

Appendix D: List of Cornets

Note that some of the earlier recorded spellings have been changed to their modern counterparts, and that this compilation has been slightly amended compared with the list published annually, for example some more complete names and additional occupations have been added.

Year	Cornet	Occupation/Residence/Nickname
1703	James Scott	called 'Laird'
1704	Name unknown	
1705	James Scott	called 'of West Port', merchant
1706	Bailies Hardie and Brown	because Thomas Hardie refused
1707	George Deans	merchant
1708	Name unknown	
1709	George Wight	
1710	William Gardener	merchant
1711	John Robson	merchant
1712	George Renwick	flesher
1713	James Purcell	wright
1714	William Gladstones	
1715	John Stevenson	weaver
1716	Name unknown	
1717	George Oliver	shoemaker
1718	Thomas Trumble	merchant
1719	Andrew Turnbull	merchant
1720	George Scott	wright
1721	Robert Howieson	merchant
1722	Robert Scott	of Falnash, merchant
1723	Name unknown	
1724	Andrew Scott	'Black Andrew'
1725	William Renwick	flesher
1726	James Dickson	merchant
1727	James Oliver	shoemaker
1728	Thomas Elliot	skinner
1729	Robert Boyd	
1730	Gideon Ruecastle	
1731	William Richardson	cooper
1732	Name unknown	
1733	Thomas Scott	shoemaker
1734	Robert Deans	flesher
1735	William Turnbull	wright
1736	John Currie	skinner
1737	John Kedie	baker
1738	Andrew Turnbull, junior	mason
1739	James Wintrup	wright
1740	George Gardener	shoemaker
1741	Charles Tudhope	shoemaker
1742	Walter Purdom	
1743	John Aitchison	
1744	Francis Gladstones	
1745	Robert Oliver	shoemaker

Year	Cornet	Occupation
1746	A. Richardson	shoemaker
1747	John Wilkie	tailor
1748	William Nichol	tobacconist
1749	William Tait	gardener
1750	Charles Stitt	merchant
1751	William Kerr	merchant
1752	William Oliver	shoemaker
1753	Thomas Turnbull, Esquire	Fenwick
1754	Francis Aitken	
1755	John Elliot	tanner
1756	William Scott	baker
1757	John Robson	tailor
1758	William Oliver	merchant
1759	John Simpson	weaver
1760	G. Halliburton	wheelwright
1761	Walter Purdom	Bailie
1762	John Turnbull	'Garlic Jock'
1763	William Scott	tobacconist
1764	James Oliver	Bailie
1765	Walter Scott	'Black Wat'
1766	Thomas Kedic	baker
1767	John Wilson	Deanfoot
1768	William Oliver	Kirkwynd
1769	William Scott	meal dealer
1770	G. Turnbull	West Port
1771	Archibald Paterson	cadger
1772	James Dryden	smith
1773	Walter Irvine	merchant
1774	William Rodger	wright
1775	Robert Oliver	shoemaker
1776	James Turnbull	clockmaker
1777	James Richardson	wool merchant
1778	W. Robertson	carpet manufacturer
1779	James Ekron	'The Blast'
1780	William Burnet	shoemaker
1781	James Wilson	watchmaker
1782	Douglas Rodger	wright
1783	W. Turnbull, Esquire	Fenwick
1784	James Oliver	baker
1785	John Wilson	tobacconist
1786	William Wilson	hosier
1787	James Oliver	tanner
1788	William Scott	merchant
1789	Francis Scott	tobacconist
1790	Phillip Elliot	saddler
1790	George Wilson	currier
1791	James Simpson	tobacconist
1792	Walter Ingles	candlemaker
1793	William Renwick	flesher
1794	Archibald Dickson	merchant
1795	George Turnbull	merchant

