



"Keepin Ahad O Wor Tung"

WOT'S ON

Friday 11 March - Gathering fund raising concert. See details on the next page of this newsletter

Friday 29 April to Sunday 1 May - 44th Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering. See programme details later on in this newsletter. The Northumbrian Language Society events are on the afternoon of Saturday 30 April. Please support if you can.

Saturday 7 May - NLS Annual General Meeting and Reed Neet - Morpeth Comrades Club. This is the formal calling notice for the AGM. Further details will be circulated nearer the time, including a reminder about subscriptions, due in April.

Sunday 7 August - Dialect Church Service - St Andrew's Parish Church, Newgate Street, Newcastle. More details later. Please put this date in your diary now.

Saturday 15 October - Roland Bibby Memorial Lecture - Morpeth Town Hall. More details will be available in the next newsletter.

Saturday 22 October - English Dialect Day in Louth, Lincolnshire. This event is part of a campaign by several dialect groups to preserve our distinctive English dialects. There will be people from all over the English speaking community there. We hope to be represented. Don't forget that we are hosting this event in 2012! More details later.

Saturday 10 December - possible date for the Yule Meet, our traditional yuletide celebration.

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Friday 11th March 2011



7.30 pm

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

**Tickets £8.00 (Concessions £7.00)
from Morpeth Chantry TIC 01670 535200
or from Kim Bibby-Wilson 01670 513308**

Interval refreshments available

*A fund-raiser for 44th Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering 29th April-1st May 2011
featuring High Level Ranters, street events and new group Fligarishon*



44th Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering



29th April - 1st May 2011

Programme - details subject to confirmation Edition 2

Friday 29th April 2011:

9.30 - 5.00 **CRAFTS EXHIBITION** with refreshments; adult & junior craft competitions (entries received Thurs. 28th April 5.30pm - 7 pm). Displays/stalls: proggy mats, smallpipes, shepherds' sticks, T-shirts, cards, books, CDs

Town Hall Corn Exchange (level access) 60p/40p

10.00 - 4.00 **OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT** Royal Wedding street party with Hautbois (Border Reivers music), Es Rebost (Spanish dancers), Punch & Judy, Lesley Bentham, Jim Grant storyteller, Rent a Peasant, Maximus the Centurion, stalls, etc. *Market Place Free*

During the weekend performers will visit care homes

AFTERNOON EVENTS times/venues to be confirmed:

OFFICIAL OPENING of Gathering by Chairman of Morpeth Town Council *Town Hall*

DANCE WORKSHOPS Spanish dances with Es Rebost from Menorca, the "other" home of Lord Collingwood

SONGWRITING WORKSHOP FOR 11-16 YR OLDS Learn a local song and write your own with Laura Victoria

FAMILY ART DROP-IN WORKSHOP Make Royal Wedding charms and costumes with Elaine Porter

JUGGLING WORKSHOP with Circus Tony *Market Place*

7.30 **ON THE WRITE LINES** Railway-themed concert with performers including High Level Ranters, Ray Derrick, Ernie Gordon, Voicemale, Ray Alexander, MC Alex Swailes. Supported by the Robert Stephenson Trust. *Methodist Church £8/£7*

8.00 **SINGAROUND** with Sedayne and Rachel McCarron *The Alley, Queen's Head Free*

8.00 **MUSICIANS' SESSION** with Alasdair Turnbull, Keith Besford & friends *Tap and Spile Free*

Saturday 30th April: (10-4 Park & Ride at County Hall)

St. John Ambulance at rear of Town Hall.

9.30 - 6.00 **CRAFTS EXHIBITION** as Friday *Town Hall*

9.45 - 10.30 **CHILDREN'S TALES AND LOCAL LEGENDS** Jim Grant *Library Free*

10.00-3.30 **STREET ENTERTAINMENT** Punch & Judy, Time Bandits, Es Rebost, local dance teams, Sedayne, Jim Grant, Rent a Peasant, Lesley Bentham, Thingumajig Theatre, Meze Mundo, stalls, etc. *Market Place, the Park, Millennium Green Storytellers' Garden Free*

10.00 - 10.45 **CLOG DANCE WORKSHOP** Bring flat hard-soled shoes. With Anne Walton. *Town Hall Free*

10.00 - 10.45 **MEET THE NORTHUMBRIAN PIPERS** Drop-in session - all welcome *Bagpipe Museum Free*

10.00 - 10.45 **BONES WORKSHOP** *Town Hall Free*

10.00 - 10.45 **SONGWRITING WORKSHOP FOR 11-16 YR OLDS** with Laura Victoria *St Robert's Ch Hall Free*

