

Forthcoming Events

North East Region

All North East Associates and their spouses/partners are invited to the following events.

SPRING MEETING

Wednesday 17th March 2010

Gosforth Civic Hall (near Regent Centre Metro Station)
commencing 12:30 p.m. (Doors will open at 12:00 noon.)

Once again we are to be treated to a humorous and nostalgic entertainment, this time entitled "*Lets all go to the Music Hall!*" presented by

> **Norman Dunn** <

who gave us such an enjoyable afternoon previously with his "*Songs that won the war*".

If you wish to join us, please reply on the enclosed booking form, not later than **12th February**. A finger buffet will be available from 12:30 p.m. with the entertainment scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. There will be ample time to socialize and chat. Tea and coffee will be available, if desired, at approximately 3:30 p.m.

The charge for this event is only £3 per person

Closing date Friday 12/2/10

Contact: John Scott 01661 825002.

Wednesday 21st April 2010

Raby Castle and Grounds

This beautiful mediaeval castle near Barnard Castle has been home to Lord Barnard's family since 1626. It is set within a large deer park, with a rolling landscape and walled gardens. It also has a tearoom and gift shop. The magnificent landscape should also appeal to those who enjoy walking. **NB:** There is a DVD viewing area within the large hall of the castle for anyone who has difficulty in accessing the upstairs rooms. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be provided on arrival as well as lunch, for which there will be two sittings.

**Coaches will leave Newcastle Central Station at 9:30 am
and arrive back in Newcastle about 5:30 p.m.**

If you wish to join us, please reply on the enclosed booking form, not later than **Friday 12th February 2010**. Leaflets will be provided on the coach.

The charge for this trip is £13 per person.

Closing date 12/2/10

Contact: Anne Woodward 0191 285 4946.

Pub Lunches

Please note that you do **not** have to book for pub lunches; just turn up at **12:00 noon** on the day. We will be pleased to see you.

Thursday 14th January – Twin Farms, Kenton Bank Foot.
On the old Ponteland Road, next to Bank Foot Metro Station (NE13 8AB)



IMPORTANT – NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE



Tuesday 9th February – The Jingling Gate, Westerhope.
On the right hand side of the road as you leave Westerhope (NE5 1NL)

Wednesday 10th March – The Swan, Heddon on the Wall..
At the top of the village. (NE15 0DR)

Walks

**If you wish to take part in a walk, please complete the booking form enclosed.
Shorter and longer options are available on all our regular walks.
Bookings must be received by the closing date shown on the booking form.
Full walk details will be forwarded by email.**

Wednesday 24th February – Ovingham (5 miles) 

From the pleasant Tyne Valley village of Ovingham we take an interesting walk through the wooded valley of Whittle Dean, returning via field paths and quiet lanes, and finishing on a riverside path beside the fast-flowing Tyne.

Tuesday 23th March – Hawthorn Village and Beacon Hill (5 miles) 

Walk a spectacular stretch of the Durham Heritage coast line along dramatic cliff tops that afford exceptional views. This area is of particular geological and botanical interest, and is bordered by meadow and woodland alive with wildlife.

Wednesday 28th April – Ingram Hill Fort Trail (6 miles) 

The Breamish valley has been occupied by human beings for about 8000 years but the obvious evidence is seen in hill forts built around 2300 years ago. Our walk will visit some of these where we will stop briefly to look at the archeology.

**N.B. Our regular January walk to Durham City was advertised
in the insert included with the last Associate.**

For more information about pub lunches

Tel: Keith Stokoe 0191 286 0476 email: stokoekj@hotmail.co.uk

For more information about walks

Tel: Lindsay Perks 0191 252 8074 email: walk@pgassociates.co.uk



**Please see the flyer enclosed with this Associate
about next year's 5 day away trip to North Wales.**



Booking form for events

NORTH EAST REGION

Please print all details.

MR/MRS/MISS/MS

ADDRESS
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TEL. NO:

Contact number for use in the unlikely event of an emergency.

It is essential that we have your phone number (and email address if you have one) so that we can contact you quickly if there are any issues to be resolved.

NB: An email address is necessary for prior detailed information about walks.

email:

**IMPORTANT: Please return the whole form.
Please do not split or tear the form and do not use staples.**

Please tick the relevant box if you wish to attend any events.

SPRING MEETING

Wednesday 17th March

YES

NO

(CLOSING DATE 12th FEBRUARY)

I will be accompanied by

PAYMENT PARTICULARS: I enclose a cheque for this event made payable to
The Associates Social Society (NE) for £ (£3 per person)

RABY CASTLE AND GROUNDS Wednesday 21st April

YES

NO

(CLOSING DATE 12th FEBRUARY)

I will be accompanied by

PAYMENT PARTICULARS: I enclose a cheque for this event made payable to
The Associates Social Society (NE) for £ (£13 per person)

CALLING ALL WALKERS!

Your annual subscription is now due. This is being held at the same amount as last year i.e. **£10 per walker to cover the whole calendar year from February 2010 to January 2011.**

Please ensure that walk subscription payments are made by a separate cheque, made out to **The Associates Social Society (NE).**

PLEASE NOTE

Detailed information about walks is forwarded **by email** to all who apply. Special arrangements may be made for people without internet access. (*Contact Lindsay Perks 0191 252 8074*) Bookings for all walks must be received on or before the closing date quoted on the booking form.

We regret that we may not always be able to accept all bookings for all walks if numbers significantly exceed 50 for any one walk. We will review this situation as the year progresses.

**Please contact me if you have any queries about this arrangement.
Lindsay Perks (0191 252 8074)**

I WISH TO TAKE PART IN THE FOLLOWING WALKS

I SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY

- Ovingham** **Wednesday 24th February**
- CLOSING DATE 12th February

- Hawthorn / Beacon Hill** **Tuesday 23rd March**
- CLOSING DATE 9^h March

- Ingram Hill Fort Trail** **Wednesday 28th April**
- CLOSING DATE 14th April

Full details will be sent to all wishing to go on walks by email nearer the date.

SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW EVENTS

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RETURNING THE COMPLETED BOOKING FORM

Please use the enclosed Freepost envelope to return your form and cheque(s) as applicable.

Please remember to enclose a separate cheque for each main event you are attending, plus a cheque to cover the annual subscription for walks where applicable, all payable to *The Associates Social Society (NE.)*

Please return the whole form and do not split it or attach staples or pins. ALSO: Please remember to let us know if, after booking, you find you are not able to attend any of our events. Telephone the event contact or 07766440995