NORTHUMBRIAN CAMBRIDGE ASSOCIATION

There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee on Wednesday, March 3rd, 2021

at 6.00 pm, held by Zoom on account of COVID-19 restrictions.

**AGENDA**

# Welcome and Apologies for absence.

# Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting held by Zoom on 13/01/21.

# Matters arising.

# President’s Report.

# Hon. Secretary’s Report.

# Membership Secretary’s Report.

1. Status of membership.
2. Deaths.
3. Resignations.
4. New Members.
5. Freshers.

# Hon. Treasurer’s Report.

## Hon. Treasurer’s Report.

1. Status of Account (HSBC).
2. Membership Renewals, Subscriptions and Standing Orders.

# Past Events:

## Winter Outing, Life Science Centre (Friday, February 5, 2021; organizer, Heather Cordell). Cancelled - need to rebook for Friday 4th or 11th February 2022.

* 1. **Virtual talk by Margaret Bozic (Thursday February 25, 2021).**

# Future Events:

2021

## Annual Dinner, Northern Counties Club, Newcastle (Wednesday, March 17, 2021; organisers, President/Hon. Secretary). Cancelled - need to rebook for Wednesday 16th March 2022.

Bill Telford booked the Northern Counties Club for our annual dinner next year, and this has been confirmed by David Devennie, Manager (secretary@northerncountiesclub.co.uk).

**[For Action: President (Heather Cordell)/Hon. Secretary (Gilbert Cockton]**

## Virtual talk by Chris Loughran (Wednesday, March 31, 2021)

## Colin needs to get further details + a brief bigraphy from the speaker.

**[For Action: Colin Dunnighan]**

## Spring Outing, Kirkley Hall Zoological Gardens, Ponteland (Saturday, April 17, 2021; organiser(s), Heather Cordell and Peter Cleland (???). Cancelled, rebooked for Saturday 23rd April 2022

Heather has arranged with Steve Sykes, Animal Resource Centre Manager (steven.sykes@northumberland.ac.uk) for our cancelled 2021 booking to be held over until next year. The precise details of the visit will need to be finalised before the January mailing to members.

**[For Action: Heather Cordell]**

## Spring Walk, Raby Castle, County Durham (Saturday, May 15, 2021; organisers/leaders, Gilbert Cockton/Heather Cordell). Will need to be cancelled and possibly re-booked for next year, Saturday 14th May.

The visit to the Castle, Park and Gardens has been rebooked for Saturday, May 15, 2021, with Emma Chalder, Leisure & Tourism Assistant (admin@raby.co.uk), the programme arrangements made with Sophie Brown, Visitor Services Officer (sophie.brown@raby.co.uk) confirmed, and our deposit (£300) carried over.

**[For Action: President (Heather Cordell)/Hon. Secretary (Gilbert Cockton]**

## Summer Outing, The Farne Islands (Sunday, June 20, 2021; organisers, Heather Cordell and Robert Tindall). Will need to be cancelled. Should we try to postpone to July/August or rebook for next year?

We have booked up again for Sunday, June 20, 2021, at 1.45 pm, and our booking was confirmed by Andrew (info@farneislandstours.co.uk) in an email (6.6.20). Lunch at the Olde Ship Inn will need to be booked again.

**[For Action: Heather Cordell]**

## Freshers’ Party, Mincoffs ?, Newcastle (Monday, September 13, 2021, 17.30-19.00, tbc; organisers, Tim Gray, Susan Austin, Gilbert Cockton).

This will need to be booked in due course.

**[For Action: President (Heather Cordell)/Hon. Secretary (Gilbert Cockton]**

## AGM & Annual Lecture, Royal Grammar School, Newcastle (Friday, October 1, 2021, 18.00-21.00, tbc; organisers, Heather Cordell, Gilbert Cockton).

This will need to be booked in due course. Heather (Cordell) will arrange the speaker and date. Our contact at the RGS is Jill Graham <J.Graham@rgs.newcastle.sch.uk>. Dr David Gosling (dlg26@cam.ac.uk) may be willing to come again, if he is approached.

