

Northumbrian Language Society

"Keepin Ahad O Wor Tung"

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The 2005 Muckle Moot & Roland Bibby Memorial Lecture

See over the page for full details.

Society News

Church Service - this was held in St George's United Reformed Church, Morpeth on Sunday 21 August. About 40 people attended the event, which was filmed by the BBC, and an extract was shown on the local news programme that evening. The service was mostly in Northumbrian, and it was led by the minister Reverend Ron Forster, with contributions by a number of members of the Northumbrian Language Society.

Muckle Moot - if you're going to this event, please let Kim know (01670-513308), and if you're taking food, make sure that it is ready-to-eat and doesn't need to be heated or cooked.

BBC Wordhunt Appeal - this appeal is carrying out a project on the origin of words. Does anyone have evidence of "Mackem" appearing in print before 1991? Or "mushy peas" before 1975? There are other, non-Northumbrian expressions too, such as "posh", "minger", "full monty", which they're keen to hear about. The full list will be available at the Muckle Moot/Memorial Lecture on Saturday 15 October. You can also contact Kim on 01670-513308 for more details.

National Poetry Day - Thursday 6 October - one or two members of the Society will be performing around venues in Morpeth and Ashington, but anyone is asked to recite something in Northumbrian before a meeting, paying the coal bill or whatever! Please let us know afterwards if you managed to do something.

Yule Meet - Saturday 10 December - starting at 2pm in Morpeth's Chantry Museum.

AGM/Reed Neet 2006 - Saturday 6 or 13 May, most likely at Craik Park, the home of Morpeth Football Club, where this year's event was held.

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The joint meeting of the North of England Dialect Societies
(seven groups covering Northumberland, Durham, Cumbria, Lancashire and Yorkshire)
hosted by the Northumbrian Language Society and incorporating
the annual Roland Bibby Memorial Lecture.

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Saturday 15th October

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2 pm: "Talking For Britain:
Language in a Landscape"

with Simon Elmes

(Creative Director, BBC Radio -

"Routes of English", "Word4Word", "Word of Mouth", etc.)

Simon talks about the way vernacular English in Britain
is evolving, in all its forms: dialect, slang and popular idiom,
as revealed in the current ground-breaking "Voices" project.



Stamfordham Village Hall

Stamfordham, near Ponteland, Northumberland - on the B6309.

Free admission. Full disabled access.

(Please bring food for shared tea at 3 pm. Drinks provided.)

Car parking space on village green. Entry to the hall is by the main side door.
Doors open to set up 1 pm; societies' stalls open 1.30; lecture 2 pm followed by shared tea at
approx. 3 pm and short entertainment spots by members of societies, to conclude by 5 pm.

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Saturday 15th October

Stamfordham Village Hall, Stamfordham, near Ponteland, Northumberland.

The village lies on the B6309 road. See www.stamfordhamvillagehall.co.uk/location.htm
(From Newcastle, go west along A69 to Heddon on the Wall, then join the Military Road - B6318 - then on to B6309 at Whittle Dene reservoir. If coming from west, Stamfordham is signposted from A69 after Styford /Corbridge.)

Access: The hall has limited car parking space on site, but the village green can take large numbers of cars comfortably. Entry to the hall is by the main side door, and all areas are fully accessible to the disabled.

Times: Doors open to set up 1 pm; societies' stalls open 1.30; lecture 2 pm followed by shared tea (please bring contributions - drinks provided) at 3 pm and short entertainment spots by members of societies from 3.30 pm, to conclude c. 4.45 pm.

Lecture 2 pm: "Talking For Britain: Language in a Landscape"

Simon Elmes (Creative Director, BBC Radio - "Routes of English", "Word for Word", "Word of Mouth", etc.) talks about the way vernacular English in Britain is evolving - in all its forms: dialect, slang and popular idiom; as revealed in the current ground-breaking Voices project.

Societies: each will be provided with a table measuring 8 feet by 3 feet to display information, merchandise, etc.. Invited groups: Durham and Tyneside Dialect Group, East Riding Dialect Society, Lakeland Dialect Society, Lancashire Dialect Society, Tees Valley Dialect Group, Yorkshire Dialect Society - if you know of any more, please inform us!!

The story/song/poem spot for each group at the end of the afternoon will have to last between five and eight minutes to fit everyone in before the journey home.

Please let us know in advance if possible how many members will attend and the name/s of performers/speakers.

Looking forward to seeing you!

