

# The 2021 Online Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering

continuing Northumberland's traditions



Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
**PROGRAMME OF EVENTS**

via YouTube, Zoom and Facebook  
Event links are below, with any updates posted on  
[facebook.com/morpeth.gathering](https://facebook.com/morpeth.gathering)



**Welcome to the first ever online festival** of traditional Northumbrian music, dance, craft, dialect, drama and heritage. Normally held the weekend after Easter in Northumberland's historic county town of Morpeth, the Gathering's programme was cancelled in 2020 for the first time since 1968, thanks to the pandemic – but we're now delighted to present a virtual festival to keep the flag flying in the spring of 2021.

**Most events will be accessed via our YouTube channel** unless stated otherwise. They will launch at the times given below, staying online over the weekend and in most cases into the future for people to catch up. Last-minute news or changes will be announced on Facebook.

**All events are free but please consider donating to individual performers** via their online shops and websites. We have been overwhelmed by the expression of goodwill and support from so many people willing to give of their time and skills, and we know many of you will be only too happy to support creative artists who have lost work and income throughout the time of Covid restrictions.

**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 [gofundme.com/f/morpeth-northumbrian-gathering](https://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.  
Queries: Tel.:01670 513308; E-mail: [enquiries@northumbriana.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@northumbriana.org.uk)

**CD Stall** - especially for the Gathering, One Row Records have put together a virtual CD stall of some of the best traditional music from Northumbria. You can visit the page here:  
<http://nicksites.net/onerowrecords/northumberland/> More albums coming soon!

**Merchandise** – we can't yet handle online sales, but contact the Gathering Office to buy our t-shirts, mugs, car stickers and our CD "Morpeth's Music" featuring songs and tunes old and new from friends of the Gathering including Stewart Hardy, Benny Graham, Voice Male, Ellington Band, York Waits, Rod Arthur.

*Circumstances may mean events are subject to change.*

**BEFORE THE GATHERING: Family Craft Workshop - Easter holiday activities – Join our online Pageant!**  
Make dragon masks and puppets with artist Elaine Porter of the White Lantern Company - wear or carry them while watching our procession videos and other events – be a part of the online Gathering pageant!

## Competitions

Sadly, the crafts and live performing competitions could not take place this year, but we shall announce the results of certain postal competitions for writing and composing which have been judged safely in advance. These will be posted on Facebook and afterwards on the Gathering website.

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

## THE 2021 ONLINE GATHERING SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

During the day do fill any gaps by having a look over at **MorpethNewsTV's YouTube channel** featuring special interviews with the 2021 performers plus archive films from earlier Gatherings (see listings at end).

**SUMMARY OF EVENTS** See next table for online links and the duration of each event.

Any last-minute changes or updates will appear on [facebook.com/morpeth.gathering](https://www.facebook.com/morpeth.gathering)

Time	Event	Platform	Details (see next table for online links)
All day	Images of 2019	YouTube	A reminder of the last Gathering
All day	1980s Archive Films	YouTube	Home videos of 1980s Gatherings
All day	Family Craft Workshop	YouTube	Make dragon masks and puppets
8.00 am	Virtual Craft Exhibition	YouTube	Images of past craft entries and displays
8.15 am	Virtual Town Hall Art Gallery	YouTube	Vote on the final shortlist of paintings
8.30 am	Camera Club Gallery	YouTube	Scenes of the Gathering and the area
9.00 am	Writing Competitions Results	Facebook	Dialect/music/story/song writing results
9.30 am	Stories For All	YouTube	With Jim Grant
10.00 am	Historic Dance Workshop	Zoom*	Advance booking by email – see below
11.00 am	The Gadgy's Welcome	YouTube	Official welcome by Alex Swailes MBE
11.05 am	Cavalcade and Pageant Slideshow	YouTube	Scenes of past processions
11.30 am	The Ballad of the Laidley Worm	YouTube	Drama, puppetry and music
12 noon	Clock Tower Tour	YouTube	Views inside the tower
12.30 pm	Singaround	Zoom**	Led by Beeswing. See below for link
2.00 pm	Family Concert – music, song, clog, tales	YouTube	Mossy, Jim & Lynette, Taffy Thomas
3.00 pm	Clog Making Demonstration	YouTube	With Simon Brock
4.00 pm	Tunes Session	Zoom***	led by Phoenix Folk. See below for link
4.30 pm	Dialect Concert	YouTube	Bob Bolam, Johnny Handle & many more
7.00 pm	Grand Music Concert	YouTube	Stewart Hardy, Glowan & a host of stars
8.00 pm	Barn Dance	Zoom*	Advance booking by email – see below
8.45 pm	Elsie	YouTube	Pat Dunn's one-woman show

