



"Keepin Ahad O Wor Tung"

Members' Newsletter, Number 88, Spring 2014

Whaat's On

**47th Morpeth
Northumbrian Gathering**
continuing Northumberland's traditions

25th-27th April

See enclosed leaflet for full details

**NB: don't forget the dialect competitions on the
Saturday afternoon in St Robert's Church Hall!**

**STOP PRESS – The Winner's Concert on the
Saturday evening will feature our own, our very
own, Raymond Reed. Be there! Enjoy the dialect!**

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Whaat's On in 2014

Friday 25 to Sunday 27 April : MORPETH NORTHUMBRIAN GATHERING – the premier annual event celebrating everything Northumbrian – concerts, events, stalls, competitions, merchandise. Please remember that the Northumbrian Language Society hosts and runs the dialect competitions on the afternoon of Saturday 26 April in St Robert's Church Hall, starting at 1.30pm. There are three competitions judged on the day: Storytelling, Fine Northumbrian Speech, and the Hoafy Trophy. Please come along to encourage the competitors, and to share in the fun.

Saturday 17 May : AGM & REED NEET – held in the Masonic Hall, Winton House, Howard Terrace, Morpeth. The AGM begins at 7pm, followed by the Reed Neet at 8pm. The Reed Neet is our tribute to Fred Reed, one of the founders of the Northumbrian Language Society, and our acclaimed Poet Laureate. After the **Pipin in O The Stotty**, we have our traditional **Pie & Peas Supper**. Guests then celebrate the event in toasts to the Bard and to the Stotty, followed by contributions from the audience. **Please find an application form for the Reed Neet included with this Newsletter.**

Friday-Sunday 30 May-1 June : BORDER GAITHERIN at Coldstream. For more information visit their website at www.bordergaitherin.com

Saturday 21 June : BRIARDENE COMMUNITY FESTIVAL, Whitley Bay – a fundraising event for the Percy Hedley School which caters for disabled youngsters. We will have a stall, and perhaps put on some events!!!

Friday-Sunday 4-6 July : NEWCASTLETON FESTIVAL. For more information visit their website at www.newcastleton.com

Friday-Sunday 18-20 July : ROTHBURY TRADITIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL – for more information ring 01669-620849, or visit their website at www.rothburytraditionalmusicfestival.co.uk

Sunday 20 July : PICNIC IN THE PARK - a family event in Carlisle Park, Morpeth organised by the Greater Morpeth Development Trust.

Thursday-Sunday 11-14 September: HERITAGE OPEN DAYS – a brochure, setting out places to visit in Northumberland, should be available in the summer.

Thursday 2 October: NATIONAL POETRY DAY – we hope to be able to take part in this event. More details later.

Saturday 11 October : ROLAND BIBBY MEMORIAL LECTURE - held in Morpeth Town Hall Ballroom, starting at 2pm. This is our annual lecture by an expert in one of the many branches of language and dialect.

Saturday 18 October : NATIONAL DIALECT DAY 2014 – held this year in Cumbria, at Rydal hall in Ambleside. We don't have all the details yet, but see the article below.

Saturday 6 December : YULE MEET – held in Morpeth's Chantry Museum, starting at 2pm. This is our annual pre-Christmas celebration, with audience participation, a shared meal, and our popular dialect game "Whe's Tellin Hoafies?"



NATIONAL DIALECT DAY 2014

This year's event is scheduled for Friday 17th and Saturday 18th October, and is being hosted by the Lakeland Dialect Society at Rydal Hall in Ambleside, Cumbria. The programme has not been finalised, but we understand that there will be a welcome concert on the Friday evening, and a full day of dialect events on the Saturday, including the dialect competitions. If you are thinking about staying overnight on the Friday, or if you want to book meals during the day on the Saturday, please get in touch with Mr B Dawson by phone on 015395 60475, or write to him at Underwood, Brigsteer Road, Levens, Kendal, Cumbria, LA8 8NT. **Please do not contact Rydal Hall direct**, because all bookings are being handled by our colleagues in the Lakeland Dialect Society. If you have a query about the programme of events for National Dialect Day, please contact the Lakeland Dialect Society Secretary, Mrs Jean Scott-Smith, Gale View, Main Street, Shap, Penrith, Cumbria, CA10 3NH; phone 01931 716386 ; or by email (the correct one this time!): lakespeak.jean@gmail.com

Northumbrian Language Society

Membership Application/Renewal Form

Subscription rates from 1st April 2014

Individual members: £10

Joint members: £15

Concessions: £5

(unwaged adults and young people under 18)

Name: Memb. No:

Address:
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Postcode: Phone:

Email :

(Giving us your email address helps us to keep costs down by making it possible for us to contact you quickly and cheaply. Given the huge increase in the price of stamps, it will help us a lot if you would agree to having your Newsletters and other mailings from us sent to your email address.

Tick this box ☐ if you do not want us to use your email address.)

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

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

Please return this form to:

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

Reed Neet Ticket Application Form

(return this part of the form with your payment)

Date : Saturday 17th May 2014 at 8pm

Venue: Masonic Lodge, Winton House, Howard Terrace, Morpeth

Tickets : £8 (including stotty cyek, pie & peas supper, tea or coffee)

Name :

Address :

Postcode : Phone:

(in case we need to contact you urgently)

No. of tickets required : Meat Pie Vegetarian Pie

Please return this form to:

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NB : Closing date for ticket applications is Saturday 10th May

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

Reed Neet Ticket

(Please cut out this part of the form and bring it with you –
it is your ticket for the event)

Make a note of the number of suppers ordered : Meat Vegetarian

Saturday 17th May 2014 at 8pm

Masonic Lodge, Winton House, Howard Terrace, Morpeth.

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

