



HAWICK REIVERS FESTIVAL

28th-30th March

2014

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 Hawick Primary Schools
 Historical Talks
 Re-Enactments
 Falconry
 Concerts
 Guided Walks
 Reivers Banquet
Many Other Activities

From 28th to 30th March 2014, Hawick steps back in time to the 16th century and through drama, song, poetry and re-enactments invites visitors and towns-people alike to experience life in this *turbulent*, often *violent*, but very *colourful* period in our *history*





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www.hawickreivers.com or telephone 01450 375263

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 Carlisle - 42 miles • Berwick-upon-Tweed - 44 miles • Edinburgh - 53 miles • Newcastle 62 miles

Please note that this programme is published in advance and may be subject to change at short notice.
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WELCOME TO THE 12TH HAWICK REIVERS FESTIVAL



2014 is finally with us – a year of huge significance for the town of Hawick when we look back to the events of 1514 and all that they have come to signify for the town.

The subsequent years were amongst the most violent and lawless in our history with the families on both sides of the Border engaged in bitter feuding in defence of their lands and it is fitting that our Literary Event this year has the title “Reiving and Bereaving”

The committee have worked hard to make this a special and different festival this year

with a number of changes from our previous programme.

Socha as always get us off to a stirring start with their concert which this year moves to The Old Baths which will also be the venue for our Reivers Banquet, a new event this year which is set to be a great addition to the weekend – and for those of you who have not been in the Old Baths since you last went there to swim come along and see how the venue is transported back to the late 1500’s!!

The Reivers Market and Encampment this year moves to the High Street (Sandbed end) which will allow lots of space for our re-enactors to perform military drills, demonstrate their swordsmanship and generally create Mayhem! Children from our primary schools will be out in force to show their skills at drumming, acting and singing and the Reivers Games



will also take place on Saturday in the Civic Space from 11.15onward.

Another new venue this year is the Heritage Hub which will play host to the Archaeological Society lecture at 1pm when the theme will be what “What became of the Reivers of Liddesdale”



There are also a few surprises in store at the Fireworks display which is sited in Wilton Lodge Park on Saturday night – more of that later. Please note however that to allow for this the torchlight parade will leave the Common Haugh at 6.30pm.

It is also very appropriate that the Reivers Sunday Walk this year will be around “Hawick Common” and will be led by Ian Landles. To follow lunch and a concert is again in the Old Baths and we are indebted to Rob Shiel and his committee for the use of the premises.

Hawick Rotary Club again round off the weekend with the very popular Literary High Tea at Hawick Rugby Club.

All in all the weekend should offer something for everyone so please turn out and give your support. Thanks as always to all the local businesses, clubs and societies who give their support.

Hope to see you all there!

**Hawick Reivers
Festival Committee**



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Scocha

Scocha are proud to be part of The Hawick Reivers Festival 2014



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doors open 7.15pm

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THE BEST OF TIMES THE 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.



FALCONRY



We are pleased to welcome back this year Falconry Scotland from their base at Jedburgh. They will be showing their birds on Saturday at the Reivers Market and there will be opportunities to get up close and handle some of the birds.

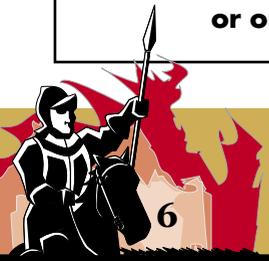
BORDER CLANSMEN

This local based "Living History" club is going from strength to strength and have appeared at many events throughout 2013, including the 500th anniversary of Flodden. This year will be extra special for the club with the Bannockburn 700th anniversary coming up, and of course the Hornshole 500th anniversary, where the group hope to make some school visits and give talks. The Hawick Reivers Festival is always a favourite and special event for the club, which kicks off their 2014 season. They will be appearing as 16th century reivers and showing off their arms and armour along Hawick High Street on the Saturday. Feel free to come along - to ask a question or even try on some of our costumes.



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LES AMIS D'ONNO

This Lanton based, family run troupe with their beautiful and impeccably trained horses has taken part in our Reivers parade for the last few years and have added their own special sparkle to the event. In 2014 they will also be appearing at the Reivers Market, where they will be on hand to show you their living history display.

The group originally trained and performed in France before settling in the Scottish Borders and they have become a very popular attraction in the area and much further afield appearing at events throughout Scotland.

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CHILDREN'S SPORTS

This year's Reivers Festival primary school games will take place in the Civic Space shortly after Saturday's High Street parade. Teams from local primary schools will compete for the Andy Norman trophy and the pride derived from besting their local school rivals.

