



Members' Newsletter

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"Keepin Ahad O Wor Tung"

Cancelled!

Because of the uncertainty caused by the coronavirus, this year's Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering has been cancelled as well as the AGM & Reed Neet of the Northumbrian Language Society.

It is also possible that the events listed below may be affected. We will do our best to let you know in plenty of time. In the meantime, please keep safe and healthy.

Mair Happnins in 2020

Saturday 6 June - Wor Dialect Day, South Shields Library

Tuesday 9 June - Richard Oliver Heslop lecture, Lit & Phil, Newcastle

Saturday 10 October - Roland Bibby Memorial Lecture, Morpeth Town Hall

Weekend 23-24 October - National Dialect Festival - this has been changed to the Lake District, but no venue has been agreed yet.

It is also possible that the date may change.

Saturday 5 December - Yule Meet, Morpeth Bagpipe Chantry Museum

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Subscriptions

All subscriptions to the Northumbrian Language Society are due on the 1st of April.

The rates are:- £12 for individuals; £18 for couples living at the same address;

£8 for concessions, ie: unwaged adults and youngsters under 18.

Please renew your subscription as soon as possible.

A renewal form, and all the relevant details are on the enclosed paperwork.

It's a Derg's Life

Noo then! Yous'll mind on that Aah'd dyun reet canny last yeor i thi National Dialect Day competitions at Exeter, so whan Aah got back hyem, Aah telt thi papers aall about it.

Aah nivvor thowt the'd be bothered like, but Aah had phone caals frae thi papers, an thi radio, an TyneTees telly wanted ti cum ti thi hoos ti film is, an sumbody put is on U-Tube, an the aall wanted quotes an fotees.

Whey, Aah waas that tewed, cos Aah's not ower keen on smilin yuh knaa, so yous cn jaloos hoo wraxed Aah waas wi hevin ti stand like a daft'n time the took pikters heor, theor an ivorywheor.

About ten days effor, Aah gets a caall frae "Britain's Got Talent". The sayd the wanted is ti gan on thi show cos the'd seen is on U-Tube, an the'd been that impressed that Aah waadent hev ti dee thi audition. Whey, Aah waas that med up, Aah sed Aah'd gan.

Then a posh lettor kem, wiv a croon on thi front. Whan Aah oppens it up, Aah saa it waas frae Buckingham Pallis, yuh knaa, thi Kween! Aah shooted fer wor lass an wuh red it tigithor. It sayd Aah had ti gan ti Hor plyec cos she'd seen is on U-Tube an aall, an shi had been that impressed, shi waanted is ti giv hor a speshul performance fer Horsel an a few freends.

But then Aah saa it waas for thi syem day as tother invite! "Waat's Aah ganna dee?" Aah sayd ti wor lass. "Yuh'll hatta gan," she tellt is, "cos yuh canna say na ti the Kween, noo can yuh?" So, Aah sat doon an writ tiv Hor Majesty an sayd Aah wud gan. Aah waas that nooled ower tother invite, but, Aah got wor lass ti tell them Aah cudn't dee it effor aall cos Aah had ti gan ti see thi Kween. "Did Aah dee thi reet thing?" Aah axed mesel.

Onyroad, Aah hoyed me best duds on, thesens, an bogied off ti Lunnon on a charra. Aah thowt ti mesel, "Will Aah git a medal or

summat? Or mebbies a posh title like Lord Arnold o Hexham? That sooned about reet!"

Whan Aah gets ti thi palliss, Aah showed me invite tiv a flunky, an off wuh gans, me wishin Aah'd gon ti thi netty forst. Whan wuh got ti Hor Majesty's private bit, thi flunky brayed on thi door, an a voice sez "Come in". Whey, Aah waas that norvus! Aah cud hardlys think strite, but thi Kween looked reet freendly like, wiv hor pearls, hor yaller twin set, an hor croon, an cos she taalked tiv is reet canny, Aah syun calmed doon.

Aah looked aall roond thi room fer tother folks, but Aah cudn't see nee-one else ceptin Horsel an fower dergs. "Is theor nee-one else cumin Yor Majesty?" Aah sayd. "No," she says, "just me and the corgies." Whey, Aah waas that gutted. Aah'd given up gannin on "Britain's Got Talent" just so's Aah cud entertain fower bloody dergs! Aah cud see mi medal fleein oot thi winda. Nee posh title fer is nowther!

Onyroad, Aah decided tiv ax Hor whaat she liked maist aboot me tyel, an she sayd, "Actually, I couldn't understand a word of it. It sounded like a foreign language to me, but the corgies were so excited when they saw you on U-Tube, that I had to play it again and again for them. They were barking and running around all the time, so I just knew I had to invite you to come and give them a special treat in person. Would you mind awfully telling your story again?"

Waat cud Aah dee? Aah waas at Hor Majesty's beck an caal, cos it waas Hor hoos, yuh knaa, so Aah sayd "Whey aye, yor Majesty. Nee bother at aall." So, swallerin me pride, Aah tellt me tyel aboot me adventures i thi snaa, puttin a bit mair action itiv it, like, jist fer thi dergs. The barked an lowped aboot time Aah tellt me tyel, an whaan Aah'd finished, the jumped aal ower is, dunched is doon, licked me fyec, an one o them even browt is one of its byens fer is ti chow!

Yuh cn say whaat yuh like, but Aah rekkon it's a reet bloody derg's life!

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

Individual Members: £12

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