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Master, Selkirk Merchant Company

Annual General Meeting
Selkirk Rugby Club - Friday 4th March, 2005

Pictured at the 2005 AGM are (Left Back Row) George Thomson, Hon Secretary; Iain Burke; Provost Chambers, Billie; David Peiles, Langholm and Ewan Renauld, Hon. Treasurer (Front Row) Bobby Murray, Selkirk Merchant Company Standard Bearer 2005; Master Ian Inglis and Ex-Master Jim Marshall.

BOBBY MURRAY
Selkirk Merchant Company Standard Bearer 2005

Bobby Murray, Mavis Bank, Selkirk was appointed Selkirk Merchant Company Standard Bearer for the year 2005 at the Company’s Annual General Meeting held in Selkirk Rugby Club’s Philpburgh Suite on Friday 4th March, 2005.

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Following the Annual General Meeting the Company held its Annual Dinner in the Philpburgh Suite with new Company Master, Ian Inglis in the chair.
Jim Newlands was presented with the James Oliver Memorial Trophy as the Selkirk Merchant Company Personality for the year 2004 at an evening reception held in Selkirk Town Hall on Thursday 6th December 2004.

Master, Jim Marshall praised the worthy recipient and outlined the extent of community service that Jim has given to the town over many years. Much time and effort has been devoted to numerous organisations in the Royal Burgh.

The James Oliver Memorial Trophy was presented to Jim Newlands by the Master Jim Marshall and Merchant Company Standard Bearer for 2004, Ron Robertson handed over a framed Certificate.

Selkirk Merchant Company Annual Bussin',
Philliphaugh Suite, Selkirk - Tuesday 14th June 2005

Selkirk Merchant Company held its Annual Colour Bussin' in the Philliphaugh Suite, Selkirk Rugby Club, Philliphaugh, Selkirk on Tuesday 14th June 2005.

Left: Susan Thomson, George Thomson, Honorary Secretary; Bobby Murray, Selkirk Merchants Company Standard Bearer; Scott Tommason, Royal Burgh Standard Bearer; Shona & Selkirk Merchants Company Master Ian Inglis; Rennie & Jim Newlands; Toast "Selkirk Merchant Company & the Royal and Ancient Burgh"; Laura & Honorary Provost Chalmers Stillie; Paddy & Iain Burke; Toast "The Standard Bearer"; Mandy Murray, Lady Bussier; Ewan Rintoul, Honorary Treasurer.

Selkirk Merchant Company - Office Bearers

- Master: Ian Inglis
- Past Master: James Marshall
- Company Officer: Neil Burryan
- Honorary Secretary: George Thomson
- Assistant Hon. Secretary: Trevor Timms
- Secretary: Ewan Rintoul
- Honorary Treasurer: Iain Burke
- Committee Members: David Mitchell, Ewan MacDougall, Johnnie Thomson
- Rep. To Common Riding Trust:
Selkirk Common Riding

Selkirk Common Riding morning saw the Merchant Company Members assembled in fine fettle at the County Hotel to await the ‘Second Drum’. Standard Bearer Bobby Murray was ably supported by many Members who took their traditional position in procession to march “Doon the Green”. Master Ian Inglis led the Company Members to the River Ettrick to see the riders ford the river on their way to the Lingle before returning to the Market Place. The Company reassembled at 9 o’clock to march to the Toll for the return of the Burley. After the safe arrival of the Royal Burgh Standard Bearer and the mounted cavalcade, the Company again supported their Standard Bearer in good numbers for the procession to the Market Place.

The Casting of the Colours was, as always, an important and emotional part of Selkirk Common Riding when the Crafts and Association Standard Bearers followed Scott Tomlinson, Royal Burgh Standard Bearer to ‘cast’ their banners and thus re-enact Fletcher’s return from defeat at Flodden.

The vast crowds watched each Standard Bearer as they cast their respective flags to the traditional high standard. Bobby Murray, Selkirk Merchant Company Standard Bearer was quite exceptional in the dignified manner in which he carried out his duties on the Common Riding morning. He ‘cast’ the Company banner with great skill and pride, following the high standards set by previous Company Standard Bearers. After the ceremonies were finished Members of the Company and partners met for an informal gathering at “Shoeworld”.

The great day for the Company Master and Standard Bearer, with Shadels and Mandys, concluded with them attending the Provost’s reception in Selkirk Town Hall and then the Common Riding Ball in the Victoria Hall.

Bobby Murray casting the Company Flag

Selkirk High School Prizegiving

Master Ian Inglis presented the Dux Medals at the Prize giving at Selkirk High School, Wednesday 29th June 2005

Selkirk Merchant Company

Annual Grants to Schools and Selkirk Common Riding

The Merchant Company continues with its financial support of Selkirk educational establishments and with Selkirk Common Riding. Here, Master Ian Inglis presents Selkirk Frail, Silver and Pipe bands with their grant cheques at Show Sunday in Selkirk Market Place - Sunday 12th June 2005

Selkirk Merchant Company Annual Trip

Edinburgh, Thursday 1st September 2005

Master Ian Inglis, Jeremy Pjirtie, MSP and George Thomson, Honorary Secretary photographed as the Debating Chamber at the Scottish Parliament during the Merchant Company Annual Trip to Edinburgh on Thursday 1st September 2005
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