

Subject: **Conisborough Castle for the Doncaster Rambler's project 'The Danum Trail'**
Medium: Acrylic
Size: 260mm x 160mm
Working Time: 23 hours
Completed:

Comments: **From an original photograph by the illustrator.** There was some uncertainty about the format of the image, either straight edged or to vignette oval; the result was in neither being fully realised. The foliage was executed via a black base with colour added, a white undercoat over the black, giving more vibrant greens.

Notes: Conisborough from the Anglo-Saxon *Cynigesburgh* (the defended burgh of the King). Held by King Harold I and appropriated by William de Warrene, son in law to William I after Harold's death at Hastings. The present castle was probably founded on an existing Anglo-Saxon site. The first Motte and Bailey stronghold was replaced by this unusual round keep between 1163 – 1202. By around the 16th Century it had fallen into decay and consequently was spared further destruction during the English Civil War. It inspired Sir Walter Scott for his historical romance *Ivanhoe* ¹



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¹ Johnson, Stephen. *Conisbrough Castle*
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