Year	Cornet	Occupation
1796	John Turnbull	Cross Keys
1797	Alexander Purdom	shoemaker
1798	John Tudhope	saddler
1799	Robert Wilson	shoemaker
1800	Andrew Wilson	flesher
1801	William Geddes	flesher
1802	George Wilson	currier
1803	Robert Purdom	farmer
1804	Walter Hope	merchant
1805	David Laing	hosier
1806	John Scott	hosier
1807	Henry Halliburton	
1808	William Beck	hosier
1809	John Kyle	merchant
1809	John Tully	mason
1810	James Scott	farmer
1811	George Brown	Tower Inn
1812	John Wilson	candlemaker
1813	William Nixon	hosier
1814	Walter Wilson	baker
1815	James Henderson	carrier
1816	Robert Renwick	surgeon
1817	Andrew Dickson	of Housebyres, nurseryman
1818	Andrew Miller	tobacconist
1819	John Waldie	merchant
1820	Walter Wilson	cabinetmaker
1821	Francis Paisley	joiner and cabinetmaker
1822	John Goodfellow	merchant
1823	Robert Paterson	baker
1824	George Oliver	writer
1825	John E. Park	grocer
1826	William Scott	smith
1827	William Inglis	merchant
1828	Douglas Stewart	merchant
1829	William Turnbull	merchant
1830	Oliver Hardie	farmer
1831	W. Thomson	manufacturer
1832	William Scott	tobacconist
1833	James Miller	tobacconist
1834	Robert Beck	flesher
1835	William Turnbull	hosier
1836	Thomas Kedia	baker
1837	Robert Blaikie	saddler
1838	William Laidlaw	hosier
1839	Robert Andison	mason
1840	Charles Smith	grocer

Year	Cornet	Occupation
1841	George Turnbull	merchant
1842	John Fraser	merchant
1843	George Hobkirk	baker
1844	James Stewart	Tower Inn
1845	Francis Kyle	farmer
1846	James Smith	painter
1847	Thomas Hay	millwright
1848	John Thorburn	farmer
1849	Andrew Best	carrier
1850	John Turnbull	baker
1851	John S. Elliot	joiner
1852	Robert Laidlaw	mason
1853	John Scott	foreman
1854	George Brown	grocer
1855	John Elliot	bank clerk
1856	Adam Knox	flesher, Wilton
1857	Andrew Leyden	coal agent
1858	John Inglis	carrier
1859	Walter Scott	millwright
1860	John Scott	clerk
1861	John Ferguson	waiter, Railway Hotel
1862	James Richardson	mason
1863	Adam Hart	carter
1864	Thomas Hislop	baker
1865	David Scott	mason
1866	George Oliver	Crown Inn
1867	Alexander Paisley	grocer
1868	William Inglis	draper
1869	Andrew Burns	woolorter
1870	David L. Shiel	cabinetmaker, Loan
1871	William Guild	mason
1872	Alexander Kyle	cropper
1873	William Stoddart	woolorter
1874	G. Barclay	warehouseman
1875	John Thomson	mason
1876	Robert Emond	flesher
1877	John Campbell	baker
1878	James A. Henderson	grocer
1879	George Cavers	gamedealer
1880	Robert Amos	flesher
1881	John Smith	plumber, Loan
1882	Henry Learmonth	powerloom tuner
1883	James Oliver	powerloom tuner
1884	James Stewart	slater
1885	John Kyle	farmer
1886	Walter Scott Irvine	framesmith
1887	Thomas Scott	commercial traveller, Howegate
1888	Archibald H. Drummond	corn merchant
1889	W.M. Taylor	wood merchant
1890	J.E.D. Murray	photographer

