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| **January 2020****Heritage Group -** kim@northumbriana.org.ukThe 53rd Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering will take place from 17th to 19th Aprila. Fundraising concert Fri Feb 14th 7.30pm Morpeth Town Hall with music, song and humour from Alistair Anderson, Border Directors, John Davidson, Sarah Tym and Iain Gelston, Alex Swailes MBE.Tickets £12 waged, £11 unwaged, £5 child, from Chantry TIC or direct from Kim 01670 513308.b. This year's theme is Fairies, Faas and Folktales. (Faas are the Border Gypsies, including the famous piper Jamie Allan). While it's not yet clear whether the procession will be possible, a range of indoor and outdoor events will take place though perhaps on a reduced scale. Performers include Taffy Thomas, Windy Gyle, Dance Dynamics and the Hedgehog's Skin. Tickets and programmes available from 1st March and see website for updates [www.northumbriana.org.uk](https://facebook.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b04af191e54cf91faa5419d0d&id=b73a2444c1&e=8187298d32)One of the Morpeth Heritage Network member groups, Morpeth Antiquarian Society, will hold its public programme of history lectures as usual this year, but following 31st January's talks at St. James' Centre by members (on St James' Hall and the Boys' Brigade building), from February to June the meetings will change to a different venue, the Town Hall, while St. James' Centre undergoes building work. The public might like to contribute to the Town Council consultation on the proposals for its community buildings, which can be seen in a display in the Town Hall Butter Market and further details on their website -[https://www.morpeth-tc.gov.uk/2020/01/07/community-space-at-storey-park/](https://facebook.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b04af191e54cf91faa5419d0d&id=eae81fe07b&e=8187298d32)**Volunteer Opportunity**We are looking for someone to help coordinate the Heritage Open Days for the Morpeth area.  The task involves contacting the various venues who offer an event over the weekend in September for this national scheme, uploading information onto the HoDs website and returning information to the national scheme.  A detailed file is available to assist the coordinator and 2 of our Directors, Barbara Martin and Kim Bibby Wilson, can also provide support.  If you are interested please get in touch, we really need some help. info@gmdt.org **Environment Group -**j.h.edmundson@googlemail.com2019 saw another successful litter picking year with about 400 bags collected in and around the town. The 2019 Annual Litter Report is available on our website. We will continue our efforts this year with another series of events. Please see our website. [https://gmdt.net/environment/morpeth-litter-group](https://facebook.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b04af191e54cf91faa5419d0d&id=18798e2948&e=8187298d32)We also intend to plant trees in and around the town, and initially have obtained 30 horse chestnut saplings which will be added to various sites. As mentioned before, we still hope to repaint the rhyme on the 100 steps and bandstand in Carlisle Park if we can obtain suitable materials.**Arts and Culture Group** - frescigno@msn.comThe 3rd Morpeth Movie Weekend takes place on Fri 7 and Sat 8 February. A copy of our publicity leaflet is attached below. You can also look at our website for details of what's on. [https://morpethcinema.weebly.com](https://facebook.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b04af191e54cf91faa5419d0d&id=29862c6c63&e=8187298d32)(Tickets already selling fast for Downton Abbey on Ticketsource)[https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on?q=Morpeth](https://facebook.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b04af191e54cf91faa5419d0d&id=d15c87d8bf&e=8187298d32)Author’s Evening - The 'Meet the Authors Evening' is scheduled for Friday 13 March at St. George's Church for a 7pm start. We will be highlighting Miles Hewitt, Miles Hudson and Alan Wilkinson. Promotional material will be out soon. Tickets are £6 and will be available from GMDT, Ticket Source and the Morpeth Tourist Information Centre. Price includes refreshments. Books will be available to purchase and be signed.**Railway Station Project**The main station building is nearing completion with a few weeks worth left to finish the interior.  Work is about to commence on installing the caboose (a guards' van style building) in the car park area which will house a new taxi office .  We hope to be able to open the station fully in March.  Meanwhile work begins to let the office space to local businesses and secure a café operator.  Arriva Rail North has also recruiting staff to run the new ticket office inside the station that will operate extended opening hours from 6.30am to 5.30pm Mondays to Saturdays.The photo below shows the new entrance to the station.https://ecp.yusercontent.com/mail?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgallery.mailchimp.com%2Fb04af191e54cf91faa5419d0d%2F_compresseds%2Fdd9d8e03-a7c1-4092-b1db-82f265debb51.jpeg&t=1578993941&ymreqid=e5a7b7d1-f5cd-dea4-2f32-580024010000&sig=NClMIInZOek927W3hrMa0A--~C**2020** Litter Blitz datesAll Sundays – meet 2:15pm, blitz starts 2:30pm unless called out specifically.