### Performers:

**Family Concert:** Mossy Christian, Lynette and Jim Eldon, Taffy Thomas.

**Dialect Concert:** Eileen Beers, Graham Bell, Pat Dunn, Peter Armstrong, Bob Bolam, Johnny Handle, James Tait, Alex Swailes MBE.

**Grand Music Concert:** Rob Say, Graham and Sam Pirt, Glowan, Kim Bibby-Wilson and John Bibby, Tonbande, Wallace Calvert, Mossy Christian, James Tait, Stewart Hardy, Emma and Jannick Hardy.

**Barn Dance:** Rachael Hales, Robin Dunn, Caller Elizabeth Lawson.

**\*Dance Events – Historic Dance Workshop and Barn Dance** Advance booking is required - please email [morpethgatheringdance@gmail.com](mailto:morpethgatheringdance@gmail.com) by noon on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April to book and receive links

### \*\*Singaround (12.30pm-2.30pm)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87471222298?pwd=MU5mNEhjOTIYNXQ3WXJqY1paaTVyUT09>

Meeting ID: 874 7122 2298 Passcode: 2005

**\*\*\*Tunes Session (4pm - 5.30pm)** Join in from home with well-known session tunes. For more details about how the session will work, and to download sheet music/chords, please visit [www.phoenixfolk.co.uk/morpeth2021](http://www.phoenixfolk.co.uk/morpeth2021)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84013793945?pwd=bFQ3bjY4YmZ3OXpyNIQ5N3h2TTdBZz09>

Meeting ID: 840 1379 3945 Passcode: 2005

## YOUTUBE AND ZOOM EVENT LINKS FOR GATHERING 2021

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

On Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup>: videos will be available to view online from the times stated below. Once live, videos will remain on YouTube until at least 17<sup>th</sup> April