Year	Cornet	Occupation
1891	Andrew Haddon	solicitor
1892	William Innes	hosiery manufacturer
1893	William P. Scott	hosiery manufacturer
1894	W.R. Wilson	tweed manufacturer
1895	W. Thomas Grieve	plumber
1896	Robert Mair	M.B., C.M.
1897	Francis Park	spirit merchant
1898	Robert Anderson	manufacturer
1899	Peter H. Robertson	grocer
1900	Thomas D. Darling	manufacturer
1901	James Sutherland	spirit merchant
1902	William N. Graham	plumber
1903	Walter E. Scott	farmer, Pilmuir
1904	George Scott	hosiery manufacturer
1905	William E. Kyle	joiner
1906	James W.S. Robertson	spirit merchant
1907	Thomas Jardine	warehouseman
1908	James Glendinning	law clerk
1909	Thomas Scott, junior	electrician
1910	A. Douglas Haddon	solicitor
1911	W.L. Thorburn	hosiery manufacturer
1912	John D. Bonsor	hosiery manufacturer
1913	Robert Elder	joiner
1914	George Wilson	printer
1915–18	No Cornets elected	First World War
1919	Thomas G. Winning	solicitor
1920	Robert E. Tait	farmer
1921	J.C.G. Landles	frameworker
1922	Francis A. Henderson	grocer
1923	John Rae	plumber
1924	James Renwick, junior	hosiery manufacturer
1925	G. Douglas Scott	hosiery manufacturer
1926	Thomas P. Alison	architect
1927	James E. Glenny	tweed manufacturer
1928	Ian C. Mactaggart	wool merchant
1929	R.A.V. Grieve	hosiery manufacturer
1930	William A. Mactaggart	hosiery manufacturer
1931	A. Riddell Innes	hosiery manufacturer
1932	George Wilson, junior	wool merchant
1933	James E. Graham	dyer
1934	George B. Hall	commercial traveller
1935	William Brydon	joiner
1936	James H. Haig	painter
1937	W. Lockie Thorburn	farmer
1938	John P. Martin	baker
1939	Daniel Nuttal	plumber
1940–45	No Cornets elected	Second World War

Year	Cornet	Occupation
1946	Charles Bell	motor engineer
1947	Robert V. Scott	butcher
1948	Charles N. Whillans	joiner
1949	William B. Cavers	farmer
1950	Thomas E. Crosby	spirit merchant
1951	George S. Aitken	engineer
1952	John Wright	woollen carder
1953	James Turnbull	engineer
1954	W. Bruce Mactaggart	hosiery manufacturer
1955	Thomas Thompson	decorator
1956	Robert B. Fraser	joiner
1957	McDonald H. Lunn	butcher
1958	Joseph T. Nuttal	warehouseman
1959	Norman N. Murray	plumber
1960	Jared Huggan	frameworker
1961	Norman Dickey	warehouseman
1962	Brian Patterson	warehouseman
1963	John A. Hope	warehouseman
1964	Robert B. Brydon	joiner
1965	Robert Pringle	butcher
1966	Carswell A. S. Imrie	clerk
1967	George M. Peden	cost accountant
1968	John Elliot Hutton	butcher
1969	Bruce G. Wilson	textile agent
1970	Ronald K. Gibson	clerk
1971	Andrew W. Martin	baker
1972	A. Philip Murray	farmer
1973	George B. Turnbull	designer
1974	Raymond Knox	draughtsman
1975	Charles W. McCrerie	frameworker
1976	Haig L. Hinton	frameworker
1977	James Robertson	electrician
1978	Derek J. Inglis	joiner
1979	David Brown	mill worker
1980	Bruce T. Campbell	printer
1981	David Blacklock	upholsterer
1982	Thomas Smith	farmer
1983	John G. Hogg	hosiery worker
1984	Ian Nichol	glazier
1985	Ian D. Whillans	knitwear retailer
1986	David Nuttal	knitwear manufacturer
1987	J. Elliott Turnbull	knitwear clerk
1988	Stuart W. Farish	store man
1989	John Henry Douglas	farmer
1990	Colin Murray	plumber
1991	Gary Scott	power knitter
1992	Craig P. Niblo	stable lad
1993	Rory O. Culton	insurance agent
1994	Robert Pringle, junior	butcher
1995	Lee James Matthews	frameworker