These games will comprise tests of speed, strength and the ability to think quickly. Attributes which were essential in the survival of our forebears in the lawless and, oft times dangerous days of the Border Reivers. Many of the games we play today are derived from ancient pastimes that have been played since the first people on earth picked up and threw a stick or stone.



In the times of the Reivers these games were no different, they honed the skills and fitness that would become vital in daily life.

Come along and see the youth of Hawick travel back in time to the medieval period and compete in contests such as Bocce and Horseshoes which are familiar to us all.

SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

TRINITY

P6 have been working with Kaela Rowan of the Youth Music Initiative to construct a song with musical accompaniment around the traditional story of Kinmont Willie. They will retell this exciting rescue story in their own innovative style, bringing to life this Reivers tale at St Mary's Church.

Alongside that P7 will be working to create an animation based around the history/stories from Smailholm Tower. The animation will blend modern technology with the ancient history of this Borders landmark and will be supported by music representing the age of the Reivers. This will be displayed at The Heritage Hub.

We will also be raising a rabble-rousing team from our Primary 7 year group for the Reivers sports.

DRUMLANRIG

We will bring you a variety of role-plays highlighting the lives led, 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 affected 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.

The Primary 7 pupils will be performing their plays at St Mary's church just after the parade.



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STIRCHES

The children of Stirches Primary School will be performing the play 'A Reiver's Romance' in 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.

WILTON

Wilton P5's will be telling the story of Borders herd-boy Hob Hazledene, whose skill in carving elder-wood whistles that play strange magical music gets him into all kinds of trouble. Luckily, orphan Hob has a good friend in Marget the kitchen-maid, but when he uses his whistle's magic to help him steal cattle from The Ferlie, he finds himself in great danger. Will he be able to escape from the Faerie World he finds himself in on Midsummer's Eve?

BURNFOOT

Having worked with Mat Clements of the Youth Music Initiative, P7 proudly present a performance of original drumming. The children have worked with Mat to learn the skills and techniques of performance drumming as well as creating a unique piece based on Reiver Tales. Burnfoot will be performing outside Border Brides Shop immediately after the Reivers' Parade.



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**A look at the fate of Elliots, Armstrongs and others
in the years after 1603 by Andrew Armstrong**

Originally from Dumfriesshire, Andrew is paternally descended from a Reiver family in the Debateable Lands.

Although an IT professional by day, he has had a keen interest in family history for many years. He has a Postgraduate Diploma in Genealogical, Heraldic and Palaeographic Studies from the University of Strathclyde and has made specialist studies of the records of the Buccleuch estates in the Borders and the historical documents associated with the Reivers of the Scottish Western and Middle Marches.



Saturday in the Heritage Hub at 1pm. Tickets on the door.

wilton lodge park

Wilton Lodge Park is going through an exciting regeneration programme through the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund and Scottish Borders Council. Launching with the new bandstand in late Spring 2014, a refurbished walled garden, followed by a new cafe and playpark by the end of the 5-year project. Watch out for a new events programme and opportunities to get involved as volunteers.

For more information contact:

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HOT TROD AND FIREWORKS DISPLAY

This year the fireworks display is moving to Wilton Lodge Park (near the putting green) and there will be a few new features to add to this already amazing spectacle including the return of the bonfire.

Main admission to fireworks display will be from museum area. To ensure public safety, other entrances to the park will be closed off. Full details of access will be available on website (www.hawickreivers.com) and in local press just before the event.

The Torchlight procession will leave the Common Haugh slightly earlier than usual at 6.30pm and will again be led by the Scout Fellowship Pipe Band.

Torches and glow sticks for young participants will be on sale from 6pm in the Common Haugh. Hot drinks will be on sale in the fireworks arena.



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Saturday 29th March

in the Banqueting Hall at Hawick Old Baths
Tickets £12 (or £6 for Primary School Children)
available from ILF Imaging, Bannerman Burke
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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!



