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WELCOME

Welcome to the 2018 Hawick Reivers Festival

We hope you are all ready to enjoy and participate in this year's festival which is jam packed with fun events for all the family

We are delighted to welcome re-enactors from far and wide to the Reivers Encampment - particularly welcoming back our guests from Northern Ireland to swell the local ranks and there will also be the return of some "rough justice" dispensed at our Reivers Trials as part of the 16th Century Market

Full details of all events are contained in the following pages and we hope you will take the time to read through and give your support.

For over 300 years, whilst Scotland and England fought battle after battle, those living on both sides of the border made a living by "reiving" or raiding their neighbours' property. They had their own system of laws and justice, and introduced new words into the English language, such as "bereaved" and "blackmail".

Their first allegiance was to their own family and their surname. Kith and Kin meant everything to them. Their enemies were not the English or the Scots, but any surnames at feud with them, no matter which side of the border they occupied.

Do you have a Border Reiver surname? In 2018 Hawick Reivers Festival welcomes you to explore your family's past with us here in the heart of reiving country. See how they lived and fought. Find their homelands and their strongholds. Perhaps even meet some of your own kith and kin.

So lets go Reiving again!

We are indebted to Event Scotland Clan Fund, SBC Community Grant Scheme, Hawick Common Good Fund and all of our local sponsors. Without their help, the festival would not be possible.

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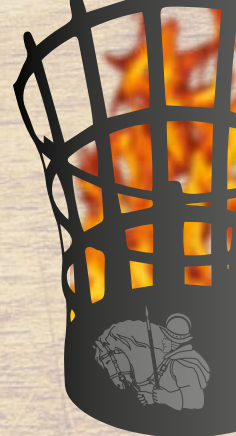
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Friday 23rd March - 7.30pm & 8.30pm
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The Ghost walks have proved very popular in previous years and tickets are likely to sell out fast.

The tours will last approximately 50 mins and will involve a short walk. Please dress warmly and bring along a small torch!

Tickets: £4 each or £10 for family of 4 (2 adults and 2 primary age children)

Tickets available from borderevents.com, ILF Imaging and Dorwards, Hawick

Ghost Talk with Billy Young

Friday 23rd March - 8.30pm
Auld Baths, Bath Street

Join Billy Young for an epic evening of illustrated ghost stories of the Border Reivers!

(Table seating and bar available)

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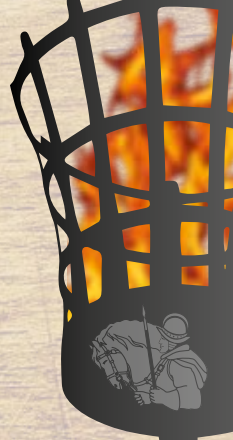
Friday 23rd March & Saturday 24th March, 10am till 4pm

Sunday 25th March, 12 noon till 3pm

Exhibition Room, Border Textile Towerhouse

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HINTS ON RESEARCHING YOUR BORDER ANCESTORS

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Saturday 24th March, 10.30am till 12 noon, Heritage Hub

Have you started researching your family history and got stuck? Is there a brick wall you cannot seem to get over?

Professional genealogists, Lorna Kinnaid and Wendy Tait Mayfield will be holding short consulting sessions at the Hub from 10.30 am to 12 noon. Each session will last 15 minutes and you are invited to bring your question to them.

Please book session at Heritage Hub in person, or by calling 01450 360699. You will be given a short questionnaire to complete in advance. Please note, we cannot look at whole family trees in advance.

16TH CENTURY MARKET

(Kindly sponsored by Emtelle)

**Saturday 24th March, 10.30am till 3pm,
Hawick High Street, Town Hall Area**

Local traders market stalls, family history stalls, reivers trials, live entertainment and reivers games

REIVERS ENCAMPMENT

(Kindly sponsored by Land of Reivers)

Saturday 24th March, 10.30am till 3pm, Wee Haugh

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16TH CENTURY CRAFT

Saturday 24th March, 10.30am till 3pm, Borders Textile Towerhouse

A demonstration by Ruth Hicken of spinning and other 16th century crafts.

REIVERS LANDSCAPE CANVAS WORK

Saturday 24th March, 10.30am till 3pm,

Borders Textile Towerhouse, Tickets: £35 each

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RE-ENACTMENT GROUPS

TEVIOTDALE STEEL BONNETS (PREVIOUSLY BORDER CLANSMEN)

This local based living history club is going from strength to strength, with last year being its best ever season. The club formed the "Bucleuch Foote" as a project, complete with own flag, and took the regiment to Holland, where they fought at the battle of Grolle. In September the club helped out on several events for the Scottish Borders Heritage Festival.



