

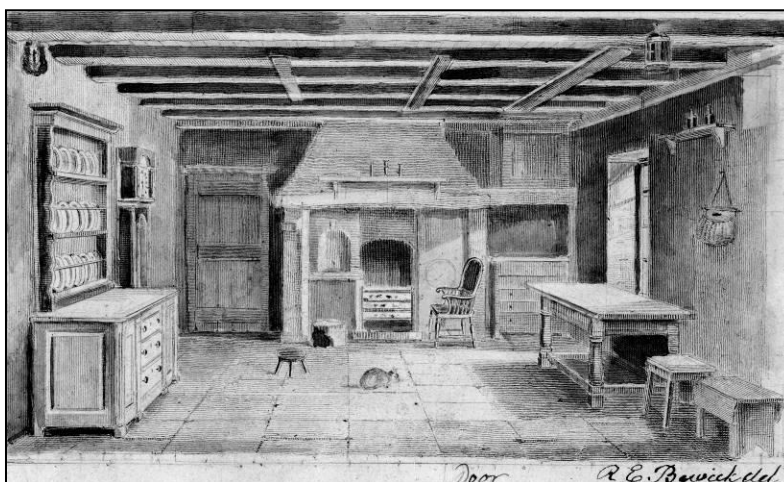
THE  
BEWICK SOCIETY

*Thomas Bewick*

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS FOR 2018

SUNDAY 29 APRIL 2018

CHERRYBURN: HANDS ON OUT OF THE ARCHIVES



Join Bewick experts and enthusiasts for our yearly viewing of rare items from the Cherryburn library and archives.

Please let us know if there is anything that you would particularly like to see out of the rich collection of books, woodblocks, letters, prints and drawings.

There will also be a printing demonstration in the press room.

**Date and time:** Sunday 29 April from 2-4pm.

**Venue:** Cherryburn, Station Road, Mickley Square, near Stocksfield, Northumberland NE43 7DD.

**Admission:** Free for Bewick Society and National Trust members on production of a valid membership card.

## FRIDAY 11 MAY 2018

### **‘THE FABLES OF AESOP, 1818.’**

#### **Meeting of the Redesdale History Society with Dr Peter Quinn.**

October 1st marks the 200th anniversary of the publication of Thomas Bewick’s late masterpiece. The book features detailed illustrations, innovative tail-pieces and a large number of tales. Critics and collectors have long been divided over the significance of Bewick’s late fables. A reappraisal is long overdue.

**Date and time:** Friday 11 May 2018 at 7.30pm

**Venue:** Otterburn Memorial Hall, Main Street, Otterburn, Northumberland NE19 1NP

**Admission:** Free. The Redesdale History Society meets regularly and is always keen to attract new members. If you would like to come along, contact Dr Máire West, Hon. Secretary of the The Redesdale Society to book your place: [maire.m.west@gmail.com](mailto:maire.m.west@gmail.com)

## SATURDAY 21 JULY 2018

### **BEWICK SOCIETY VISIT TO *THE GREAT EXHIBITION OF THE NORTH***

“The Great Exhibition of the North” is a free, summer-long celebration of the North of England’s pioneering spirit. The country’s biggest event in 2018, it will pack a programme of amazing exhibits, live performances, displays of innovation, new artworks and unforgettable experiences into 80 days.”

Join us for a visit to the display “Which Way North” at the Great North Museum: Hancock. We will take an informal Bewick Society look at the museum display and if time allows follow one of the GEN trails into the city of Newcastle.

*This visually bold, theatrical takeover of the museum will take you on a memorable journey. Along the way you will discover Northern pioneers – our inventors, engineers, scientists, designers and artists who are influencing the way we live now and in to the future. This exciting exhibition is inspired by ‘The Blazing World’, one of the earliest works of Science Fiction published in 1668 by Margaret Cavendish, Duchess of Newcastle. Featuring an imaginary world reached via a gateway at the North Pole it reveals a fantastical realm which embraces the possibilities of invention, art, travel and science. In the same way ‘Which Way North’ opens a gateway for you to explore the heart, soul and imagination of the North. Turn a corner to discover stories that take you to space with Helen Sharman, along Cumbrian valleys with Postman Pat, to the early days of Pop Art in Newcastle with Richard Hamilton, the last days of Liverpool’s John Lennon and to gaze upon George Stubb’s world famous portrait of the Yorkshire horse Whistlejacket. Experience the revolutionary North under one roof.*

