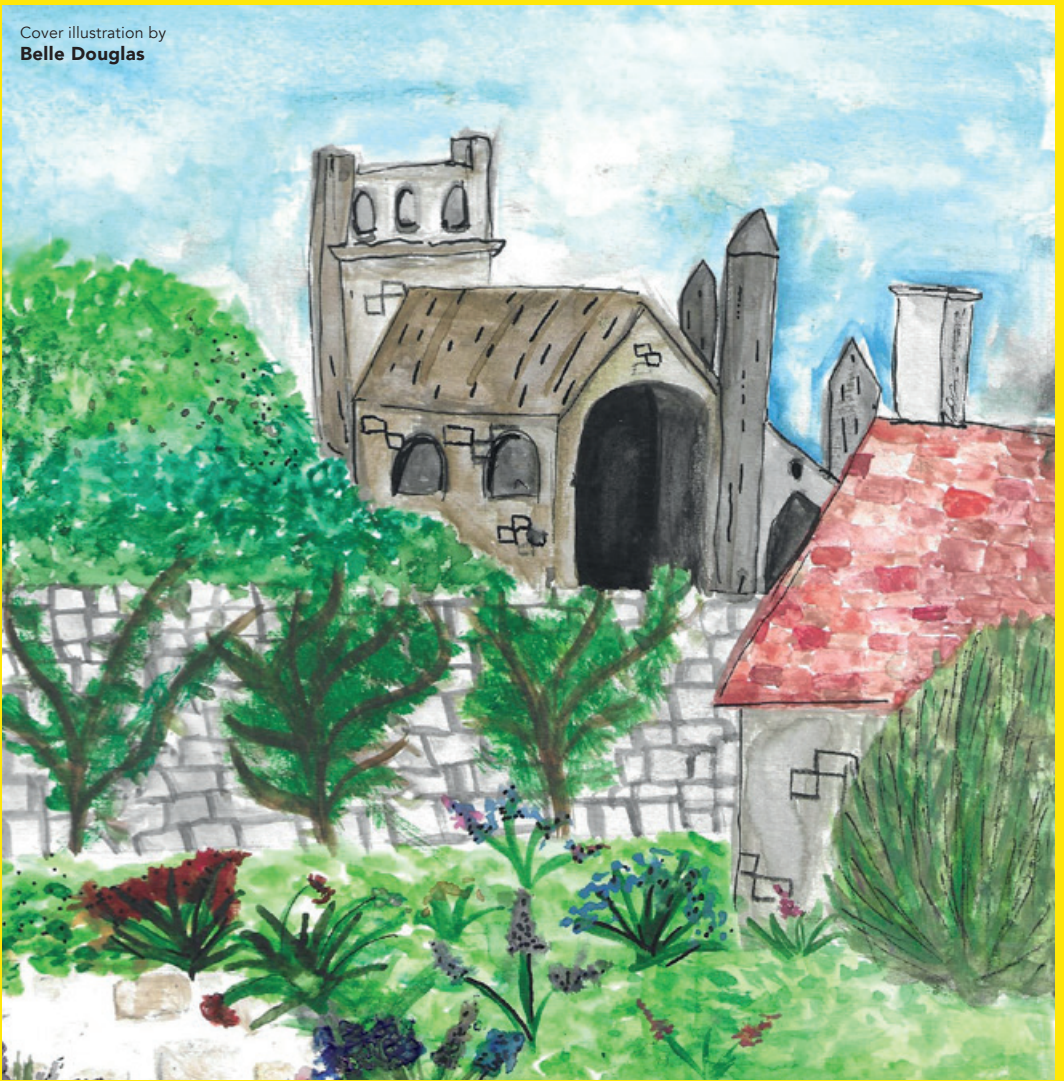


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# MELROSE

FESTIVAL 2022



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# MELROSE

## FESTIVAL 2022


### PROGRAMME OF EVENTS



#### SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup>

 Wreath Laying	10:45	War Memorial
 Kirkin' of the Melrosian	11:00	Parish Church
 Festival Football Competition	12:00	The Greenyards
 Festival Netball Competition	13:30	Gibson Park
 9 Hole Golf Competition	18:00	Melrose Golf Club

#### MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup>

 Rideout (meet at 17:30)	18:00	Gibson Park
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#### TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup>

 Fancy Dress & Disco	18:15	Gibson Park
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#### WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup>

 Bike Ride & BBQ	18:00	Gibson Park
	20:00	Annay Road




#### THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup>

 Installation of the Melrosian and Crowning of the Festival Queen	19:00	Melrose Abbey
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#### FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup>

 Festival Ball	19:30	Annay Road
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#### SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup>

 Tour of Ceremonies	08:45	Market Square
 Sports	14:30	Gibson Park
 Festival Dinner	19:45	Melrose RFC

PLEASE NOTE: All times and venues are provisional - any changes and additional information will be posted on the Melrose Festival Facebook page. Please send us a message if you need any assistance. Thank you.

#MELROSEFESTIVAL  



# HERE'S TAE MELROSE

Words by Reverend Jack Drummond

By Tweed's flashing rill 'neath the Eildon Hill  
There is set our jewel fair;  
Tho' we wander far o'er the wide, wide world,  
Our hearts are still lingering there.

*Refrain –*  
It's oor ain toon,  
It's the best toon  
That ever there be:  
Here's tae Melrose, gem o' Scotland  
The toon o' the free.

We will play by the Cross, we will play by the Bow  
We will drink at St Dunstan's Well;  
We'll slide doon the scaurs on the green Weirhill,  
And list to the Abbey bell.

*Refrain –*

Then here's to all those in the toon o' the Rose,  
To each lad and each lassie there:  
And here's to the Queen who will tryst at the Tree  
The fairest of all the fair.

*Refrain –*



## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



**IT'S GREAT to be able to write this message this year! I'm sure that I speak for everyone in the town when I say how delighted I am that we can celebrate our Festival this summer.**

It is a great honour and privilege for me to be Chairman of the Festival. As we all know, the Chairman is only the name at the head of the organisation – thank you to everyone on the committee for all their hard work in getting the preparations in order for all the events in Festival Week. You are a super bunch and your efforts are very much appreciated.

We are very fortunate to live in Melrose and this week is a good time to really enjoy each other's company and appreciate our great town.

Thank you to all our patrons for your financial support – your generosity is much appreciated.

To everyone – whether you live locally or are visiting Melrose this week – please immerse yourself in the Festival.

I hope you all have a fantastic week.  
Enjoy!

**Rob Moffat**  
Festival Chairman



# THE MELROSIAN 2022

## Douglas Crawford

**Our Melrosian this year is Douglas Crawford. This is third time lucky for Douglas who was Melrosian elect in 2020 & 2021, both of which were cancelled due to Covid.**

Douglas is the 26 year old son of Michael & Debbie. He went to St Mary's School and Merchiston Castle before doing a psychology degree at Bath University. He is presently doing a Taught Doctorate in Sport Exercise Psychology at Glasgow Caledonian University.

Douglas is a very talented all round sportsman - performing consistently well for Melrose at cricket and rugby - he recently signed a contract with the Southern Knights. As well as playing he gives much of his time to coach the youngsters in the town - a role in which he is very popular.

The Crawfords are a very well known Melrose family and he will not have to look far for advice as his dad Michael was Melrosian in 1984, uncle Cameron in 1989 and brother Donald in 2015. He will also receive great support from his sister Annabelle and granny Esther.

His Right-hand Man will be Ben Magowan and Left-hand Man Will Owen.

### Will Owen Left Hand Man 2022, Melrosian Elect 2023

Will is our Left-hand Man this year and will be Melrosian Elect for next year. He is the twenty-two year old son of Tim & Angie Owen from Gattonside. He has a younger sister Sarah.

