

The 54th Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering

continuing Northumberland's traditions



Online Saturday 23rd April 2022
via YouTube, Zoom and Facebook
with some in-person events Fri 22nd to Sun 24th
PROGRAMME OF EVENTS edition 9



Event links are below, with any updates posted on
[facebook.com/morpeth.gathering](https://www.facebook.com/morpeth.gathering)

Welcome to our festival of traditional Northumbrian music, dance, craft, dialect, drama and heritage, held since 1968 in Northumberland's historic county town of Morpeth on the weekend after Easter. Covid still sadly prevents us staging the usual range of events, such as the Cavalcade procession, and so we present a mainly online Gathering for 2022, with events for all ages and performers ranging from 9 years old to 90!

Special events this year will mark the 140th anniversary of Northumbrian Minstrelsy, the influential song and tune book and the 90th birthday of Alex Swailes MBE FNLS, our very own Morpeth Gadgy.

Most events will be accessed via our YouTube channel unless stated otherwise, remaining online until further notice for people to catch up. Last-minute news or changes will be announced on Facebook.

Some outdoor entertainers will visit the town centre and Morpeth Castle, where the Landmark Trust is running its free annual Open Weekend. *Visitors to the Castle must book in advance (online link below.)*

Our online and outdoor events are free but please consider donating to our performers who've offered their time and skills, despite creative artists losing income during Covid restrictions. See artists' websites. **The Gathering also welcomes direct donations** towards the costs of producing these online events and enabling the annual festival to continue into the future. Please donate online through our appeal on <https://www.gofundme.com/f/morpeth-northumbrian-gathering> or send a cheque made out to M.N.G.C. to the **Gathering Office**, Westgate House, Dogger Bank, Morpeth, NE61 1RE. If you prefer, please ask us for BACs details. Queries: Tel.:01670 513308; E-mail: enquiries@northumbriana.org.uk

Merchandise – contact the Gathering Office for t-shirts, mugs, car stickers and our CD “Morpeth's Music.”

BEFORE THE GATHERING:

Family Craft Workshop - Easter holiday activities – make royal crowns and model thrones for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with artist Elaine Porter of White Lantern Company. YouTube link details online.

Northumbrian Minstrelsy Virtual Ensemble – our thanks to Phoenix Folk who have prepared this part of our celebrations for the book's 140th anniversary, a performance of two Minstrelsy tunes, now completed, created from submitted videos mixed into a collage performance to be shown on our YouTube channel.

Tunes Session Tunebook - Players can download in advance the Minstrelsy tunes for Gathering Saturday's Zoom music session from <https://phoenixfolk.co.uk/online-sessions/morpeth-northumbrian-gathering-2022>

Competitions - see <http://www.northumbriana.org.uk/gathering/competitions.htm> Sadly, the crafts and live performing competitions cannot take place this year, but we shall announce the results of the art and certain writing/composing competitions judged in advance (deadlines: writing entries - 28th March; public vote for art entries, displayed on YouTube – 9th April). Results be posted on Facebook on 23rd April and afterwards on the Gathering website.

DURING THE GATHERING:

Thou Shalt Have a Fishie, When the Boat Comes In – local fishing and folk songs feature in this year's art display, by Beth Maddocks, in the Chantry Bagpipe Museum, where the rafters are decked out with intricate paper cut-outs of song lyrics among a school of fish and rolling waves.

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Circumstances may mean events will be subject to change.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS For last-minute changes/updates: [facebook.com/morpeth.gathering](https://www.facebook.com/morpeth.gathering)

Gathering YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN3xZXLGymFF1asySYA8Eyg>

