



"Keepin Ahad O Wor Tung"

Members' Newsletter, Number 91, Spring 2015

Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering

Fund-Raising Concert

Friday 13 March, at 7.30pm
Morpeth Town Hall

Featuring

Alistair Anderson, Stewart Hardy
The Border Directors
Anita James & Ernie Gordon
Mary & Peter Hollins
Meg Wilson, and hopefully,
Raymond Reed (a bit unwell at the minute)

Tickets: £10/unwaged £9/under-18s £8

Available from:-

Gathering Office: 01670-513308

Morpeth Chantry TIC: 01670-623455



HearYe! HearYe!

This is an important message for all potential adult Gathering Writers and Composers :-

The closing date for all Class B Competitions has been extended to Saturday 7th March.

The closing date for junior writing classes remains Saturday 21st March

Please contact the Gathering Office urgently on 01670-513308 if you are thinking of entering, but think you may have difficulty meeting the new, extended deadline.



Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering

10th - 12th April 2015

The 48th annual festival of Northumberland's music, dance, crafts and dialect, featuring:-

Pageant, concerts, workshops, sessions, barn dance, street shows, re-enactments, dance displays, bells, competitions, storytelling, orienteering, exhibitions, bellringing, talks.

Special **War and Peace** events, including some remembering the First World War and the music hall era, with **Bob Fox** from the National Theatre's "War Horse", **Jim Bainbridge**, **Jackie Boyce**, **Steve Fry**, **Jim Grant**, **Rachael Hales**, **Hautbois**, **Hedgehog's Skin**, **Sheffield Giants**, **Ernie Gordon**, **Keith Gregson**, **Simon Heywood** and **Shonaleigh**, **Mary and Peter Hollins**, **Andy May**, **Carolyn Robson**, **Taffy Thomas**, **Ray Stephenson**, etc.
plus local choirs and dance teams.

48th Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering 10th - 12th April 2015 Programme

details subject to confirmation Edition 5

10th-12th April: performers will visit care homes & cafes.
SING AND DANCE FOR KING AND COUNTRY Sound composition installation: Rachael Hales with her latest digital sound piece inspired by WWI *Various venues*

Friday 10th April 2015:

9.30 - 5.00 **CRAFTS EXHIBITION** + refreshments; (adult & junior craft entries received Thu. 9th Apr. 5.30pm - 7 pm). Displays/stalls: jewellery, needlecrafts, shepherds' sticks, proggy mats, CDs, books *Town Hall Corn Exch 60p/40p*
10.00 - 4.30 **OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT & STALLS** Hautbois (WWI era music), centurion Maximus, Punch & Judy, stories, etc., market stalls *Market Place*
10.00 - 1.30 **FAMILY ART WORKSHOP** make "War and Peace" pageant items *Mkt Place "Yurt" Small charge*
Daytime **DANCE WORKSHOPS** *Town Hall £2/£1 a session*
10.30 - 12.30 **BAG MAKERS' WORKSHOP** with Jackie Boyce *Bagpipe Museum £3 Pre-book on 01670 860215*
1.00 **MOUTHIE WORKSHOP** Ernie Gordon *Bagp Mus £2/£1*
1.30 - 4.00 **FAMILY ART WORKSHOP** make pageant items with Morpeth Today group *Mkt Place "Yurt"*
2.00 **OFFICIAL OPENING** of Gathering by Mayor *Tn Hall*
2.15 **BOOK PREVIEW** Alan Davison and Brian Harle on their new pocket history of Morpeth *Town Hall £2/£1*
2.15 **OUT OF THE SILENCE** Simon Heywood and Shonaleigh with stories of WW1 conscientious objectors for adults and children aged 12+ *Bagpipe Museum £3/£2*
4.00 **MUSIC HALL SONG WORKSHOP** with Keith Gregson *Bagpipe Museum £2/£1*
4.30 **TALES OF WAR AND PEACE** *Library Free*
6.00 **STORYTELLING GROUP FOR MORPETH?** + Jim Grant. Come to first meeting to get us started *White Swan*
7.30 **LEUK AT THE SOWLJOR** gala concert of WWI era and peace songs including Jim Bainbridge, Hexhamshire Lassies, Steve Fry, New Voices, Mary and Peter Hollins, Voice Male, Werca's Folk *Methodist Church £8/£7/£5*
8.00 **MUSICIANS' SESSION** with Keith Besford, Alasdair Turnbull & friends *Tap & Spile Donations*

Saturday 11th 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 - 10.45 **MUSIC HALL SONG WORKSHOP** with Jim Bainbridge *St Robert's Church Hall £2/£1*
9.45 **CHILDREN'S STORIES** *Library Free*
9.45 - 10.45 **MOUTHIE WORKSHOP** *Town Hall £2/£1*
10.00-3.30 **OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT & STALLS** Punch & Judy, dance teams, Robbie's Whistle Kist, Time Bandits, Scrape the Barrel. *Market Place, Park, Arcade*
STORYTELLERS' GARDEN *Bakehouse Millenn Green*
10.00 - 10.45 **CLOG DANCE WORKSHOP** Bring flat hard-soled shoes. With Anne Walton. *Town Hall £2/£1*
10.00 - 10.45 **MEET THE NORTHUMBRIAN PIPERS** Drop-in session - all welcome *Bagpipe Museum Free*
10.00 - 11.00 **RING O' BELLS** Clock Tower tours after pageant *Small admission charge*
11.00 **PAGEANT** Border piper, flags, Lord Greystoke's return from Otterburn, welcomed at Town Hall by Morpeth Gadgy. Entertainers, Sheffield Giants, Ellington Band.

