

Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering Committee



Continuing Northumberland's Traditions

A Standing Committee of Morpeth Antiquarian Society
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APPEAL FOR PATRONS 53rd Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering

17th – 19th April 2020 sees the 53rd annual celebration of Northumberland's unique music, song, dance and traditions, bringing many visitors to the area. This year the festival includes events with a **special "Fairies, Faas and Folktales"** theme. (*Faas were Border Gypsies – the legendary piper Jamie Allan was from such a family.*) We are also proud to be hosting the 25th birthday celebration concert by Werca's Folk, Northumberland's own women's choir led by musical director Sandra Kerr. One part of the Gathering is not yet certain, the Saturday procession, which is in the balance with huge road closure costs being imposed, but a pageant will take place on the Market Place even if it has to be in a reduced form.

We hope you will be an Event Patron this year, to help us stage the weekend's events and so that you may receive discounted tickets. Such help will be greatly appreciated and acknowledged. In return, following a minimum donation of £50, or £85 for two people at the same address, you will receive one pass per patron. This will give free entry to any of the events listed on the programme sheet, though we cannot guarantee a seat at smaller venues (for events at the Chantry Bagpipe Museum please indicate if you intend to take a place here). If you do not wish to attend events or receive a pass, but simply support the Gathering, please indicate below.

For a smaller donation of £20 we also have our Plaque Patrons scheme, designed to help support the craft, performing and writing competitions which are an important part of the Gathering. £20 would cover one competition award, the small engraved shield which goes to the first prize winner.

Please complete the form below; please make cheques payable to "M.N.G.C." and post to me at the address above. **(If you wish to donate using Gift Aid, please contact us before sending any money as this requires a different application process.)**

Yours sincerely,

Treasurer: Mrs Susan Hine

PATRONS – 53rd MORPETH NORTHUMBRIAN GATHERING 2020

Please delete where not applicable

I / We would like to support the Gathering by becoming an Event Patron / Plaque Patron this year.

Name(s) (please print)

Address.....

E-mail.....Telephone.....

I / We enclose cheque made payable to "M.N.G.C." for **£20 / £50 / £85 / other £.....**

I / We wish to pay by BACs – please send the Gathering BACs details.

I / We enclose a stamped, addressed envelope for acknowledgement and pass

EVENTS PATRONS ONLY: I / We wish to order **one / two** Event Patron's Pass/es / **NO** pass, thank you

I / We wish to attend the Chantry Bagpipe Museum concert/s (Except for the Museum concert/s, individual event tickets will not be issued; you will receive one special pass per person)