**Date and Time:** Saturday 21 July 2-4pm

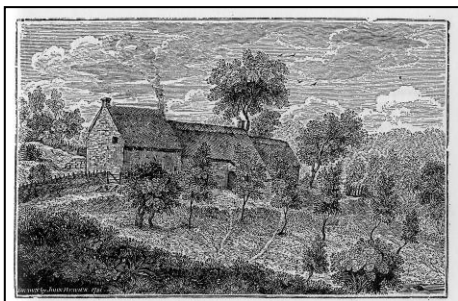
**Venue:** Great North Museum: Hancock, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 4PT, meet outside the main entrance by the statue of the Rhino.

**Admission:** Free

**Contact:** Peter Quinn at [peterjquinn@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:peterjquinn@blueyonder.co.uk) to give us an idea on numbers interested in attending.

## SUNDAY 12 AUGUST 2018

### THOMAS BEWICK'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS AT CHERRYBURN



You are invited to join a discussion of new finds, books and all things Bewick with experts from the Bewick Society. Please feel free to bring along your own Bewick treasures.

Bewick's birthday will be celebrated at the end of the event with tea and cake.

**Date and time:** Sunday 12 August 2018 from 1-4pm. Light afternoon conversation 2-3pm.

**Venue:** Cherryburn, Station Road, Mickley Square, near Stocksfield, Northumberland NE43 7DD.

**Admission:** Admission charges apply. National Trust and Bewick Society members free on production of a valid membership card.

## THURSDAY 11 OCTOBER 2018

### BEWICK SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: 'The Artist as Scientist: Bewick's Birds and the Heyday of Natural History'

A Lecture by David Lowther

This year's AGM will be held at the Literary and Philosophical Society. After the business of the meeting we will hear from Dr David Lowther, lecturer and artist.

David is a Research Fellow in the Department of History at the University of Durham, a Leverhulme Early Career Fellow and historian of scientific culture in eighteenth and nineteenth century Britain. His doctoral thesis examined pre-Darwinian zoology, with a particular emphasis on Quinarian taxonomy and its impact on British zoological culture. David is Visiting Library Scholar at the Zoological Society of London, with a particular interest in the Brian Houghton Hodgson (1800-1894) collection of Nepalese zoological images. In 2017 he was awarded the Patron's Review by Sir David Attenborough and the Society for the History of Natural History.

**Date and Time:** Thursday 11 October 2018 at 6-8pm

**Venue:** The Literary and Philosophical Society, Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne.

**Admission:** Free

**Contact:** Peter Quinn at [peterjquinn@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:peterjquinn@blueyonder.co.uk)

**SATURDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2018**

## **THOMAS BEWICK 'ENTHUSIASMS' AT THE HANCOCK**



Join us for another occasion to hear members from the Bewick Society talk enthusiastically about their own items or items from the collections of the Natural History Society of Northumbria.

The latest additions to the Natural History Society's collections including a grangerised copy of *Memoir* will be on display.

The Natural History Society Logo by Bewick.

**Date and time:** Saturday 3 November at 1.00pm.

**Venue:** The Library of the Natural History Society of Northumbria, 2nd Floor Great North Museum: Hancock, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 4PT.

**Admission:** Free. Contact: June Holmes: The Natural History Society of Northumbria.

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## **BEWICK SOCIETY NEWS**

### **The Cherryburn Times**

Our latest edition of *Cherryburn Times*, Volume 7 Number 2, featuring an article by Anthony Smithson on the recently discovered sketchbook was posted out to you in January. If you have not received your copy please contact June Holmes at the address below. We aim to publish our next issue in the summer and articles for the *Cherryburn Times* are always welcome. Contact Peter Quinn at [peterjquinn@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:peterjquinn@blueyonder.co.uk) for further information.

### **Podcast**

We are developing a podcast to mark the 200th Anniversary of the publication of *The Fables of Aesop*. We need readers to help with the task. A fable takes just a few minutes to read aloud. If you'd like to give it a try please get in touch. Contact Peter Quinn at <mailto:peterjquinn@blueyonder.co.uk> for further information.