The Hawick Reivers Festival is always a favourite and special event for the club, which kicks off their 2018 campaign. They will be appearing as reivers from the period of 1570, when the Earl of Sussex came to Hawick, sending the local population to hide in the hills, and block the street with burning thatch from their houses. They will be joined by their good friends from "The Earl of Loudoun's Regiment of Foote" and "The Lothian Levy"

Feel free to come along – ask a question or two and even try on some of our kits.





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in all periods of Ulster Scots history, they provide tented village dressed camps for most centuries that show all aspects of life and have a large collection of hand weapons, cannons, musket right up to modern. The camps have all sorts of industry on show to enhance the public's experience such as Black Smith, wool spinners, medics with the primitive tools, wood craft, kitchen display how food was prepared grinding corn and wheat and many more displays.

Such was the success of their visit in 2017, the group are returning in larger numbers this year.

BEST OF TIMES WORST OF TIMES

The "Border Reivers" try to dramatically portray all aspects of everyday life in the Borders in the late 16th century: food, entertainment, daily tasks, politics, combat and training.



Members of the group use "authentic" clothing, weapons, props, and skills of the times. Combatants must train in the use of the sword, targe and polearm to ensure that a high degree of both safety and correct technique are maintained. The "Border Reivers" take part in a variety of displays throughout the year, from "living history" displays for national organisations such as English Heritage to educational events for schools and fetes to charitable events and even films.



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In between touring Les Amis also appear in photo shoots, TV and film productions such as the Fairy Flag, Outlander Series Two and the upcoming Outlander Series Three.

If you would like to know more about Les Amis please don't hesitate to get in touch

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PRIMARY SCHOOL REIVERS GAMES

(Kindly sponsored by KJ Knitwear Tech)
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Saturday 24th March, 11.30am, Hawick High Street

This year's primary school games will maintain the Festival theme of "Kith and Kin" with the competing teams representing various reiving families. With the teams taking part selecting from names such as Armstrong, Elliot, Scott, Kerr and Routledge. The games will comprise tests of speed and agility with the ability to think quickly being as important as strength. Attributes which were essential in the survival of our forebears in the lawless and often dangerous days of the Border Reivers. Many of the games still played today are derived from ancient pastimes that have been played since the first children picked up and threw a stick or stone. In the times of the Reivers these games had barely changed, these activities honed the skills that would become vital to survival in times of strife and warfare.

Come along and cheer on the youth of Hawick as they battle as families of old for the Andy Norman trophy.

SCHOOL REIVER PLAY

'Reivers Characters' by Drumlanrig St Cuthbert's

12 noon, St Mary's Church

We will bring you a variety of role-plays highlighting the lives lead, not just by big names like Kinmont Will or Robert Carey, but also by the ordinary folk of the Reivers time, focusing on the characters and how their lives were effected by the time they lived in. There's the story of James Graham of Liddesdale. Killed for having his sheep stolen! Barnhill – a ruthless Reiver determined to rid himself of a troublesome warden. Archie Graham – A Reiver intent on marrying his sweetheart – despite the fact that she's English. Robert Carey – famed for standing up to the Reivers. And Kinmont Will – possibly the most famous Reiver of the lot. Escaped from Carlisle Castle with a little help from his friends.

'A Reiver's Romance' by Stirches Primary School

12.45pm, St Mary's Church

Wat o' Harden was one of the most famous of our Border Reivers. His name has been handed down in song and story. He was bold, intrepid, and daring yet with a kindly disposition. He married Mary Scott, the Flower of Yarrow and had several sons who inherited his reiving instincts. It was Will Scott, Wat's son who was caught red handed by Sir Gideon Murray of Elibank after a raid, and to save himself from the hanging tree had to marry Murray's daughter, "Muckle-Moothed Meg", a girl of strong opinions whose sharp tongue had scared off all her suitors. This incident is the basis of the Stirches play written by Alan Jermison.





