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September Market

Just a reminder that there will be a **Selkirk Farmers' Market** on **Saturday 7th September**, attended by SBC Councillors, from 09:30-1:00pm in Selkirk Market Place.

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Plattling Visit Best Yet

46 Selkirk Singers, Dancers, Fiddlers Entrance Plattling

The Selkirk visitors to our twin town of Plattling numbered 46, including young Scottish Country dancers, Riddell Fiddles and Selkirk Distillers and were part of an enthusiastic celebration of the town's Nibelungenmarkt, a festival which takes place every four years, captivating young and old with fire shows, fight and dance performances as well as children's activities. Read our **exclusive report** by Rob Duff on Page 12, with photos by Rob Gray.

Also in this issue:

'TaxiBus' service launches

Gala Rig Report, Golf Club Update

'Town Team' /Selkirk & The Valleys - Your Vote Counts

Men Fixing Planters - and more!



New Selkirk RFC Season

Graham Marshall has become the new President of Selkirk Rugby Football Club. Congratulations Graham!
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Above: Outgoing President David Anderson congratulates Graham on his appointment.

Below: Pictured are Selkirk RFC Co-Captains for 2024-25: cousins Aaron and Andrew McColm.



Upholding High Standards at Annual Cup Night



Left:
Standard Bearer
Mathew Stanners signs
the Royal & Ancient
Burgh Ex-Standard
Bearers' Roll of Honour
as Chairman Scott
Tomlinson looks on.

All photos:
Grant Kinghorn



Ex-Standard Bearers Chairman Scott Tomlinson presents the Ex-Standard Bearers' Cup to Craig Monks.



The Primary and Youth Scottish Country Dancing Group, prior to their trip to Plattling in July. See Page 12 for the report.

Yarrow Show 2024, 14 September

The Yarrow & Etrick Pastoral Society 1906 - 2024 presents the 102nd Annual Show at **Carterhaugh, Bowhill, Selkirk, TD75HE** (by kind permission of The Duke of Buccleuch) on Saturday 14th September. Find it at What 3 Words: [///incursion.dwarf.vehicle](https://www.what3words.com/#!/incursion.dwarf.vehicle)

**Admission £10.00 (inc. car parking), Under 16s free & Concessions £5.00
Ringside Car Park £5.00**

You are promised: Beirhope Alpacas / Etrick & Lauderdale Young Farmers / Children's Entertainment & Races / Dog & Pet Classes / Sheep Classes / Show Ponies / Working Hunter Ponies / Show Hunters / Youngstock / Working Hunters / Clydesdales / Mountain and Moorland Cobs / Veteran Horse Showjumping / Baking / Produce / Handicrafts / Field & Garden sticks and more.

Plus: Shopping & Craft Marquee / Facepainting / Arts & Crafts / Catering.

Entries on field on day of show for Sheep Young Handlers / Dogs & Pets.

For more information, go to www.yarrowshow.com

SELKIRK EVENTS IN AUGUST

- 16 Coffee Morning, Parish Church
- 16 Free Nature-Arts Workshop, Mauldsheugh Woods
- 17 Abba Disco Motown Bingo, Victoria Halls
- 23 Free Nature-Arts Workshop, Mauldsheugh Woods
- 24 Shirley Pinder Exhibition, Halliwells House till Oct 31
- 24 Concert, Lilliesleaf Kirk
- 30 Free Nature-Arts Workshop, Mauldsheugh Woods
- 31 Leaf Show, Lilliesleaf



For more details, see www.selkirkcommunitycouncil.co.uk/calendar

Men At Work

Keen-eyed visitors to Selkirk's Market Place on 23rd July would have noticed two workmen from Scottish Borders Council busy repairing one of the Market Place planters (right). Thanks, guys - much appreciated.



Country & Food Festival postponed.

Last year's inaugural Country & Food festival at Philliphaugh was so successful that this year it was due to be extended to 2 days in September. However, the organisers' plans have changed, and the festival has been postponed until 2025, although we are promised that it will return much bigger and bolder than before.