Costume Ideas:

Ladies - Long skirts and shawls
Men - Breeches, simple tabards
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Adults £15 each, Children £5 each

Numbers are limited for both session therefore pre-booking is essential on 01450 379547



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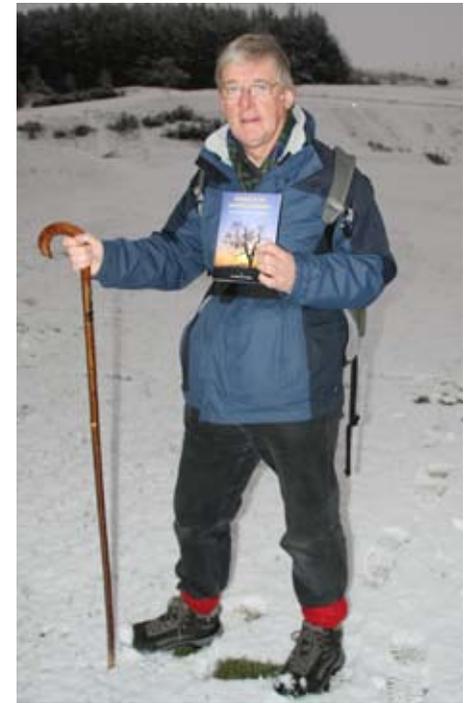
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REIVERS WALK AND CONCERT

In this very special year for Hawick, Ian Landles will lead "A Walk Round the Common". Following as closely as possible the route of the Cornet, Ian will illustrate the walk with stories and will highlight important points along the way



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LUNCH AND CONCERT

The walk will conclude at Hawick Old Baths where lunch of soup and stovies will be served and entertainment provided by local singers and musicians lead by Bernie Armstrong.

Tickets for lunch and concert £8 are also open to non-walkers wishing to attend and are available from Bannerman Burke or ILF Imaging.

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LITERARY TALK AND HIGH TEA: “REIVING AND BEREAVING”

The rich literary culture of the Border Reivers will be explored through a fascinating mix of stories, singing and images presented by folklore scholars Lucy Macrae and Kaye McAlpine from Edinburgh University's department of Celtic and Scottish Studies. Assisting will be local singers Henry Douglas and Kathy Hobkirk, who will bring the Border Ballads to life. Whilst Billy Young will provide in his own inimitable and amusing style his slant on life as it really was on the West March, the time of the 'hot trod', truce days, feuding and blackmail.

BILLY YOUNG

Billy Young born in Dumfries is well known throughout the Borders as a speaker, singer, reciter, historian and raconteur. A resident of Langholm, his involvement in the town's life is second to none and ranges from being Cornet in 1984, Past President of the Castle Craigs Club, the Operatic and Dramatic Society and Ex-Cornets Association, through twenty years on the Common Riding Committee, to being a founder director and Vice President of the Buccleuch Centre.

His book a new history of Langholm 'A Spot Supremely Blest' and the 'O' A'the Airs' recording of Langholm Common Riding Songs and Poetry were both very well received. Out with the town his services have been much in demand as exemplified as Chief Guest at Hawick Common Riding (2006), asked to do the Address at the Redeswire Stane (2007) as well as the Flodden Oration at Coldstream Civic Week (2012). A family man and science graduate- though with his heart truly in the art of entertaining he still finds time to run his newsagents business and keep his finger on the pulse of the 'Muckle Toon'.

KAYE MCALPINE AND LUCY MACRAE

Dr Kaye McAlpine. Her area of expertise is historical fact and fiction in the ballads. Previous publications include a chapter on the Border ballads for *The Compendium of Scottish Ethnology* (vol. 10; 2007) and she was a co-editor of the Scottish Text Society volume *The Harris Repertoire* (2002).



The creation of the *Minstrelsy of the Scottish Border* is the topic of Lucy MacRae's current PhD. When not digging around in the debatable lands of the 18th/19th centuries, Lucy is also a fiddle player and singer who plays with award-winning traditional band "Lurach".

Both Lucy and Kaye are employed as tutors within the University of Edinburgh's Department of Celtic and Scottish Studies, and are working on the *Minstrelsy of the Scottish Border Project* run jointly between the universities of Edinburgh and Mainz. This project aims to publish the first scholarly edition of Scott's *Minstrelsy* in 2014.

Hosted by Hawick Rotary Club
Hawick Rugby Club, Mansfield Park
Sunday 30th March at 4.30pm

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VISION 2014 THE YEAR OF HERITAGE

The Year of Heritage was launched during a special event in Tower Mill on 15th January. Children and young people from across the learning community gathered together in a day of music, literature and dance, culminating in a performance of the newly choreographed Hawicka.