Day/Time	Event	Place	Details
Fri 22nd	Northumbrian Pipes Taster Day	Chantry*	For beginners; must pre-book @£24
Fri & Sat	Thou Shalt Have a Fishie....	Chantry	Art display – local fishing songs
Sat 23rd	Morris dancing	Market Place	Also in Arcade, Park near bandstand
Sat 23rd	Storytellers' Garden 2.00 to 3.00 pm	Millen.Green	An hour with Anna and Jim
Sat & Sun	Castle Open Days + music & stories	Castle**	Must pre-book via Landmark Trust
SAT 23rd	ONLINE DAY OF EVENTS:		
All day	Display of Art Competition entries	YouTube	Northumbrian-themed art exhibition
All day	Family Craft Workshop	YouTube	Make royal crowns and thrones
All day	The 1982 Border Cavalcade	YouTube	Images of the first Gathering Cavalcade
8.00 am	Exotic Location Gathering T-shirt photos	YouTube	Past years' globe-trotting award entries
8.30 am	Virtual Town Hall Gallery + Art Results	YouTube	Competition winners & other entries
9.00 am	Writing Competitions Results	Facebook	Dialect/music/songwriting results
9.30 am	Children's Story Time	YouTube	A tale from Anna +songs from Phil Hogg
10.00 am	Historic Dance Workshop	Zoom***	Advance booking by email – see below
11.00 am	The Gadgy's Welcome plus music	YouTube	Official welcome by Alex Swailes MBE
11.15 am	Carry On Gadgying	YouTube	Images of Alex over past Gatherings
11.30 am	Historic Dance Display	YouTube	Georgian and mixed period dancing
12 noon	The Daily Grind for our Bread & Butter	YouTube	Living History with Rent a Peasant
12.30 pm	Singaround	Zoom****	Led by Phoenix Folk. See below for link
2.00 pm	Family Show – Silly Songs for Bairns	YouTube	Silly songs & some sensible ones!
3.00 pm	Dulcimer Showcase	YouTube	Music from Nonsuch Dulcimer Club
3.30 pm	Northumbrian Minstrelsy Ensemble	YouTube	Video collage of Minstrelsy tunes
3.45 pm	Ashington Male Voice Choir	YouTube	Songs from the mines & the Minstrelsy
4.00 pm	Tunes Session (Minstrelsy Tunes)	Zoom*****	Led by Phoenix Folk. See below for link
5.00 pm	Gala Concert - The Gadgy's Delight	YouTube	Celebrating the Gadgy's 90 th birthday!
7.00 pm	Northumbrian Minstrelsy Concert	YouTube	140 th anniversary concert + all-star cast
8.30 pm	Elsie Rides Again	YouTube	Pat Dunn's one-woman show Part 2

During the day do fill any gaps by having a look over **at the Gathering's YouTube channel for videos of the first online Gathering last year (including "Elsie" Part 1) and at MorpethNewsTV's YouTube channel** featuring interviews and archive films from earlier festivals.

***Northumbrian Pipes Taster Day for Absolute Beginners led by tutor Ednie Wilson – see below**

**** Morpeth Castle Open Days – book free day ticket in advance at:**

<https://www.landmarktrust.org.uk/news-and-events/upcoming-events/morpeth-castle-open-day-2022/>

***** Historic Dance Workshop – 15th Century couple dancing with Elizabeth Lawson** Advance booking is required - please email morpethgatheringdance@gmail.com by noon on Friday 22nd April to book and receive link.

****** Singaround –** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86421923126?pwd=ei9saC9NU2JPT1FsWFRSU0I3YWdMQT09>

Zoom Meeting ID: 864 2192 3126 Passcode: 2005

******* Tunes Session -** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88449700580?pwd=dkFmdjhma1htWIZEYlpzS1V4RHVsZz09>

Zoom Meeting ID: 884 4970 0580 Passcode: 2005 Players can download in advance the Minstrelsy tunes to be used over the 90 minutes session. Folk can play along at home or join the call to listen. Download the tunebook from <https://phoenixfolk.co.uk/online-sessions/morpeth-northumbrian-gathering-2022>

YouTube and Zoom Event Links for the 54th Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering – 2022 online events Saturday 23rd April

Full Gathering programme details: www.northumbriana.org.uk/gathering

Gathering YouTube Channel link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN3xZXLGymFF1asySYA8Eyg>

Individual links are given below – if there is a problem simply visit our YouTube Channel to find an event. Videos will be free to view online from the times stated below on our YouTube Channel. Once live, events will remain on YouTube for you to catch up until at least 30th April.

