



Annual General Meeting & Reed Neet

Saturday 30th April 2022

**We are pleased to announce that
this year's AGM and Reed Neet will
be held at the Waterford Lodge
Hotel, Castle Square, Morpeth,
NE61 1YD.**

**The AGM will begin at 7pm, to be followed
at 8pm by the Traditional Pie & Peas
Supper, and Reed Neet.**

Further details, including the Agenda of the AGM; the booking ticket for the Reed Neet; and the form for the renewal of your annual subscriptions; are all to be found on other pages of this Newsletter.

Happnins in 2022

Saturday 23rd April : On-line Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering

Saturday 30th April : Northumbrian Language Society AGM and Reed Neet

A Saturday in October : The Roland Bibby Memorial Lecture

The weekend of 28/29 October : The National Dialect Festival in the Lake District

Saturday 3rd December : The Yule Meet

Members' Newsletter

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54th Northumbrian Gathering

continuing Northumberland's traditions

Online Saturday 23rd April 2022

via YouTube, Zoom and Facebook

with some in-person events Fri 22nd to Sun 24th

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS edition 2

Event links are below, with any updates posted on [facebook.com/morpeth.gathering](https://www.facebook.com/morpeth.gathering)



Welcome to our festival of traditional Northumbrian music, dance, craft, dialect, drama and heritage, held since 1968 in Northumberland's historic county town of Morpeth on the weekend after Easter. Covid still sadly prevents us staging the usual range of events, and so we present a mainly online Gathering for 2022.

Some live outdoor entertainment is planned for the town centre, park and Morpeth Castle, where the Landmark Trust is running its free annual Open Weekend. Visitors to the Castle must book in advance here: <https://www.landmarktrust.org.uk/news-and-events/upcoming-events/morpeth-castle-open-day-2022/>

Most events will be accessed via our YouTube channel unless stated otherwise. They will launch at the times given below, remaining online until further notice for people to catch up. Last-minute news or changes will be announced on Facebook.

All events are free but please consider donating to individual performers via their websites. We have again been overwhelmed by the goodwill of many people willing to give of their time and skills, and we urge you to support creative artists who have lost work and income throughout the time of Covid restrictions.

The Gathering also welcomes direct donations towards the costs of producing these online events and enabling the annual festival to continue into the future. Please donate online through our appeal on <https://www.gofundme.com/f/morpeth-northumbrian-gathering> or send a cheque made out to M.N.G.C. to the **Gathering Office**, Westgate House, Dogger Bank, Morpeth, NE61 1RE. If you prefer, please ask us for BACs details. Queries: Tel.:01670 513308; E-mail: enquiries@northumbriana.org.uk

Merchandise – contact the Gathering Office for t-shirts, mugs, car stickers and our CD “Morpeth’s Music” featuring songs and tunes old and new from leading musicians and friends of the Gathering. New this year is the stunning poster created for the Gathering by contemporary artist Jonny Hannah - details out soon.

Circumstances may mean events are subject to change.

BEFORE THE GATHERING:

Family Craft Workshop - Easter holiday activities – Join our online Pageant!

Make royal crowns and model thrones for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee with artist Elaine Porter of White Lantern Company - wear or carry them while watching our videos and events. Details online soon.

Northumbrian Minstrelsy Ensemble – join our celebrations for the 140th anniversary of the influential book by signing up in advance for a special tunebook of arrangements by Phoenix Folk for the online tune session – or by sending a pre-recorded home video to be edited into a virtual ensemble. Details out soon.

Competitions - see <http://www.northumbriana.org.uk/gathering/competitions.htm>

Sadly, the crafts and live performing competitions cannot take place this year, but we shall announce the results of the art and certain writing/composing competitions judged in advance (deadlines 19th March for Art, 28th March for writing). These will be posted on Facebook and afterwards on the Gathering website.

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During the day do fill any gaps by having a look over at the **Gathering's YouTube channel for videos of the first online Gathering last year (including "Elsie" Part 1)** and at **MorpethNewsTV's YouTube channel** featuring interviews and archive films from earlier festivals.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS Further details to be issued soon. All events subject to change.
Any last-minute changes or updates will appear on **facebook.com/morpeth.gathering**

<i>Day/Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Details</i>
Fri 22nd	Northumbrian Pipes Taster Day	Chantry*	For beginners; must pre-book @£24
Sat 23rd	Morris dancing and stories (to be conf)	Mkt Place	Also in Arcade, Park, Millennium
Sat & Sun	Castle Open Days + music & stories	Castle**	Must pre-book via Landmark Trust
SAT 23rd	ONLINE DAY OF EVENTS:		
All day	Family Craft Workshop	YouTube	Make royal crowns and thrones
8.00 am	Exotic Location Gathering T-shirt	YouTube	Past years' globe-trotting award
8.15 am	Virtual Art Gallery	YouTube	Display of Art Competition entries
8.30 am	Art Competition Results	YouTube	Virtual Town Hall Gallery of winning
9.00 am	Writing Competitions Results	Facebook	Dialect/music/story/songwriting
9.30 am	Storyteller	Facebook	To be confirmed
10.00 am	Historic Dance Workshop	Zoom***	Advance booking by email – see below
11.00 am	The Gadgy's Welcome	YouTube	Official welcome by Alex Swailes MBE
11.15 am	Carry On Gadgying	YouTube	Images of Alex over many Gatherings
11.30 am	Historic Dance Display	YouTube	Georgian and mixed period dancing
12 noon	Rent a Peasant - living history	YouTube	Historic cookery and costume
12.30 pm	Singaround	Zoom****	Led by Beeswing. See below for link
2.00 pm	Family Concert – Silly Sangs for Bairns	YouTube	Jim Mageean/Paddy&Cath/Phil Hogg
3.00 pm	Dulcimer Showcase	YouTube	With Nonsuch Dulcimer Club
3.30 pm	Northumbrian Minstrelsy Ensemble	YouTube	Details in "Before the Gathering"
4.00 pm	Tunes Session	Zoom*****	Led by Phoenix Folk. See below for
5.00 pm	Gala Concert - The Gadgy's Delight	YouTube	Celebrating the Gadgy's 90 th birthday!
7.00 pm	Northumbrian Minstrelsy Concert	YouTube	140 th anniversary concert + all-star
8.30 pm	Elsie Rides Again	YouTube	Pat Dunn's one-woman show Part 2

Gathering YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN3xZXLGymFF1asySYA8Eyg>

*Northumbrian Pipes Taster Day for Absolute Beginners

Very limited numbers. Advance booking is required – please email enquiries@northumbriana.org.uk for details and to book place.