Year	Cornet	Occupation
1996	Alan A. Wear	joiner
1997	Stuart J. Irvine	knit clerk
1998	Richard Walker	engineer
1999	George W. Young	farmer
2000	Bruce O. Richardson	ground work specialist
2001	No Cornet elected	Foot and Mouth
2002	Steven A. Anderson	sheet metal worker
2003	Greg McLeod	electrician
2004	Craig R. Rodgerson	plumber
2005	Jamie Turnbull	stockroom worker
2006	Craig I. Reid	quantity surveyor
2007	Graham J. Robertson	stable lad
2008	Ben J. Graham	paralegal
2009	Jamie M. Richardson	printer
2010	Greg C. Easton	joiner
2011	Michael G. Davidson	stable lad
2012	Ross J. Nichol	printer
2013	Chris J. Ritson	forestry contractor
2014	Ross A. Gibson	electrician
2015	Gregor J.D. Hepburn	veterinarian
2016	Euan Reilly	joiner
2017	Alistair M. George	greenkeeper
2018	Gareth J. Renwick	knitwear mechanic

Appendix E: Common Riding

Acting Fathers and Cornet's Lasses are known only patchily in the 19th century. The earliest Acting Fathers were the Cornet's own father. Long before the Cornet's Lass was a formal position, there was a young lady chosen to buss the Flag. Brackets for the Chief Guest indicate a main guest at the Common Riding in the years before there was an official Chief Guest.

Year	Cornet's Lass	Acting Father	Chief Guest
1872		John Kyle	
1876		Thomas Kennaway	
1878		Francis A. Henderson	
1881		James Smith	(John Scott) (ex-Councillor)
1882		Henry Learmonth, Sr.	
1884		James Smith	
1886		John Smith	
1887	Miss Montgomery	George Scott	
1888	Miss Oliver, Tower Hotel	William Scott	
1889	Miss Carr	Adam Hart	(Wallace Bruce &) (U.S. Consul) (Sir William Renny Watson) (engineer)
1890	Margaret 'Daisy' Young	Walter Haddon	
1891	Jessie Greenwood	Luke Greenwood	
1893		F. Fenwick	
1894	Miss Wilson	Dr. Bannerman	(Robert Purdom) (Town Clerk)
1895		Mr. Grieve	
1896		Walter Scott Barrie	
1897	Miss Paterson	Andrew Scott	
1898	Mary Wright	Hugh Anderson	
1899	Agnes Scott	James A. Henderson	(Provost Wilson) (of Johnstone)
1900	Agnes Reid	A.W. Kerr	Treasurer Riddle (Galashiels)
1901	Lily Lawson	J.E.D. Murray	David Scott (Manchester)
1902	Margaret K. Drummond	Hugh Anderson	Mrs. Oliver (Thornwood)
1903	Miss Lunn	Martin Dechan	J.G. Winning
1904	Janet Riddle	G. Scott	Capt. G. Fraser Marnee (Edinburgh)
1905	Jean Elliot	J.E.D. Murray	James Barrie
1906	Mary Sutherland	G.L. McDonald	Col. S. Douglas Elliot
1907	Agnes Robson	Thomas Jardine	Philip Sulley (Galashiels)
1908	Elizabeth Thomson	J.A. Henderson	Provost Roberts (Selkirk)
1909	Jane Haig	R. Inglis	Rev. W.S. Ainslie
1910	Gladys Laidlaw	James Conn	Sheriff Principal Chisholm
1911	Barbara Pringle	Sgt. Maj. Payne	Will H. Ogilvie
1912	A.M. Wilson	J.E.D. Murray	Sir Richard Mackie (Leith)
1913	N. Guy	G. Davidson	Rev. J. Rudge Wilson
1914	Elizabeth Turnbull	A. Laing	Lord Dalkeith & Sir John Barran (M.P.)
1919	M. Davidson	C.W. Grieve	Sheriff Chisholm
1920	Dorothy Harvey	J.D. Bonsor	Col. Douglas Elliot
1921	Bessie Irvine	Col. Kennedy	Bertram Talbot (Monteviot)
1922	Isabel Johnstone	A.H. Robertson	Sheriff Chisholm (Selkirk)
1923	Bella Elder	D. Fenwick	Rev. Dr. Wallace Williamson
1924	Isabella Rutherford	A.D. Haddon	Duke of Buccleuch
1925	Ella Christie	J.E.D. Murray	Provost Chrichton (Selkirk)
1926	Marjory Haddon	Dr. Davidson	Rev. C.L. Warr (St. Giles)
1927	Rosemary Wilson	C.W. Grieve	Provost O'Brien (Dumfries)
1928	Margaret Henderson	J.D. Bonsor	Sir William Eliot Peyton (General)
1929	Jean Douglas Elliot	R. Baxter	Hon. Lord Alness
1930	M. Innes	G.L. McDonald	Councillor John Livingston (Glasgow)