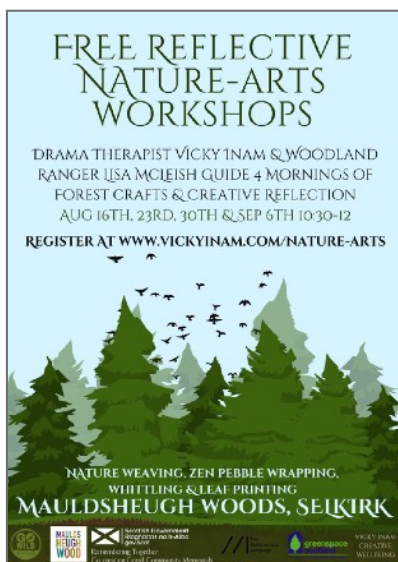
The Caulks Well (below)

Drainage on the Selkirk hill golf course beside the Caulks Well has always been a concern, made worse by this Spring's large amounts of rain. Selkirk Golf Club have addressed this by laying a new path between the St. Boswells road and the 2nd tee. Seen here inspecting the current state of the Caulks Well itself is Keith Riddell of Thomas Riddell and Sons builders, who built the modern version of the well.



SELKIRK EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

- 05 Selkirk & The Valleys Drop-in Sessions, Parish Church Hall
 - 06 Free Nature-Arts Workshop, Mauldsheugh Woods
 - 06 Ladies Lunch, The Woll, Ashkirk
 - 07 Charity Ride
 - 07 Farmers' Market, Market Place
 - 07 Karaoke Disco Night, Selkirk Rugby Club
 - 09 Community Council Meeting, Victoria Halls
 - 14 Quiz Night, Victoria Halls
 - 14 Yarrow Show, Carterhaugh, Bowhill
 - 18 ACE Meeting, Parish Church Hall
 - 20 Quiz & Bingo night, Conservative Club
 - 21 Silver Band Learners' Workshop, Forest Rd Band hall
 - 25 John Keats reading, Scott's Courtroom
- For more details, see www.selkirkcommunitycouncil.co.uk/calendar



Left: Reflective Nature-Arts workshops, Aug-Sept.
 Above: John Keats, 25 Sept.
 Right: Karaoke Disco Night at Philiphaugh, 7 Sept.



Quiz & Bingo Action

Left: The Annual Quiz Night is at the Victoria Halls on Sat 14th Sept.

Right: Brighter Selkirk presents a Quiz and Bingo Night at the Conservative Club on Friday 20th Sept.

Start saving now!



Selkirk & The Valleys - New Ideas Need Your Support



Selkirk & The Valleys is the name for the Placemaking / 'Town Team' planning Community-led ideas for improvements to Selkirk and district, plus the Ettrick & Yarrow valleys. Well-attended public meetings in 2022/2023 involved more than 100 residents to discuss Selkirk's future. Now, the Selkirk & The Valleys group has been formed, and has managed to distil more than 400 comments into 40 ideas under 5 subheadings, including: People & Wellbeing; Tourism; Arts, Culture & Heritage; Natural & Local Built Environment; and Business Development. The group has now launched a series of public consultation initiatives to allow the community to choose their favourites, from those listed on the Community Council website.

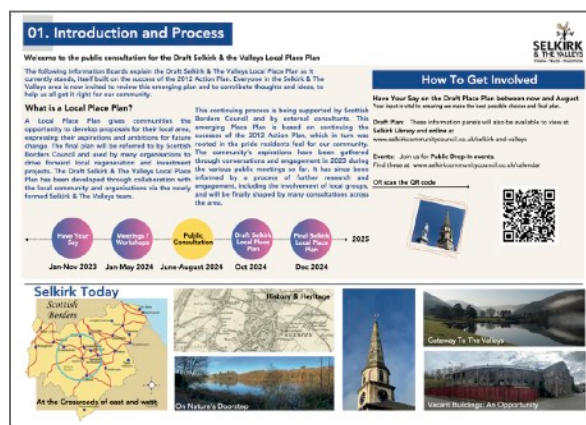
Go to <https://www.selkirkcommunitycouncil.co.uk/plans> to check out the suggestions. The first round of consultation is designed to produce a draft Local Plan in early September, which will then be published for comments, before creating the final version of the Plan in December. There are also ideas from the Selkirk Action Plan, 2012-2015, which can be pursued as well, since many of those have already been endorsed.

