



## Members' Newsletter No 94 Spring 2016

“Keepin Ahad O Wor Tung”

### Next Happnin

#### 49th Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering Fundraising Concert

Friday 19th February 2016  
at 7.30pm

in Morpeth Town Hall Ballroom

Tickets £10; OAP £9; under 18s £8  
Available from Morpeth Chantry TIC 01670 623455  
or from Kim Bibby-Wilson 01670 513308

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### Dates For The Diary

**1st-3rd April - 49th Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering:** see details of events on separate page; NB : CLOSING DATE FOR ADULT WRITTEN COMPETITION ENTRIES IS TUESDAY 1st MARCH; FOR JUNIORS, SATURDAY 12th MARCH.

**Saturday 30th April - Annual General Meeting** at 7pm; **Reed Neet** at 8pm, both events in Winton House, Howard Terrace, Morpeth.

**Thursday 6th October - National Poetry Day.** Events and venues to be confirmed.

**Saturday 8th October - Roland Bibby Memorial Lecture** at 2pm in Morpeth Town Hall. Details of Lecture and speaker to be confirmed.

**21st-23rd October - National Dialect Festival.** This year's event will be in Yorkshire at a venue to be confirmed.

**Saturday 3rd December - Yule Meet** in Morpeth's Chantry Museum, starting at 2pm

### New Writing Competition Announced!

There is a new writing competition in this year's Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering. It's Class B16 in the Standard English Writing Classes.

This new competition is for an original poem (not in dialect) relating to Northumberland. Entrants can be of any age; and there is no requirement for entrants to recite their poems.



# 49<sup>th</sup> Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering

**1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2016 Programme** - details subject to confirmation Edition 4

**Special themed events for Fools, Fires and Fuddling!**  
*Medieval life, fires of Morpeth, drinking!* Commemorating the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of King John setting fire to the town in 1216, plus a bit of April fooling and drinking songs.

## **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016:**

*During Gathering storytellers will visit local care homes.*  
9.30 - 5.00 **CRAFTS EXHIBITION** with refreshments; adult & junior craft competitions (entries received Thurs. 31<sup>st</sup> March 5.30pm - 7 pm). Displays/stalls: proggy mats, needlecrafts, jewellery, smallpipes, photos, shepherds' sticks, CDs, books *Town Hall Corn Exchange 60p/40p*  
10.00- 4.00 **OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT & STALLS**  
Hautbois (music of King John), Punch & Judy, Edgar the Executioner, Jim Grant (stories), *Market Place*  
Daytime **FAMILY ART WORKSHOP** *Market Place Yurt*  
Daytime **DANCE WORKSHOPS** *Town Hall £2/£1*  
Daytime **MUSIC WORKSHOPS** *Bagpipe Museum £2/£1*  
2.00 **OFFICIAL OPENING** of Gathering by Mayor *Town Hall*  
2.15 - 3.00 **MARVELLOUS MEDIEVAL MORPETH**  
Dramatics with Bridget Gubbins and Friends; fascinating stories unearthed for her series of popular history books. Bookstall. *Town Hall Free entry (donations)*  
5.00 **FAMILY TEATIME TALES** Jim Grant *Ice Bar Free*  
7.30 **FILL THE TANKARD CONCERT** Medieval Mixture, Sedayne, Old English, Voice Male, Peter Wood, etc. *Venue tba £9 adult/ £8 unwaged/ £5 school age*  
8.00 **SINGAROUND** *to be confirmed*  
8.00 **MUSICIANS' SESSION** with Keith Besford, Alasdair Turnbull & friends *Tap & Spile Free (donations)*