Time	Event	Platform	Length	Links
All day	Art Gallery competition entries	YouTube	8 mins	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wDI3gM-IY9w
All day	Family Art Activities Workshop	YouTube	9 mins	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AUEzC4dP6Zg
All day	Morpeth Gathering 1982	YouTube	8 mins	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ubdQHh0uHUg
8.00 am	Exotic T-shirt photos	YouTube	12 mins	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DxBs27ymvBI
8.30 am	Virtual Town Hall Exhibition + Art Results	YouTube/ Facebook	4 mins	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6u8SQI7eEFM
9.00 am	Writing Results	Facebook		
9.30 am	Children's Story Time + songs	YouTube	23 mins	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=60Yb1sR5xmg
10.00 am	Historic Dance Workshop	Zoom		Advance bookings by email by 22 Apr: morpethgatheringdance@gmail.com
11.00 am	The Gadgy's Welcome + tunes	YouTube	6 mins	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=By9EuG4xWJw
11.15 am	Carry On Gadgying	YouTube	8 mins	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=356HerhIL5Q
11.30 am	Historic Dance Display	YouTube	19 mins	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oy4gOHIDKRU
12 noon	The Daily Grind for our Bread & Butter	YouTube	13 mins	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PfxYsYwtJNQ
12.30 pm	Singaround	Zoom	c. 90 mins	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86421923126?pwd=ei9saC9NU2JPT1FsWFRSU0I3YWdMQT09
2.00 pm	Family Concert – Silly Sangs for Bairns	YouTube	52 mins	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n00YppIB33k
3.00 pm	Nonsuch Dulcimer Club	YouTube	57 mins	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j_tMw2GgGc
3.30 pm	Northumbrian Minstrelsy Ensemble	YouTube	6 mins	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qin0hhnga7w
3.45 pm	Ashington Male Voice Choir	YouTube	7 mins	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jSST_1YCLrE
4.00 pm	Tunes Session (Minstrelsy Tunes)	Zoom	90 mins	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88449700580?pwd=dkFmdjhma1htWIZEYlpzS1V4RHVsZz09
5.00 pm	The Gadgy's Delight Concert	YouTube	41 mins	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2nL_k1Ktu4
7.00 pm	Northumbrian Minstrelsy Concert	YouTube	66 mins	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lam95BdD3eA
8.30 pm	Elsie Rides Again	YouTube	8 mins	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g_VgoS8UThU

Download the tunebook from <https://phoenixfolk.co.uk/online-sessions/morpeth-northumbrian-gathering-2022>

Performers include:

Family Show - Silly Songs for Bairns: Jacky Ashton, Kim Bibby-Wilson, Paddy & Cath Clough, Phil Hogg, Jim Mageean, Ken Patterson, Carolyn Robson, Richard Scott (concert dedicated to the late Olly Wilson, a founding Gathering Committee member)

The Gadgy's Delight concert: Alistair Anderson, Peter Arnold, Graham Bell, Colin Bradford, Sid Calderbank & Mark Dowding, Pat Dunn, Ron & Shirley Forster, The Ran Tanners, Jean Scott-Smith, Alex Swailes MBE, Taffy Thomas MBE

Northumbrian Minstrelsy: Alistair Anderson, Jim Mageean, Graham and Sam Pirt, Spindlestone, Carolyn Robson

Storytellers: Jim Grant, Anna Fancett

Dance teams: Hexham Morris Men, Black Gate Morris

Rent a Peasant is filmed by Archaeosoup Productions

Other creative support: Elizabeth Lawson, Nonsuch Dulcimer Group, Phoenix Folk, White Lantern Company

Additional notes on the Northumbrian Pipes Taster Day:

*How To Play the Northumbrian Small Pipes: A Taster Day for Absolute Beginners (Ages 15+/adult)
Friday 22nd April, 10.30 am to 4.30 pm at Morpeth Chantry Bagpipe Museum (lift access to first floor)*

Pipes are provided for every participant; there are four sessions in the day with refreshment breaks in between. Participants should bring a music stand if they have one, their own refreshments, a pencil and be advised to wear loose comfortable clothing.

The maximum number of participants in the museum Seminar Room will be 10, with hygiene rules in place regarding handling individual sets of pipes. Distancing and mask wearing are acceptable and up to personal choice.

Devised by player and tutor, Ednie Wilson MA, and supported by Side By Side Arts, Gateshead, the session follows a tutorial provided for each participant, which helps to set achievable goals and assess progression. The tutor is there to make it fun. Ednie says: "As a player and tutor, I have never forgotten the experience of learning how to play the Northumbrian Small Pipes and how much I wanted to do it. From taming the parts, to learning the tricky part of every new tune. The sound still makes me smile and the joy of making music has never left me. These workshops offer an introductory opportunity to experience the pipes in a supported learning environment. Thanks to pipe maker, Dave Shaw, I have a set of identical, student (simple) pipes designed for absolute beginners either to music of any kind or for musicians who are new to playing the pipes."

Bookings and any last-minute enquiries must be made in advance to enquiries@northumbriana.org.uk (tel. 01670 513308) – with details for paying the fee of £24 provided on application.

Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering Committee is a standing committee of Morpeth Antiquarian Society (Reg. Charity No. 507640) and a member of the Assoc. of Festival Organisers. MNGC reserves the right to alter programme details.

The Morpeth Gathering is aided through financial, technical or in-kind support, permissions and advice by individuals and organisations to whom the Committee is greatly indebted. A full list of supporters will be published shortly.

