

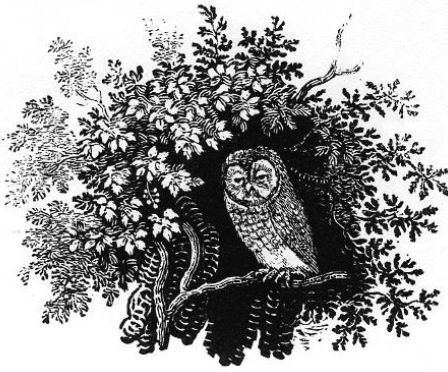
THE
BEWICK SOCIETY

Thomas Bewick

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS FOR 2016

SATURDAY 16 APRIL 2016

THOMAS BEWICK 'ENTHUSIASMS' AT THE HANCOCK



This meeting will focus in particular on the work and enthusiasms of the Newcastle Imprint Club. Founded in 1963 the club met regularly over the next thirty years to discuss books, printing and design. They frequently printed from historic blocks and we hope to have numerous examples of the Club's Bewick reprints on hand.

Date and time: Saturday 16 April at 1.00pm.

Venue: The Council Room 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.

Tel no. 0191 208 5834 or Email bewick.society@newcastle.ac.uk

SUNDAY 8 MAY 2016

CHERRYBURN: HANDS ON OUT OF THE ARCHIVES

Join Bewick experts and enthusiasts for a rare viewing of items usually kept under lock and key at Cherryburn. This year we will have a special focus on children's books, an area the Cherryburn archive is particularly strong in.

Date and time: Sunday 8 May from 1– 3.30pm.

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.

SATURDAY 11 JUNE 2016

A VISIT TO THE STUDIO OF MASTER PRINTER CHRISTOPHER BACON, ALLENDALE, NORTHUMBERLAND

This is a unique opportunity to visit the studio of a master printer. Christopher has been greatly involved with the preservation of the Bewick woodblocks in the collection of the National Trust at Cherryburn. Last year he cleaned and printed from twelve blocks as part of an ongoing project. Some of the limited edition prints are still available to buy check out <http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/cherryburn/features/own-a-little-piece-of-big-history> for further information.

The numbers for this event are limited so booking is essential.

Date and time: Saturday 11 June 2016

Venue: Allendale, Northumberland

Contact: Peter Quinn at peterjquinn@blueyonder.co.uk for further details.

SATURDAY 13 AUGUST 2016

A STIRRING WALK FROM GATESHEAD TO CHERRYBURN



Last year's experimental long walk to Cherryburn was a great success.

This year there will be an opportunity to join in the fun along the way as we have three starting points and times.

Depart Gateshead 10am

Meet outside the site of Thomas Bewick's last home, the old Gateshead Post Office on West Street. Today it is the Workplace Gallery, 19-21 West St, Gateshead NE8 1AD.

Sturdy footwear, water bottles and a sense of adventure required. The walk to Cherryburn from here is 12 miles following, in the main, riverside paths. It's a long and tiring day but well worth the effort.

Depart the Boathouse Pub, Newburn, 1pm

The walkers from Gateshead will have stopped here for lunch. Join the group or set out on your own. The walk to Cherryburn from here is roughly 7 miles. En route, you will pass the Tidestone, near Heddon-on-the-Wall. (See Cherryburn Times Vol 6 No.7).

Depart George Stephenson's Birthplace, Wylam NE41 8BP, 2pm

The walk from here to Cherryburn is around 4 miles.

If you would like to join in on the walks please let us know. There will be a walk leader at each of the departure points. The walks are for fun and informal. We took lots of photos last year (View them on Flickr here: <https://flic.kr/s/aHskep2Ys2>)

You are responsible for your own transport to and from the walk.

Cherryburn will remain open until we all arrive.

There are buses back to Newcastle from Mickley Bank.

SUNDAY 14 AUGUST 2016

THOMAS BEWICK'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS AT CHERRYBURN



You are invited to join a round table discussion of new finds, books and all things Bewick with experts from the Bewick Society.

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

Date and time: Sunday 14 August 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 8 SEPTEMBER 2016

AN INFORMAL LOOK AT POST-BEWICK WOOD ENGRAVING

At this event we aim to feature examples from all the periods of wood engraving's rise, fall and revival and will include work by several contemporary wood engravers in our survey. There will be short talks by a number of experts and numerous examples of post-Bewick engraving to examine.

Date and time: at 6.30-7.30.

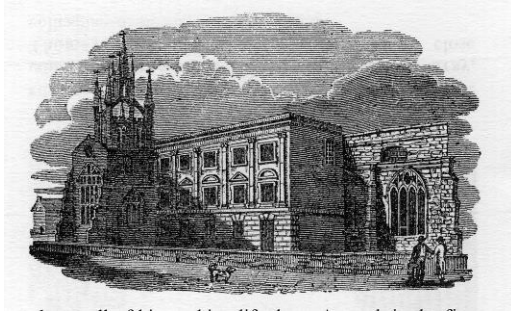
Venue: Bewick Hall, Newcastle City Library, Charles Avison Building, 33, New Bridge Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 8AX.

Admission: Free but booking essential.

Contact: To book a place, please phone City Library on 0191 2774100, email infomation@newcastle.gov.uk or visit www.newcastle.gov.uk/libraryevents

THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER 2016

BEWICK SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND LECTURE



Our hosts this year are Ampersand Inventions, the team who organise this multi-functional creative space at Commercial Union House in the centre of Newcastle.

After the business of the meeting, we will have a lecture - the speaker is still to be announced.

Date and time: Thursday 6 October at 6pm.

Venue: Green Room, Floor Four, Commercial

Union House, 39 Pilgrim St, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6QE.