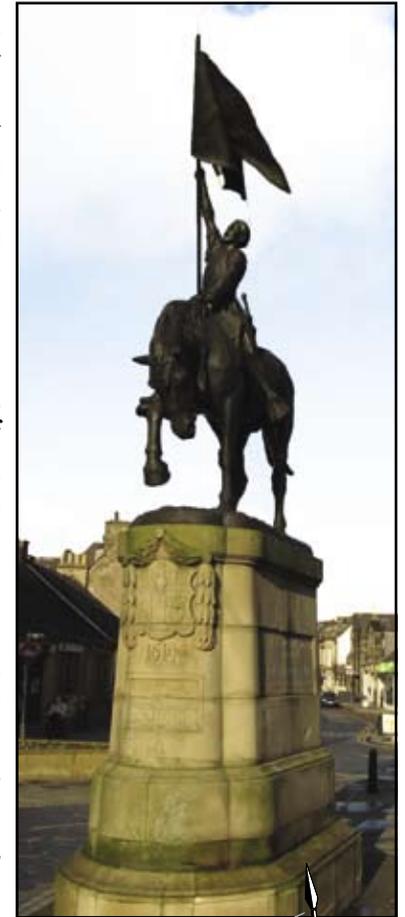
Throughout the year children and young people will be engaged in learning around heritage both local and national in their schools.

The big event for 2014 - The Big Return is being held at Hornshole on Thursday 15th May. All children including pre school children from private nursery provision will walk on different routes to Hornshole coming together in the field outside Hornshole for a day of festivities and to watch a re-enactment of the battle and the capture of the flag involving the Cornet and young people from the town.

The event is primarily for the children and young people of the town but members of the public will be able to join the children and young people at an area at the top of the field. During the event the roads around Hornshole will be closed to all traffic except emergency vehicles.

In the evening of 15th May, the children from P5 – S1, with the Cornet and his party, will lead a procession through the town to the unveiling of the new statue at the Tower Knowe.

Further details will be in the press nearer the time.



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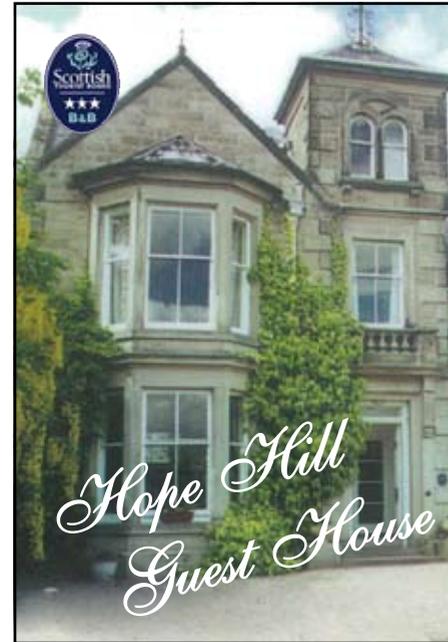
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PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE. FULL DETAILS INSIDE

FRIDAY 28TH MARCH

Socha Concert

Hawick Old Baths, 8pm doors open 7.15pm

Fireworks Prize Draw

winning ticket will be drawn at the interval.

The holder of the winning ticket will launch the Reivers Festival Fireworks

SATURDAY 29TH MARCH

Reivers Procession

10.45am - Hawick High Street to Lovel Court

Rum and Milk at Rum and Milk

enjoy a free taster from 10am

16th Century Market and Encampment

10.30am till 3pm Hawick High St (South End)

Hawick Saxhorn Band

Trinity Gardens from 10.30am-11.30am

Schools Reiver Games

Civic Space from 11.15am

Schools Performances

Burnfoot School drumming outside Border Brides.

11.30am - Drumlanrig School Play in St Mary's Church

12.15pm Stirches Play in St Mary's Church

1pm Trinity musical performance in St Mary's Church

1.30pm Wilton Play in St Mary's Church

Animated Slide Show by Trinity on display all day at the Heritage Hub

Hawick Archaeological Society Lecture

Heritage Hub, 1pm

What became of the Reivers of Liddesdale?

Torchlight Procession - The Hot Trod

6.30pm from the Common Haugh

Fireworks Display

Wilton Lodge Park 7.30pm

Reivers Banquet

Hawick Old Baths, 8.15pm doors open 7.45pm

SUNDAY 30TH MARCH

Reivers Walk of Hawick Common and Lunchtime Concert

Assemble Hawick Golf Club Car Park 9am

Lunch and Concert in Old Baths 12.30pm

Glass Fusing Workshops for Children and Families

1pm - Artbeat Studios, 17 Commercial Road

Literary Talk and High Tea: "Reiving and Bereaving"

Mansfield Park, Hawick Rugby Club, 4.30pm