



Your local history society

Morpeth Antiquarian Society

Founded 1946

Registered Charity 507640

Incorporating Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering

President: The Mayor of Morpeth

Programme 2025 – 2026 79th Season – into our 80th year!

Lecture meetings are held at 7.15 pm (doors open for teas/coffees at 7.00 pm)
on the last Friday of most months

in St James' Centre, Wellway, Morpeth, NE61 1BN

Donations requested at door: £1 suggested for members or £4 for visitors

Annual subscription £25

Visitors and new members always welcome

26th September 2025 David Silk: *Children of the Devil: A tale of witchcraft and wickedness in 17th Century Newcastle*

31st October 2025 Mark Benjamin: *A History of Hexham in 6 Controversies, and a Big Stink*

28th November 2025 Peter Ryder: *Reading the Fabric (of churches and chapels including Morpeth Chantry)*

No meeting in December

30th January 2026 Meet the Members: *Displays and talks by members + pooled supper*

27th February 2026 Aidan Harrison: *The Royal Progress of Princess Margaret Tudor*

27th March 2026 Hilton Dawson: *40,000 People from Newbiggin by the Sea*

24th April 2026 Clive Waddington: *Prehistoric Investigations Around Morpeth*

29th May 2026 Marie Addyman: *Who was William Turner?*

26th June 2026 *Annual General Meeting* with tea & cake and a short talk from a member of the Northumberland Archives team

Town Hall Exhibitions and Other Events

During Town Hall opening hours:

mini-displays in Butter Market glass cases

Friday 19th and Saturday 20th September 2025:

Annual Local History Exhibition for Heritage Open Days *Town Hall*

58th Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering (to be confirmed)

Friday 10th to Sunday 12th April 2026 *Festival of music and traditions*

2026 Annual Exhibition (dates to be confirmed)

FURTHER INFO: Hon. Sec. Val Cowan 07887 594161

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