## **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 **SONG WORKSHOP** medieval choral song with Tristan Selden *St Robert's Church Hall £2/£1*  
9.45 **CHILDREN'S STORIES** *Library (to be confirmed)*  
10.00-3.30 **FARMERS' MARKET** *Market Place Free*  
10.00-3.30 **OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT & STALLS**  
Punch & Judy, medieval characters, local dance teams Ellington Colliery Band, Robbie's Whistle Kist, Trouvere, Astral Circus, etc. *Market Place, Park, Sanderson Arcade*  
**STORYTELLERS' GARDEN** with Jim Grant, Sedayne and Rapunzel *Bakehouse Millennium Green Free*  
10.00 - 4.00 **MORPETH CASTLE OPEN DAY** musicians and Dawn of Chivalry living history displays *Castle Free*  
10.00 - 10.45 **CLOG DANCE WORKSHOP** with Anne Walton. Bring flat hard-soled shoes. *Town Hall £2/£1*  
10.15 **RING O' BELLS**; Clock Tower tours from 11.30  
11.00 **PAGEANT** Border piper, flags, Lord Greystoke's return from Otterburn, welcomed at Town Hall by the Morpeth Gadgy and civic leaders. The Baghdaddies, Ellington Colliery Band, dance teams, costumed groups. *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.*  
11.45 - 12.45 **BAGHDADDIES** and friends give a modern twist to Northumbrian bagpipe traditions *Bagpipe Museum*  
12.00 **MUSICIANS' SESSION** as Friday  
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**; dialect, stories, hoafies (tall tales) plus results of pre-Gathering competitions and recitals by dialect prose & poem entrants (writing closing date **1<sup>st</sup> March, juniors 12<sup>th</sup> 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 concert *St George's Church £2/£1 at door*  
1.00 - 3.00 **BUSY BEES** bee and bird feeder workshop *Old Bakehouse Millennium Green Free (pay for materials)*  
2.00 - 2.45 **FAMILY SHOW** *Methodist Church £2/£1*  
3.00 - 4.00 **MEDIEVAL COMBAT** Dawn of Chivalry present a knightly combat tournament *Castle Free*  
4.00 - 5.00 **PIPING EVENT** *Bagpipe Museum tba*  
5.45 **YOUNG PEOPLE'S MUSIC SESSION** with Tristan Selden and friends *Bin 21 Upper lounge Free (donations)*  
6.30 - 8.30 **WINNERS' CONCERT** Special guests the Andy May Trio plus 2015 winners including Iain Gelston (Border Pipes) *Town Hall £9/£8/£5*  
7.00 **TWILIGHT TALES** led by Sedayne and Rapunzel. Why not bring along a story to share during the session? *Peppermint Tearoom Free (donations)*  
8.00 **MUSICIANS' SESSION** as Friday  
8.00 **NORTHUMBRIAN PIPERS' SESSION** with Iain Gelston *Bin 21 upper lounge Free (donations)*  
8.30 **BARN DANCE** with Fiddler's Elbow (caller Robin Dunn) and guest artist spots. Bring own drinks; no stilettos! *St George's Church Hall £8/£6/£5*

## **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, Edgar, etc *Market Place & Park*  
10.00 - 4.00 **MORPETH CASTLE OPEN DAY** musicians and Dawn of Chivalry living history displays *Castle Free*  
10.30 **CHURCH SERVICE** *St George's UR Church*  
11.30 - 12.30 **THE GREEN MAN** Sedayne on 400 years of the Green Man in the UK *Town Hall Ballroom £2/£1*  
12.00 - 2.00 **MUSICIANS' SESSION** as Friday.  
1.00 - 3.00 **TOURS OF COUNCIL CHAMBER**, Mayor's Parlour, civic silver and artefacts *Town Hall Free*  
1.30 - 3.00 **FAMILY CONCERT** with singer/instrumentalist Tristan Selden and friends, storytellers, dancers and last year's junior winners *Town Hall £2 /£1 at door*  
3.00 - 4.00 **MEDIEVAL COMBAT** Dawn of Chivalry present a knightly combat tournament *Castle Free*  
6.00 **A NIGHT ON THE TILES** Details to be confirmed:  
6.00 - 7.00 **Medieval tile-making** hands-on workshop for all ages with Barry Mead *Free (donation for materials)*  
7.30 - 8.45 **Fires and Fuddlers** Jim Mageean with songs of NE fires and Frank Robinson with tales of Morpeth's old pubs *Town Hall £5*



# Northumbrian Concert

An evening of traditional music, song and poetry



***Alistair Anderson  
Stewart Hardy and  
George Welch***

***Beeswing  
Border Directors  
Raymond Reed, etc***

***M.C. Alex Swailes MBE***

**Friday 19th February 7.30pm**

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

**Tickets: Adult £10; OAP £9; Under 18 £8  
from Morpeth Chantry TIC 01670 623455  
or from Kim Bibby-Wilson 01670 513308**

**Interval refreshments available**



*A fund-raiser for 49th Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering 1st - 3rd April 2016  
featuring music, dance, craft, dialect, stories, re-enactments  
and special Fools, Fires and Fuddling events with a medieval theme*