## OTHER LECTURES AND EVENTS

### TOUR OF NEWCASTLE WITH THE CITY GUIDES: “SCRATCHING THE SURFACE”

Newcastle City Guides are again including a heritage walk around the city in celebration of our famous wood engraver Thomas Bewick. The route will take visitors through Bewick’s Newcastle, where he lived and worked.

The tour will be on Wednesday 4 July 2018 and will start from Cardinal Hume’s statue, St Mary’s RC Cathedral, Newcastle. £5 / £3 concessions per ticket.

**Date and time:** Wednesday 4 July 2018 at 7pm

**Contact:** The City Guides directly for more information.

<https://www.newcastlegateshead.com/whats-on/city-tour-thomas-bewick-scratching-the-surface-p872351>

### WHAT’S HAPPENING AT CHERRYBURN

As it’s the 200th anniversary of the publication of *The Fables of Aesop*, 1818 Cherryburn will be celebrating with ‘Fables Friday’ most weeks.

Did you know that you can now search the Cherryburn Collections via the internet on <http://www.nationaltrustcollections.org.uk/results?Collections=266f5082ffffe0722480241d73dbe43>

#### **‘Walking, Looking and Telling Tales’ Exhibition with Artist Mark Fairnington**



As part of the Newcastle University project *Mapping Contemporary Art in the Heritage Experience* Mark have been commissioned to make a new series of paintings inspired by Cherryburn, its history and the story of Thomas Bewick. Mark will make a series of miniature paintings to be exhibited in the bedroom at Cherryburn.

<http://walkinglookingandtellingtales.com/>

## CITY LIBRARY, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

### TYNE ARTISTRY: CELEBRATING LOCAL LEGENDS IN THEIR ANNIVERSARY YEARS

Join Dr Keith Armstrong for a talk and reading featuring specially written poems and songs to honour Jack Common (1903-1968), Thomas Bewick (1753-1828), John Cunningham (1729-1773) and Joseph Skipsey (1832-1903). Keith will be joined by folk band ‘The Sawdust Jacks’, who will perform new lyrics for the occasion, and Northumbrian Piper Chris Ormston with a special set of Tyneside tunes.

**Date and time:** Tuesday 15 May at 2.30pm in Room 1&2, Level 2, City Library, Newcastle  
**Contact:** Tickets available from Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/local-history-month-2018-tickets-42627862083>

Bewick's work table and tool box and various other items are on display in part of the Newcastle Collection Showcase on level 6 until mid-April.

## **THE WORDSWORTH TRUST**

Wordsworth Trust has been busy digitising and transcribing their recently acquired collection of Bewick correspondence. Follow the link to search the collection. <http://collections.wordsworth.org.uk/wtweb/home.asp?page=Bewick%20archive%20search>

## **THE 80TH ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF THE SOCIETY OF WOOD ENGRAVERS**



Bewick wrote in his *Memoir*: *I cannot help feeling a deep interest, and an ardent desire, that the art may long flourish, and that those who follow it may feel happy in the pursuit.*

The annual exhibition will be held at a number of venues during 2018 and will include the work of last year's winner of the Bewick Prize, Howard Phipps.

<http://www.woodengravers.co.uk/artists/phipps-howard/>

View the wood engravers website for more information

<http://www.woodengravers.co.uk/exhibitions-updates/>.

## **THE BEWICK SOCIETY WEBSITE & EMAIL**

We update *Tale-pieces* - the blog spot - on our website regularly with recent news about exhibitions and information relating to Thomas Bewick so it is worth checking it out. Follow the link <http://tale-piecestheblogofthebewicksociety.blogspot.co.uk/>

We also send out reminders for our events and any interesting news to members via Email. Don't miss out on any exciting events this year by making sure that we have your up to date Email address.

**Mrs June Holmes, Honorary Membership Secretary, The Bewick Society, c/o The Natural History Society of Northumbria, The Great North Museum: Hancock, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 4PT. Tel no: 0191 208 5834 Email: [bewick.society@ncl.ac.uk](mailto:bewick.society@ncl.ac.uk)**