Members of the subgroups include representatives from the Selkirk Hill Management group, Live Borders, the South of Scotland Destination Alliance, the Victoria Park Action Group, Selkirk Community Council, the Ettrick & Yarrow Development Company, Thornfield Care Home, Scott's Selkirk, the General Store, and many local organisations, as well as interested residents who attend the monthly public meetings.

Projects these days require funding from various sources, including grants, and it is a given that new projects should be community-led, so this is a chance for everyone in Selkirk and the Ettrick & Yarrow valleys, as well as local towns such as Midlem, Lilliesleaf and Selkirk, to endorse any or every idea – or suggest ones that haven't been yet mentioned.



See the Plans!



Fill in the **Online Survey** at <https://www.selkirkcommunitycouncil.co.uk/survey>

Come to the Public Drop-In Sessions to see the first round of feedback and have your say: **Selkirk Parish Church, Thursday 5th September, 2-8pm.**

All in all, it should be the start of what is planned to be a long period of activity for the benefit of Selkirk and its surrounding areas.

SELKIRK EVENTS IN OCTOBER



- 05 Farmers' Market, Market Place
- 14 Community Council Meeting, Victoria Halls
- 16 ACE Meeting, Parish Church Hall
- 31 Gothic, Ghostly & Gruesome Tales, Scott's Courtroom

For more details, see www.selkirkcommunitycouncil.co.uk/calendar



Take the Survey!



Visit the Pop Up Shop!

DROP IN SESSIONS
Selkirk Parish Church Hall,
Thurs 5th Sept., 2-8pm

03. Draft Vision & Priorities

This Draft Vision has combined all the challenges and opportunities highlighted so far, and lists actions, including in the short, medium and long terms. It aims to cover a wide range of aims, including modern technology, sustainability, communications, but also a broad geographical area.

- People and Wellbeing

Working towards creating a healthy, happy and rewarding place in which to grow up and live.
- Business Development

Boosting the town's businesses, promoting better connections and enabling new business / employment
- Natural & Local Built Environment

Making the most of our environment, through improvement, review & repurposing, where necessary
- Tourism

Highlighting our unique history and geography to increase awareness, both inside and outside Scotland.
- Arts, Culture & Heritage

Creating creative platforms to unite people, through sharing our arts, history and heritage

Are we missing anything?
Do you agree with the Draft Vision and Priorities?

The Draft Vision, Priorities and the Draft Projects set out on the following boards have been developed and shaped from the consultation and engagement process to date. We would like to hear what you think: if you agree or if you think there is anything missing. Your input is vital to ensuring that together, we make the best possible plan. Everyone in Selkirk & The Valleys is invited to review this emerging plan and to contribute thoughts and ideas to help us all get it right.

Bowhill Or Bussed

You may have seen that R&L Taxis of Selkirk have started a **'TaxiBus' on demand scheme** as a way of connecting smaller communities and enabling days out, including to and from **Selkirk, the Waterwheel Café and Bowhill House**.

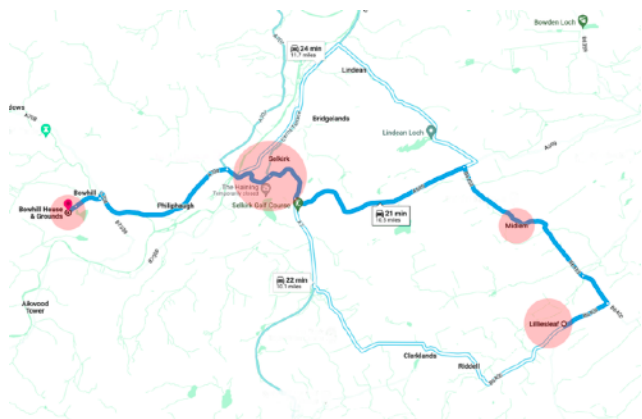
Initially connecting Lilliesleaf, Midlem, Selkirk and Bowhill House, the 'Demand Responsive TaxiBus' is essentially a 'book in advance' small bus, that is responsive to demand. **Book by 4:00pm the day prior on 07950 108927**. Fares: Adult: Single £3, Return £5.40. Child: Single £1.50, Return £2.70. Booking in advance for a week is permitted.