Will is a talented sportsman playing cricket and rugby for Melrose. He has recently signed a short term contract with The Southern Knights. He has an HND in sports coaching and is presently studying for a qualification in coffee. He works for Bean and Gone.



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# OUR PRINCIPAL GUESTS



## Deborah & Sam Casswell

Our Orator this year is Deborah Casswell. Deborah was Trainbearer in 1988 and Festival Queen in 1994. She returned in 2019 to celebrate her Jubilee and is delighted to have the opportunity to speak at this year's Crowning ceremony.

Deborah was the first student from Earlston High School to attend Glasgow School of Art, where she studied Visual Communications. This is where she met her husband Sam, an architect, who has the proud honour of Crowning this year's Queen.

After graduation, Deborah moved to London to start her career making movie posters and campaigns for BAFTA winning studio Frank&Jonny. From there she spent 7 years telling tech giant Apple's story as a Creative Director, during which time she co-founded a Creative Platform for Good called ADCAN. Deborah, Sam and their children Eliza and Mack moved back to Gattonside in 2021. Deborah is now an Executive Creative Director for Nexus Studios, an Interactive Arts and Animation Studio in London, LA and Gattonside! She is passionate about using creativity to enhance people's lives, whether it's a game that empowers kids through play, a beautiful story that makes someone feel seen or a piece of art that takes us to a previously unimagined future.

Deborah has passionately pursued her love of art and ideas from her Melrose Primary School days to this very day, where she works remotely alongside some of the most talented makers and thinkers in the film and interactive arts world from this beautiful place that we all call home.

Deborah and Sam wish Melrosian Douglas Crawford, Queen Madeline Rause and the Court all the very best for a successful Festival.

# THE QUEEN AND HER COURT 2022



## Madeline Rausse



Chiefswood Road

### Festival Queen 2022

<b>First Attendant</b>	Sophie Middleton Weirhill
<b>Second Attendant</b>	Orla McCarthy Scottsdale
<b>Courtier (Proclamation)</b>	Seb Darlow Darnick
<b>Courtier (Crown &amp; Sceptre)</b>	Jamie Gillespie Hawksnest
<b>Herald</b>	Finlay Mitchell Fairways
<b>Herald</b>	Euan Williams Fairways
<b>Trainbearer</b>	Anouk Richard Easter Housebyres
<b>Trainbearer</b>	Isla Prophet High Cross Avenue

# QUEEN AND COURT 2022



## Madeline Rausse Queen

### Interests and Hobbies

I have a wide range of interests. I love music and playing electric guitar and singing. I read a wide range of books which gives me the inspiration to write my own stories and poems. I also enjoy tennis and netball and have taken part in various athletic events.

### How do you feel about being involved in this year's Festival?

I am truly ecstatic and honoured to be part of this year's Festival. When my name was called out I couldn't believe it. Now it has sunk in I can't wait for the festivities to begin.

### Family

I have one older sister Isabella who sang in the school choir at the crowning of the Queen.

I hope that this year's Festival is a memorable one, and returns from the pandemic as enjoyable as in previous years. The Melrose Festival Week is always great fun for everyone and I can't wait.



## Sophie Middleton First Attendant

### Interests and Hobbies

I play two sports that I really enjoy - hockey and football. I also enjoy riding my bike, wild swimming and paddle boarding. When I am not outdoors I enjoy art and find it relaxing.

### How do you feel about being involved in this year's Festival?

I feel very excited to be part of the Court. It is a big event so being part of it is really cool as I was not expecting to be picked. I am excited for the Festival and looking forward to being First Attendant.

### Family

I have one sister called Eliza, she is 9 years old.



## Orla McCarthy Second Attendant

### Interests and Hobbies

I love playing football and play for a team. I have started learning piano and I am really enjoying it. I also like art and I do a lot of painting.

### How do you feel about being involved in this year's Festival?

I am excited to be part of the Festival and I think I will really enjoy it.

### Family

I have a mum Sarah and a dad Colm I have two brothers Angus who is ten and Ewan who is six.



## Seb Darlow Courtier (Proclamation)

### Interests and Hobbies

My favourite things to do are rugby and mountain biking and I also play the drums.

### How do you feel about being involved in this year's Festival?

I am really excited about the Festival and I am proud to have been selected for the Court.

### Family

I have a sister in S3 at Earlston High School aged 14. She was the First Attendant in the 2019 Melrose Festival.



## Jamie Gillespie Courtier (Crown & Sceptre)

### Interests and Hobbies

I love rugby and football and playing the trombone and piano. I am also interested in photography and nature.

### How do you feel about being involved in this year's Festival?

I feel honoured to be involved and am really looking forward to Festival Week.

### Family

I live with my mum Clare, dad Iain and twin sister Isla (who was Trainbearer in the 2016 Festival). I also have three older siblings, Fiona, Ruaridh and Euan.



## Finlay Mitchell Herald

### Interests and Hobbies

Football, rugby, Xbox. I enjoy playing football and rugby for Melrose. I also train with a football development squad at Netherdale on a Friday for the Borders.

### How do you feel about being involved in this year's Festival?

I'm excited to be part of the Court for 2022. I am looking forward to taking part in all the Festival activities and supporting this year's Melrosian.

### Family

Mum Lynne, dad Wayne, sisters Aimie and Evie. My cousin Georgia O'Donnell was a Trainbearer in 2019.



## Euan Williams Herald

### Interests and Hobbies

I enjoy football and rugby. I play for the Melrose Hornets and Melrose FC 2010's. I also enjoy gaming.

### How do you feel about being involved in this year's Festival?

I feel happy and excited and I'm looking forward to all the activities. I always like doing the bike ride, sports and fancy dress during Festival Week.

### Family

Both my parents are from Berwick but I'm from Melrose and I've lived in Melrose my whole life. I'm an only child.



## Isla Prophet Trainbearer

### Interests and Hobbies

Football and swimming, arts and crafts, writing stories, cooking and baking.

### How do you feel about being involved in this year's Festival?

We are new to Melrose so it's lovely to be included in such an important community event.

### Family

No brothers or sisters. Cousins are Gregor, Callum, Ross and Jamie Ferrando. Callum was a Herald in the 2016 Court.



## Anouk Richard Trainbearer

### Interests and Hobbies

Sports and dancing - Mini Hornets rugby, tennis, ballet and highland dancing.

### How do you feel about being involved in this year's Festival?

I am very happy and excited.

### Family

Older sister Naomi in P2. We have recently moved to the Borders from Edinburgh.



# LEAD CYCLISTS 2022



## **Nell Ketteridge** Lead Cyclist

### **Interests and Hobbies**

I play judo twice a week and really enjoy it. I also play the piano and bagpipe chanter and hope to move on to the bagpipes. I like to knit in my spare time. I often have judo competitions and camps at the weekend.

### **How do you feel about being involved in this year's Festival?**

I am very happy to be involved in the Festival. I really like to ride my bike so I'm glad to be leading the bike ride.

### **Family**

I have a sister called Libby.



## **Advait Roshan** Lead Cyclist

### **Interests and Hobbies**

I play cricket and tennis. I also play piano and do swimming and Taekwondo.

### **How do you feel about being involved in this year's Festival?**

I feel happy and excited to be part of this year's Festival.

### **Family**

I have an older brother who is doing medicine at Edinburgh University.



## **Harriet Lindsay** Lead Cyclist

### **Interests and Hobbies**

Mountain biking, art, hockey, tennis and creative writing.

### **How do you feel about being involved in this year's Festival?**

Very excited to be selected as one of the Lead Cyclists. I hope to see the Festival become more inclusive in the future – to recognise the equal role of women in key roles such as Melrosian.

