



Your local history society

Morpeth Antiquarian Society

Founded 1946

Registered Charity 507640

Incorporating Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering

President: The Mayor of Morpeth

Programme 2026 – 2027 80th Anniversary Season

Lecture meetings are held at 7.15 pm (doors open for teas/coffees at 7.00 pm)
on the last Friday of most months September to June
in St James' Centre, Wellway, Morpeth, NE61 1BN

Donations requested at door: £1 suggested for members or £4 for visitors
Visitors and new members always welcome Annual subscription £25

- 25th September 2026 Richard Heard: *Aspects of Northumbrian Piping Relating to Morpeth*
30th October 2026 Dr Declan McCormack: *Georgian Theatre in Northumberland*
27th November 2026 Sarah Littlefear: *Constance Leathart: A Life in the Clouds*
No meeting in December
29th January 2027 Meet the Members: *Displays from last autumn's annual heritage exhibition and talks by members + tea & cake*
26th February 2027 Mike Booth: *Morpeth's War Graves*
19th March 2027 Gary Bankhead: *Roman Offerton: Riverine Archaeology in the River Wear*
(NB meeting held earlier in the month to avoid Good Friday)
30th April 2027 Dr Christopher Ridgway: *Vanbrugh 300*
28th May 2027 David Silk: *Necromancy in the North: Tales of Wizardry*
25th June 2027 David Towns: *The Howards of Carlisle – Morpeth Connections*
Short talk preceded by *Annual General Meeting* with tea & cake (£1 extra requested)

Anniversary Events, Town Hall Exhibitions and Other Events

During Town Hall opening hours:

mini-display of knitted historic figures in Butter Market (foyer) glass cases

80th Anniversary Special Events in Town Hall (pre-booking required)

Saturday 18th July 2026 *Grand Celebration Afternoon Tea* with entertainment

Friday 18th September 2026 *Northumbrian Heritage Wine-Tasting Evening*

Daytime Friday 18th and Saturday 19th September 2026 (Heritage Open Days)
Four Anniversaries and a Funeral Annual Local History Exhibition *Town Hall*

59th Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering (to be confirmed)

Friday 2nd April to Sunday 4th April 2027 *Festival of music and traditions*

2027 Annual Exhibition (dates to be confirmed)

FURTHER INFO: Hon. Sec. Val Cowan 07887 594161

<https://northumbriana.org.uk/antiquarian-society>