

Hawick's German Prisoners

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**Stobs Internment Camp
in Global Context,
1914-1919**

18 & 19 June 2016

FREE study weekend
for the general public



During the First World War, the Stobs military training ground near Hawick was used as a mass internment facility for 4,500 prisoners.

These consisted of German civilian 'enemy aliens' from across Britain and its Empire, and military Prisoners of War taken from European battlefields. Stobs was one of the biggest camps in the British Empire and parent camp for a network of further facilities across Scotland and Northern England. Although currently in disrepair and usually not publicly accessible, the site gives a unique insight into the workings of an internment camp. Come along and learn about the local, national and global significance of Stobs and Hawick during World War I.

- ▶ **Listen and talk** to experts who have conducted extensive research on Stobs and other camps around the world.
- ▶ **Join up with the experts** to interpret camp artefacts and texts on display. If you have any items in your possession, please bring these along.
- ▶ **Join an excursion** to the site with the Scottish Borders Council archaeology officer. Current plans include excavation, improved accessibility, and information.

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Turn over for Programme ▶

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Programme

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Saturday 18 June

09.00 – 09.30 Arrival and Registration,
Heart of Hawick cultural centre.

09.30 Dr Stefan Manz (Aston University, Birmingham)
Welcome and Introductory Lecture:
Stobs in Global Context.

10.00 Dr Catriona M. M. Macdonald (University
of Glasgow) Anti-German Riots in Scotland
during World War I.

10.20 Dr Terry McBride (University of the West
of Scotland) The State and 'Enemy Aliens' in
Scotland, 1914-1919.

10.40 Coffee Break.

11.00 Dr Gordon Barclay (Former Principal Inspector,
Historic Scotland) Camp History and Topography,
1914-1919.

11.20 Shona Sinclair/David Hill/Jake Coltman
(Hawick Museum and Personal Collection)
Objects from the Camp: Show and Tell.

11.40 Yvonne Cresswell (Manx National Heritage)
Internment on the Isle of Man.

12.00 Colin Chapman (Northamptonshire Record Society)
The Eastcote/Pattishall Camp in Northamptonshire.

12.20-13.20 Buffet lunch in Heart of Hawick.

13.20 Tom French (County Meath Library)
Commemorating Oldcastle Camp in
County Meath.

13.40 Prof Panikos Panayi (de Montfort University,
Leicester) The Ahmednagar Camp in India.

14.00 Prof Matthew Stibbe (Sheffield Hallam University)
British Internees in Germany. The Ruhleben Camp.

14.30 – 18.00 Chat to the experts about
artefacts and texts from camps. (Heritage Hub).

19.00 Informal gathering at The Bourtree
(Wetherspoon).

Sunday 19 June

9.30 Meet in front of Heritage Hub.

10.00 – 12.30 Tour of the Stobs site with
Dr Christopher Bowles, Scottish Borders Council
Archaeology Officer.

13.00 Informal
gathering at
The Bourtree
(Wetherspoon).



Registration

To secure a place, please contact at details below:

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