### **Family**

Brother Kerr aged 13 and sisters Beth 12 and Effie 10.



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# 2022 JUBILEE QUEENS



## 2022 DIAMOND JUBILEE QUEEN



### Margaret Patterson • Festival Queen 1962



Diamond Jubilee Queen this year is Margaret Patterson (now Irvine), only daughter of Mr & Mrs Willie Patterson who lived in Priorswalk and sister of Jim. After school Margaret commenced office work with Sanderson & Murray in Galashiels, before moving to Edinburgh, where she met and married textile designer Robert Irvine and their three daughters and a son were subsequently born. Margaret and Robert now live in Cumbria, where they run a small family business selling textiles.

In 1962 Her Majesty the Queen visited Melrose with HRH the Duke of Edinburgh. During the official welcome at the Greenyards, the Festival Ribbon Dance was performed. Margaret and her Attendants all took part and afterwards Margaret had the honour of presenting a bouquet to Her Majesty.

#### 1962 COURT

<b>Attendants</b>	Jennifer Greenwell and Catriona Scott
<b>Courtiers</b>	Johnny Watson (Proclamation) and Leslie Wallace
<b>Heralds</b>	Anthony Baillie and Charles McLean
<b>Trainbearers</b>	Sheila Greenwell and Mary Martin
<b>Orator</b>	The Earl of Haddington, Mellerstain
<b>Crowning Lady</b>	Lady Haddington

## 2022 GOLDEN JUBILEE QUEEN



### Barbara Runcie • Festival Queen 1972

The 2022 Golden Jubilee Queen is Barbara Runcie, who was the only child of the late Jim and Molly (Dodds) Runcie of Buccleuch Street and had been a Trainbearer to Queen Evelyn Mathison in 1966. Jim assisted in the running of the Festival Pony Gymkhana and Melrosians' Rideout for some years and Molly was a cousin of Ross Dodds, Melrosian 1943.

After Galashiels Academy, Barbara went on to Napier College of Commerce and Technology (now Napier University), where she gained her degree in Interior Design. After a spell as a self-employed craftsperson, she moved to Cheshire and there followed a number of varied posts as a craftsperson, designer of conservatories and many years at a national laboratory as a web designer. Over the past few years, she has undertaken an RBGE Diploma in Botanical Illustration and is once again resident in Melrose as an artist and craftsperson.

#### 1972 COURT

<b>Attendants</b>	Helen Broomfield and Adrienne Lauder
<b>Courtiers</b>	Alistair Forsyth (Proclamation) and Kenneth McDonald
<b>Heralds</b>	Roger Hogg and Gordon Stewart
<b>Trainbearers</b>	Vivien Shiel and Tracey White
<b>Orator</b>	Sheriff J V Paterson of Sunnyside
<b>Crowning Lady</b>	Mrs Paterson

# 2022 JUBILEE QUEENS



## 2022 SILVER JUBILEE QUEEN



### Mari O'Neill • Festival Queen 1997

This year's Silver Jubilee Queen is Mari O'Neill (now Gott), formerly of 'Grianan' in Gattonside, only daughter of Kristine and John O'Neill, and sister of Robert. She was educated at Melrose Grammar and Earlston High Schools, before completing a Master of Arts in Psychology and Business Studies at the University of Edinburgh. After graduation, Mari gained employment as an Assistant Psychologist at the National Brain Injury Centre. She went on to complete a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology at the University of Glasgow and published her research in empathy and brain injury. She then moved to London and worked as a Clinical Psychologist for adults with acquired brain injuries and progressive neurological conditions, before completing her Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Neuropsychology at the University of Glasgow in 2015. Mari returned to Scotland in 2019 and is currently employed as a Consultant Clinical Psychologist for Neurotherapy Services and has established her own private practice.

Growing up at the foot of the Eildon hills inspired Mari to climb the highest mountains in several countries including Kilimanjaro, Mont Blanc and trekking to Mount Everest Base Camp. Her love of travel has taken her around the world and she has visited over 50 countries and seen the 7 wonders of the world. Mari met her future husband, Arran Gott, whilst travelling in Peru in 2009, and they got married in Edinburgh in 2015. They live in Linlithgow with their two children, Benjamin and Callum, and they look forward to showing them the many beautiful sights of the Borders as they grow up.

#### 1997 COURT

- Attendants** Isla Craig and Joanna Silvestri
- Courtiers** Carl Anderson (Proclamation) and Michael Owen
- Heralds** Richard Wilks and Michael Philips
- Trainbearers** Becky Helps and Hayley Tinto
- Orator** Mr Andrew Glover of Border TV
- Crowning Lady** Mrs Margaret Bunyan, wife of Provost and Ex-Melrosian George

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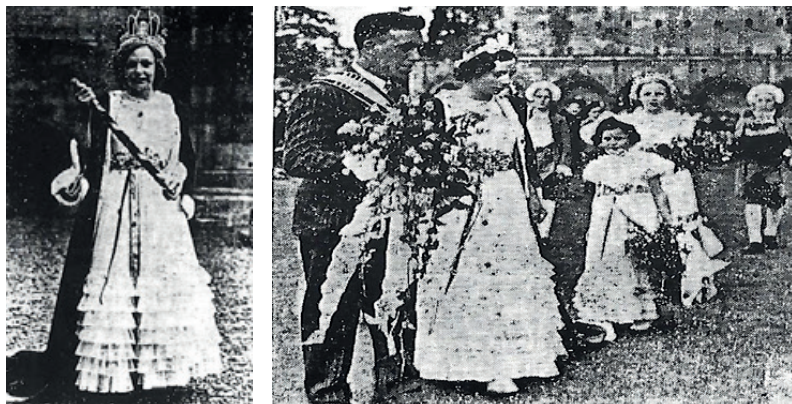
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# 2021 JUBILEE QUEENS



## 2021 PLATINUM JUBILEE QUEEN



### Mary Hope • Festival Queen 1946

Platinum Jubilee Queen in 2021 was Mary Hope (now Balson), who lived at Easter Housebyres, and her twin brother, Robert, was one of her Courtiers. Her younger sister, Margaret, was also a Festival Queen in 1948.

Mary married Tom Balson from St Boswells and they emigrated to Canada, where Mary still resides in Kamloops.

#### 1946 COURT

<b>Attendants</b>	Beryl Todd and Elizabeth (Libby) Robeson
<b>Courtiers</b>	Ewan Rintoul (Proclamation) and Robert Hope
<b>Trainbearers</b>	Margaret McLaren and Pat Kerr
<b>Orator</b>	Mr David Mackie, Editor of the Southern Reporter
<b>Crowning Lady</b>	Mrs R E Boyd, wife of Captain Edwin Boyd

## 2021 DIAMOND JUBILEE QUEEN



### Joan Burnett • Festival Queen 1961

Diamond Jubilee Queen in 2021 was Joan Burnett (now Brown), younger daughter of the late Bob and Florence Burnett of "Booklaws" in High Street and sister of Jennifer, who was Queen in 1957. Joan had already been a Trainbearer to Queen Rosemary Simpson in 1955. After school she went on to Robert Gordon's Institute of Technology and gained a Diploma in Dietetics. She was then appointed dietician at Ipswich and East Suffolk Hospital, before moving as senior dietician at Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary. At the time she took early retirement in 2003, she held the post of Head of Nutrition and Dietetics with NHS Dumfries and Galloway and she still resides in Dumfries.