The pilot service will operate until March 31, 2025, it connects with the X-95 service and will operate on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. There is a later journey option to and from Selkirk on Friday and Saturday evenings. Passengers can board anywhere along the route, although will have to confirm with the TaxiBus service operator. Times for the weekday service will allow a trip around Bowhill House, arriving at 10:35am, and departing from Bowhill at 13:10. If you live in Lilliesleaf or Midlem, the Friday and Saturday evening service allows an 18:25 arrival in Selkirk and a departure of 21:55 – long enough to enjoy an evening's company or culture.

A result of UK Government Shared Prosperity funding (£75,000, split between three communities), it should ideally help establish what steps could be taken to provide a local bus network that can better serve the needs of Borders communities. A recent review proposed piloting 'TaxiBuses' in remote rural areas where there are no bus services.

Early feedback has centred on the current schedule but also the possibility of extending the service – perhaps to Yarrowford, Ettrickbridge or the Borders General Hospital. However, route extension will be based on usage so it will be a case of 'use it or lose it'.

In addition, Scottish Borders Council is very keen for all and any feedback. Please email them at: **LBSTransport@scotborders.gov.uk**
For more information, see: **<https://www.facebook.com/Randltaxis>**



SELKIRKSHIRE TAXI BUS SERVICE

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The Selkirkshire Taxi Bus is a new pilot service providing an on-demand transport link to and from Selkirk for the villages of Lilliesleaf and Midlem as well as incorporating Bowhill House and the Waterwheel café.

The new service is being operated by R and L Taxis, in partnership with Bowhill House and Scottish Borders Council, and is now available to use.

The new service will operate until 31st March 2025 and will be used to identify any future demand for bus services in the area.

Operating details

The TaxiBus will operate Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday with the option of a later journey to and from Selkirk on Fridays and Saturday evenings.

The TaxiBus has been timed to arrive at Selkirk to connect with the X95 for onward travel and can be booked to travel to Bowhill House from anywhere along the route.

How to Book a Journey

The Selkirkshire Taxi Bus can be booked by calling **07950 108927** before 16:00 (4pm) on the day before travel. As the service is "on demand" it will only operate when it has been booked in advance.

Passengers can board anywhere along the route when the service is operating however will need to contact the operator to confirm.

Fares

The Service will operate with flat fares and will accept Under 22 and Over 60 Concessionary card holders as well as cash and contactless payment transactions.

- Adult Single £3
- Adult Return £5.40
- Child Single £1.50
- Child Return £2.70

For concessionary card applications please see: Apply, renew or replace bus pass | Free bus travel and Young Scot cards | Scottish Borders Council (scotborders.gov.uk)

More Information

For more information about the service please visit our website by using the below QR code or weblink.

www.scotborders.gov.uk/selkirkshiretaxibus

Daytime (Mon/Wed/Fri/Sat)		Evenings (Fri/Sat only)	
Lilliesleaf	10:05	Lilliesleaf	18:00
Midlem	10:15	Midlem	18:10
Selkirk Market Place	10:25	Selkirk Market Place	18:25
Bowhill	10:35		
		Selkirk Market Place	21:30
Bowhill	13:10	Midlem	21:45
Selkirk Market Place	13:20	Lilliesleaf	21:55
Midlem	13:25		
Lilliesleaf	13:45		

* Prebook by 4pm the day prior to travel

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General Store joins Royal Tea

The King and Queen, along with the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, welcomed around 8,000 Scots on July 2nd for the annual Royal Garden Party at Holyrood Palace. The Royal website says: "Guests at the Garden Party represent all walks of life and have all made a positive impact in their community." None more so than 3 representatives of Selkirk's General Store: Sue Briggs, Denis Roberts and Dorothy 'Dot' Torrance, who report that they had a marvellous time. They were nominated by the Duke of Buccleuch, who has always been a strong supporter of the General Store.



On the day, the group first enjoyed a slap-up lunch at Edinburgh's Cafe Royal, but left just enough space for the cucumber sandwiches and cakes at the Garden Party. Unlike the King's 2023 visit to Selkirk, no actual Royal hands were shaken, although Prince Edward was spotted in the distance, sporting a "very tall top hat". Chin chin!

Left: (L. to R.) Denis Roberts, Sue Briggs and Dorothy 'Dot' Torrance prepare for a grand day out. Right: Denis and Dot enjoy a royal cup



Fair Play

Volunteer Fair, 4th May.

