



WISHING A
HAPPY NEW
YEAR TO ALL
OUR MEMBERS!

Members of the society and friends at the Tyneside Cinema, where we enjoyed a wonderful afternoon tea and a showing of "White Christmas". We plan to repeat the event in 2014. Suggestions for appropriate films welcome!

2013 REPORT

2013 has been an active year for the Northumbrian Cambridge Association. The year got off to a great start with a Burns Supper, held in the elegant surroundings of the Tristram Room, St John's College, Durham. Attendees were piped in to the event before being treated to a traditional meal (including haggis), a number of lively toasts and the Immortal Memory delivered by Bill Telford.

In March, 24 members of the Association enjoyed a tour of the beautifully restored Theatre Royal in Newcastle. We had visited the theatre two years previously, before it was revamped, and it was lovely to see the interior restored to the original décor of 1901, as designed by famous theatre designer, Frank Matcham.

Unfortunately, dreadful weather meant that the Spring Walk discouraged many people from tackling a stretch of Hadrian's Wall, but congratulations

must go to our Honorary Treasurer Christopher Beadle and the small number of hardy souls who persevered!

The annual Freshers' Party in September provided a welcome introduction to Cambridge life for a substantial number of local students heading for university life in Cambridge. The presence of more recent graduates, including our Membership Secretary, Nadine Strettle-Brown, who organised the event, meant that the advice tendered was up to date!

The AGM of the Association on September 29 was followed by the Annual Lecture. Professor Donald Broom spoke on 'The Role of Animal Welfare in Sustainability and Product Quality' and gave a fascinating insight into changes in public perception and practice with regard to this subject.

The Christmas period brought two events which were well attended and very much enjoyed by members. As in previous years, a Christmas Lunch was held at the Cophthorne Hotel, in its beautiful Quayside location overlooking the River Tyne. In previous years two lunches were held, but this year applications were skewed in favour of the earlier of the dates offered, and so the two were amalgamated into one.

The second event was a Festive Afternoon Tea and Film at the Tyneside Cinema. Held in the cinema's comfortable digital lounge, the event included a delicious afternoon tea on vintage china, Christmas decorations (with a digital fire!), a cash bar and a film of our choice. The burst of applause at the end was a testament to the success of this new event.



President of the Northumbrian Cambridge Association, James Wright, with Dr Donald Broom, speaker at the Annual Lecture, held on September 29 at the Royal Grammar School, Newcastle.

FUTURE EVENTS

2014

Events for the coming year:

February 22, 2014

Tour of BBC Newcastle

March 20, 2014

Annual Dinner

The Biscuit Factory, Newcastle

May 17, 2014

Spring Walk

June 7, 2014

Summer Meeting

Seaton Delaval Hall

September 22/23, 2014

Freshers' Party

October 3, 2014

AGM and Annual Lecture

December, 2014

Christmas Lunch and Festive
Afternoon Tea (dates to be
confirmed)

Details of the events, and application
forms for tickets, will be circulated
nearer to the time.

Do come and support your
Association!



Some members of your committee hard at work! - from left, Judy Vigurs, Andrena Telford (Honorary Secretary), James Wright (President), Christopher Beadle (Honorary Treasurer) and Nick Jackson. Wine and nibbles provided by the President. (All photos by Bill Telford.)

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NOTICES:

Membership subscriptions are due shortly. The Membership Secretary will be sending out notices to this effect.

The Committee's next meeting is on March 4. If you have any matters you'd like to raise, or suggestions you'd like to make, please get in touch with Andrena Telford before that date and it will be added to the agenda.