#### 1961 COURT

<b>Attendants</b>	Suzanne Crowther and Eleanor Hogg
<b>Courtiers</b>	John Scott (Proclamation) and Charles McLean
<b>Heralds</b>	Ian Fraser and Alan Hardie
<b>Trainbearers</b>	Jacqueline Baxter and Claire Elliott
<b>Orator</b>	Viscount Melgund (later Earl of Minto)
<b>Crowning Lady</b>	Lady Melgund (later Countess of Minto)

# 2021 JUBILEE QUEENS



## 2021 GOLDEN JUBILEE QUEEN



### Valery Hogarth • Festival Queen 1971

The 2021 Golden Jubilee Queen was Valery Hogarth (now Ball), only daughter of Jimmy and Bette Hogarth, who lived in Waverley Cottage in Weirhill Place, and younger sister of James Jnr. Valery had already been a Trainbearer to Queen Virginia Foley in 1965.

After Galashiels Academy, she went on to Queen Margaret College, where she qualified in Home Economics and, after teacher training, taught at Kilwinning Academy in Ayrshire, then Craigmount High School in Edinburgh.

In 1981 she married Willie Ball. They reside in Dalgety Bay and have a son and a daughter.

#### 1971 COURT

<b>Attendants</b>	Lorna Wheelans and Linda Richards
<b>Courtiers</b>	Richard Brodie (Proclamation) and Rory Wilson
<b>Heralds</b>	Bobby Drummond and Kenny Wight
<b>Trainbearers</b>	Jill Bunyan and Jill Dun
<b>Orator</b>	Dr G M Bell of Dingleton Hospital
<b>Crowning Lady</b>	Mrs Bell

## 2021 SILVER JUBILEE QUEEN



### Ruth Anderson • Festival Queen 1996

Silver Jubilee Queen in 2021 was Ruth Anderson, only daughter of Ros Anderson, formerly of Priorswalk, and elder sister of Carl, who was a Courtier in 1997. Ruth attended Earlston High School, before heading to the University of Aberdeen to study medicine.

She currently lives near Inverness, working as a GP, and has two sons – Innes, who is 6, and Bryce, who is 3.

Her hobbies include cooking and gardening, when she has any spare time!

Her favourite memories of being Festival Queen are the school disco, the Tour of Ceremonies and the trip to the shows with the Melrosian.

#### 1996 COURT

<b>Attendants</b>	Jessica Leary and Ruth Christie
<b>Courtiers</b>	Andrew Buchan (Proclamation) and David Still
<b>Heralds</b>	Kevin Haldane and Brynmor Thom
<b>Trainbearers</b>	Sarah Smith and Joanna Scott
<b>Orator</b>	Provost Myra Turnbull of Hawick
<b>Crowning Lady</b>	Miss Sheila Whitehead, Chairperson, Duns Summer Festival

# 2020 JUBILEE QUEENS



## 2020 DIAMOND JUBILEE QUEEN



### Morag Campbell • Festival Queen 1960

Diamond Jubilee Queen in 2020 was Morag Campbell (now Lloyd), daughter of the late Mr & Mrs Alastair Campbell of "Cruachan", School Lane, Gattonside and niece of Miss Annie Campbell, P6/7 teacher at Melrose Grammar School. She had already been a Trainbearer in 1954, to Queen Margaret Gowans, when her brother Alastair was a Courtier. After Morag's first year at Galashiels Academy, their father's job took him to Cumbernauld and she moved to Lenzie Academy, before going on to Aberdeen University, where she gained an MA in English & Psychology, followed by a spell at Robert Gordon's, where she completed a one year post-graduate course in Personnel Management. There followed a number of posts in Personnel Management with Blue Chip companies, ending up as Principal Consultant with KPMG. While working with brewers Watney Combe Reid, she met her husband-to-be, Nicholas Lloyd. They lived in Leicestershire for over twenty years, while Morag travelled all over the country working mainly with major multi-national companies, before moving to the Lake District, where she played a very active part in local affairs and sang in the church choir. Following the arrival of grandchildren, Morag and Nicholas moved south to be nearer to them and are now enjoying life in lovely North Norfolk.

#### 1960 COURT

<b>Attendants</b>	Janet Parkin and Marilyn Greenwell
<b>Courtiers</b>	Jim Swan (Proclamation) and Norman Wylie
<b>Heralds</b>	Alan Gibson and Brian Wylie
<b>Trainbearers</b>	Evelyn Mathison and Susan Sinclair
<b>Orator</b>	Major-General Ralph Younger of Ravenswood
<b>Crowning Lady</b>	Mrs Younger

## 2020 GOLDEN JUBILEE QUEEN



### Linda King • Festival Queen 1970

The 2020 Golden Jubilee Queen was Linda King (now Wallace), elder daughter of Peter and Elma (Telfer) King of St Dunstan's Park and sister of the late Lorraine.

She was also a granddaughter of Jock King, one time signalman at Melrose Railway Station, niece of John King, Courtier 1939 and cousin of Colin Clapperton, Melrosian 1979.

She is married to Leslie Wallace, who was a Courtier in 1962. They live in St Boswells and they have a son, daughter and two grandchildren.

Linda has been employed for some years as a legal secretary with Cullen Kilshaw (formerly Curle Muir) Solicitors.

#### 1970 COURT

<b>Attendants</b>	Anne Lowrie and Margot Laurie
<b>Courtiers</b>	David Young (Proclamation) and Nicol Brown
<b>Heralds</b>	David Prentice and Christopher Young
<b>Trainbearers</b>	Judith Barbour and Joan Weatherly
<b>Orator</b>	Mr Willie McTaggart of Bewlie, Lilliesleaf, MD of Pringles of Hawick
<b>Crowning Lady</b>	Mrs McTaggart

# 2020 JUBILEE QUEENS



## 2020 SILVER JUBILEE QUEEN



### Anna Jarosz • Festival Queen 1995

Silver Jubilee Queen in 2020 was Anna Jarosz (now Loomis), who is the third of four daughters of Andrew and Susan Jarosz and had been a Trainbearer to Queen Julie Brown in 1989. All the girls have had a role to play in the Court, her sister Emily being a Trainbearer in 1982, her sister Eva First Attendant in 1991 and her sister Sophie First Attendant in 2000. Following high school Anna attended The University of Edinburgh to study Music and graduated with a BMus degree with honours, focusing on piano performance and composition. It was at this time she discovered a passion for songwriting and recorded an album of original music whilst playing gigs across the city. A year later, through a part time job at a music venue, she had a fortunate encounter with a music producer from New York who was there for a concert. They kept in touch and after he listened to her album, she received an invitation to record her music with him in Brooklyn, NY. She spent the next two years living in New York City, where she recorded an EP both in Brooklyn and Memphis, Tennessee. During this time she also performed in venues all over the city and worked at a non-profit community music school. She then spent the following four years living near Philadelphia, where she was resident musician at a small concert venue and coffee house. She also began teaching private piano and voice lessons at a local music studio and her love of teaching was born. After meeting her now husband, who was from the area, they moved back to Scotland in 2014 and have happily settled back in the Borders. She now runs her own private music studio where she teaches piano and voice lessons to students of all ages. She also composes music and has worked with local businesses to create custom tracks for their advertising and marketing needs.

Anna and Dave had a son, Arlo, in 2018 and were recently blessed with the arrival of their daughter, Rosie, who was born on Easter Sunday this year.

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# 2022 JUBILEE MELROSIANS



## 2022 DIAMOND JUBILEE MELROSIAN



### Ian Johnstone • Melrosian 1962

Ian was the elder son of the late Mr & Mrs John Johnstone of 21 Priorswalk, younger brother of Anne and elder brother of Alistair.

He was a former member of the Melrose Company of the Boys' Brigade and a keen rugby player.