A common cry from many of the approx. 76 Selkirk local groups is that they are short of volunteers. The Community Council addressed this by staging the first 'Volunteer Fair' on May 4th, in the afternoon following the regular Farmers' Market in the Market Place. Using the same marquees as the Farmers' Market, 18 Selkirk-based groups as well as 2 cross-Borders organisations were able to lay out their wares with some success – many groups reported increased interest and volunteer sign-ups.

Ed Strang Steel hosted as DJ and the Selkirk Silver Band performed. Many thanks to the Selkirk Chamber of Trade for allowing the Market extension, as well as Sheila Lockie for the loan of bunting. Participating groups included: COPS, Selkirk Guides, The Haining, The Kirk O' The Forest Group, Mauldsheugh Wood / Go Wild Scotland, Rowlands, Scott's Selkirk, Selkirk Community Council/SBC Councillors, Selkirk & the Valleys, Selkirk Court Tea Room, Selkirk Community Football Club, Selkirk Community Shed, Selkirk Parish Church, Selkirk Rotary Club, Selkirk Trishaw (CWAS), Stable Life and Sustainable Selkirk, as well as Borders Food Train and MS Borders.

A short film about the Volunteer Fair can be seen here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oqG2NOrhPIY>

And a short film about both the Farmers' Market and the Volunteer Fair can be seen here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kMgOYbT28Ew>



4 MAY 1:30-3:30PM

- Right after the Farmers' Market • DJ Ed Strang Steel
- Presentations from Selkirk Community groups
- Learn about volunteering • Get involved
- More details at www.selkirkcommunitycouncil.co.uk
- Selkirk Silver Band performance

Selkirk Community Council logo and Selkirk Farmers Market logo.

Coming Up Art

Alma Dowle Exhibition at Halliwell's House until 17th August

In the Robson Gallery, the In My Element exhibition features local artist Alma Dowle, taking inspiration from nature, showcasing a series of landscapes and still life using watercolours, inks and fine pen. She also has a selection of ceramics, as well as handmade pottery hens, owls and much more.

The exhibition runs until Saturday 17 August 2024. Opening Hours are Tuesday to Saturday, 11:00-16:00

Creative Life Exhibition by Shirley Pinder August 24 to October 31

At Halliwell's House from August 24 to October 31, Shirley Pinder presents an exhibition of paintings, collages and drawings, inspired by the love of the sea, landscape and nature. The exhibition also presents a love of flowers, expressed in more detail alongside landscapes which lean towards abstraction and minimalism, using textures of charcoal and media. Inspiration is found in the landscape seen on travels, the countryside and flowers around her home and the wildness of Mull.

The exhibition runs from Saturday 24 August until Saturday 31 October 2024. Opening Hours are Tuesday to Saturday, 11:00-16:00



Shirley Pinder at Halliwell's House



Loch of the Lowes by Bill Galbraith at Burnside Gallery

Burnside Gallery Summer exhibition July 03 - September 28 2024

Selkirk's Burnside gallery in the Market Place is running their Summer exhibition until September 28. It features sunny West coast beaches, wild grasses and flowers, and views of the Yarrow river.

This group exhibition draws together local and national artists, including John Berry, Garet Cousins, Bill Galbraith, Kate Hajducka, Sylvia Quinn Home, James Hutcheson, Jules Jackson, Val Menon, Carol Ritchie, Alan Richmond and Emma Whigham.

Scott's Courtroom

Rantin' Rovin' Romantics Events at Scott's Courtroom.

A series of exhibitions and event programmes have been organised in 2024 to mark the 200th anniversary of the publication of James Hogg's novel *The Private Memoirs and Confessions of a Justified Sinner*. Described as "Relaxed, accessible and informative", Rantin' Rovin' Romantics is a new monthly series of readings of extracts from the literature of Scott, Hogg and their contemporaries. Incorporating collections-focused discussions, these events have been taking since at Sir Walter Scott's Courtroom since May; the last one is on 31 October. The Courtroom also has a special exhibition about James Hogg to mark the anniversary of the publication of his seminal novel.

