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WELCOME

Welcome to the 2020 Hawick Reivers Festival

It is hard to believe we are all set for the 18th Reivers Festival and it promises to be jam packed with events to suit the whole 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 everyone is looking forward to setting up both our market and encampment in their new locations in the oldest areas of the town!

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.

So why do we have a Reivers Festival?

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? Again in 2020 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.

The Reivers are coming!

We are indebted to Scottish Clans & Historical Figures Event Fund, Hawick Common Good Fund, Scottish Borders Council and all of our local sponsors. Without their help, the festival would not be possible.

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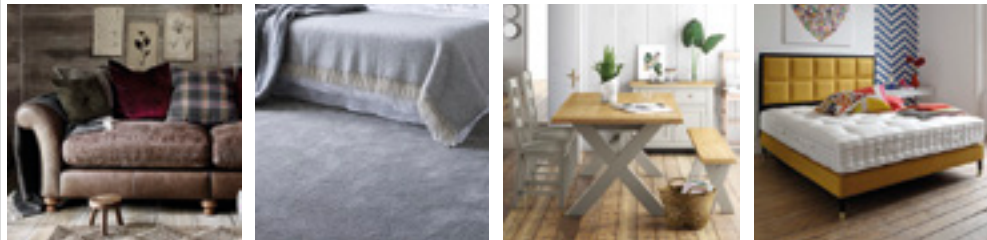
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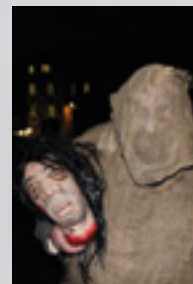


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MEET THE GHOSTS OF LIDDESDALE & TEVIOTDALE



Ghost Walks

Friday 27th March - 6.45pm & 8.00pm
Start from Vennel by Textile Tower House

Come and meet the Ghosts of Hawick past and hear the grizzly and gory stories of our ancestors!

The Ghost walks have proved very popular in previous years and tickets are likely to sell out fast.

The tours will last approximately 50min 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 school age children)

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

REIVERS CONCERT WITH MCKERRON, BRECHIN AND O'HEADHRA

Friday 27th March - 8.00pm (Doors open 7.30pm)
Evergreen Hall, Dovecote Street

Fiery tunes and beautiful songs from three of Scotland's finest musicians The Scottish Trad trio of Charlie McKerron (fiddle), Sandy Brechin (piano accordion) and Brian O'Headhra (guitar and vocals) draw on their years of experience and wealth of tunes and songs from the Scots and Gaelic traditions. They are each acclaimed composers in their own right and incorporate many of their own tunes and songs into their repertoire.

They have delighted audiences in Scotland and abroad with their amazing musicianship and lively performances. Each artist is also well known through their work with other famous acts: Charlie performs with Capercaillie and Session A9', Sandy with Burach and the Jimi Shandrix Experience and Brian with Anam and Cruin.

Tickets: £15 each

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





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16TH CENTURY MARKET

**Saturday 28th March, 10.30am till 3pm,
Drumlanrig Square and Kirkwynd**

Including Reivers Trials, Live Entertainment, Reivers Games, Local Trader's Stalls and Family History Stalls.

REIVERS ENCAMPMENT

Saturday 28th March, 10.30am till 3pm, Moat Park

Full programme of re-enactments including displays of Musket Drills; hand to hand skirmishes and mock battles with static displays of life in the 16th Century Border Lands. Featuring: Teviotdale Steel Bonnets, Living History Ireland, Best and Worst of Times, Lothian Levy, Time Bandits, Earl Of Loudoun's Regiment of Foote and the Douglas Retinue

REIVERS PROCESSION

Saturday 28th March, 10.45am till 11am

Procession will assemble in the Civic Space and proceed via Silver St. to Howegate and Drumlanrig Square for the opening ceremony. Thereafter via Drumlanrig School to Moat Park.

JULIA STERLAND

Reivers Paintings over the Weekend

We are delighted to welcome Julia Sterland to the festival this year. Julia will be around over the weekend painting portraits of some of our Reivers. Her work will also be for sale should you wish to get your hands on some original Reivers Festival artwork.