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HAWICK ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY TALK

Saturday 24th March, 1pm, Heritage Hub
(silver collection at door)

"In the Footsteps of Reivers" by Brian Dingle

Have you ever thought how a book comes to fruition? What brought the first seeds of an idea to the printed page? I'd like to take you through my new book "In the Footsteps of Reivers" where the idea came from. What motivated me to do it and what I left out. What areas I visited and the events that happened. How I went about finding a publisher and what they said about the manuscript. Then a guide through the publishing process of why the book took its final form

About Brian Dingle

Brought up on the English side of the border, Brian retains a love of the area and its unique history. Combining this love of history with photographic skills, Brian has had success with his images from sports to Natural history and landscape. A published technical author Brian has turned his attention to his homeland and its rich history.



PRIMARY SCHOOLS REIVERS PROJECT

(Kindly sponsored by Hawick Callants Club)

Saturday 24th March, Afternoon, High Street

An exciting addition to this year's Festival – a children's film project

The project will deliver a short film from each school made by the children supported by local young film maker, Ronald Yule. The films focus on a family name from Borders and tell the story of this family name. Schools have each selected how they will deliver the information on the film. Some through a re-enactment of a story line, a poem, song, interviews with people, or a combination of these. The films have engaged the children in the study of the local dialect, and the variety of these in our local area, and these films will all be shown on the Saturday of the Festival.



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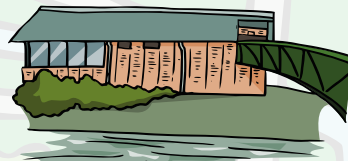
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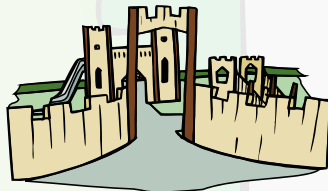
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TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION AND FIREWORKS

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**Saturday 24th March, 6.45pm (Fireworks at 7.30pm),
Wilton Lodge Park**

The Torchlight Procession will leave the Common Haugh car park at 6.45pm (see map on page 27). Prior to this there will be torches and glow sticks on sale from 6pm. **Please note that torches will only be sold to those 16 years and over and parents are advised that lit torches should not be carried by young children.**

The procession will be led by the Hawick Scout Pipe Band from the Common Haugh and make its way, via the avenue and past the Museum and Hizzy Memorial, to the viewing area. (See map inside back page.) There will be a brief pre-fireworks show then the main spectacular firework display.

Please note that the main access to the fireworks viewing area is from the museum and that the other entrances to the fireworks display area will be closed off to access for safety reasons.

Please obey the stewards at all times they are there to ensure your safety.

There is lighting on the paths near the cafe (which will be open) and at the museum but it would be advisable to bring along a torch to aid in your safe exit from the area.

**There will be a silver collection after the display finishes.
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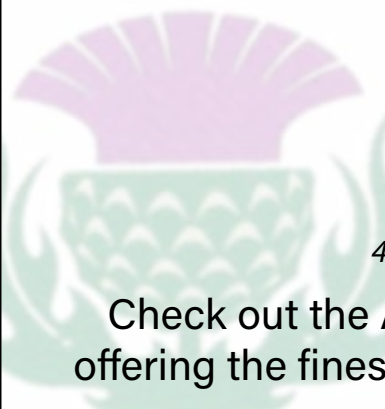
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REIVERS BANQUET

Join the Laird and his Lady for a Reivers Banquet and Entertainment featuring the Liddesdale Play (see page 23) performed by "Two Rivers Theatre Company" and Border songs from local singers.

Saturday 24th March, 8.15pm

in the "Banqueting Hall" at The Auld Baths



Potted Meat and Oatcakes

Roast Beef or Reivers Chicken
with Roast Vegetables,
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All forms of dress welcome but why not take the chance to get into the spirit of the Reivers and dress for the part! Nothing elaborate required! (or just bring along your sword or helmet to defend your lands!)

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Men – Breeches, (or binding round lower leg) simple tabards or loose shirts etc





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TALKS IN THE HERITAGE HUB

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Sunday 25th March, Heritage Hub

**10am - The Restoration of Gilnockie Tower
(stronghold of the Armstrongs) by Ian Martin**

Lecture only ticket: £2 Full Trip ticket (inc lecture): £10

This will be followed by an optional trip (by minibus) to visit Gilnockie. Places will be limited and advanced booking is required)

**11.15 - From Reiving to Dukedom: The Scotts of Buccleuch
by Dr Malcolm Morrison Ticket: £2**

**12.30 "Wha daur meddle wi Me": A Talk on the Elliot Riding
Families by Derek Stewart Ticket: £2**

Tickets available from ILF Imaging and Dorwards, Hawick

'LIDDESDALE'

