



*Welcome to the wedding blessing of*

ASHLEY GWEN &  
DANIEL MØRUP PEDERSEN

SATURDAY 13 APRIL 2024

*Neidpath Castle | Peebles*

## **WELCOME**

Welcome to Neidpath Castle in the beautiful Scottish Borders. Ashley grew up in this area and her parents, John and Gwen, still reside in the nearby market town of Kelso.

We are delighted to welcome friends and family from across the globe and hope you will all enjoy celebrating our marriage with us.

After the service, please join us for drinks upstairs and take your time to explore the castle, its beauty and history.

## **HISTORY**

Across the centuries, Neidpath Castle has been home to generations of the Fraser, Hay, and Douglas families. And for over 200 years, the estate has been privately owned by the Wemyss family. The true beauty of Neidpath is that very little has changed over the years. The rugged stone walls, hidden staircases, and beautiful views from the battlements would all be very familiar to its former residents.

Outside, the ancestral emblems are clear to see in the archways and carvings around the castle. Inside, the burnished wooden floors bear the indents from the spurs of the gentlemen's boots.

One notable event in its history is the siege by Oliver Cromwell's forces in the 17th century. During the English Civil War, Neidpath Castle served as a strategic stronghold for Royalist forces supporting King Charles I. In 1650, Cromwell's army besieged the castle, leading to a fierce struggle for control. Despite enduring significant damage from artillery fire, the defenders valiantly held out for several weeks before surrendering.

The siege left its mark on Neidpath Castle, with scars of battle visible on its walls, serving as a poignant reminder of its turbulent past. You can find a painting of the battle scene at the entrance to the Batik Room.

## **ORDER OF THE DAY**

1200 Wedding Ceremony

1245 Canapes and drinks - Batik Room  
Please feel free to explore the Castle

1500 Dinner - Laigh Hall

1730 Tea and Coffee and post dinner drinks - Batik Room

1930 Ceilidh - Kilter Ceilidh Band - Laigh Hall

2130 Evening food

0000 Carriages

MINISTER

*Rev. Anna Rodwell*

GROOMSMEN

*Jakob Sassersen*

*Christian Bendtsen*

*Dan Langlois*

*Chad McIvor*

BRIDESMAIDS

*Jennie Reid*

*Zoe Hannah*

JUNIOR GROOMSMAN

*Monty Reid*

PIANISTS

*Cameron Mabon*

*John Mabon*

SINGERS

*Gwen Mabon*

*Gillian Mitchell*