valley schoolchildren were invited on a special educational tour of the Depot on 9th October. A group of P5-6 pupils from Kirkhope Primary enjoyed a fascinating and informative visit to British Wool, Selkirk. Thanks go to the Royal Highland Educational Trust (RHET) for the invitation.



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@sbcearlyyears



The monthly Mobile Library service, run by Live Borders will be coming to **Yarrow on Monday 3rd & Monday 17th November** 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 13th and 27th November** 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

Winter draw(er)s on...?

Brrr! Time to wrap up warm!

It's that time of the year when household heating goes up and the savings pot goes down. We all have to be canny with our coins! And there are some avenues of financial help you can try before your funds run low.

If you were born before 21st September 1959 you might be eligible for the Scottish Pension Age Winter Heating Payment. This varies between £100 to £300 depending on who you live with and how old you are. Those born before 21st September 1945 will get the higher rate. In most cases this will be paid automatically and you will receive a letter this month with the payment going into the same bank account as your state pension. The payment will have the reference PAWHP which stands for Pension Age Winter Heating Payment.

Worth Checking!

Pension Credit gives you extra money to help with living costs if



you are over State Pension age and on a low income. It is separate from your State Pension. You can get it even if you have other income, savings or own your own home and it can make you eligible for other benefits as well.

It is estimated that £3.6 million is unclaimed in pension credit in the Borders so it is worth checking if you or your friends are eligible. You can get more information by calling **300 100 1800** or looking at www.scotborders.gov.uk/olderpeoplesupport.



Saturday surprise!

Bryn and Oxana Jones of the Gordon Arms Restaurant with Rooms awoke to a "lovely Saturday morning surprise" last weekend when they opened their copy of The Scotsman newspaper.

Feature writer Cat Thomson highlighted the eatery in her article entitled, "A recipe for success in the Borders." Full of praise for the enterprise and it's proprietors, she promoted the venue as "a foodie break in the Borders."

A delighted Bryn voiced his reaction: "It means so much to see our small, independent restaurant with rooms celebrated in one of Scotland's most iconic publications."

Find some Festive Fun at Bowhill

Santa's elves have been hard at work planning a magical transformation at Bowhill. Next month they will be turning the historic Victorian kitchen into a cosy, and enchanting Santa's Grotto.

Families are invited to join in the festive spirit by making a special visit this Christmas, where little ones can meet Santa, share their wish lists, pose for a festive photo, and take home a gift to treasure.

The Grotto will be open:

- Friday 5 to Sunday 7 December
- Friday 12 to Sunday 14 December
- Friday 19 to Sunday 21 December



Individual sessions with Santa will be timed – book now to avoid disappointment:

More details and booking at www.bowhillhouse.co.uk/event/santas-grotto

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Safety in Numbers Choir

Yarrow Feus Hall, 7pm-8.30pm

Safety in Numbers singing group in Yarrow Hall. Sessions cost £3, includes tea/biscuit.

Guys' Get-Together

Yarrowford Hall, 2-4pm

Yarrowford Hall 'men's club' for men of all ages. The cost is £3.00 per session and includes refreshments. Every Thursday.

Playgroup Fun

Kirkhope Hall, Ettrickbridge, 9.30am

The valley Playgroup meets in Kirkhope Hall, Ettrickbridge, 9.30-11.30am. Babies, Toddlers 0-5 years. Always a craft activity and lots of toys. All welcome

Morning Service

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The church service today is in Kirkhope Church at 11.30am. Tea/coffee beforehand.

Carpet Bowling

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EYCDC Annual General Meeting

Cross Keys Inn, Ettrickbridge, 7pm

The AGM of the Ettrick and Yarrow Community Development Company will be in the Cross Keys, Ettrickbridge at 7pm on Wednesday 26th. All members welcome and 20 members required to be quorate. There are currently 244 members who live in the valleys (and 75 associate members who live outwith our postcode areas) If you would like to help steer this community-based charity working to provide opportunities for people of all ages in the Ettrick and Yarrow valleys, then please come along and consider getting involved. Contact chairman Trevor Timms or coordinator, Vicky Davidson for more information: vicky@ettrickandyarrow.org.uk

Carpet Bowling

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Table Tennis session

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Safety in Numbers Choir

Yarrow Feus Hall, 7pm-8.30pm

Safety in Numbers community choir rehearsals continue for the Christmas concert on Saturday 13th December.

**Fri
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Playgroup Fun

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Playgroup for babies, Toddlers 0-5 years. Always a craft activity and lots of toys.

**Sat
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Live Music Night

Cross Keys, Ettrickbridge, 7.30pm

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

**Sat
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St Andrew's Celebration

Yarrowford Hall, Yarrow, 7pm

St Andrew's Celebration Evening - 6.30 pm for sit down meal at 7.00 pm (haggis, neeps and tatties). Bar available. Entertainment by Stuart Anderson. Tickets £15 per person. Please contact Diane at yarrowfordhall@gmail.com

**Sat
29**

Autumn Banquet

Yarrow Hall, Yarrowfeus, 7pm

Yarrow Village Hall Autumn Community Banquet, Nov 29th, 7pm for 7.30pm. Join us for a cosy evening of delicious homemade food and great company. Celebrate the season with a 3-course meal featuring comforting autumn flavours, freshly prepared by Good Fuid Hospitality (all dietary requirements catered for) £30pp. Booking essential. Email bookinggoodfuid@gmail.com

**Sun
30**

Morning Service

Kirkhope Church, 11am

The Church service today is a Joint Service in Kirkhope Church at 11am. The worship will be led by Selkirk and the Valleys minister, Rev. Kwame Ahaligah.



Kirkhope Parish Hall
Get ready for a wonderful evening with.....

Selkirk Silver Band

Monday 8th December 2025 at 7.15pm

Tickets available on the door
Adults £5.00 / Children £2.00 to include festive refreshments



Yarrowford Village Hall
29th November

St Andrews Night

Celebrations
Haggis Neeps and Tatties
Entertainment by Stuart Anderson

6-30pm for 7-00pm start
£15 per person

To book a seat phone Jim 01750 76204
mobile 07516 139 959
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COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEET
■ Monday 1st December, 7pm:
Ettrick and Yarrow Community Council meeting at Yarrowford Village Hall. All welcome.

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



December
Save the date!



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

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Kirkhope Parish Hall

Christmas Coffee Morning

Join us for a fun, festive morning with delicious home-made scones, freshly brewed coffee & tea, lots of lovely festive stalls & goodies and a visit from Santa!

Saturday 13th December 2025
10.00am-12.00pm

If you would like to book a stall, please contact us via messenger on our facebook page or email kirkhopeparishhall@outlook.com

The very popular
Safety in Numbers
CHRISTMAS CONCERT is on
Saturday 13th December at
3pm in the Yarrow Feus Hall.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY

■ All schools in the Borders Region will have a holiday on Monday 1st December for St Andrew's Day