

More Events at the Heritage Centre

As well as our five main collections and displays which feature the Border Reivers, Border Counties Railway, the photography of W P Collier, Farming (and the Stannersburn Smithy) and Mining we hold a wide range of temporary exhibitions each year. Some of these are from the Heritage Centre but many more are from local artists, history groups and other bodies. Our current temporary exhibition is

'The Bellingham Flood of 1911'

which runs to Thursday 15 September. It has been curated by A C (Freddie) Everatt one of our volunteers. This is a fascinating collection of facts, photographs, anecdotes and memories of this terrible event.

Visitors from the UK and abroad are helping us to knit a Long Scarf in our new project

Knitting People Together

We are not trying for a record – we just want to involve as many people as possible from as many places as possible and then we will make a map at the end as a permanent record.

Full details of these and other exhibitions, events and projects on: www.bellingham-heritage.org.uk

OPENING TIMES (to end of October)
Mon-Sat: 9.30-4.30; Sun: 10.30-3.30

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'Love and Conflict, Fear and Delight'
(Part of our Poetry and More programme)

featuring
Pippa Little (Poet)

and
Rachel Pearson ('Crowder'/Fiddler)



Pippa Little

Rachel Pearson

Sunday 7 August 2011

2.30 p.m.

£4.50 (Includes refreshments & admission to museum)

Note: the title is taken from a review of Pippa Little's
FORAY: Border Reiver Women by Sean O'Brien

Programme

Pippa will read poems from her collection **FORAY Border Reiver Women** and Rachel will repond with traditional tunes on the fiddle. There will be a short interval.

The Border Reivers

The Border Reivers raided and feuded 300 years ago across from Berwick to Carlisle, from Galashiels to Hexham and beyond. Political interests kept these lands a battleground. Names like the Armstrongs, Elliots, Grahams, Maxwells and Robsons survived poverty, lawlessness and violence through their family loyalty, fierce independence and rich culture of music and poetry. **Pippa Little**

- Check out the Border Reivers display while you are here;
- Remember the 9th November at 7.00pm: Christopher Robson will be here to talk about 'The Riding Surnames of North Tynedale and Redesdale'.



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Pippa Little

Pippa Little has lived in Northumberland for over 20 years. A Scot, while researching for her collection on women Border Reivers **Foray** she discovered reiving ancestors of her own and also that her husband's family, the Littles, had ridden on both sides of the border. An award-winning poet, Pippa Little's first collection, **The Spar Box**, was a Poetry Book Society pamphlet choice. In 2008 she won The Biscuit International Poetry Prize and in 2009 the Andrew Waterhouse Award. Her work has been published in numerous magazines and anthologies, on the internet and the radio, and she has also co-edited two Virago anthologies of women's writing. The Snow Globe, poems on Scotland, comes out this autumn from Red Squirrel Press and Overwintering will be published by Oxford Poets in October 2012.

Rachel Pearson

Rachel Pearson trained as a designer at Glasgow School of Art. She has worked for many years as a mural artist, working as far away as Dubai. She is now based back in Northumberland where she works as a landscape and wildlife artist specialising in watercolour. 'I was born in the North Tyne Valley and still live on the Banks of the Bonny North Tyne. I am a fourth generation fiddler. I still love the tunes and melodies that I grew up hearing, especially the lively ones!