Time	Event	Platform	Duration	Links
All day	Images of 2019	YouTube	6min	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C2r9OLDDUu0">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C2r9OLDDUu0</a>
All day	1980s Archive Films	YouTube	6min	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IYcilLjx88">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IYcilLjx88</a>
All day	Family Craft Workshop	YouTube	9min	<a href="https://youtube.com/watch?v=NwY9Fmgne28">https://youtube.com/watch?v=NwY9Fmgne28</a>
8.00 am	Virtual Craft Exhibition	YouTube	6min	<a href="https://youtube.com/watch?v=8SBoUUDby8s">https://youtube.com/watch?v=8SBoUUDby8s</a>
8.15 am	Virtual Town Hall Art Gallery	YouTube	4min	<a href="https://youtube.com/watch?v=B9KoVEgekGM">https://youtube.com/watch?v=B9KoVEgekGM</a>
8.30 am	Morpeth Camera Club	YouTube	15min	<a href="https://youtube.com/watch?v=tsw7t7RdrQY">https://youtube.com/watch?v=tsw7t7RdrQY</a>
9.00 am	Writing Competitions Results	Facebook	n/a	Posted on Morpeth Gathering Facebook page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/morpeth.gathering">https://www.facebook.com/morpeth.gathering</a>
9.30 am	Stories For All	YouTube	25min	<a href="https://youtube.com/watch?v=dUSnw_DjMIU">https://youtube.com/watch?v=dUSnw_DjMIU</a>
10.00 am	Historic Dance Workshop	Zoom	1hr	Email by 9 April for access code: <a href="mailto:morpethgatheringdance@gmail.com">morpethgatheringdance@gmail.com</a>
11.00 am	The Gadgy's Welcome	YouTube	2min	<a href="https://youtube.com/watch?v=UlytQgtOzEk">https://youtube.com/watch?v=UlytQgtOzEk</a>
11.05 am	Cavalcade and Pageant	YouTube	6min	<a href="https://youtube.com/watch?v=A-GOGaFjZHM">https://youtube.com/watch?v=A-GOGaFjZHM</a>
11.30 am	The Ballad of the Laidley Worm	YouTube	25min	<a href="https://youtube.com/watch?v=eVAT2keuXek">https://youtube.com/watch?v=eVAT2keuXek</a>
12 noon	Clock Tower Tour	YouTube	14min	<a href="https://youtube.com/watch?v=yFRFZCVtDjA">https://youtube.com/watch?v=yFRFZCVtDjA</a>
12.30 pm	Singaround	Zoom	2hrs	See below
2.00 pm	Family Concert	YouTube	55min	<a href="https://youtube.com/watch?v=37d5xeCMiNg">https://youtube.com/watch?v=37d5xeCMiNg</a>
3.00 pm	Clog Making Demonstr.	YouTube	33min	<a href="https://youtube.com/watch?v=/kAog1O9A-8I">https://youtube.com/watch?v=/kAog1O9A-8I</a>
4.00 pm	Tunes Session	Zoom	1hr 30min	See below
4.30 pm	Dialect Concert	YouTube	58 min	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ULFNCxEnBfk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ULFNCxEnBfk</a>
7.00 pm	Grand Music Concert	YouTube	1hr 33min	<a href="https://youtube.com/watch?v=LoEEw_U4WsE">https://youtube.com/watch?v=LoEEw_U4WsE</a>
8.00 pm	Barn Dance	Zoom	1hr 30min	Email by 9 April for access code: <a href="mailto:morpethgatheringdance@gmail.com">morpethgatheringdance@gmail.com</a>
8.45 pm	Elsie	YouTube	20min	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cFeR7RLw8KM">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cFeR7RLw8KM</a>

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

Singaround Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87471222298?pwd=MU5mNEhjOTIYNXQ3WXJqY1paaTVyUT09>

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Tunes Zoom session

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### EVENTS AFTER THE GATHERING:

Look out for future fund-raisers, and please visit **Morpeth Chantry Bagpipe Museum**, scheduled to re-open in May after lockdown – enjoy its new exhibition by artist **Johnny Hannah** including new Gathering posters and artwork.

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

## 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](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](https://youtu.be/pDvyHuQ_MiM)

Super strings music session 2014

[https://youtu.be/AuRI\\_Zsvl9s](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](https://youtu.be/3CK8-G_fx9g)

Outdoor music and indoor clog dancing 2016

[https://youtu.be/lf6CqQMMw\\_U](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](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](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 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

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*Family Concert:* Mossy Christian, Lynette and Jim Eldon, Taffy Thomas.

*Clog Making Demo* dancers: Green Ginger Clog

*Dialect Concert:* Eileen Beers, Graham Bell, Pat Dunn, Peter Armstrong, Bob Bolam, Johnny Handle, James Tait, Alex Swailes MBE.

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*Barn Dance:* Rachael Hales, Robin Dunn, Caller Elizabeth Lawson.

**PERFORMER LINKS** Please support our performers through donations and CD purchases, including:

Rob Say: <http://milecastle27.co.uk/rob/>  
Kim and John: [http://www.borderdirectors.com/Band\\_Members.php](http://www.borderdirectors.com/Band_Members.php)  
Graham Pirt: <https://www.grahampirt.com/>  
Sam Pirt: <https://thehutpeople.com/bio>  
Glowan: <https://www.facebook.com/Glowan-289945178334941/>  
Wallace Calvert: <https://www.facebook.com/wallacecalvertmusic/>  
Mossie Christian: <http://nicksites.net/mossy/>  
James Tait: <https://www.jamestait.co.uk/>  
Stewart Hardy: <https://www.stewarthyardy.co.uk/>  
Ian Stephenson: [www.simpsonstreetstudios.com](http://www.simpsonstreetstudios.com)  
Morpeth Camera Club: [www.morpethcameraclub.co.uk](http://www.morpethcameraclub.co.uk)

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See you somehow in the future!!!