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| Date | Location | Meeting place |
| 1 March | Woods around Morpeth – mostly North but also Kirkhill, Stobhill woods | St James Car Park, Morpeth Town Centre |
| 29 March | Stobhill Estate, Low Stobhill, A192 & A196 paths, Stobhill Farm, Coopies Lane, Railway station | St Aidan’s Centre, Stobhill |
| 26 April | Town Centre, Middle Greens, Bankside, Abbey View, Carlisle Park paths | St James Car Park, Morpeth Town Centre |

**Morpeth Movie Weekend Programme** |
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| **GMDT events coming up**Volunteers Annual EventVolunteers will be invited to an event in March which will be held in the restored Railway Station.Community Cinema – Town Hall 7pm (£6 a ticket)Morpeth Movie Weekend 7/8 Feb see below for details6 March - Judy3 April - Official SecretsSee our website for more details of these films, including trailers.   [http://morpethcinema.weebly.com](https://facebook.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b04af191e54cf91faa5419d0d&id=05cb1cd061&e=8187298d32)​**Dates of meetings** Board meetings  Mondays - 3 Feb is the next meetingInterest Groups**-**held at The Lodge, all welcomeArts & Culture Thurs 16 Jan @ 2:00 - 3:30 pmEnvironment   Thurs 13 Feb @ 10.00 - 11.30 amHeritage          Tues 28 Jan @ 10.30 - 12 noon**Other events / information**Lunchtime concert - Wed 15th January @ 12.30 pmLunchtime concert by a popular group: 'The Virtuoso Jazz Trio' led by George MacDonald (Clarinet). Doors open at Noon with Tea and Coffee served in the South Transept. Entrance £3.00 at the door with a special offer of all four concerts in the Winter-Spring series for only £10.00.Morpeth Civic Society - [https://morpethheritage.org/morpeth-civic-society](https://facebook.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b04af191e54cf91faa5419d0d&id=cb269cde53&e=8187298d32)[Who Killed Charles Radcliffe?](https://facebook.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b04af191e54cf91faa5419d0d&id=acc15641a9&e=8187298d32)- Fri 28 Feb @ 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm[The Romantic North in Picturesque Paintings](https://facebook.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b04af191e54cf91faa5419d0d&id=4b16813f03&e=8187298d32)- Fri 27 Mar 27 @ 7:00 pm - 9:30 pmMorpeth Music Society - [https://www.morpeth-musoc.org.uk](https://facebook.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b04af191e54cf91faa5419d0d&id=e1c9c65632&e=8187298d32)Metamorphoses - clarinet, viola and piano - Thurs 13 February 20207.30pm Morpeth Methodist ChurchTrio Shaham Erez Wallfisch - violin, cello & piano - Thurs 19th March 20207.30pm Morpeth Methodist ChurchMorpeth Antiquarian Society - [https://morpethheritage.org/morpeth-antiquarian-society](https://facebook.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b04af191e54cf91faa5419d0d&id=a1ce3f9bf2&e=8187298d32)Meet the Members - Fri 31 Jan @ 7:00 pm - 7:30 pmThe 73rd Anniversary Lecture Programme of the Morpeth Antiquarian Society -Friday Lecture meetings are held at 7.15 pm in St James’ Centre, Wellway, Morpeth, NE61 1BN but will move to the Town Hall from February while St James' is refurbished.Entrance fee (inc. coffee/tea/biscuit): £1 for members or £3 for visitors. Annual subscription £17Visitors and new members always welcome. * 31st January 2020 Meet the Members: short history talks given by members of the Society, followed by a pooled supper. Visitors welcome
* 28th February 2020 Liz Sobell: Who Killed Charles Radcliffe?
* 27th March 2020 Peter Regan: The Romantic North in Picturesque Paintings
* 24th April 2020 Barry Mead: Cresswell Pele Tower: From Reivers & Ruin to Restoration, followed by a pooled supper and Annual General Meeting
* 29th May 2020 Phil Huntley: Bridges of Morpeth
* 26th June 2020 Dr Jared Johnson: John Dobson

Further details: Hon. Sec. Val Cowan 07887 594161Morpeth Pantomime Society's 2020 production 'Jack and the Beanstalk' - in the Lower School Hall, KEVI, Cottingwood Lane Tickets for all performances just £6 from Chantry TIC, on-line at [https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on?q=morpeth%20pantomime%20society](https://facebook.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b04af191e54cf91faa5419d0d&id=9d37a5f025&e=8187298d32)https://ecp.yusercontent.com/mail?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgallery.mailchimp.com%2Fb04af191e54cf91faa5419d0d%2Fimages%2Ff1f418be-2d32-4778-8813-bd66996ee63a.jpeg&t=1578993941&ymreqid=e5a7b7d1-f5cd-dea4-2f32-580024010000&sig=OwI8FRplr3CuQUKhXWnlzw--~CSee More in Morpeth website for other events [http://www.moreinmorpeth.co.uk/events](https://facebook.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b04af191e54cf91faa5419d0d&id=a6c891735e&e=8187298d32)**Volunteering Opportunities**We are looking for someone to help with the administration of the Heritage Open Days.  If you are interested and would like to know more, or know of anyone who might be, please get in touch.If you are interested in occasional volunteering work please get in touch to find our more karen.bower10@yahoo.co.uk (volunteer coordinator) |

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