(Kindly supported by Event Scotland Clan Fund)

Sunday 25th March, 2pm, Heart of Hawick Auditorium

Tickets: £5 each

Tickets available from Heart of Hawick Box Office, ILF Imaging and Dorwards, Hawick

**A second opportunity to see the Liddesdale Play performed by
the "Two Rivers Theatre Company" in the Heart of Hawick Auditorium.**

In the year 1565, the Liddesdale valley in the Scottish borders was the scene of a violent feud between the powerful families of Scott and Elliot. Murder and robbery was widespread, often involving the innocent, such as Hob Elliot and his family. One night, while his wife, daughter and sister-in-law are alone, two men force their way into Hob Elliot's house. They are Scotts, intent on taking Hob's life in revenge for the murder of a Scott. As the tension mounts while they await the imminent return of the unsuspecting Hob, his wife makes a determined bid to foil the killers. The play is an unromantic and realistic depiction of the darkest side of 16th-century border life, and was the winner of the 1978 S.C.D.A. Playwriting Competition.



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'The Tower House - Not just a home, more a way of life.'

by Margaret Skea

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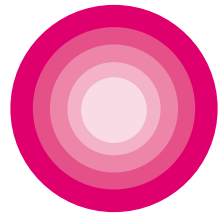
About Margaret Skea

Margaret Skea grew up in Northern Ireland during the 'Troubles', so is no stranger to conflict. Her passion is for authentic, atmospheric historical fiction.

Her first novel, Turn of the Tide won her the Beryl Bainbridge Award for Best 1st Time Novelist 2014, and the sequel A House Divided was longlisted for the Historical Novel Society New Novel Award 2016.

Both follow the fortunes of a fictional family trapped in the long-running and bloody feud between the Cunninghames and Montgomeries, known as the Ayrshire Vendetta, which had many features in common with the lifestyle of the Border Reivers.





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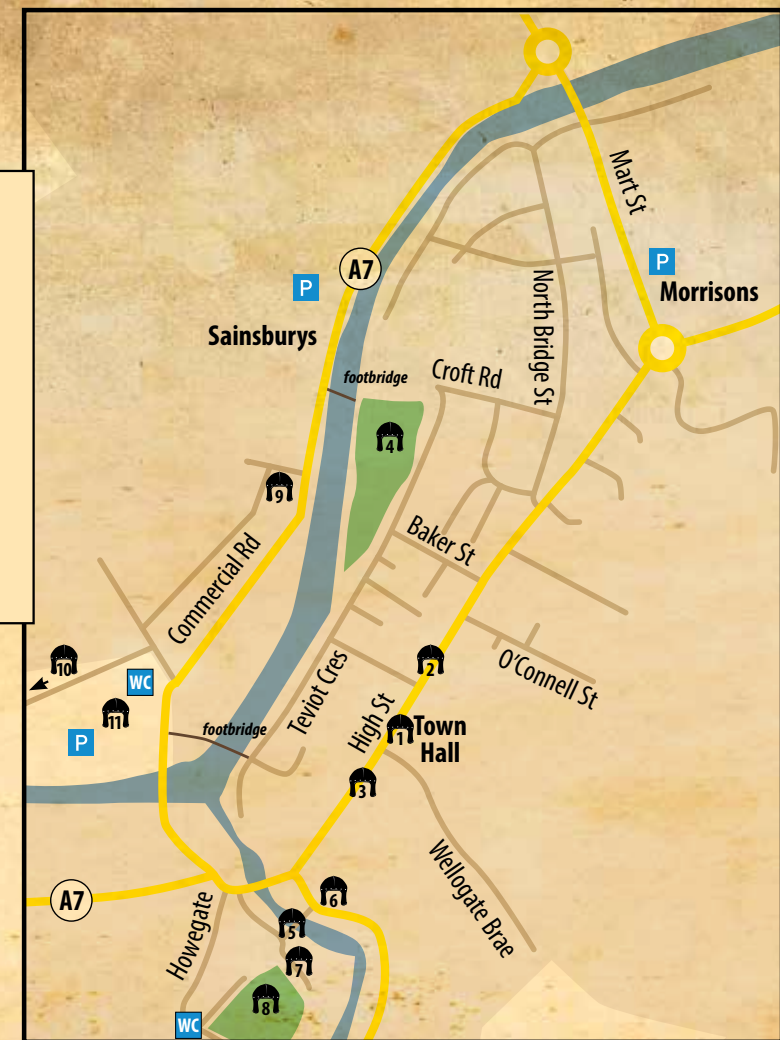
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Hawick Reivers Festival