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RE-ENACTMENT GROUPS

TEVIOTDALE STEEL BONNETS

This local based living history club, formed in 2009, covers the period Flodden to Culloden - specializing in the Border reivers. The Hawick Reivers Festival is always a big favourite for the club, which kicks off their 2020 campaign. The group is always eager to share our passion; to bring alive the 16th century with our well researched kit (often hand-made) and tented displays. Come along and ask a question or two, even try on a steel bonnet. And if feeling under the weather - enquire for a diagnosis and possible leech as a cure, with the club's ever popular barber surgeon, Dr Mort.



LIVING HISTORY IRELAND

We welcome back one of Northern Ireland's largest re-enactment, living history groups covering from Viking to WW2 and all in between attending events from March every weekend to November. Taking a keen interest 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 blacksmiths, wool spinners, medics with the primitive tools, wood craft, kitchen display how food was prepared grinding corn and wheat and many more displays.



BEST OF TIMES WORST OF TIMES

Come to meet the re-enactment group 'The Best of Times, The Worst of Times'. Sir William Selby and his household have had a hard winter. Talk to them and hear what raids and troubles he and many of his family suffered over this last year during Elizabethan Times. Selby's nephew, who's not long been married is a bit of a gambler... 'To take their mind off their troubles the ladies of the household try out some Tudor makeup. Gerald Charlton, a man known as 'Topping' remains free from Hexham's Old Gaol this past year... but he is often heard making excuses to his daughter for past indiscretions. Let them tell you of The Best of Times and The Worst of Times as they know them to be.





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LOTHIAN LEVY

The Lothian Levy is a re-enactment society portraying soldiers in the war-torn decades of the mid-1500s, when Scotland and England were locked in conflict. Our events are usually set during the last years of the reign of King James V or the earliest years of Queen Mary's. We are normally found marching beneath the banner of James Hamilton, 2nd Earl of Arran and Regent of Scotland, but we can alternatively portray a company of northern English soldiers fighting for either Henry VIII or his son Edward VI.



TIME BANDITS

Time Bandits is a multi-period living history group, with a bias towards the Border wars and Anglo-Scottish reivers of the sixteenth century, John Sadler, leader of the group has quite extensively published works on the subject, as well as teaching, lecturing and re-enacting for the last twenty-five years. Their presentation includes an extensive handling collection, sword-play, storytelling, period food and music and they aim to bring history to life in an immersive and entertaining way for all ages.



EARL OF LOUDOUN'S REGIMENT OF FOOTE

Earl of Loudoun's Regiment of Foote (As part of the English Civil War Society) have members mainly based from in and around Scotland but there are some from further afield. Loudoun's was formed from Leslie's Dragoons in 1980 and have been operating around the UK ever since. As part of the English Civil War Society the Earl of Loudoun's Regiment of Foote, participates in the accurate re-enactment of 17th century life and warfare, we meet at "musters" which can vary in size from small "living histories" and small drill displays up to full blown "majors" or battles. All arms of military life are employed in the society; regiments of infantry armed with pike and musket, squadrons of horse (cavalry) and batteries of ordnance (cannon).

We as a regiment have approximately 72 members (as of the end of 2018), but we can pull support from our parent society which numbers around a 1000 participants.

We concentrate on 17th Century re-enactment in general, 1640's in particular – our primary aim is to educate and inform on a little known but fascinating as well as important part of Scottish History, a time when Scotland was a military force to be reckoned with and a key player in the inappropriately named English Civil War.

Our mottoes are I Bye My Tyme (Historical) Love History? Live history (21st Century)



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Our aim is to give our audiences a historically correct but entertaining event.

SCHOOLS GAMES

**Saturday 28th March, 11.30am onwards,
 Moat Park or Drumlanrig St Cuthbert's School (weather dependent)**

In addition to teams from Hawick primary Schools we welcome back the children of Newtonbutler School, County Fermanagh, NI who return to defend the Andy Norman Trophy which they won in 2019!