Event info and dates:

John Keats: Season of Mists and Mellow Fruitfulness: Wed 25th September, 19:00 – 20:00

Gothic, Ghostly & Gruesome Tales: Thursday 31st October, 19:00 – 20:00

Seated talks/events have limited places and entry is by donation.

Please book via Sir Walter Scott's Courtroom: Telephone – 01750 720761.

**Picture Quiz
Answer**
Capperleuch, off
the A708

Local Heroes



Cameron's Bakers, at 40 the High Street, is a Selkirk tradition, stretching over 70 years - long enough to be part of most folk's memories. Current owner Stuart Young has a long association with the bakery, having apprenticed there, before continuing his career elsewhere, only to return to Selkirk and buy the business in 2022. Under Stuart, Camerons has continued to supply all the traditional Scottish fare, such as morning rolls, pies, filled rolls and pastries, but they have also started to create brand new offerings, such as the seasonal 'Souter Tart', featuring ingredients in the town's colours of red and blue. Launched for the King's coronation in 2023, the Souter Tart features only local ingredients, and those that can be obtained from within 10 miles. Stuart has also started a custom bakery service for items like freshly baked loaves, which can be produced on demand.

Now the only baker to produce the Selkirk Bannock in the town of its origin, Camerons bake between 250 and 300 Selkirk Bannocks a week; around 15,000 a year. The bannocks are delivered all across the Scottish Borders as well as to Selkirk Distillers, as the essential ingredient to their Selkirk Bannock Gin. The proof of Cameron's consistent quality can be seen in their window, where their awards are displayed, including 'Best Bakery' and 'Best Independent Bakery' in the 2023 Scotland's Business Awards. Long may their rolls rise!

Their Facebook page is at <https://www.facebook.com/p/Camerons-Bakery-100087445896681/>



Continuing our series focusing on local businesses, we can now turn the spotlight onto the **Jazrose Coffee House**, at 8 West Port. Since May 2009, Teresa and Chris have been offering a range of items for the hungry and thirsty resident, specializing in coffee, baking, and home-made specials. Teresa and Chris commute from Berwickshire daily, in order to keep Jazrose open from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM, Tuesday to Saturday. As well as offering an impressive line in ice cream sundaes throughout the summertime, the Jazrose also highlights assorted local handmade crafts, as well as offering space for items sold for charity.

If you are wondering about what a 'Jazrose' is, the café is named after granddaughters Jasmine and Rosie, who are bound to be proud of having a cafe named after them. Teresa and Chris go out of their way to welcome local residents, to whom they are indebted for 15 years of support. Let's hope we are able to enjoy the Jazrose for many more years to come.



Selkirk Visit to Plattling 17 – 22 July by Rob Duff



Peter Lochmahr from the Twinning Committee and Gunter Dietl waving the flags for Scotland
Photo: Rob Gray

After a hiatus of five years, principally as a consequence of Covid, Selkirk's Plattling Twinning Group were happy to at last organise and undertake another visit to their twin town in Bavaria in July 2024.

In fact, it was a trip unlike any other in the 26 years of our twinning partnership. We took over a group of 46 people, the great majority of whom had never been to Plattling before. Significantly, we weren't only visiting our twin town, we had actually been invited to participate actively in Plattling's Nibelungenmarkt. To explain, the Nibelungenmarkt is based on a medieval German legend, and from 18th to 21st July, the centre of town was transformed into a large medieval market, with a main stage for musicians, singers, dancers and jugglers. The Nibelungenmarkt is a festival for the whole family and captivates young and old with fire shows, fight and dance performances as well as children's activities. In addition, there are various medieval camps set up by Plattling clubs to provide food and drink for visitors.

Our Selkirk group consisted of Riddell Fiddles, our young Scottish Country Dancers accompanied by parents and instructors, Allan Walker of Selkirk Distillers and various individual visitors. From the moment we arrived, we were struck by the warmth of welcome we received and how we were all made to feel included in the festival. In fact, on the first evening, after the Nibelungenmarkt had been officially opened by Hans Schmalhofer, Plattling's Mayor, the first performers on the main stage were none other than Riddell Fiddles followed by our Scottish Country Dancers. Yes, they were on the official programme and they appeared again on the main stage on Saturday night before a big crowd of very appreciative onlookers, who joined in with the dancing too. We also all took part in the opening procession on Thursday evening and the final historical procession following a different route on Sunday afternoon where we experienced a fantastic atmosphere with the streets lined with exuberant onlookers.