The Gathering logos are based on the woodcuts of Joseph Crawhall II of the famous family of Morpeth artists.

Please donate online to keep the Gathering going via

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/morpeth-northumbrian-gathering>

and also see our Patrons Appeal on the Gathering website

<http://www.northumbriana.org.uk/gathering/docs/2022patrons.pdf>

**Hope to see you from
14th to 16th April 2023!!**



MORPETH NEWS TV LINKS TO VIDEOS OF PREVIOUS GATHERINGS:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dw-R9yoliXs>

2021 Gathering Goes Online. Interviews with Gadgy and some 2021 performers

<https://youtu.be/8Raao23Xkw0>

Redheughers, band section winners 2016

<https://youtu.be/xmPHU0gkPMw>

Tradition on parade. 2014 cavalcade and community pageant

https://youtu.be/NmP_Dd7hL6U

Gathering in fine tune. 2014 musical competitions plus scenes from events

<https://youtu.be/ANuGILLj4Z4>

On parade for 2017 golden Gathering includes Bounce and storyteller. Ron Forster as Gadgy

<https://youtu.be/g4ZtJ2xltM4>

Gathering turns back time 2018 includes Time Bandits

<https://youtu.be/18gkZO9lkew>

Tiny dancers. Jim Eldon and Mossy Christian performance and interview

<https://youtu.be/3uQaYYzrNLo>

50th Gathering slideshow of images to music played by Paul Knox

<https://youtu.be/ac1I51tsZks>

Joiners Arms sing around 2014

https://youtu.be/pDvyHuQ_MiM

Super strings music session 2014

https://youtu.be/AuRI_Zsvl9s

Brothers Gillespie sing Devil's Water

<https://youtu.be/h2sTKcEGWvw>

Golden Gathering 2017 including opening and Kim

<https://youtu.be/CxkgsGuMWLU>

2016 cavalcade includes Baghdaddies, Matt Seattle and Gadgy dancing

<https://youtu.be/xajlfO2ldBc>

2014 opening, clog and circle dancing

<https://youtu.be/d1RlprvkbAE>

2018 includes exhibition and Kim interview

<https://youtu.be/6NjRE2WCeWc>

2015 crafts, Hautbois music, opening

<https://youtu.be/iCUXzP9FvV8>

2012 Ray Langton melodeon workshop, costume expert Lesley Bentham interview and song

https://youtu.be/3CK8-G_fx9g

Outdoor music and indoor clog dancing 2016

https://youtu.be/lf6CqQMMw_U

Parade including Suffragettes and street clog dancing 2013

<https://youtu.be/ypmsAWdqYFw>

2013 street music and dancing, singing at Joiners Arms, rapper dancers Tap and Spile

https://youtu.be/UW_zMC4-8L0

Peter Arnold introduces Hoafy Trophy with storytelling clips

<https://youtu.be/ur5RunymJzM>

2012 Sealed Knot at Carlisle Park

<https://youtu.be/h3A7CXyczoI>

2012 parade, Gadgy's welcome, music at Tap and Spile

<https://youtu.be/mcbQAwuGaeo>

2013 opening and exhibition

<https://youtu.be/Px3Od4fkY3Q>

Drinking songs at The Chantry with Graham Stacy 2016

https://youtu.be/z4AZ8_M7L-g

Northumbrian Pipers Society at the Chantry plus cavalcade footage 2014

<https://youtu.be/0GthJfiBNHY>

Woodhorn Matters proggy matmaking interview 2014

<https://youtu.be/iqGuiz7wLLg>

2017 Louisa Gidney of Rent a Peasant as Mrs William Turner, interview Carlisle Park

<https://youtu.be/j2wFB98AYgs>

2017 Hannah Welfare poetry competition winner

<https://youtu.be/74ZOhrISlpU>

2014 music session at Tap and Spile

<https://youtu.be/n9WUGaQLD2U>

Coquet Lass steamroller at 2014 parade

<https://youtu.be/4jHAguxJqHI>

Georgian music at Town Hall during 2014 Gathering plus background clips

<https://youtu.be/f08rYp2Bfbl>

Johnny Handle talks and performs mining songs 2014

<https://youtu.be/P6F1mRHT4ro>

Dawn of Chivalry sword fighting and music at the castle gatehouse 2016

<https://youtu.be/INI-uRcSVQ8>

Anita James mouth organ workshop plus songs at Joiners Arms 2012

<https://youtu.be/XllIMJlvzuQ>

2012 Alex Swailes Gadgy interview