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SCHOOL PERFORMANCES

Reivers Presentation by Drumlanrig St Cuthbert's **11.30am, Drumlanrig School Hall**

Drumlanrig School will be performing sketches based on famous, or rather infamous, Border Reivers characters. Just like today there were 'celebrities' – the big names with great stories to tell – though not everyone lived that way.

Primary 4/5 will be performing a play based on the character, Kinmont Will – possibly the most famous Reiver of the lot. He escaped from Carlisle Castle with a little help from his friends.

Primary 7 will combine a live performance with a video recording of their sketches of the Reivers' families. 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. And Robert Carey – famed for standing up to the Reivers.

The children will help to portray a taste of what life was like in Reivers times - Cross Border raids. Family versus family. The Scots and the English. Divided loyalties. Thieving. Treachery. Death. Lawlessness.

The Borders. The Reivers. The name evokes emotions and thoughts as soon as you hear it. 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.

'Lord Maxwell and the Battle of Dryfe Sands' **by Stirches Primary School** **12.30pm, Drumlanrig School Hall**

P5/6 will present a play based on Lord Maxwell and the Battle of Dryfe Sands, which is the outcome of all their hard work and research as part of Hawick Reivers Festival 2020 Schools Project.

The Reivers Festival has been working with Hawick Primary Schools again, and this time we have focused on key reiver characters. Stirches have explored the capture and escape of Kinmont Willie Armstrong, whilst Drumlanrig researched Lord Maxwell and the Battle of Dryfe Sands. Committee member, Wendy Tait, helped them to travel back in time and research these important events in reiver history. The pupils engaged enthusiastically with the learning, creating illustrations of how Border feud and allegiance worked, which led to creating their own colourful storyboards. Reiver weapons expert, Derek Stewart, followed this up with a demonstration of the arms and armour that would have been used at the time. Song writer and author, Alan Brydon, has brought this all together to create short plays for each of our schools. We are indebted to Scottish Clans & Historical Figures Event Fund who made this project possible.



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DESCENDED FROM A REIVER?

Saturday 28th March, 11.30am, Heritage Hub

"Descended from a Reiver?"

by Lorna Kinnaird and Wendy Tait.

Lorna and Wendy look at how to approach trying to prove that you are descended from a Border Reiver. They use real life studies to demonstrate the brick walls you might encounter on the way and how to try to overcome them.

Tickets: £3 each (may be available at the door)

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

HAWICK ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY LECTURE

Saturday 28th March, 1.00pm, Heritage Hub

"There's Blood in the War Saddle"

by John Watson

John will speak about his book the theme of which is based on how the people of the borders must have suffered and how they survived and died at a time in our history when life meant less than it does today - giving an overview of this incredible race of people in one of the most interesting and colourful periods of our history.

No Tickets Required - Donations at the door.

THE BROKEN BAND

Saturday 28th March, 2.30pm, Cornucopia Room

Two Rivers Theatre Group present "The Broken Band"

Its 10th September, 1513; the day after the battle of Flodden. Four survivors are brought together by chance in a ruined sheiling close to the border. But instead of uniting in the face of danger, they remain divided by mistrust and conflict between themselves.

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TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION AND FIREWORKS

**Saturday 28th March, 6.45pm (Fireworks at 7.30pm),
Wilton Lodge Park**

The Torchlight Procession will muster at 6.30pm and 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)

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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REIVERS BANQUET

Join the Baron of Hawick and his Lady for an evening of good food and entertainment.

Saturday 28th March, 8.15pm

in the "Banqueting Hall" at The Auld Baths, Hawick

Soup

Roast Beef or Reivers Chicken
with roast vegetables, bread sauce and gravy

Clootie Dumpling with Custard or Cream

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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 shawl

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



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BORDERS KITH & KIN

Sunday 29th March, Heritage Hub
Tickets £3 per talk available from
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10.00am - 'The History of the Turnbull Clan and the works of Dr Michael Robson' by Fiona Turnbull

11.15am - 'The Rutherfords, a Riding Family of the Middle March' by Alastair Cunningham

12.30pm - 'The Buccleuch Regiment at the Siege of Grolle - 1627' by Derek Stewart

12.30pm - '**The Reivers Road**' **Free Introductory Minibus Tour**

Join our historic guide for GPS-triggered commentary, songs, poems and tales of the reivers. For tour detail see The Hermitage Trail at www.reiversroad.com
Departs Heritage Hub Sunday 29th at 1.00pm, returning 3.30pm with optional drop off at the Rugby Club (for Mosstroopers High Tea).