After Melrose School, he worked as a spinner with Ettrick & Yarrow Spinners and remained with that firm until it went out of business many years later. In 1963 he married Jean and they took up residence in Selkirk's Back Row, where they raised their family and where Ian remains, having been widowed since 2011.

He was another of the small group of 4 or 5 Ex-Melrosians who pioneered the Melrosians' Rideout and rode as a marshal on the inaugural rideout in 1966. He was also a hard-working member of the Festival Ball Committee.

On moving to Selkirk, Ian transferred his allegiance to Philiphaugh and turned out for Selkirk 1st XV, captaining the side in 1967/8, and he later served on that club's general committee and was a team selector for some years.

## 2022 GOLDEN JUBILEE MELROSIAN



### Ian Gribbin • Melrosian 1972

Golden Jubilee Melrosian this year is Ian Gribbin, only child of the late Reg and Nettie Gribbin of Bidston in Waverley Road. He was educated at Melrose Grammar School and Galashiels Academy and, as a youth, was a member of the Melrose Company of the Boys' Brigade. He enjoyed golf, as well as playing football for Melrose Rhymers and rugby for Gala Red Triangle. (Melrose did not field a semi-junior U/18 side at that time.) He worked for a time as a guide at Abbotsford and followed Jim Boyd on the first Melrosians' Rideout in 1966.

He continued his rugby career at the Greenyards and had a number of games as Scrum-Half for the 1st XV, serving thereafter for a number of years on the Club's General Committee.

Ian also served for a lengthy period on Festival matters, firstly as Rideout Convener and as Dinner Organiser in the Ex-Melrosians' Association, and was for a number of years on the Festival Executive, serving as Honorary Secretary for some years and for a time as Ball Convener.

In 1982, Ian married Joanne Busby and they have three children – David, Susan and Fiona – and he and Joanne still reside in Bidston. At the time of his appointment, he worked for British Gas, and in 1984 he and Joanne opened what would become the very successful "Rhymers Fayre" establishment, originally in Abbey Street, but subsequently at the top of Market Square.

# 2022 JUBILEE MELROSIANS



## 2022 SILVER JUBILEE MELROSIAN



### Alasdair Fairbairn • Melrosian 1997

This year's Silver Jubilee Melrosian is Alasdair Fairbairn, younger son of Neil and Val Fairbairn, who lived in Lauriston, Newlyn Road, and brother of Sandy and Jenny. At the time of his appointment, Alasdair worked as a salesman with A C Burns of Mounthooly. He was educated at Melrose Grammar and Earlston High Schools and, with Sandy and Jenny, had followed previous Melrosians on horseback when their father, Neil, was Gymkhana Convener in the early 80s.

The following year, 1998, Neil sadly passed away, but Alasdair was so proud and honoured that his Dad had been able to see him fulfil his dream of becoming Melrosian.

In 2005 Alasdair married Jill Henderson, daughter of Jim and Anne. Jim, who had been a Herald in Queen Christine Billing's Court in 1963, is a Melrose rugby club legend, captaining the 1975 Melrose team to victory at the Melrose Sevens. In 2010 Alasdair and Jill moved the short distance out of Melrose to Drygrange, where they still reside with their forever friend, Brax the dog.

Having spent most of his rugby years playing at Melrose, Alasdair moved to Earlston rugby club where, after a few years, he took on the mantle of player/coach, winning the East of Scotland Division 3 title and gaining promotion to the East of Scotland Division 2. He currently seeks his thrills mountain biking and in general trying to keep fit.

For the last 17 years, Alasdair has been employed as an Overhead Linesperson with SP Energy Networks and this involves climbing wood poles and working outdoors in all-conditions. He takes great satisfaction in restoring people's electricity supplies, none more so than during the recent winter storms which brought huge devastation.

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# 2021 JUBILEE MELROSIANS



## 2021 DIAMOND JUBILEE MELROSIAN



### Robert G Hastie • Melrosian 1961

The 2021 Golden Jubilee Melrosian was Rob Hastie who lived in Rushbank, Newstead, the youngest of three sons of Will and Beatrice Hastie and brother of Alex and Bill. He was also uncle of Gavin, who would become Melrosian in 1999.

As a youth, he was an enthusiastic member of the Melrose Company of the Boys' Brigade and, after Melrose School, served his apprenticeship as a motor mechanic with W & J Redpath in Melrose. In 1962 he moved up to the Lothians on appointment as a civilian motor mechanic with Edinburgh City Police.

In 1968 he emigrated to Perth, Western Australia, and took up the position of mechanic and diesel engineer with Torrance Construction, where he remained until his retirement in 2003.

After the break-up of his first marriage to May Finlay, he married Agnes Samson, originally from Glasgow, in 1989. Rob has a son, Kenneth, and a daughter, Angela, from his marriage to May. Both are now in Australia, with Rob's four grandchildren.

He was always a keen sportsman, but had the misfortune to be playing at the Greenyards alongside David Chisholm, who was Scotland's stand-off at the time, although he still managed several games for Melrose 1st XV when Dave was away on "representative" duty. Rob's brother, Alex, was Scotland's scrum half at that same time and it was a great disappointment to them both that they never had the opportunity to play together for Melrose. In Perth, Rob was an active player, coach, club official and is now a life member of Inglewood United Football Club, as well as being a player, club captain, President for 5 years, and now a life member of North Perth Bowling Club.

Prior to emigrating, Rob worked hard with the Ex-Melrosians' Association and was heavily involved in the small group which inaugurated the Melrosians' Rideout in 1966. He also served on the Festival's Ball Committee.

## 2021 GOLDEN JUBILEE MELROSIAN



### J Alan Hardie • Melrosian 1971

The 2021 Golden Jubilee Melrosian was Alan Hardie, eldest child of Jim and Alice Hardie, who lived at Harmony Cottage on St Mary's Road, and brother of Kathy and Keith.

He attended Melrose Grammar School, was a Herald at the Festival in 1961 and then, after he left school, served his apprenticeship with Andrew Swan, Painter & Decorator, in the High Street. In 1971 he met and married Joan Neilson and they moved to Aberdeen, where they set up J and A Services, which supplied Painting and Secretarial services to Oil companies. In the 80s he moved into Paint Inspection and was in charge of the maintenance programme on Tartan platform for Texaco. In the early 90s he qualified as a Craft, Design & Technology teacher, took a post grad degree in special needs and worked with children with emotional and behavioural difficulties till he retired.

Alan and Joan had a son, Neil, who sadly died at an early age.

Alan was a member of Melrose Lifeboys and Boys Brigade. He also played football for Melrose Ramblers, but was known more for his rugby career. He played for Melrose and the South before moving north where he played mostly for Gordonians. He played for North and Midlands for many years and won a B cap for Scotland in 1972. After retiring from playing, he coached Aberdeen Grammar, Gordonians and Caledonia underage teams. When professional rugby started, he was a Director of Caledonia Rugby before they were amalgamated with Glasgow Rugby.

Alan still lives in Aberdeen, where he volunteers at the Gordon Highlanders Museum and is trying to get his golf handicap down.

# 2021 JUBILEE MELROSAINS



## 2021 SILVER JUBILEE MELROSIAN



### Ian C McDermott • Melrosian 1996

Silver Jubilee Melrosian in 2021 was Ian McDermott, son of Ronnie and Eileen McDermott, who lived in Lynnwood, Dingleton Road, and brother of Cara. At the time of his appointment, Ian was a student of Leisure Management at Borders College and was a keen golfer with a 4 handicap. He was also a Special Constable in Lothian and Borders Police, had travelled extensively in Europe and had ridden horses since pre-school days.

He has now been employed by the Civil Service for the last 20 years and is currently counting the years till he can retire!

