

Members' Newsletter No 69 – Autumn 2009

Nup Blossom

We've had an enquiry from Swindon in Wiltshire about a tune written by Archie Dagg called "Nup Blossom". Does anyone know what blossom this is?

A suggestion is that it might be the same as Noops or Knupes, which in Heslop refers to the cloudberry or mountain bramble. An alternative might be Knot-Berry. Does anyone have any other ideas? Please let Kim Bibby-Wilson know if you do.

Collins English Dictionary

This prestigious publication is thinking of putting together collections of dialect words from across the country which have either fallen into disuse or which have become popular in recent years.

Kim has spoken to a few members and sent off some suggestions for inclusion in the project. If you can think of any Northumbrian words or phrases which fall into either of these categories, then please get in touch with Kim.

Happnins

Saturday 17th October – Roland Bibby Memorial Lecture. Details over the page.

Saturday 7th November – Gathering fund-raising dance in the Town Hall Ballroom, Morpeth, at 8pm. Tickets £6 (£4 concessions) including pie and peas supper

Monday 9th November – Gathering AGM at a venue yet to be decided, at 7.30pm

Saturday 12th December – Yule Meet. Details over the page.

Friday 5th March 2010 – Collingwood Concert, to celebrate the bicentenary of his death. Further details later.

9th – 11th April 2010 – 43rd Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering

Brian James

Members will recall that Brian has been quite poorly for the last couple of years. Well, the good news is that he's on the mend, and we've had a letter from him saying that he's making slow progress. The bad news is that he's had to move out of the area, and he's now living in Southport in Lancashire to be closer to family.

Mental Fatigue

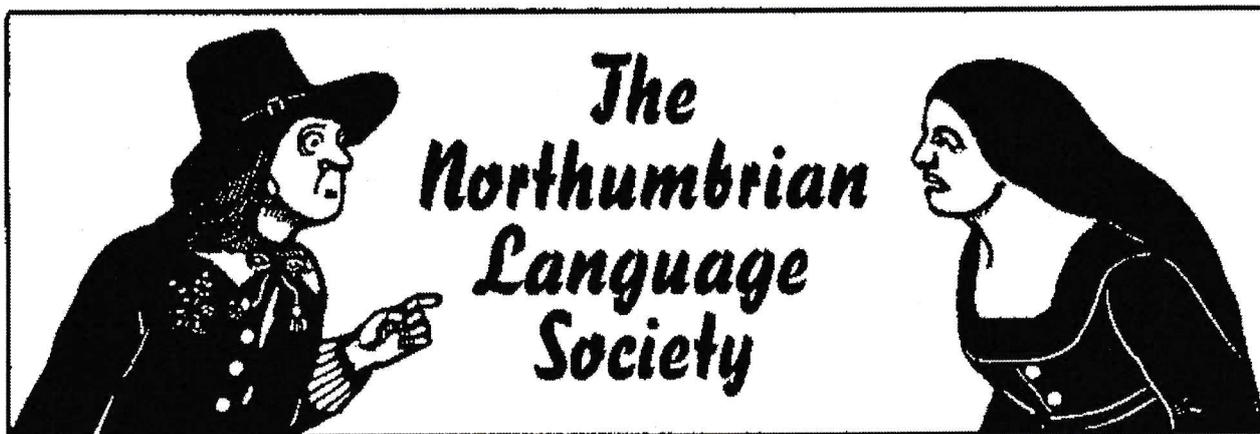
Work!
Ye caal that work?
Aal day
Sittin on ya hint end
Pushin a pen?

Work!
Yesterday
Me an big Jacky
Lifted ten ton
Ti the Grimsby wagon.
Ten bloody ton!
Box bi box.
None o yon fancy fork lifts.
Hundredwite bi hundredwite.
An the rain beatin on wu.
That's work!

Not a writer born
Can set it doon.
Aa knaa,
Cos Aa've tried.
Man, efter the forst two sentences
Aa were that exhausted
Aa fell asleep
Ower the tyeb!

Tom Hadaway, 2001





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The 2009 Roland Bibby Memorial Lecture

Saturday 17th October at 2 pm

The Northumbrian Language Society presents
**Dialect poet Peter Athey of Felton
on "Lost Words"**

**The Ballroom, Morpeth Town Hall,
Market Place, Morpeth, NE61 1LZ**

Free admission. Full disabled access.

Doors open and free drinks 1.30 pm

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Also: Saturday 12th December: The Society hosts its Christmas get-together, the Yule Meet, from 2 - 4 pm in Morpeth Chantry Bagpipe Museum (now with full disabled access). Featuring all-new "Whe's Tellin Hoafies?" word-bluffing game. All welcome.

Free entry and drinks but please bring shared food.