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## **The Border Reivers: romance or reality?**

**by Maks Loth-Hill**

**by Zoom on Thursday 15 April 2021, at 7.30pm**

**Maks** has worked at Carlisle Castle, Lanercost Priory, and Tullie House, which fuelled his interest in local history. He developed a keen interest in the Dacre family, whose story led him to study the Border Reivers. He is currently studying full-time for a PhD at Durham University.

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**The talk** Border reivers were raiders along the Anglo-Scottish border from the late 13th century to the beginning of the 17th century. Their ranks consisted of both Scottish and English people, and they raided the entire Border country without regard to their victims' nationality. Their heyday was in the last hundred years of their existence, during the time of the House of Stuart in the Kingdom of Scotland and the House of Tudor in the Kingdom of England.

Long after they were gone, the reivers were romanticised by writers such as Sir Walter Scott, who wrote down histories which had been passed on in folk tradition or ballad. Consequently there is a mix of fact and fiction in what is written and understood about the reivers, which Maks will address.



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