To book your place, email enquiries@thereiversroad.com

THE BROKEN BAND

Sunday 29th March, 2pm, Cornucopia Room
Two Rivers Theatre Group present "The Broken Band"

More details on page 17.

Tickets: £3 each (may be available at the door)
Tickets available from borderevents.com, ILF Imaging and Dorwards, Hawick

MOSSTROOPERS OF OLD HIGH TEA

Sunday 29th March, 4pm, Mansfield Rugby Club
Hosted by The Ancient Order of Mosstroopers
Presented by Bernie Armstrong

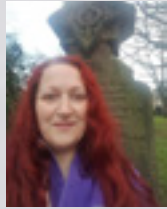
The afternoon will feature a talk by Bernie Armstrong on "The Mosstroopers of Old" highlighting the exploits of the Mosstroopers of the sixteenth and seventeenth century

Tickets: £15 each (MUST be purchased in advance)
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OUR SPEAKERS

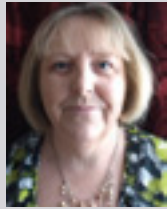
Lorna Kinnaird

Lorna Kinnaird, ASGRA, PGDip, FSA Scot: Lorna was born and still lives in Edinburgh. Lorna is a professional genealogist specialising in all Scottish and Irish research. She is currently building a One Place Study of Aberlady (East Lothian) and transcribing the Caledonian Asylum Petition records (date from 1815) as well as Jacobite Soldiers of 1715 (from any trial papers) and building a database of all the Apprenticeship Indenture records in Scotland. A keen Scottish historian with a passion for the 'movement of people' and finding primary source documentation. In 2019 she appeared twice in BBC Scotland's flagship genealogical programme "The Generation Frame" as one of their expert genealogists.



Wendy Tait

Born in England and living in Hawick, Wendy is a professional genealogist who specialises in researching cross border families, particularly Border Reiver surnames. She teaches Family History part time at the Borders College and is currently researching for her next book "Tales of the Tait's" exploring the exploits of this Scottish Middle March surname.



John Watson

John first became interested in the Border Reivers in the late 60s/70s motorcycling into the Borders with friends on summer weekends.

It was only when George McDonald Fraser published his book 'The Steel Bonnets' that John realised he was in the heart of a fascinating area, rich in medieval history, including what he later found out to be the 'debatable land'.



While not claiming to be a historian, he has amassed a considerable knowledge of this subject over many years and has given talks to a large number of organisations.

When invited to speak to Hawick Archaeological Society in 2018 he admits to being filled with trepidation that his audience would already be familiar with all the information he had to impart. So faced with this uncertainty he decided to write some poems specifically about the Border reivers, knowing of course this would be totally new to the members of the society!

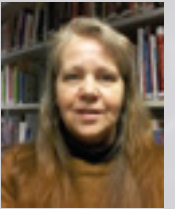
The next logical step was to turn his notes and research into a short book entitled 'There's blood in the war saddle' (title taken from the 3rd verse of the poem 'Returning from the raid') with his poems featuring throughout and relating to the various subjects and events.

The theme of the book is based on how the people of the Borders must have suffered and how they survived and died at a time in our history when life meant less than it does today and is simply an overview of this incredible race of people in one of the most interesting and colourful periods of our history.

'There's blood in the war saddle' is also the title of John's talk!

Fiona Turnbull

Active in the Turnbull Clan Association during her time in America, Fiona is a librarian and genealogist currently working for the NHS in Oban. Born in Hertfordshire but raised in both America and the UK, she studied history and library science before embarking on a career in librarianship. Fiona returned to her homeland in 2012 and is currently studying towards a post-graduate certificate in Genealogical Studies from the University of Strathclyde. She hosts the Turnbull Clan tent at the Reivers Festival, was named Clan Member of the year in 2019, and manages the Turnbull-Trimble DNA project.