He currently lives in Milnathort, a small village that reminds him of the Melrose he grew up in and this was certainly a pull to move north. He is married to Kathleen and has four wonderful children, Finn, Ruari, Conal and Aine, who stay in Penicuik with their mother, a former Hunter's lass.

Ian has always enjoyed sports and still tries to keep active. He played football for a number of years with Lauder and also played rugby for Penicuik, although a few knee and shoulder operations sadly cut this short. He can now usually be found on either Monifieth or Milnathort Golf courses.

Ian is still an avid traveller, getting away a few times a year if possible, and still lives by the 'collecting memories over possessions' ethos. He is also a keen photographer his photos sometimes appear with the weather report on TV.



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# 2020 JUBILEE MELROSIANS



## 2020 GOLDEN JUBILEE MELROSIAN



### John (Jack) C Bowers • Melrosian 1970

Golden Jubilee Melrosian in 2020 was Jack Bowers, only child of Bill and Jessie Bowers, who lived in Smith's Road, Darnick, and thus from a very old Melrose family.

He was educated at Melrose Grammar School and, as a youngster, was a member of the Lifeboys and, thereafter, of the Melrose Company of the Boys' Brigade. He enjoyed playing rugby, firstly at school and then in the Crichton Cup, and golf at Melrose Golf Club.

He spent a great deal of time with ponies and horses and rode at all of the Border Common Ridings and Festivals.

Jack served his apprenticeship as a joiner and, at the time of his appointment, worked for (Ex-Melrosian) W Denis Anderson, later moving on to R J Grieve (Builders) of Maxton, where he was ultimately a director. In the mid-1980s, he moved to Glenrothes, where he was depot manager, then building maintenance manager, with Fife Council.

Jack is now married to Liz and resides in Malton, North Yorkshire, where he is a member of the Golf Club and Bowling Club. He is a proud father (and grandfather) to his two sons, Gordon and Cameron, and daughter, Laura, from his previous marriage to Margaret.

Jack's father, Bill, passed away in 2009. His mother, Jessie, aged 93 in 2020, lives in Galashiels.

When he lived locally, Jack served the Festival for a number of years, principally as organiser of and senior marshall for the Rideout, and was also for a time Social Convener and a member of the Ball committee. While Social Convener he booked a pop group for a dance in the Corn Exchange through an agent in Edinburgh, who called two days before the event to change the band, as the original one had had a big hit the previous week. They were the Bay City Rollers!

## 2020 SILVER JUBILEE MELROSIAN



### Stephen Scott • Melrosian 1995

Silver Jubilee Melrosian in 2020 was Stevie Scott, youngest son of Walter and Margaret Scott, who lived at Kedslie, and brother of Walter and Darren. At the time of his appointment, Stevie was employed as a mechanic with Chalmers McQueen in Galashiels.

He had been educated at Earlston High School, where he captained the 1st XV and, on leaving school, he joined Melrose RFC. He also played for the South, captaining the U21 team which won the Inter-District Championship and later for Scotland, winning several full Caps as Hooker.

At the end of his playing career, he took up coaching, spending some years with the Scotland national team before moving to Sale Sharks. He then returned to the Scotland national team for the 6 Nations, before taking an assistant coaching position with Edinburgh Rugby for three years.

Then, wanting to experience something completely different, Stevie took up a coaching position in America, where a new professional league had just started. This was a challenging, but very rewarding job, seeing the teams grow and develop, but eventually he moved back to work with London Scottish, to be closer to his family, although this meant a lot of driving down the M6!

Stevie is currently working with Romania rugby, beside Andy Robinson, and is looking to take the team to the World Cup in France in 2023.



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# 2022 FESTIVAL WEEK



## SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

	<b>Wreath Laying</b>	10:45	War Memorial
	<b>Kirkin' of the Melrosian</b>	11:00	Parish Church
	<b>Festival Football Competition</b>	12:00	The Greenyards
	<b>Festival Netball Competition</b>	13:30	Gibson Park
	<b>9 Hole Golf Competition</b>	18:00	Melrose Golf Club

## MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

 Throughout the week the Melrosian visits care homes, nurseries, schools and hospitals.

<b>Rideout</b> (meet at 17:30)	18:00	Gibson Park
<b>Concluding Ceremonies</b>	21:30	Market Square

## TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE

	<b>Fancy Dress &amp; Parade</b>	18:15	Gibson Park
	<b>Disco</b> (until (21:00) following parade		Melrose Rugby

## WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE

	<b>Bike Ride</b>	18:00	Gibson Park
	<b>BBQ</b>	20:00	Annay Road

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## THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE

The Melrosian will visit to St Mary's School (13:00)

	<b>Installation of the Melrosian and Crowning of the Festival Queen</b>	19:00	Melrose Abbey (Melrose Parish Church if wet)
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## FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

 The Melrosian will visit to Melrose Primary School (09:15) and Borders General Hospital.

<b>Festival Ball</b>	19:30	Annay Road
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## SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

	<b>Tour of Ceremonies</b>	assemble 08:45	Market Square
	Start/leave <b>Market Square</b>	08:50	Market Square
	Visit <b>Newstead</b>	09:15	Newstead
	Visit <b>Trimontium</b>	09:45	Trimontium
	Visit <b>Gattonside</b>	10:00	Gattonside
	Visit <b>Abbotsford</b>	10:45	Abbotsford
	Visit <b>Darnick Tower</b>	11:15	Darnick
	Arrive <b>Melrose Abbey</b>	12:00	Melrose Abbey

	<b>Sports</b>	14:30	Gibson Park
	<b>Pipe Band music</b>	19:00	Market Square
	<b>Celebration Festival Dinner</b>	19:45	Melrose Rugby



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# SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE



## Wreath Laying, Kirkin' of the Melrosian, Football, Netball & Golf Competitions

**10:45 Wreath Laying** at the War Memorial

**11:00 Kirkin' of the Melrosian** at Melrose Parish Church and Inauguration of the 2022 Festival

**12:00 Melrose FC Festival Football Competition** The Greenyards

**13:30 Festival Netball Competition** at Gibson Park

**18:00 9 Hole Golf Competition** at Melrose golf club followed by a presentation to the Melrosian Douglas Crawford in the clubhouse - all welcome



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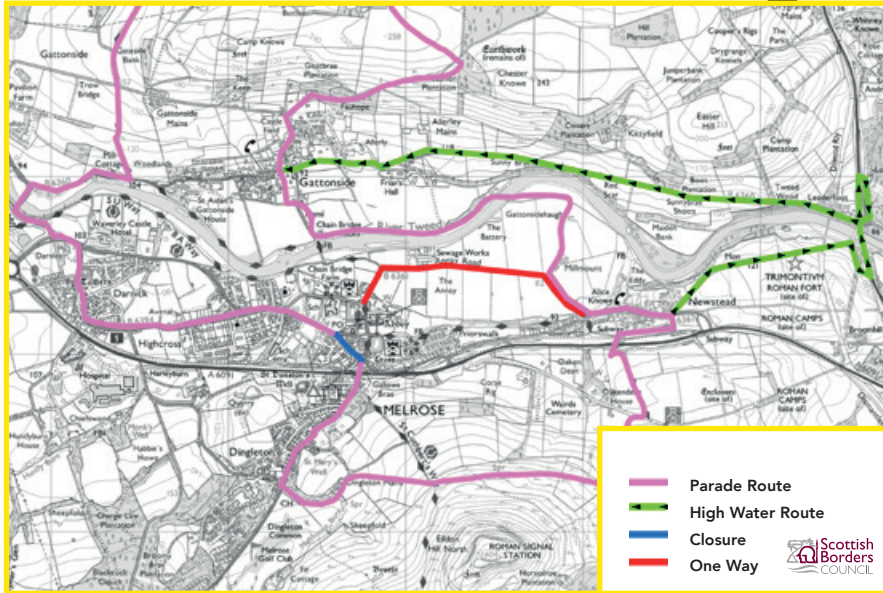
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# MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE



# Melrosians Rideout

## 17:30 Prompt at Triangle

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## 18:00 Leave Triangle

## 18:05 Pass through Market Square

## 18:15 Dingleton

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## 18:45 Newstead

## 19:05 Tweed Crossing at Millmount

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## 19:20 Gattonside

## 21:00 Darnick

## 21:15 Procession into town from the Weirhill

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# WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE

09:00 - 13:00 **P7 Activities** in Gibson Park

## **Melrose Community Bike Ride**



**18:00 Cyclists assemble** in Gibson Park

**18:15 Sashing of Lead Cyclists**

**18:30 Bikes leave Gibson Park**

**20:00 Finish** with **Family BBQ** at Annay Road pitch

**All welcome!** There will be burgers, soft drinks, beer and wine for sale, with free fresh fruit for the children. Finish time is approximate.