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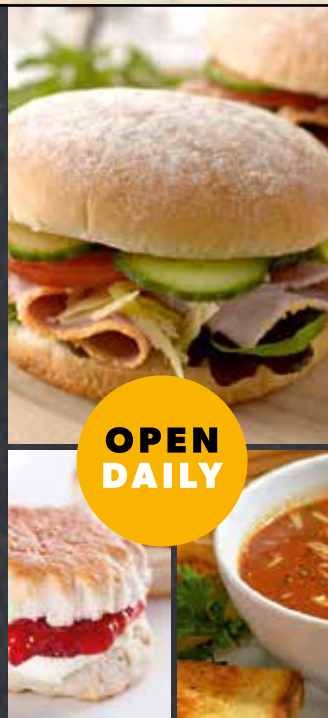
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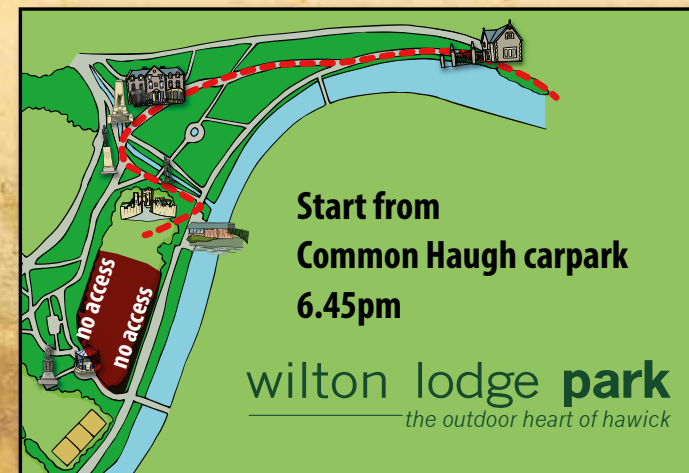
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Torchlight procession and fireworks Wilton Lodge Park

route subject to change depending on weather

please follow steward's instructions

AT A GLANCE

FRIDAY 23RD MARCH

Ghost Walks	7.30pm & 8.30pm	Turnbull Statue, Civic Space	Pg 5
Ghost Talk with Billy Young	8.30pm	Auld Baths, Bath Street	Pg 5
Kith & Kin	10am - 4pm	Border Textile Towerhouse	Pg 5

SATURDAY 24TH MARCH

Kith & Kin	10am - 4pm	Border Textile Towerhouse	Pg 5
Hints on Researching your Border Ancestors	10.30am - 12 noon	Heritage Hub	Pg 7
16th Century Market	10.30am - 3pm	Hawick High Street	Pg 7
Reivers Encampment	10.30am - 3pm	Wee Haugh	Pg 7
Reivers Parade & Opening Ceremony	10.45 - 11am	Hawick High Street (Horse to Town Hall)	Pg 9
16th Century Craft	10.30am - 3pm	Border Textile Towerhouse	Pg 9
Reivers Landscape Canvas Work	10.30am - 3pm	Border Textile Towerhouse	Pg 9
Primary School Reivers Games	11.30am	Hawick High Street	Pg 15
School Reiver Play	12 noon & 12.45pm	St Mary's Church	Pg 15
Hawick Archaeological Society Talk	1pm	Heritage Hub	Pg 17
Primary Schools Reivers Project	Afternoon	Alchemy, High Street	Pg 17
Torchlight Procession	6.45pm (Muster 6.30pm)	From the Common Haugh	Pg 19
Fireworks Display	7.30pm	Wilton Lodge Park	Pg 19
Reivers Banquet	8.15pm	Auld Baths, Bath Street	Pg 21

SUNDAY 25TH MARCH

Talks in the Heritage Hub	10am; 11.15am & 12.30pm	Heritage Hub	Pg 23
Kith & Kin	12 noon - 3pm	Border Textile Towerhouse	Pg 5
'Liddesdale' by Two Rivers Theatre Company	2pm	Heart of Hawick Auditorium	Pg 23
Literary High Tea	4.30pm	Mansfield Park Clubrooms	Pg 25

For last minute details and times of events see www.hawickreivers.com