Derek Stewart

Born in Hawick - Derek initially trained as an engineer, and following a series of odd jobs - bee keeper's assistant / tree planter / film extra ("Outlander") - found his passion in history. He has a Degree in History through the Open University and worked at Hawick Museum for ten years, and recently as a guide at Bowhill and researcher at Abbotsford House. He now works as a support worker at Cornerstone, and writes historical books and articles in his spare time. Derek is the secretary of the living history club the "Teviotdale Steel Bonnets," who recreate the 16th & 17th century of the Scottish Borders.



An avid traveller, Derek has walked Hadrian's Wall, the John Muir Trail and John Muir Way, climbed Mont Blanc and ventured to Everest Base Camp. Pilgrimages are big in Derek's life, liking to do at least one a year - completing pilgrimages to Santiago de Compostela, Canterbury and Whithorn - undertaking many dressed in 13th century clothes. Derek has a big passion in visiting castles - with a high point in getting to see Kerak in Jordan and Crak de Chevalier in Syria. He recently got married (Aug 2019) to a lady from Canada (Julia Elliott) - with the ceremony taking place in the Armstrong stronghold of Gilnockie Tower.

Alastair Cunningham

Alastair Cunningham was born in Peeblesshire and educated at RMA Sandhurst and Oxford University. He served for 12 years with the Kings Own Scottish Borderers, retiring as a Captain. He then went on to run a ski tour operating company, taking clients out to the Alps from Edinburgh. After a spell as a recruiter and head hunter, he started Scottish Clans and Castles Ltd in 2000. This company arranged trips to Scotland, primarily for Americans looking to explore their ancestry and visit their clan lands. He sold that company in 2018 and is now engaged on a project to introduce GPS-triggered storytelling tours to the Scottish Borders. This company, The Reivers Road now has three audio trails available - the Flodden Trail from Coldstream to Hawick via Jedburgh, the Hermitage Trail from Hawick to Langholm, and the Etrick Trail from Langholm to Selkirk. He lives just outside Hawick."



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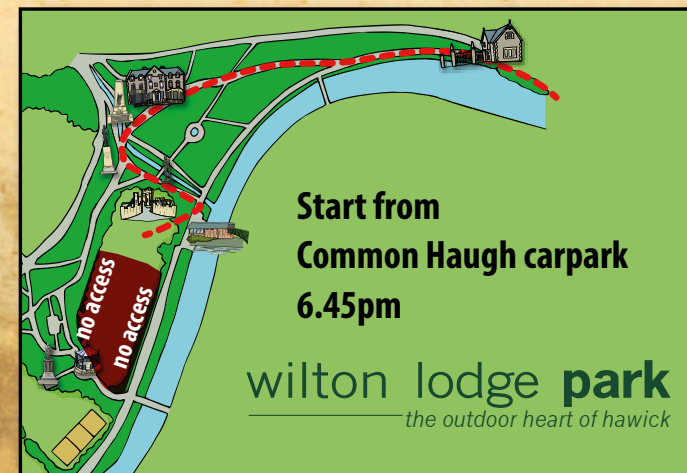
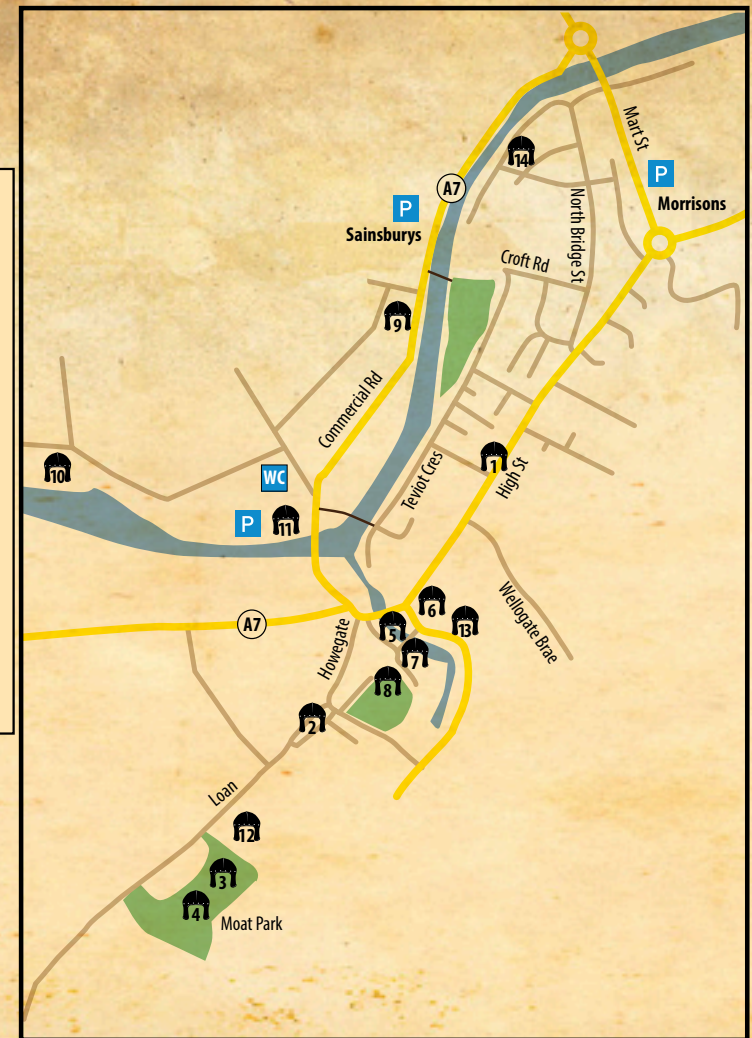
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offer on tour tickets throughout March 2020