### ROUTE

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**Newstead Village** - Annay Road - Chain Bridge and across the Tweed to Gattonside

**Bakers Road** - Gattonside Road - Lowood Bridge to Darnick - Abbotsford Road

**High Cross Avenue** - Weirhill - St Mary's Road - Annay Road rugby ground (finish)

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# THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE



13:00 **Melrosian** visit to **St Marys School**

## Installation of the Melrosian and Crowning of the Festival Queen

19:00 **Installation and Crowning Ceremonies**



General public enter via the shop, invited guests enter via Cloisters Road.

### INSTALLATION OF THE MELROSIAN

**Douglas Crawford** by Chairman. Festival Executive



Diamond Jubilee Melrosian **Ian Johnstone**, Golden Jubilee Melrosian **Ian Gribbin**, Silver Jubilee Melrosian **Alasdair Fairbairn**, Retiring Left-Hand Men **Russell Mackay** and **Harry Fletcher**

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Behold, he that keeps Israel,  
he slumbers not, nor sleeps.

The Lord thee keeps, the Lord thy shade  
On thy right hand doth stay:  
The moon by night thee shall not smite  
Nor yet the sun by day.

The Lord shall keep thy soul, he shall  
preserve thee from all ill.  
Henceforth thy going out and in  
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# FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE



09:15 **The Melrosian** with his Right and Left-hand Men will visit **Melrose Primary School**



## Festival Ball

19:30 **Festival Ball**  
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20:00 **Dinner**



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### THANKS

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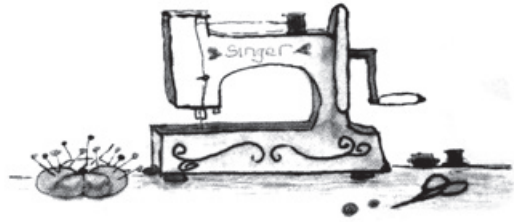
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# SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE



## Tour of Ceremonies, Sports, Festival Dinner



**08:45 Assemble** in Market Square

**08:50 Start of Ceremonies**

**14:30 Sports** in Gibson Park, commencing with the **Eildon Hill Race**

**19:00 Pipe Band music** in Market Square

**19:45 Celebration Festival Dinner** at the Greenyards (20:00 start) Tickets (£25) are available from Ex-Melrosian **Greig Anderson**, Andersons Fishmongers: **07929 633214**. All welcome!

### TOUR OF CEREMONIES approx timing of arrival at each place visited:

Leaves MARKET SQUARE	09:00	ABBOTSFORD	10:45
NEWSTEAD	09:15	DARNICK	11:15
TRIMONTIUM	09:45	MELROSE ABBEY	12:00
GATTONSIDE	10:00		

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### SPORTS

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**SUNDAY  
26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**




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## Monday - Rideout Safety

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- It is the responsibility of the riders to ensure they have appropriate insurance cover.
- Please note that spot checks will be carried out at the rideout to ascertain that this is the case.
- All riders must follow the instructions given by the Marshals, who are identified by high visibility clothing.
- All riders under secondary school age or novice riders must be accompanied by an experienced adult rider who will take responsibility for them during the rideout.
- Prior to the commencement of the rideout, official ribbons will be passed to all riders who assemble at the triangle and meet the above requirements. Please note that only those riders wearing the ribbons will be deemed to be taking part in the Melrose Festival Rideout.
- All headgear must comply with current British Safety Standards.

## Tuesday - Fancy Dress Safety

- All participants must follow the instructions given by the Marshals, who are identified by high visibility clothing.
- The Melrose Festival Executive will inspect all floats prior to the parade.
- All children especially those on floats must be supervised at all times.
- When participating in the parade, all children must remain seated when travelling on floats. All ponies must be led by experienced handlers.

## Wednesday - Bike Ride Safety

- Cyclists must be at least Primary 1 school age and all cyclists attending Primary School P1-P5 must be supervised by cycling adults. Please note that younger children may participate if they are travelling with a responsible adult cyclist on a child's cycle seat or in a bicycle trainer.
- All cyclists and young children in cycle seats must wear appropriate clothing and safety helmets.
- Cyclists must remain between the front and rear Marshals' car and remain in the left hand carriage way, unless instructed to move by the Police or Marshals. Children of primary school age must cycle only on the inside of this lane at the kerbside.
- All cyclists must follow the instructions given by the Marshals, who are identified by high visibility clothing.
- If a cyclist cannot maintain the pace or experiences mechanical difficulties with their cycle they will be requested to leave the cycle ride. In the case of children, a responsible adult must remain with them.
- Prior to the commencement of the cycle ride, official ribbons will be passed to all cyclists who assemble at Gibson Park and meet the above requirements. Please note that only cyclists wearing the ribbons will be deemed to be taking part in the Melrose Community Bike Ride.



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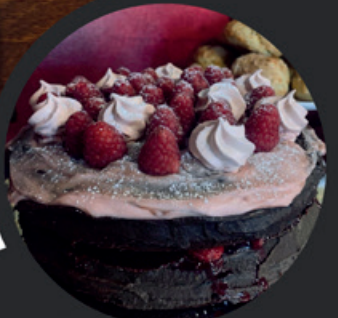
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1992 Williamson, Fruiterer	2005 Lochcarron	2016 Apples for Jam
1993 National Trust	2006 Butterfly	2017 Apples for Jam
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# THE TOUR OF CEREMONIES

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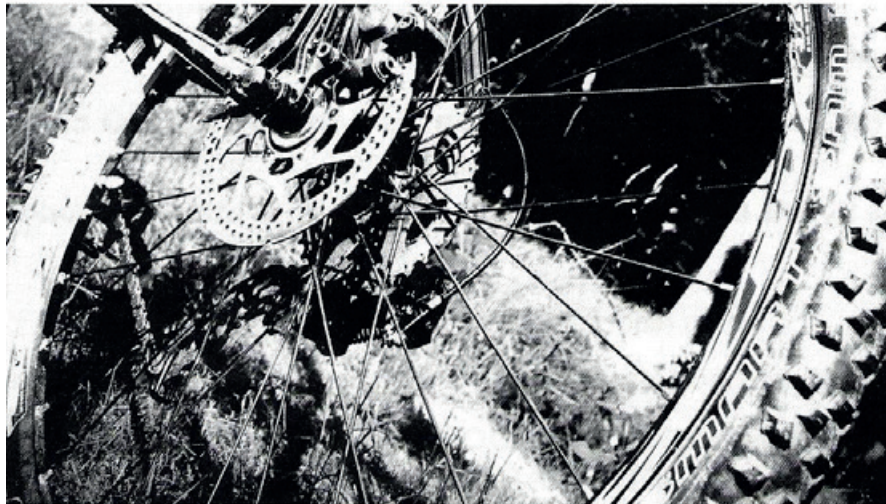




