



NORTHUMBRIAN CAMBRIDGE ASSOCIATION
Calendar of Events (2020)—Programme

Winter Outing, Discovery Museum, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Saturday, February 8, 2020

Join us for this very special visit to one of Newcastle's outstanding museums. We shall meet at 10.00 am at the Museum, which will be opening up early especially for us. After morning tea/coffee and biscuits at the Museum's cafeteria, we shall split into alternating groups for specialist tours, one to see the building and the other to visit the Museum's extensive costume store. There will also be time for everyone to explore the Museum on their own. We have also arranged a soup and sandwich lunch in a private room, the Carpathia room, at 12.45.

Annual Dinner, Northern Counties Club, Newcastle.

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

This year's annual dinner of the Northumbrian Cambridge Association will be a special occasion, celebrating the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Association. Once again it will be held in the splendid surroundings of the Northern Counties Club in the centre of Newcastle, and will be a black-tie affair as usual. The Club's excellent young chef will provide a three-course meal, followed by coffee/tea. After the dinner, past President, James Wright, will speak about the history of the Association, and there will be Cambridge reminiscences, from long-time member, Professor Ian Fells. And, of course, there will be another challenging quiz! We hope also to have some special guests join us for this significant event.

Spring Outing, Kirkley Hall Zoological Gardens, near Ponteland.

Saturday, April 18, 2020

Our spring outing this year will be to Kirkley Hall Zoological Gardens. We will meet at 10.00. Morning coffee will be available in the Orangery Tearoom, after which, at 10.30, we shall have a talk on the zoo's conservation policy in the elegant conference room of Kirkley Hall. With the expertise of a Kirkley guide, we will be introduced to some of the zoo's inhabitants in the discovery room, with the opportunity to hold some of them. From about 11.30 onwards, we shall explore the zoo for ourselves, and at 12.30, we'll have lunch in the conference room. To follow in the afternoon (13.45-14.45), we shall have an optional woodland walk (of approximately 1 hour), led by the President and Secretary, after which you can visit the walled garden, and/or return to the Orangery Tea Room for afternoon tea.

Spring Walk, Raby Castle & Estate.

Saturday, May 16, 2020

Our spring walk this year will be to Raby Castle and its estate. We will meet at the Castle entrance at 9.45 am, whence we shall be escorted to the Grand Hall by Raby guide(s) for refreshments prior to a tour of the Castle (for approximately 90 minutes), followed by a soup and sandwich lunch in the canopied area outside the Stables Café. After lunch, you will have the option of a short walk, guided by Bill and Andrena Telford, through the walled garden and around the perimeter of the castle, with views of Raby's famous herds of red and fallow deer. A longer walk will also be available, ranging further through the 200 acre estate.

Summer Outing, Farne Islands Cruise.

Sunday, June 21, 2020

Our trip to the Farne Islands will begin with lunch at 11.45 at the Olde Ship Inn in Seahouses. Following lunch we will join a Serenity Cruises catamaran at 13.45 for a trip round the Farne Islands, with an hour's stop-off on Inner Farne to see the bird life nesting on the cliffs, the old lighthouse and St Cuthbert's Chapel. On board our boat will be a wildlife expert who will be able to point out the main features, both animate and inanimate, of the islands. Expect to see the Farnes' colony of grey seals, along with cormorants, kittiwakes, gulls, terns and the loveable puffins. If we are lucky we may also see dolphins in the waters between the Farnes and the Northumberland coast.

Freshers' Party, Mincoffs Solicitors, Newcastle.

Monday, September 14, 2020

Again we will be welcoming freshers from the North East just before they go up to Cambridge. As last year, Tim Gray and Mincoffs will be our hosts, and the freshers, as well as having the opportunity to meet fellow undergraduates, will be introduced to the NCA.

AGM and Annual Lecture, Royal Grammar School, Newcastle.

Friday, September 25, 2020

The AGM and Annual Lecture will take place again at the Royal Grammar School, with a buffet supplied by Boldon Farmhouse Pantry, and wines by Michael Jobling. As in previous years, we hope to have a distinguished Cambridge academic to address us.

Pre-Concert Dinner and Musical Event, Sage, Gateshead.

October/November, 2020 (tbc)

Join us for dinner and a concert at the Sage, the North's premier music centre.

Christmas Lunch, County Hotel, Newcastle.

Friday, December 4, 2020

Christmas lunch at the County Hotel has become a fixture in our calendar – a testament to the food, the ambience and the efficient and welcoming service. Join us for a delicious meal and good company in the lovely Mozart Suite.

Pre-Christmas Freshers' Reunion, Revolution, Newcastle.

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

An invitation will be sent out to freshers as usual, along with the offer of free associate membership. This will follow up the contacts made at the Welcome Party in September.

Festive Afternoon Tea & Film, Tyneside Cinema, Newcastle.

Saturday, December 12, 2020

Another tradition which has now established itself is the Festive Afternoon Tea and Film at the Tyneside. With the Digital Lounge all to ourselves, a scrumptious afternoon tea and a film of our choice. What better way to spend a winter afternoon in the run-up to Christmas!