Year	Cornet's Lass	Acting Father	Chief Guest
1931	Elizabeth Pringle	I.G. Wallis	J.M. Hunter (Sheriff)
1932	Emily Graham	G.M. Armstrong	Provost W. Wells Mabon (Jedburgh)
1933	Elsie Carruthers	James Haig	George J. Sherriff (County Clerk)
1934	Myra Irvine	C.K. Morton	Major W.A. Innes (Ex-Cornet)
1935	Jean Butler	J. Ballantyne	Provost Roberts (Selkirk)
1936	Jeanette Wilson	S. Drummond Miller	Lord William Scott (M.P.)
1937	Grace Veitch	R.C. Appleby	Provost Mercer (Galashiels)
1938	Elizabeth Tait	J. Rae	Henry W. Scarth (County Clerk)
1939	Effie Wood	J.B. Elliot	Baillie Rev. J.Y. Walker (Innerleithen)
1946	Greta Reid	D. Ormiston	W. Clerk Reid (Sheriff Substitute)
1947	Margaret Collier	R. Pringle	Col. W. Drummond
1948	Sheila Macdonald	G. Peden	Tom Johnstone (form. Secr. of State)
1949	Della Oliver	J. Henderson	J.S. Paterson (Director S.C.W.S.)
1950	Grace Miller	Morris Buchan	James Bridie
1951	Helen Allan	T.I. Storie	Dr. John McCormick (Rector Glasgow U.)
1952	Ella Crozier	D. Nuttal	Sir Andrew Murray (ex-Lord Prov. Edin.)
1953	Mary Bowie	T. Colledge	A. Campbell Fraser (Borthwickshiels)
1954	Maureen Simpson	J. Martin	Rear Admiral H.W. Faulkner
1955	Isla Marchbank	W.G. Robertson	Rt. Hon. Lord Mathers
1956	Irene Kennedy	E.E. Tait	John M. Bannerman
1957	Eileen Johnston	G. Hardie	Nigel Tranter (author)
1958	Myra Elliot	G.A. Scott	Harold Leslie
1959	Evelyn Armstrong	S. Gardiner	Wilfred Taylor
1960	Irene Wylie	J. Leithead	Viscount Melgund
1961	Christene Anderson	T. Crosby	Rt. Hon. Lord Polwarth
1962	Joan Grieve	F. Baillie	Sir Ian A. Johnson Gilbert
1963	Lillian Young	J.C. Leithead	Capt. M.J. Campbell Lamberton
1964	Sheila Deans	A.L. Ingles	Michael O'Halloran (newsreader)
1965	Kathleen Peden	W.F. Hutton	John R. Low (H.H.S. Rector)
1966	Helen Hall	J. Lyle	Duke of Buccleuch
1967	Valerie Leithead	C.N. 'Chuck' Whillans	Jameson Clark (actor)
1968	Sheila Richardson	J. Robertson	Brig. Gen. Frank Coutts
1969	Valerie Franklin	A. Armstrong	Marquis of Lothian
1970	Vivienne Young	W.R. Scott	Dr. A. Simpson
1971	Joyce Robson	W.B. Mactaggart	Provost L. Thomson (Selkirk)
1972	Ruth Crosby	T. Hogg	Chay Blyth (yaachtsman)
1973	Linda Elliot	A. Stevenson	Cardinal Gray
1974	Shirley Campbell	A. Buchan	Rt. Hon. The Earl of Ancrum
1975	Helen Hume	Bob Muir	R.A. Bennett
1976	Ann Sanderson	J. Yallop	T. McCallum
1977	Moirra Johnstone	J. Thomson	Lt. Col. W.B. Swan
1978	Maureen Lunn	Henry Douglas	Sir Arthur Elliot
1979	Margaret McLeod	A. Cowan	Rev. George Watson (Wilton)
1980	Carol Fraser	J. Turnbull	Maj. John Askew
1981	Morag Guthrie	T. Hartop	Sir John Orr (Chief Constable)
1982	Marian Dickson	W. Gray	Edward C. Armstrong (Langholm)
1983	Margaret Rorrison	A. Graham	Alistair Hutton (M.E.P.)
1984	Lesley Millar	N. Dickey	Air Chf. Mar. Sir Tom Kennedy
1985	Sandra Mole	S. Barker	Adam Robson (rugby player)