*During this time (10.30 - 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.*

11.30 - 12.50 **MAKING BAGS FOR NORTHUMBRIAN PIPES** Talk by with Jackie Boyce *Bagpipe Mus £2/£1*
11.45 **OUT OF THE SILENCE** as Friday *Method Ch £3/£2*
11.45 **UNDER 25s' MUSIC SESSION** *Black and Grey*
12.00 **MUSICIANS' SESSION** as Friday
12.00 - 1.00 **MEET BOB FOX** *St Robert's Church Hall £2*
12.00 - 3.00 **SINGAROUND** with Beeswing Joiners Arms

Saturday Competitions: Passport ticket for entrants & audience £2.00/£1.50 includes free entry to Exhibition. Doors open 30 mins before times below to allow entrants to register.

12.00 **CLOG DANCING** *Town Hall*
1.30 **NORTHUMBRIAN PIPES & LOWLAND/ BORDER / HALF-LONG PIPES** *Bagpipe Museum*

1.30 **SPEAKING AND WRITING:** incl. dialect poetry, tall tales, plus results of pre-judged (writing closing date 1st March, juniors 20th March);. *St Robert's Church Hall*
2.00 **BANDS, ACCORDIONS, FIDDLES, OTHER INSTRUMENTS, DUETS** *St. George's Church (ground floor)*
3.30 **SINGING** including groups *Town Hall*

12.15 - 1.15 **MORPETH WAITES** early music performance *St George's Ch £2/£1*

1.00 - 3.00 **BUSY BEES** bee feeder family craft workshop *Bakehouse Yard Millennium Grn Pay for materials*

1.15 **FAMILY FOLK TALES FROM THE TRENCHES** with Taffy Thomas *Methodist Church £3/£2/£1*

2.00 - 2.45 **FAMILY MUSIC HALL** Mary and Peter Hollins and friends *Methodist Church £3/£2/£1*

3.00 - 3.30 **WW1 DRILL** & recruitment re-enactment *Park*
3.30 **BAGPIPERS AT WAR** lecture with Julia Say and Morpeth Pipe Band expert *Bagpipe Museum £2*

4.45 **BORDER BALLADS AND SMALLPIPERES** Carolyn Robson and Andy May with concert of music of the Border Reiver era *Bagpipe Museum £5/£4/£2*

5.30 - 6.30 **PEACE VIGIL** Morpeth's monthly community vigil for peace *Market Place*

5.45 **UNDER 25s' MUSIC SESSION** *Black and Grey*

6.30 - 9.00 **WINNERS' CONCERT** Guest Bob Fox ("War Horse" Songman) plus 2014 winners *Town Hall £8/£7/£5*

7.00 **TWILIGHT TALES** with storytellers *Ice Bar*

8.00 **MUSICIANS' SESSION** as Friday

8.30 **BARN DANCE** with Hedgehog's Skin and guests. Bring own drinks; no stilettos! *St Geo's Ch Hall £7/£6/£4*

Sunday 12th April:

9.30 - 4.30 **CRAFTS EXHIBITION** as Fri. *Town Hall*

9.30 - 11.00 **ORIENTEERING** event (prizes at 12) *Park*

10.00 - 3.00 **OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT & STALLS** Maypole, Punch & Judy etc *Market Place & Park*

LIVING HISTORY incl. WW1 tent *Park near play area*

10.30 **CHURCH SERVICE** *St George's UR Church*

10.45 - 11.45 **MOUTHIE WORKSHOP** *Town Hall £2/£1*

12.00 - 2.00 **MUSICIANS' SESSION** as Friday.

12.00 - 1.00 **THE IRISH INFLUENCE on NE music** Jim Bainbridge and Jackie Boyce *Town Hall £2/£1*

1.00 - 3.00 **TOURS OF COUNCIL CHAMBER**, Mayor's Parlour, civic silver and artefacts *Town Hall Free*

1.30 - 3.00 **FAMILY CONCERT** Whistling Sheep, storytellers and last year's junior winners *Town Hall £2/£1*

3.00 - 3.30 **WW1 DRILL** & recruitment re-enactment *Park*
7.30 **GEORDIES ON WAX** Lecturer Ray Stephenson with local sound recordings of WW1 era *Town Hall £6*

M.N.G. Committee, part of Morpeth Antiquarian Society, Reg. Charity no. 507640, reserves the right to alter event details.

If 2 prices given, 2nd is unwaged rate; any 3rd price is for schoolage child; under 5s free. Unpriced events free/donations requested.

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