



**Members'**  
**Newsletter No 106**  
**Spring 2019**

**"Keepin Ahad O Wor Tung"**

## **Next Happnin**

# **52nd Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering**

*See details on a separate page of this Newsletter*

## **Events in 2019**

**Friday-Sunday 26th-28th April - Morpeth**  
Northumbrian Gathering at a variety of venues in central Morpeth - see attached programme in this Newsletter

**Monday 13th May - NLS AGM & Reed Neet**  
Morpeth Golf Club, starting at 7pm

**Saturday 12th October - Roland Bibby**  
Memorial Lecture in Morpeth Town Hall, at 2pm

**Friday-Sunday 18th-20th October - National**  
Dialect Festival in Blackpool

**Saturday 7th December - Yule Meet** at 2pm in the Morpeth Chantry Museum

## **NLS Contacts**

If you want to get in touch with us about any of the items in this Newsletter, or about a dialect query, or to volunteer to help, contact:-

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[www.northumbriana.org.uk](http://www.northumbriana.org.uk)

## **Situations Vacant**

**At this year's Annual General Meeting** our long-serving Chairman, Peter Arnold is retiring, so there is a vacancy for a new Chairman.

**Please let us know if you are interested in taking up this role, or if you know someone who could do this important job for us.**





# 52<sup>nd</sup> Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering



## 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019 Programme - details subject to confirmation Edition 5

Festival of Northumberland's traditional music and culture.  
+ special **Ower the Watter** international themed events.  
*Many free events. Prices: adult/unwaged/school age. Under 5s free.*

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April:

9.30 - 5.00 **CRAFTS EXHIBITION** + refreshments; craft competition entries (rec'd Thur. 25<sup>th</sup> April 5.30 pm - 7 pm). Displays/stalls: needlework, shepherds' sticks, leatherwork, clogmaking. CDs, books, photos, t-shirts, mugs on sale *Town Hall 50p at door/accompanied under-12s free*  
10.00– 4.00 **OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT & STALLS** Punch & Judy, Rent a Peasant, Ran Tanners, Jim Grant, Archaeosoup, Time Bandits *Market Place, Arcade Free*  
10.00 **DANCE WORKSHOPS** 10.00 circle dancing; 11.15 clog; 1.00 historic; 2.15 Breton; 3.45 maypole *Town Hall; £2/£1 per session at door*  
10.30 – 3.00 **FAMILY ART ACTIVITIES** *Leis Cent café Free*  
10.30 – 4.30 **NORTHUMBRIAN PIPES: PLAY IN A DAY** for adults (over16) with Dave Shaw. Smallpipes provided. *Chantry Bagpipe Museum £24 - please book in advance*  
2.00 **OFFICIAL OPENING** of Gathering by Mayor *Town Hall*  
4.30 **STORYTIME** with Jim Grant *Library Free*  
5.30 - 6.30 **CASTLE COAST** poetry book launch with InHouse Poets; vocal music from Seaglass *Chantry Free - limited space - tickets from Eventbrite or Chantry TIC*  
7.30 – 10.00 **OWER THE WATTER** concert – New Voices choir, Folkestra youth band, Baltic Crossing (music of NE England and Scandinavia) *Methodist Church £12/£10/£8*  
8.00 **MUSICIANS' SESSION** *Tap & Spile Donations*

### Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April: (9am – 4pm 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 **CHILDREN'S STORIES** with Sedayne *Library Free*  
10.00– 4.00 **OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT & STALLS** Punch & Judy, Ellington Colliery Band, Time Bandits, Ran Tanners, dancers *Market Place, Park, Sanderson Arcade*  
10.00 – 4.00 **LIVING HISTORY** activities: Archaeosoup & Rent a Peasant *William Turner Herb Garden (Park) Free*  
10.00 – 4.00 **MORPETH CASTLE OPEN DAY** history, stories & music. Arranged with Landmark Trust *Free*  
10.00 – 4.00 **STORYTELLER'S GARDEN** with Sedayne and musicians *Old Bakehouse Yd Millennium Green Free*  
10.00 **MEET THE NORTHUMBRIAN PIPERS** Hear the 'soft-link'd notes' of the smallpipes *Bagpipe Mus Free*  
10.00 - 10.45 **CLOG DANCE WORKSHOP** Bring flat hard-soled shoes \* **NB** *St Robert's Ch Hall £2/£1 at door*  
10.15 **RING O' BELLS**; Clock Tower tours from 12 apr.  
10.30 – 3.30 **FAMILY EXHIBITION** art, family activities, stories, rail model *Leisure Centre café Free*  
11.00 **PAGEANT** Border piper, flags, Lord Greystoke's return from Otterburn, costumed groups, bands, dance teams, the Durham dragon and giant piper Jamie Allan, welcomed at Town Hall by the Morpeth Gadgy and civic leaders. *During this time (10.30 - 11.45 am) Market Place & town centre from Chantry to Manchester Street closed to traffic. Alternative route Dark Lane/Stanley Terrace/Wellway.*  
11.45 - 12.45 **SMALLPIPES AND ZITHER** Music from Northumbrian piper Keith Davidson and German zither player Robert Helgert *Chantry Bagpipe Museum £4/£3*  
12.00 - 1.00 **MORPETH WAITES** early music concert *St George's Church £2/£1 at door*

**Saturday Competitions:** Passport ticket for entrants/audience £2.00/£1.50 includes free entry to Exhibition. Doors open 30

minutes before times stated below to allow entrants to register.

\***NB** this year sees changes to some venues and times

12.00 **CLOG DANCING** \**St Robert's Church Hall*  
1.30 **NORTHUMBRIAN PIPES & LOWLAND/ BORDER / HALF-LONG PIPES** *Chantry Bagpipe Museum*  
1.30 **SPEAKING AND WRITING:** dialect, stories, results of pre-judged writing classes (deadline 1<sup>st</sup> Apr) \**St James's Centre*  
2.00 **BANDS, ACCORDIONS, FIDDLES, OTHER INSTRUMENTS, DUETS** *St. George's Church (ground floor)*  
\*3.00 **SINGING** \**St Robert's Church Hall* \* **NB earlier start**

12.00 **MUSICIANS' SESSION** *Tap & Spile Free*  
12.00 - 3.00 **SINGAROUND** with Beeswing *Joiners Arms*  
12.30 - 1.30 **YOUNG MUSICIANS' SESSION** (under 25s) *Bennett Hogg Grape and Grain lounge (ex-Bin 21) Free*  
1.00 – 3.00 **LET'S BEE POTTY** seed-sowing workshop *Bakehouse Millenn.Green Free (donation for materials)*  
2.00 – 3.00 **FAMILY SHOW** with Jim Eldon, Ashington Male Voice Choir *New Life Centre £2/£1 at door*  
3.00 – 4.00 **KNIGHTS' TOURNAMENT** Dawn of Chivalry present a medieval combat tournament *Castle Free*  
4.00 - 5.00 **THE WUND AN THE WETTER** Katrina Porteous (poetry) and Chris Ormston (small pipes) *Chantry Bagpipe Museum £4/£3*  
5.30 **YOUNG MUSICIANS' SESSION** (under 25s) with David Oliver *Black and Grey Coach House Free*  
6.30 - 8.45 **WINNERS' CONCERT** Special guest Brian McNeill plus 2018 winners *Town Hall Ballroom £9/£8/£5*  
8.00 **MUSICIANS' SESSION** *Tap & Spile Free*  
8.00 **NORTHUMBRIAN PIPERS' SESSION** with guests Keith Davidson and German zither player Robert Helgert *Black and Grey Coach House Free (donations)*  
8.30 **BARN DANCE** with Fiddler's Elbow & guests. Bring own drinks; no stiletto heels! *St Geo's Ch Hall £8/£6/£5*

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April:

9.30 - 4.30 **CRAFTS EXHIBITION** as Friday *Town Hall*  
9.30 - 11.00 **ORIENTEERING** event (prizes at 12) *Park*  
10.00 - 3.00 **OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT & STALLS** Punch & Judy, Maypole, Ran Tanners, Time Bandits, story tellers *Market Place, Park, Sanderson Arcade*  
10.00 – 4.00 **LIVING HISTORY** activities: Archaeosoup & Rent a Peasant *William Turner Herb Garden (Park) Free*  
10.00 – 4.00 **MORPETH CASTLE OPEN DAY** history, stories & music. Arranged with Landmark Trust *Free*  
10.30 – 3.30 **FAMILY EXHIBITION** art, family activities, stories, rail model (tbc). *Leisure Centre café Free*  
10.30 **CHURCH SERVICE** *St George's UR Church*  
11.30 – 12.30 **SONGS OF THE SEA** with JIB (Jim Mageean, Ingrid and Barrie Temple) *Town Hall £4/£3*  
12.00 - 2.00 **MUSICIANS' SESSION** *Tap and Spile Free*  
1.00 - 3.00 **TOWN TREASURES** tours of Council Chamber, Mayor's Parlour, civic silver *Town Hall Free*  
1.30 - 3.00 **FAMILY CONCERT** including Woolsington Community Strings, Northumbrian Ranters, 2018 junior winners *Town Hall £2/£1 at door*  
3.00 – 4.00 **KNIGHTS' TOURNAMENT** Dawn of Chivalry present a medieval combat tournament *Castle Free*  
3.30 - 4.30 **HANDBELLS WORKSHOP** *Clock Tower*  
7.30 – 10.00 **TOPETTE!!** Anglo-French supergroup in concert *Town Hall £12/£10/£8*

# Northumbrian Language Society

## Subscription Renewal/Application Form

(Subscriptions are due on the 1st of April every year)

Individual Members: £12

Joint members: £18

Concessions: £8

(unwaged adults, and young people under 18)

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Postcode: ..... Phone: .....

Email: .....

(giving us your email address helps us to keep postage costs down, and it makes it possible for us to contact you quickly)

**NB:** Please note that your membership details will be held on a computer database for Northumbrian Language Society 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**

If you are a UK taxpayer, and you would like to help us by making your membership subscription bigger, at no extra cost to yourself, why not fill in the Gift Aid form overleaf and return it to the Treasurer?



## Charity Gift Aid Declaration

Please fill in this form and return it to the Northumbrian Language Society Treasurer, John Davidson at his address overleaf.

Boost your donation (your membership subscription) by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate. Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity (Northumbrian Language Society) from the tax you pay during the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

In order to Gift Aid your donation, you must tick this box ☐

I want to Gift Aid my donation (your membership subscription) of £..... and any donation I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to the Northumbrian Language Society.

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all of my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

My details: Title: ..... First name or initials: .....

Surname: .....

Full Home Address: .....

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Postcode: ..... Date: .....

Please notify the Northumbrian Language Society if you want to cancel this declaration, change your name or home address, or do not pay sufficient tax on your Income and/or Capital Gains.

If you pay Income Tax at the higher rate, or additional rate, and you want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return, or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your Tax Code.

All your contributions go to support the work of the Society in promoting Northumbrian prose, poetry, song, music and dance. We publish a regular members' Newsletter, books, CDs and other merchandise. We provide speakers and put on events like the Reed Neet and the Yule Meet. We sponsor dialect competitions at the Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering, and work with children and teachers in schools.

**For more information on the work of the Society, please visit our website at [www.northumbriana.org.uk/langsoc](http://www.northumbriana.org.uk/langsoc)**

# Reed Neet Ticket Application Form

(return this part of the form with your payment)

**Date: Monday 13th May 2019 at 8pm**

**Venue: Morpeth Golf Club**

(The Golf Club is on the A197 main road near County Hall)

**Tickets: £10**

(including stotty cyek, pie&peas supper, tea or coffee, and entertainment)

**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 Monday 6th May**

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

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## Reed Neet Ticket

(Please cut out and keep this part of the form - it's your ticket!)

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

**Monday 13th May 2019 at 8pm**

**Morpeth Golf Club** (on the A197, near County Hall)

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