10.00 **RING O' BELLS** Clock Tower open afterwards

11.00 **PAGEANT** Border piper, flags, Lord Greystoke's return from Otterburn, welcomed to Town Hall by Morpeth Gadgy and civic leaders. Dancers, giant artwork, Ellington Band. *During this time (10.45 - 11.45 am) Market Place & town centre from Chantry roundabout to Manchester Street closed to traffic. Alternative route via Dark Lane/ Dacre Street/ Manchester Street.*

12.00 **TALK OF THE TOON** Adam Mearns on Newcastle University's dialect project The Diachronic Electronic Corpus of Tyneside English *St Robert's Church Hall Free*

12.00 **MUSICIANS' SESSION** as Friday

12.00 - 3.00 **SINGAROUND** *Joiners Arms Free*

Saturday Competitions: Passport ticket for entrants & audience £2.00/£1.50 includes free entry to Exhibition. Doors open 30 minutes before times given below to allow entrants to register. Refreshments at all venues except museum.

12.00 **CLOG DANCING** *Town Hall*

1.00 **NORTHUMBRIAN PIPES & LOWLAND/ BORDER /HALF-LONG PIPES/ETC** *Bagpipe Museum*

1.30 **SPEAKING** - dialect & stories *St Robert's Church Hall*

2.00 **BANDS, ACCORDIONS, FIDDLES, OTHER INSTRUMENTS, DUETS** *St. George's Church (church ground floor, not the upstairs hall)*

2.30 **WRITING RESULTS** and recital by entrants of this year's dialect prose & poetry. (Writing competitions closing date 9th April, juniors 16th April) *St Robert's Church Hall*

3.30 **SINGING** including groups *Town Hall*

1.00 – 3.00 **BIRD & BATBOX** making *Old Bakehouse Millennium Green, Newgate St. Free (pay for materials)*
 3.00 -3.40 **TIME FOR GEORGE** new puppet story about the Clock Man *Methodist Church Free*
 3.00 - 3.30 **TIME BANDITS** re-enact a Border Reivers brawl *Park Bandstand area*
 4.00 - 5.00 **ENCOUNTERS IN THE REPUBLIC OF HEAVEN** - a celebration of speech in NE England. Presentation by acclaimed digital sound artist Trevor Wishart previewing his Sage premiere of sound portraits of speaking voices, including one belonging to Pegswood. *Methodist Church Hall £3 (£1 with competitions ticket)*
 4.00 - 5.00 **BORDER MUSIC CONCERT** Matt Seattle (Border pipes); Sedayne and Rachel (ballads) *Museum £2*
 5.00 - 5.40 **TIME FOR GEORGE** details as at 3 pm
 6.30 - 8.30 **WINNERS' CONCERT** guests Fligarishon plus 2010 open winners. *Town Hall Ballroom £6/£5*
 7.30 **TWILIGHT TALES** Jim Grant & Sedayne Millen. *Gm*
 8.00 **BARN DANCE** The Border Directors plus guest spots. Please bring own drinks - no bar. And please - no stilettos! *St George's Church Hall £6/£5*
 8.00 **NORTHUMBRIAN PIPERS** session *Queen's Head - session to be confirmed*
 8.00 **MUSICIANS' SESSION** as Friday

Sunday 1st May:

9.30 - 4.30 **CRAFTS EXHIBITION** as Fri. *Town Hall*
 10.00 - 3.00 **OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT** Es Reboast dancers, storytellers, Punch & Judy, Maypole dancing, stalls *Market Place & Park*
 10.00 - 11.00 **ORIENTEERING** event (prizes at 12) *Park*
 10.30 **CHURCH SERVICE** *St George's UR Church*
 11.00 **SONGWRITING WORKSHOP FOR 11-16 YR OLDS** with Laura Victoria *Town Hall*
 11.00 - 12.00 **WALK Meet** at Turner Herb Garden in the Park *Free*
 12.00 - 2.00 **MUSICIANS' SESSION** as Friday.
 1.00 - 3.00 **TOURS OF OLD COUNCIL CHAMBER**, Mayor's Parlour, Civic Silver *Town Hall Free*
 1.30 - 3.00 **FAMILY CONCERT** by 2010 junior winners, songwriting workshop members, Laura Victoria, etc *Town Hall Free but donations welcome*
 3.00 - 3.30 **TIME BANDITS** details as Saturday
 6.00 **THE NEWCASTLE TO BERWICK RAILWAY** talk by John Addyman *Town Hall £2*
 8.00 **THE WILD WANNIE LINE** film presented by Keith Hartnell *Town Hall £3*

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