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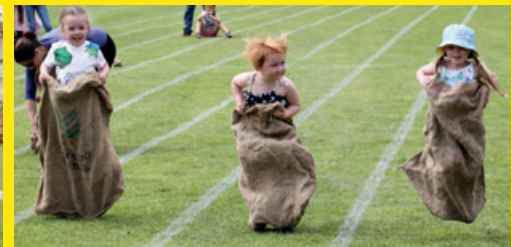
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# THE 2019 SPORTS



# TOUR OF CEREMONIES

Notes for Saturday's tour of Historic Sites



## The Square

Saturday's tour of Melrose's historic places begins in the Square under the shadow of the Mercat Cross, at one time the hub of all community life and activity. Sadly none of the original Cross, the main part of which once stood at the main gate to the Abbey which was located at the top of the present-day Abbey Street, now remains on site. The Cross was moved to its present position in more recent times, and the finial was replaced with a unicorn holding a shield bearing the Royal Arms of Scotland in 1645. It is understood the the base of the Cross, although now much the oldest part, has been rebuilt several times, and the shaft (the last part of the original Cross) and the finial, due to the ravages of time and weather, were renewed in 1988 and 1990 respectively.

All too rarely now, the 'marriage ball' is kicked off from the Cross by newly-wed brides, the only remaining, albeit tenuous link with the ancient Fastern's 'en Ba' game, held annually in the town until abolished by the Town Council in 1901.

Before the days of tarmacadam, the Square was unsurfaced providing a natural venue for the annual sheep-market which was reputedly a lively and prosperous event. The drove-roads brought flocks into Melrose from all directions, and the event doubtless provided many a culprit to stand in the jougs' which were held by the staple still to be seen in the shaft of the Cross.

## Newstead and Trimontium

Newstead was built to accommodate the camp followers of the Roman legions, and since these early days has been inhabited without a break. When King David built the first Abbey of Melrose his stone masons stayed there and from them several families in Melrose trace their descent. On the spot where these masons founded the Masonic Lodge of Melrose, claimed to be the oldest in the land, Office-Bearers of the Lodge greet the Melrosian and assure us that the industry and craftsmanship which built the Abbey still flourishes today.

Trimontium, a strategic site commanding the river crossing of Dere Street, was important enough to figure in Ptolemy's Geography. First established to house Agricola's troops, both foot and horse, in 80 A.D., it was periodically rebuilt and reoccupied until about 200 A.D. At the stone erected by the Edinburgh Borderers Association to mark the camp site, the Melrosian and party are greeted by a figure garbed as a Roman soldier, and he in well chosen words and resounding tones, links distant Rome and present Melrose.

After the Romans came the Cross. From the way down to Leaderfoot with its three bridges, we can see beyond the A68 the wooded headland of Old Melrose, where the names of Chapelknowe, Holywell and Monksford tell us here was the first monastic settlement, founded in 653 by St. Aidan.

## Gattonside

House names of The Orchard, Orchard Neuk and Orchard Cottage are a link with the days when the lay brothers of Melrose cultivated here their south facing orchards. A pleasant ceremony is enacted at the village green when a resident of modern Gattonside in monks' garb invites the Melrosian to partake of cherries, the fruit of the orchard.

Boston House is a reminder of a family for 600 years resident in the village. Its reputed founder Bastoun, a French harpist with Edward's army at Bannockburn to sing the greatness of the expected English victory, found himself a prisoner with the Scots. So well did his celebration of Scotland's triumph please Bruce that he was rewarded with lands in Gattonside.

## Abbotsford

The next point in the morning's pilgrimage is Abbotsford. The warm, personal relationship which Sir Walter Scott established with Melrose and its townsfolk has been continued since then, and each year the citizens pay tribute to the fact that to him, to his first great poem and to his successful efforts to save the Abbey from collapse, Melrose owes the worldwide interest it enjoys.

## Darnick Tower

Darnick Peel Tower, guarded by two stalwart Border Rivers, is the second last ceremonial call for the Melrosian It. is one of the most perfectly preserved specimens of Peel Towers in the Borders, built and until very recently, owned by the Heitons and still used as a residence today. It was built in 1425 and, though destroyed - at least partially - by Hereford in 1545, it was rebuilt in 1569 although it appears to have been sufficiently habitable to provide Mary Queen of Scots with a night's lodgings on her way to Jedburgh in 1566 according to one tradition. Round Darnick Tower the last clan battle of the Borders took place in 1526 between the followers of Angus and Buccleuch, and it is said that James V watched the progress of the fight from the battlements, of the tower. Close to the tower were two others - of one there is now no trace and of the other, three of the original outer walls remain. After a welcome from the new owner, Mrs Julie Chapman - Purchas the Melrosian will receive honey from the roses of the garden and the official party will accept refreshments symbolising the mead of long ago. To the Lord Abbot, soon to play a role at the Abbey, is offered a gift of wax 'to lighten your convent at Melrose'.

## Melrose Abbey

The final ceremony of the morning takes place at the Abbey where over 850 years of ecclesiastical history are recalled. The Abbey of St. Mary is the earliest Cistercian settlement in Scotland. Under Abbot Richard, a colony of monks from Rievaulx in Yorkshire began building and the church was dedicated in 1136, on a site chosen because of its fine water supply and drainage. The monks enjoyed extensive lands, the right of pasture, fishing and timber as far afield as Traquair.

Against this sermon in stone which is the Abbey the last deeds of remembrance and thanksgiving take place. The Melrosian narrates the history and Abbot Richard and monks receive the founding charter from King David (1136).

*"I, David First, King of Scots, confirm by this my charter to you, the Abbey and convent of St. Mary the endowment which I have been pleased to give to found my new church here I have given you the lands of Little Fordel, Darnick, Gattonside, Newstead and Eildon for the glory of God and as a perpetual possession to your order."*

The later part in the Abbey's history involving Robert Bruce is then commemorated by laying of flowers. Robert Bruce's heart was brought to the Abbey and following reburial it now resides in the cloister gardens.

The story of the Abbey will then be briefly brought up to date before the ceremony is concluded by a short service of thanksgiving for the Festival Week.

# TOUR OF CEREMONIES

## THE 23rd PSALM

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green, He leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.

Yea, tho' I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill.  
For Thou art with me and Thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.

My soul He doth restore again,  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
E'en for His own sake.

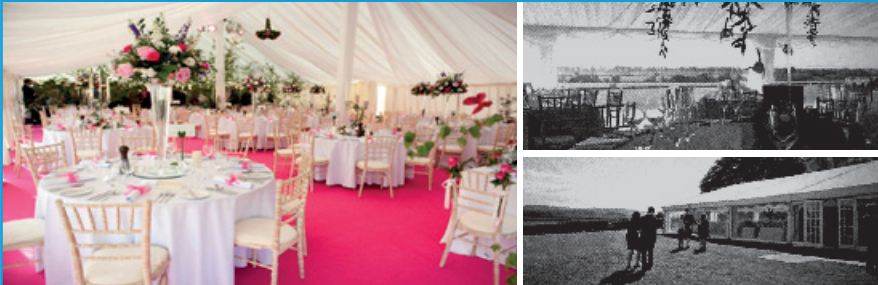
My table Thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes,  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

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Shall surely follow me.  
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1949	Leslie Allan	1989	Cameron Crawford
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1956	George Bunyan	1996	Ian McDermott
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