



Members'
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2017

"Keep Ahad O Wor Tung"

Next Happnin

50th Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering! **Friday-Sunday, April 21-23**

*If you've never been before, this is the one to come to.
We're celebrating 50 years of the Gathering, an it's
ganna be a reet bobby dazzler!*

Full details are in the enclosed colour leaflet.

NLS Contacts

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Dates For The Diary

21-23 April 2017 - 50th Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering

This year's Gathering will mark an important milestone, and there will be lots of exciting and interesting extra events. If you have never been, or have missed recent events, you really should make an effort to get along to this year's special celebration. Programme details of the weekend are included in this mailing.

Saturday 6th May - AGM and Reed Neet

Our annual celebration of the birthday of wor bard, Fred Reed; with a pie and peas supper, and entertainment - an evening not to be missed! The AGM begins at 7pm; the Reed Neet at 8pm. See enclosed sheet for more details, and to order your pie and peas supper.

Thursday 5th October - National Poetry Day

We hope to be able to put on some dialect poetry events for this UK wide celebration this year. What would YOU like us to do? Ideas Please!

Saturday 14th October - Roland Bibby Annual Lecture

In Morpeth Town Hall at 2pm. There will be two lectures at this event!

Saturday 21 October - National Dialect Festival

This year's event will be held at Penryn, near Falmouth in Cornwall this year. Check out the NDF website at www.dialectfestival.co.uk for more details

Saturday 9th December - Yule Meet

We meet upstairs in the Morpeth Chantry Museum at 2pm. Please put this date in your diaries now!

Subscriptions

Subscriptions are now due.
Please renew your
membership as soon as
possible, using the form
enclosed with this Newsletter.

Reed Neet

Please buy your tickets for our
traditional celebration of the
birthday of our Bard, Fred
Reed.

Use the form enclosed
with this Newsletter, and
please check the closing date
for all tickets.

NLS NEWS

Thanks to member Robbie Greensitt for his response to the piece in the last Newsletter called "Aah Divvent Knaa!"

Hwatcheor Gaffer,

Aa'v nivvor hord th word "willent". Aa'v hord "willna / willnee" but aa aalways use "wivvent".

*North Tyneside or southeast
Northumberland?*

*Gaancanny
Robbie.*

Anyone got anymore ideas?

Annual General Meeting

This is the calling notice for our AGM, to be held on **Saturday 6th May 2017**, at 7pm, in the Masonic Hall, Witton House, Howard Terrace, Morpeth.

The main items of business will be:-

1. to receive and approve reports from the Executive Committee and the Treasurer;
2. to elect Officers, Committee Members and the Auditor;
3. to elect further Vice-Presidents; and
4. to receive a report detailing proposed changes to subscriptions.

The AGM will be followed at 8pm, in the same venue, by the Reed Neet.

Subscriptions

As mentioned in item 4 above, of the business to be discussed at the AGM, we are considering having to revise our levels of subscription to the Society.

The reason for this is that our membership numbers are falling, and our expenditure is rising. The result is that we have to make some hard decisions. Our income is less than our expenditure, and we are now beginning to use up our reserves, which we have been using to publish books and CDs of the dialect.

Obviously, we can reduce our spending, but that will mean we do even less to publicise the language.

We can try to increase our membership numbers, but this is proving very difficult. There are so many other things people can do with their time and money, that supporting our fantastic dialect is losing out to more "exciting" things.

Young people seem reluctant to join us because - well we don't really know why - and that's part of the problem too.

We give out membership forms whenever we give talks to community groups, but very few respond by joining us.

So, what can we do? Well, in addition to all of the above suggestions, we've been discussing putting up our subscriptions, and that's what we'll be doing at the AGM, having a discussion which will help us to make the right decision for the Society, and for the language.

Please come to the AGM, and take part in this vital debate about our future.

The Reed Neet

Is there anybody out there who would be willing and able to volunteer to give the toast to one of our 'turns' after the pie and peas supper? We have one speaker lined up, but we need three more. Could YOU be one of them? Here's the programme:-

- * *Peypin in the Muckle Greet Stotty Cyek*
- * *Sarrimoanyill Forst Hack*
- * *The Stotty Cyek Weesh*
- * *Tradeeshnal Suppor follad biv a piece o Stotty*
- * *Address ti the Muckle Greet Stotty, an the Repley on eets bihaaf*
- * *Address ti the Baard, Fred Reed, an the Repley on hees bihaaf bi Maistor Raymond Reed of Stakeford*
- * *Bits an Pieces hoyed in bi them whaat's theor*
- * *Fred Reed's Bennydikshin*

Northumbrian Language Society

Subscription Renewal/Application Form

Subscriptions are due on 1st of April

Individual Members: £10

Joint members: £15

Concessions: £5

(unwaged adults, and young people under 18)

Name:

Address:

Postcode: Phone:

Email:

(giving us your email address helps us keep costs down by making it possible for us to contact you quickly)

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

**Please make 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 6th May 2017 at 8pm

Masonic Lodge, Witton House, Howard Terrace, Morpeth

Tickets: £10 (including stotty cyek, pie&peas supper, tea or coffee)

Name:

Address:

Postcode: Phone:

(in case we need to contact you urgently about this event)

No. of tickets required: **Meat Pie:** **Vegetarian Pie:**

Please return this form to:

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

NB: Closing date for ticket applications is Tuesday 2nd 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)

Number of suppers ordered: **Meat:** **Vegetarian:**

Saturday 6th May 2017 at 8pm

Masonic Lodge, Witton House, Howard Terrace, Morpeth
(Preceded by the NLS AGM at 7pm in the same venue)