In addition to the Nibelungenmarkt, our programme included a guided tour of Plattling, and we were allowed access to their very impressive open air swimming pool at any time during our stay at no cost. Our Scottish Country Dance group enjoyed a fun dance session with Plattling's "Heartbeat" Dance School as well as a visit to a theme park the next day. The Mayor invited us all, as honorary guests, to join him and other dignitaries for dinner on Friday evening at one of the medieval camps. We also enjoyed a guided tour of Munich before heading for the airport for our return home.

Finally, I think that one of our musicians, in Plattling for the first time, summarises very well the experience we are all so lucky to have shared: "For my part, I had an absolute ball and really enjoyed the whole event and atmosphere. We were made so welcome by the officials and locals, and much effort and thought had been made to make the visit as interesting and as enjoyable as possible."

If anyone is interested in more information on our town twinning visits/events, please contact Rob Duff on robduff55@gmail.com

Thanks to Rob Duff for his report and Rob Gray for the photos



Plattling In Pictures

Photos by Rob Gray



Tänzer, Fiddlers, Fahnenträger

46 Schotten wirken am Nibelungenmarkt mit – und erleben „unvergessliche“ Zeit



Nutzen für ein Erinnerungsfoto die Bühne: die schottischen Gäste und die Tänzerinnen rund um Heidi Koschollek. – Foto: Lochmar

Von Franz Josef Bauer und Christoph Häusler

Plattling. Nicht nur Kriemhild, Siegfried und Bischof Pilgrim haben vergangene Woche Pedelinger hochleben lassen, auch Reisende aus ferneren Gefilden besuchten wieder den Nibelungenmarkt. Mit Kilt, Skirt und Fidel machten sich 46 Selkirker auf den Weg und brachten – erstmals seit fünf Jahren – den schottischen „Coorie“ zurück an die Isar. „Nach der langen Pause wieder kommen zu können, war einfach wunderbar“, sagt Rob Duff vom Partnerschaftsausschuss Selkirk-Plattling, der sich für die Delegation aus der Plattlinger Partnerstadt ein breites Programm ausgedacht hatte.

Nach der Ankunft am Mittwoch, 17. Juli, ging's am Donnerstag gleich los mit dem Kulturangebot. Noch vor dem eigentlichen Markt-

reiben sahen sich die Schotten bei einer Rundfahrt die Nibelungenstadt an und übten im Anschluss bei der Tanzschule „Heartbeat“ die traditionellen Tanzschritte ein. In Tartan-Tracht marschierten sie beim Einzug mit, winkten und jubilierten der mittelalterligeren Menge zu und traten in zwei Fraktionen am Abend auf der Marktbühne auf. Die „Riddell Fiddlers“ strichen gekonnt die Saiten, während die „Young Dancers“ das Tanzbein schwingen. Ein ereignisreicher Tag, dem der Freitag allerdings in nichts nachstand. Schließlich durfte die eine Hälfte der „Men of the Scottish Borders“ beim Geister-, Wildwasser- und Achterbahnfahren die eigene Adrenalingrenze ausloten. Die Verbliebenen verlebten eine ruhigere, doch nicht minder spannende Zeit beim „Huber Schuster“, bevor sich beide Grup-

pen vereint erneut ins Markteschehen stürzten. Am Samstag stand wieder ein Marktbühnenauftakt auf dem Plan. Ganz Plattling feierte die fremd-vertrauten Geigenklänge der „Fiddlers“ sowie die wohl-durchdachte Choreographie der Jungschotten, die auch am Sonntag Eindruck machten. Zum Abschluss des Nibelungenmarktes wirkten die Selkirker nämlich beim Festzug mit und schwenkten stolz ihre Landesflaggen – die weiß-blaue mit dem Andreaskreuz und den gelben „Lion Rampant“, den das Wappen der schottischen Könige ziert. Die schottischen Hoheitszeichen mischten sich munter unter die Pedelinger Standarten – für Duff ein „echtes Privileg“. „Das war schon eine Ehre, aktiv an den Veranstaltungen des Nibelungenmarktes teilnehmen zu dürfen“, sagt Duff. Die Zusammenarbeit