**[For Action: President (Heather Cordell)/Hon. Secretary (Gilbert Cockton]**

## Autumn Concert, Sage, Gateshead (late October/early November, 2021; organiser, Heather Cordell).

This needs to booked when the 2021 programme is available.

**[For Action: Heather Cordell]**

## Christmas Lunch, County Hotel, Newcastle (Friday, December 3, 2021, 12.00-15.00; organisers, President/Hon. Secretary).

This has now been booked after the cancellation of the 2020 event. Details to be arranged nearer the time.

**[For Action: President (Heather Cordell/Hon. Secretary (Gilbert Cockton]**

## Pre-Christmas Freshers’ Reunion, Revolution (Wednesday, December 8, 2021, 17.00-19.00, organisers: Susan Austin, Gilbert Cockton).

This has been booked using the deposit from the cancelled 2020 event. Details to be arranged nearer the time.

**[For Action: Susan Austin, Gilbert Cockton]**

## Festive Afternoon Tea & Film, Tyneside Cinema, Newcastle (Saturday, December 11, 2021, tbc, 14.30-17.30; organiser, Peter Cleland).

This needs to be booked once they reopen.

**[For Action: Peter Cleland]**

2022

## Winter Outing, date and venue, tba. Probably use the rescheduled Life Science Centre visit. So need to rebook for Friday 4th or 11th February 2022.

**[For Action: Heather Cordell]**

* 1. **Annual Dinner, Northern Counties Club, Newcastle (Wednesday, March 16, 2022; organisers, President/Hon. Secretary).**

## This event needs to be booked once they reopen.

**[For Action: President (Heather Cordell)/Hon. Secretary (Gilbert Cockton]**

## Spring Outing, Kirkley Hall Zoological Gardens, Ponteland (Saturday, April 23, 2022);

## (replacing original plan of Ryhope Engines Museum, Sunderland (Saturday, April 16, 2022, organiser, Colin Dunnighan. Suggest rescheduling Ryhope Engines Museum for 2023).

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**[For Action: Heather Cordell]**

## Spring Walk, Botanic Gardens, Durham (Saturday, May 14, 2022; organisers/leaders, Heather Cordell, Gilbert Cockton). [Or use rescheduled Raby Castle Trip?]

This event was planned for Saturday, May 15, 2021, but has been transported to 2022 following the migration of cancelled 2021 events.

**[For Action: Heather Cordell/Gilbert Cockton]**

## Summer Outing, Brancepeth Castle, County Durham (Saturday, June 11, 2022; organiser, Arnold Fairless). [Or use rescheduled Farne Islands Trip?]

This event was planned for Saturday, June 12, 2021, but has been transported to 2022 following the migration of cancelled 2021 events.

**[For Action: Arnold Fairless]**

# Further virtual events or outdoor activities (e.g. walks) during the pandemic

Note that Heather invited the Cambridge Society of York and the Cambridge Society of North and West Yorkshire to join us for the last talk and will do so for any future virtual talks. She also tried to contact Edinburgh (using the details on the Cambridge Alumni page) but has not received a reply. Colin suggested inviting Cumbria - does he have their contact details or should we just use the details on the Cambridge Alumni page?

It was suggested at the last meeting that Heather should contact the Oxord and Durham Alumni societies regarding virual/joint events - do we still think that is a good idea or is it overkill?

# Publicity and websites.

## Websites (NCA/CUDAR).

## Website Manager’s Report.

## Newsletter.

## Other publicity.

# AOB.

# Dates of next meetings: 6pm on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 (by Zoom?)

The dates for 2021 are as follows:

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 Zoom

Wednesday, March 3, 2021 Zoom

Wednesday, May 5, 2021 Zoom

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

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Websites: <http://www.northumbrian-cambridge.co.uk>

<https://www.alumni.cam.ac.uk/group/northumbrian-cambridge-association>