Admission: Free

Contact: Contact Peter Quinn at peterquinn@blueyonder.co.uk for further details.

BEWICK SOCIETY NEWS

The Cherryburn Times

By now you should have received the winter edition of Cherryburn Times, Volume 6 Number 8. The publication features a celebration of the life of our late editor David Gray with accompanying articles on the aspects of Bewick's scholarship he was particularly interested in. If you have not received your copy please contact June Holmes at the address below.

When David's Cherryburn Times editorial archive was handed over to the Society by his family we inherited a vast backlog of issues of the Cherryburn Times. This publication, from its inception, contains a wealth of Bewick scholarship and your committee has decided to have eight complete sets of volumes professionally bound to present to the main local repositories of Bewick collections in the North East. Tim Gradon, a well-respected local bookbinder has agreed to carry out the work. We will be depositing complete sets with Cherryburn, the Newcastle Literary & Philosophical Society, Pease collection in the City Library, the Natural History Society of Northumbria Library, Tyne and Wear Archives and Newcastle University's Robinson Library.

Lectures and Events

The Society would be pleased to hear from any members with ideas for lectures and events for the coming year 2017. Also short articles for the Cherryburn Times are always welcome.

New Publications

Thomas Bewick's Last Days with a Commentary by Iain Bain

Aware that his final days were approaching, Thomas Bewick made a journey – only his second – to London in 1828 in order to dispose of remaining stocks of his books, and to see old friends. The journey began on his 75th birthday, and within three months he had died. He wrote the account of his journey on a single small piece of paper, and his daughter Jane later pasted it into a bound set of corrected proofs of her father's Memoir. Iain Bain, renowned scholar of all that is Bewick, has added a prefatory note and fascinating commentary bringing Bewick's account to life.

200 copies have been printed, all bearing one engraving by Thomas Bewick (his silhouette portrait of his friend Robert Pollard) printed from the block, and of these, 100 have an extra TB engraving, of his smaller version of Waiting for Death, printed by Iain Bain from the original block for the book. The standard copies carry this engraving but only in reproduction; Iain Bain has also signed each special copy of the book under TB's own facsimile wood-engraved signature, printed from the block. All copies are bound in quarter cloth and a wonderful marbled paper made by Antonio Velez Celemin for the book; the special copies are housed in a Cheviot tweed pouch made for the book by Sally Lucas.

This is a small book of 34 pages with six tipped-in illustrations, as well as a hand-coloured title page.

All enquiries to Simon Lawrence, The Fleece Press, 95 Denby Lane, Upper Denby, Huddersfield HD8 8TZ .

Telephone 01226 792200; email simon@fleecepress.com

Hot of the Press

If you are looking for a Children's book for Christmas 2016 then seek out P L Travers *Fox at the Manger* published by Little Brown Books. It is lavishly illustrated with images from proof engravings by Bewick supplied by the Natural History Society of Northumbria.

The 78th Annual Exhibition of the Society of Wood Engravers



The annual exhibition will be held at a number of venues during 2016 and will include the work of last year's winner of the Bewick Prize, *The Jackdaw* by Peter Brown. Take a look at Peter's website for more examples of his remarkable work.

<http://www.littlebrownbirds.co.uk/about-the-artist.html>

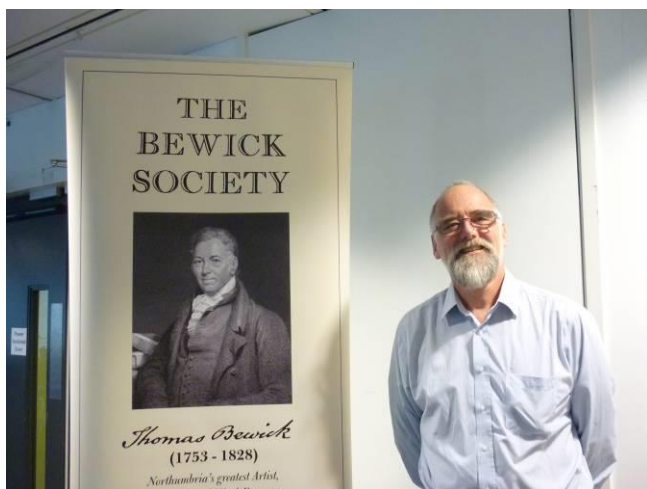
An exhibition venue near to the North East of England will be at the Zillah Bell Gallery, 15 Kirkgate, Thirsk, North Yorkshire, YO7 1PQ on the 5 March – 2 April 2016

Tel: 01845 522 479 or Email:

info@zillahbellgallery.co.uk.

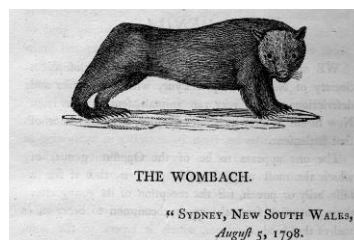
Other venues will be in London, Windsor, Bath and Oxford, view the wood engravers website at <http://www.woodengravers.co.uk/> for more information.

Kier Spreads the Word on Bewick



Did you attend the lecture organised by the Natural History Society of Northumbria in 2014 *A place in the landscape: the drawings of Thomas Bewick* given by landscape architect Keir Davidson? Then you will remember the enthusiasm with which he discussed Bewick's pencil drawing techniques and how we were all enthralled by his passion for Bewick's work.

Well, Keir is still actively giving his lecture all over the country through the organisation, the National Association of Decorative & Fine Arts Societies. If you have a NADFAS near you check out their activities as some of the lectures are open to the public. Keir is also taking his Bewick lecture further afield this year by lecturing in Australia and New Zealand. I wonder what the Aussies will think of Bewick's wombat!



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 regularly. 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.

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