Year	Cornet's Lass	Acting Father	Chief Guest
1986	Gail Taylor	B. Wear	Sir Alan Smith (Dawson Intl.)
1987	Jackie Fletcher	I. Armstrong	Prof. David Wallace (physicist)
1988	Linda Falconer	I. Young	Viscount Melgund
1989	Gaye Dyer	R. Pringle	Prof. David A.R. Michie (artist)
1990	Sandra Wallace	R. Duff	Lord Sanderson
1991	Jackie Hope	R. Charters	Earl of Dalkeith
1992	Georgina Jackson	J. Hogg	Sir William Sutherland (police)
1993	Liz Fraser	M. Richardson	Ronald A.B. Miller (Dawson Intl.)
1994	Loris Szoneberg	I. Fraser	Lady Jane Grosvenor
1995	Angela Gray	P. Nichol	Dr. Tom L. Johnston (economist)
1996	Julie Hodgins	G. Paxton	Lt. Col. Colin Hogg (K.O.S.B.)
1997	Gillian Patterson	Norman Turnbull	Ron Taylor (Headmaster)
1998	Lynda Jackson	J. Hope	Roy Cameron (police)
1999	Katie Short	C. Thorburn	David Scott (journalist)
2000	Kirsty Tait	Kenny McCartney	Lord David Steel (politician)
2002	Ruth Jardine	Lawrence Marshall	Jill Hogg (nee Douglas) (TV presenter)
2003	Laura Armstrong	Donald Whillans	Ian Stark (equestrian)
2004	Amy Warden	Ian Reid	Ian Landles (Ian Landles)
2005	Louise Philbin	Derek Oliver	Johnny Gray (Gala)
2006	Nicole Baxter	Terry Scott	W.S. (Billy) Young (Langholm)
2007	Lesley-Anne Renwick	Billy Bell	Lindsay Thomson (Minister)
2008	Megan Gracie	Kevin Crowford	George Miller (Jedburgh)
2009	Laura Peden	Malcolm Grant	George Thorburn (horticulturist)
2010	Stacey Brand	Gordon Jackson	Alan Brydon (Hawick)
2011	Kirsteen Hill	Grahame Nichol	Malcolm Murray (actuary)
2012	Gillian Smith	Iain Huggan	Douglas Scott (astrophysicist)
2013	Heather Amos	Stuart Hunter	Lord James Joicey (Flodden owner)
2014	Michelle Paxton	Alan Gray	Henry Douglas (Hawick)
2015	Lois McCredie	Richard Lynn	Michael Scouler (Minister)
2016	Lisa McLean	Stuart Sharkey	David Scott (Burnsian)
2017	Katy Moffat	Ronnie Frost	David Stevenson (Langholm)
2018	Jennifer M. Nichol	John Lyle	Jim Renwick (rugby player)