** **Morpeth Castle Open Days** – book free day ticket in advance at

<https://www.landmarktrust.org.uk/news-and-events/upcoming-events/morpeth-castle-open-day-2022/>

***** Historic Dance Workshop – 15th Century couple dancing**

Advance booking is required - please email morpethgatheringdance@gmail.com by noon on Friday 22nd April to book and receive link

****** Singaround** – link to follow (booking not required)

******* Tunes Session** - link to follow (booking not required)

N.B. While we regret we can't stage an online or in-person Barn Dance this year, there is live dancing in Morpeth every month at the St George's Country Dance Club - for details email Shirley Forster shirlsgurc@gmail.com

**The 39th Annual General Meeting of the Northumbrian Language Society
to be held at 7 pm on Saturday 30th April 2022, at the Waterford Lodge Hotel, Morpeth**

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 38th AGM 7th May 2021
3. Executive's Report for 2021-2022
4. Treasurer's Report for 2021-2022
5. Election of Officers (current holders shown in brackets)

a. President (K Porteous FNLS)	g. Treasurer(J Davidson)
b. Vice-Presidents (J Brown, K Bibby-Wilson FNLS)	h. Bibliographer (G Wallace)
c. Chairman (S Lawson)	i. Newsletter (P Arnold FNLS)
d. Vice-Chairman (E Elliott)	j. Hon. Auditor (Mr T Horne)
e. Secretary (vacant)	k. Press&Publicity (Andy Bogle)
f. Minutes Secretary (E Elliott)	l. Audio-visual (vacant)

6. Election of Executive (H Dickson, Alex Swailes MBE, R Wilson, plus 1 vacancy)
7. Other Elections – Fellows, Hon. Life Members – no proposals
8. Any Other Business.

The 35th Reed Neet Supper will follow at 8 pm

M.C.: Maistor Peter Arnold

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Northumbrian Language Society

Subscription Renewal/Application Form

(Subscriptions are due on the 1st of April every year)

Individual Members: £12

Joint members: £18

Concessions: £8

(unwaged adults, and young people under 18)

Name:

Address:

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Postcode: **Phone:**

Email:

(giving us your email address helps us to keep postage costs down, and it makes it possible for us to contact you quickly)

NB: Please note that your membership details will be held on a computer database for Northumbrian Language Society use only, and will not be made available to any other organisation without your consent.

**Please make cheques/postal orders payable to
"Northumbrian Language Society"**

Please return this form to :

**Mr John Davidson
10 Burnhouse Road, Wooler,
Northumberland, NE71 6EE**

If you are a UK taxpayer, and you would like to help us by making your membership subscription bigger, at no extra cost to yourself, why not fill in the Gift Aid form overleaf and return it to the Treasurer?

Charity Gift Aid Declaration

Please fill in this form and return it to the Northumbrian Language Society Treasurer, John Davidson at his address overleaf.

Boost your donation (your membership subscription) by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate. Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity (Northumbrian Language Society) from the tax you pay during the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

In order to Gift Aid your donation, you must tick this box

I want to Gift Aid my donation (your membership subscription) of £..... and any donation I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to the Northumbrian Language Society.

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all of my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

My details: Title: First name or initials:

Surname:

Full Home Address:

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Postcode: Date:

Please notify the Northumbrian Language Society if you want to cancel this declaration, change your name or home address, or do not pay sufficient tax on your Income and/or Capital Gains.

If you pay Income Tax at the higher rate, or additional rate, and you want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return, or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your Tax Code.

All your contributions go to support the work of the Society in promoting Northumbrian prose, poetry, song, music and dance. We publish a regular members' Newsletter, books, CDs and other merchandise. We provide speakers and put on events like the Reed Neet and the Yule Meet. We sponsor dialect competitions at the Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering, and work with children and teachers in schools.

For more information on the work of the Society, please visit our website at www.northumbriana.org.uk/langsoc

Reed Neet Ticket Application Form

(return this part of the form with your payment)

Date: Saturday 30th April 2022 at 8pm

**Venue: Waterford Lodge Hotel,
Castle Square, Morpeth, NE61 1YD**

(We understand there is car parking behind the Hotel)

Tickets: £10

(including stotty cyek, pie&peas supper, tea or coffee, and entertainment)

Name:

Address:

Postcode: **Phone:**

(in case we need to contact you urgently about this event)

No. of tickets required: **Meat Pie:** **Vegetarian Pie:**

Please return this form to:

**Mr John Davidson,
10 Burnhouse Road, Wooler, Northumberland, NE71 6EE**

NB: Closing date for ticket applications is Monday 25th April

(Phone John Davidson on 01668 281462 for late applications or queries)

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Reed Neet Ticket

(Please cut out and keep this part of the form - it's your ticket!)

Number of suppers ordered: **Meat:** **Vegetarian:**

Saturday 30th April 2022, at 8pm

(Preceded by the NLS AGM at 7pm in the same venue)

