

58th MORPETH NORTHUMBRIAN GATHERING



2026 COMPETITION RESULTS



GROUP A : ART & CRAFT

A1 Art (Lynda Swift Trophy)

1st: Clive Kemp (Barmoor, Morpeth); 2nd: Paul Raven (Morpeth); 3rd: Ray Quickfall (Whickham); Highly Commended: Keith Cooper (Morpeth)

A4A Photo Prints

1st: Glyn Trueman (Morpeth); 2nd: Glyn Trueman; 3rd: Glyn Trueman

A4B Enhanced PhotoPrints

1st: Glyn Trueman (Morpeth); 2nd: Glyn Trueman; 3rd: Glyn Trueman

A6 Exotic T-Shirt Location Photography

1st: Richard Stewart (Morpeth), Syria; 2nd: John & Caroline Turnbull (Woking), Greenland; 3rd: Richard Stewart, Shetland; Highly Commended: John & Caroline Turnbull, Split, Croatia

A35 Needlework Item

1st: Shirley Manelly (Blyth); 2nd: Susan Smith (Morpeth); 3rd: Heather Smith (Morpeth); Highly Commended: Heather Smith

A40 Knitting & Crochet Item

1st: Meg Wilson (York); 2nd: Victoria Harrison (Morpeth); 3rd: Victoria Harrison; Highly Commended: Meg Wilson

A59 Miscellaneous

1st: Victoria Harrison; 2nd: Anna Trood (Blyth); 3rd: Sarah Louise Trood (Bedlington); Highly Commended: Victoria Harrison

A60 Easter Cracket

1st: Richard & Carmel Copeland (Morpeth); 2nd: Heather Smith

A62 Decorated Easter Egg

1st: Natalie Mackworth-Praed (Morpeth); 2nd: Brenda Shotton (Morpeth)

A63 Disabled Craft

1st: Susan Hine (Morpeth); 2nd: Susan Hine; 3rd: Susan Hine; Highly Commended: Victoria Smith (Morpeth)

A64 Junior Individual Craft

1st: Jozie Jewitt; 2nd: Wilson Brown (Morpeth)

A66 Wyn Bibby Ingenuity Trophy

1st: Shirley Marrelly

A70 Shop Window Display

1st: J & JS Mackay (Old Herald Office); 2nd: The Chantry

A72 Group Costume

1st: East India Company Re-enactment Group; 2nd: Have Maypole Will Travel; 3rd=: Northumbrian Pipers in Plaids; 3rd=: Chantry TIC staff

A73A Cushie Butterfield Costume

1st: Beverley Crawley (Time Bandits); 2nd=: Alison Starkey (shepherdess); 2nd=: Shirley Forster (Have Maypole musician)

A73B Cuddy Butterfield Costume

1st: Ray Alexander (Sir John Vanbrugh); 2nd= Vincent Syson (Piper in Plaid); 2nd=: Jim Grant (storyteller); 2nd= Andrew Davison of EIC

GROUP B: Writing and Composing

B1 Song Composition

1st: Graham Bell (Cheshire), “Dan;” 2nd: Geoff Rodgers, “Welcome Home, Bonny Lad;” 3rd: Alan Dodds (South Shields), “When Henry Went to War”

B2A Melody Composition

1st: Colin Bradford, “Mrs Louise Bradford;” 2nd: Marina Dodgson, “Newcastle Gaol;” 3rd: Geoff Wright (Doncaster), “John Peacock of Morpeth;” Highly Commended: James Tait (Rothbury), “The Morpeth Gathering”

B2B Composing Excellence

1st: Colin Bradford (Alnwick); 2nd: Geoff Wright; 3rd: Marina Dodgson (South Gosforth)

B2C Variations Composition

1st: Geoff Wright, "Till the Tide Comes In;" 2nd: Jon Shurlock (Winchester), "Bonnie Pit Laddie;" 3rd: Geoff Wright, three sets of variations

B3B Open Dialect Verse

1st: Graham Bell, "Rhythm of Life;" 2nd: James Tait, "Watter Hen;" 3rd: Carol Dixon (Pegswood) "Northumbrian Nonsense Rhymes;" Highly Commended: Bob Bolam (Prudhoe), "Aa Divvent Need a Break;" Commended: John Robertson (Ashington), "What's a Matter, Bonny Lad"

B5 Dialect Prose

1st: Graham Bell, "Forst Time at the Mart;" 2nd: Brian Dawson (Blyth), "Bort the Borgla"

B8 Short Story

1st: John Robertson, "The Geordie Radio Operator;" 2nd: Lynne C Potter Hexham), "The Alnwick Poacher;" 3rd= John Lawson (Morpeth), "The Case Unravels;" 3rd= Neil Johnson (Derbyshire), "Goodbye to Shiremoor Modern"

B16 English Verse

1st: Graham Bell, "Together on the Hill;" 2nd: Patricia Defty (Corbridge), "Northumberlandia;" 3rd: Christine Lowes (Corbridge), "River Walk;" Highly Commended: John Robertson, "Drift Wood"

GROUP C: Singing and Playing

C1 Junior Singing

1st: Lola Evans (Rothbury); 2nd: Martha Darcy (Otterburn)

C3 Unaccompanied Singing

1st: Anne Lamb (Newton Aycliffe); 2nd: Pat Oldale (Eyemouth)

C4 Accompanied Singing

1st: Penny Grennan (Hexham)

C5 Traditional Ballad

1st: Pat Oldale

C6 Folk Group/Concert Band

1st: Whinberry (Haydon Bridge); 2nd: Hexham Village Band (Hexham)

C7B Country Dance Band

1st: Tyneside Fiddle Alliance (Seaton Sluice); 2nd=: Whinberry; 2nd= Redheughers (Gateshead)

C8C Open Accordion

1st: Mark Batey (Ellington)

C9B Intermediate Fiddle

1st: Vivien Kent (Sacriston)

C9C Open Fiddle

1st: Ali Say (Wall)

C10B Intermediate Smallpipes

1st: Elke Meiburg (Harbottle)

C10C Open Smallpipes

1st: Jonathan Pearson (Mexborough)

C11 Miscellaneous Traditional instrument

1st: Gabriel Bath (Newcastle) ; 2nd: Peter Hawkey (Fraserburgh); 3rd: Ruth Harvey (North Shields)

C12 Traditional Instruments Duet

1st; Alex Barrass & Jonathan Pearson; 2nd: Max Cole & Jack Cole (Newcastle)

C14 Border Pipes

1st: Jonathan Pearson; 2nd: Alex Barrass

C17a Novice Clog Solo

1st: Nickie Dailly (Cambridge)

C18 Northumbrian Speech

1st: Graham Bell; 2nd: Eileen Beers (Morpeth); 3rd=: John Robertson (Ashington) & 3rd= Heather Laurence (Esh Winning)

C22 Storytelling

1st: John Robertson; 2nd: Graham Bell

C23C Open Group Clog

1st: Evie & Georgie of Hadrian Clog (Allendale)

C25 Special Clog Award

Nickie Dailly (Cambridge)

C26 Hoafy Trophy

1st; Graham Bell; 2nd: Heather Laurence

C27 Emily Inspires! Trophy

1st: Anne Lamb; 2nd: Ruth Harvey; 3rd=: Pat Oldale 3rd=: Penny Grennan

Next year's 59th Gathering: 2nd to 4th April 2027 (to be confirmed)

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