mit der Stadt sei „großartig“ verlaufen, Bürgermeister Hans Schmalhofer habe sich „trotz vollen Terminkalenders“ die Zeit genommen, die schottische Abordnung willkommen zu heißen. Duff dankt auch seinem Plattlinger Pendant Peter Lechmair, dem Vorsitzenden des Fördervereins Städtepartnerschaft Selkirk-Plattling (STEPS), sowie Kulturstadtleiterin Kathrin Tost „für das abwechslungsreiche, interessante und unterhaltsame Programm, das sie gemeinsam für uns organisiert haben“. Den Schlusspunkt setzte die Heimreise am Montag. Nach einem kurzen Frühstück eilte die Gruppe zum Flughafen nach München und von dort mit dem Flieger zurück nach Edinburgh. Was vom Ausflug ins mittelalterliche Plattling bleibt? Duff meint eine „unvergessliche Zeit“ mit „fantastischen Erinnerungen“.



‘Wizard’ Davey Scott in the local press

‘Dancers, Fiddlers, Flag bearers’



Thanks to Rob Duff and Sheila Sapkota for the press cuttings



Gala Rig Racing Report by Grant Kinghorn



Morgan Raine wins on Handsome Harry in the last race of the afternoon, her second win of the day



Big Innes with members of Still Game Racing after winning the Mile

Saturday, August 10th, saw the annual Selkirk Flapping Association August Race Meeting take place on the Gala Rig just outside Selkirk. On a sunny but breezy afternoon, a good crowd turned out for the afternoon's racing.

The first race of the afternoon was the Three Brethren Handicap over 7 Furlongs. The winner in a close finish saw Morgan Raine guide "Titan" home for J & B Racing for her first winner of the afternoon. In the second race of the afternoon, Jamie Gormley came out on top on "Tap on the Bar" in the Ettrick Forest Handicap over 1 and a half miles for St Leonard's Racing.

The Selkirk Flapping Association Mile was won by "Big Innes" for Still game Racing with Sean Huggan on board. This was Big Innes' fifth win of the summer. The final race of the afternoon saw another win for Morgan Raine on "Hoofhearted" for the Wan't Me Syndicate in the South Common Stakes over 6 Furlongs. A massive thanks must go to all the sponsors and spectators who helped make the afternoon such a success. Following the afternoon's racing, Bojangles Disco and Live music from Heyzues kept racegoers entertained into the night.

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Horses make their way round the top bend in the Mile and a half



Morgan Raine wins on Titan in the first race of the afternoon



Big Innes won the mile with Sean Huggan on board, Big Innes' fifth win of the season

Selkirk Golf Club Update by Alan McGhee

Under the enthusiastic stewardship of captain Nod Purves and his wife Carol, the club secretary, Selkirk is enjoying a lively season. Competitions have been well supported as have all the social events. The Club Champion is Michael McVie, who beat his brother Paul in a fine final. The "B" Champion is Liam Cassidy and the "C" Champion is Andrew Webster. The Lady's Champion is Diane Cassidy, who beat Ros Roxburgh in the final. Riley Lightfoot beat Joel Campbell in the Junior Championship. Other competition winners have included young up-and-coming golfers such as Jordan Reid, Joel Campbell and Kai Oliver, while older players winning this season include Tug Wilson, Nod Purves and Bill Walton. The club would be delighted to welcome new members and visitors, who are sure to enjoy a round on The Hill.



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Left: A Class Runner Up Paul McVie and Winner Michael McVie

Right: Junior Champion Riley Lightfoot, who beat Joel Campbell in the final



Ladies Champion Diane Cassidy and Runner up Ros Roxburgh



C Class winner Andrew Webster with Runner up Neil Purves



B Class Runner up Graeme Bell and Winner Liam Cassidy

Happenings 10 Years' Time Ago



In a photo from ten years ago, Selkirk Scouts are pictured at Selkirk High School. They were just about to head off to Guernsey in the Channel Islands, a tradition that has been going on every two years since the early 1970's. Indeed, the Scout campsite on the island has a field called the Selkirk Field to mark the many years the Scouts have visited. Photo courtesy of the Grant Kinghorn archives.

Picture Quiz

Use your skills and think where this might be.



Answer on Page 10.

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