

# Sir Walter Scott – born 250 years ago

**Sir Walter Scott was born 250 years ago on 15 August 1771.**

Scott, who lived until 1832, wrote many types of books, novels, poems, plays and was also a noted historian. Regarded as classics, his books are read today with as much reverence as they once were.

As part of the anniversary celebrations ScottFest 2021 is to be held over this weekend, 14-15 August at Abbotsford which will become a colourful carnival site. Tickets are on sale [here](#).

This year the celebrations will include jousting, stunt horse riding, living history displays, history displays, falconry and traditional crafts, archery, live music, dancing and a Borders towns' tug of war contest.



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Giles Ingram, Chief Executive at Abbotsford, said: “ScottFest is a new festival, funded this year by EventScotland, that will be staged annually on Scott’s birthday, enabling us to continue to celebrate Scott’s achievements and influence on Scottish life after the 250th anniversary commemorations have ended.

“We are now putting the final plans in place for what promises to be a fantastic weekend of entertainment for locals and visitors, an opportunity for a great day out on the last

weekend of the school holidays and a cause for celebration after the difficult year everyone has been through.”



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Born in College Wynd in the capital, Scott died at Abbotsford in some financial distress, which was settled shortly after his death from earnings from his books. Scott was an advocate, a Sheriff-Depute and Clerk of Session in Selkirkshire.

He is commemorated by a gothic memorial in Princes Street Gardens, which the architect did not live to see built. He is also the only author to have a railway station named after him.



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Happy Birthday Sir Walter!