Hawick Reivers Festival

- 1 Town Hall
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- 4 Encampment Mote Park
- 5 Heart of Hawick / Towermill
- 6 Border Textile Towerhouse
- 7 Heritage Hub
- 8 St Mary's Church
- 9 Old Baths
- 10 Wilton Lodge Park
- 11 Common Haugh
- 12 Drumlanrig School
- 13 Cornucopia Rooms
- 14 Evergreen



Start from
Common Haugh carpark
6.45pm

wilton lodge park
the outdoor heart of hawick

Torchlight procession and fireworks Wilton Lodge Park

route subject to change
depending on weather

please follow steward's
instructions

AT A GLANCE

FRIDAY 27TH MARCH

Ghost Walks	6.45pm & 8.00pm	Vennel, Textile Tower House	Pg 5
Reivers Concert	8.00pm (Doors 7.30pm)	Evergreen Hall, Dovecote Street	Pg 5

SATURDAY 28TH MARCH

16th Century Market	10.30am - 3.00pm	Drumlanrig Square & Kirkwynd	Pg 7
Reivers Encampment	10.30am - 3.00pm	Moat Park	Pg 7
Reivers Procession & Opening Ceremony	10.45am - 11.00am	Civic Space, Silver St., Howegate, Drumlanrig Square	Pg 7
Primary School Reivers Games	11.30am	Moat Park	Pg 13
School Reiver Plays	11.30am & 12.30pm	Drumlanrig School Hall	Pg 15
Descended from a Reiver?	11.30am	Heritage Hub	Pg 17
Hawick Archaeological Society Talk	1.00pm	Heritage Hub	Pg 17
The Broken Band (Two Rivers Theatre)	2.30pm	Cornucopia Room	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 29TH MARCH

'The History of the Turnbull Clan and the works of Dr Michael Robson' by Fiona Turnbull	10.00am	Heritage Hub	Pg 23
'The Rutherfords, a Riding Family of the Middle March' by Alastair Cunningham	11.15am	Heritage Hub	Pg 23
'The Buccleuch Regiment at the Siege of Grolle - 1627' by Derek Stewart	12.30pm	Heritage Hub	Pg 23
The Broken Band (Two Rivers Theatre)	2.00pm	Cornucopia Room	Pg 23
Mosstroopers of Old High Tea	4.00pm	Mansfield Rugby Club	Pg 23

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