NORTHUMBRIAN CAMBRIDGE ASSOCIATION
Calendar of Events (2018)—Programme

Saturday, February 10, 2018
Newcastle’s Mining Institute, close to Newcastle’s Railway Station, is the world’s oldest professional mining organisation and was dedicated to training engineers to meet the needs of a rapidly expanding coal mining industry at home in the UK and abroad. Nearby, in South Street, is Robert Stephenson’s Engine Works, the world’s first purpose built locomotive works, now restored and enhanced as one of the city’s most vibrant events spaces, the Boiler Shop. After morning coffee at 10.00 am at the Mining Institute, members will be given a guided tour of both buildings, followed by an (optional) lunch at the Station Hotel.

Annual Dinner, Northern Counties Club, Newcastle.
Wednesday, March 14, 2018
For our annual dinner 2018 we return to a venue which has proved to be very popular with members. The Northern Counties Club, situated in the centre of Newcastle, a short distance from the Monument Metro Station, offers an elegant venue, excellent service and splendid food. This year our speakers will again be two members of the Committee, this time Dr Ray Brown, our Treasurer, and Judy Vigurs, our Membership Secretary, reminiscing about their years at Cambridge. And, of course, there will be the traditional quiz!

Saturday, April 14, 2018
After morning coffee at 10.00 am at the National Railway Museum, and a welcome from the Chair of the Friends of the S&DR, professional archaeologist, Niall Hammond, will give us a slide talk on the opening of the first steam passenger railway (1825) and after lunch at the NRM, we will have the opportunity to go on an accompanied walk on the Brusselton incline. A visit not to be missed!

Spring Walk, Cragside.
Saturday, May 19, 2018
Our spring walk this year will be to the National Trust’s magnificent estate of Cragside. After coffee at the Visitor Centre at 10.00 am, we shall have a guided tour of the Formal Garden by Senior Gardener, Dale Stevens, followed by lunch. In the afternoon, two alternative walks will be on offer, each from the Visitor Centre, one a short one-hour walk, led by Bill and Andrea Telford (the Basin Tank Walk), the other a longer, two to two-and-a-half hour walk (the Gun Walk), led by Heather Cordell and Ray Brown.

Summer Outing, Togston Hall, East Lodge, near Amble.
Saturday, June 9, 2018
This will be a very special summer outing for we have been invited to the home of one of our members, Professor Roger Stonehouse, and that will be followed by lunch at the award-winning seafood restaurant, the Old Boat House, Amble, an exploration of the Harbour area and an (optional) short walk guided by Bill and Andrea Telford and culminating in ice-cream at Spurrelli’s.

Freshers’ Party, Mincoffs Solicitors, Newcastle.
Monday, September 17, 2018
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 28, 2018
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. Professor Marina Frolova-Walker, who holds a Chair in Music History at Cambridge, and is a Fellow and Director of Music of Clare College, will give the lecture.

Pre-Concert Dinner and Musical Event, Sage, Gateshead.
October/November (tbc).
We await the appearance of the Sage programme later in the year. The event will be organised by committee member, Heather Cordell, who sings with the Northern Sinfonia Choir and is well acquainted with the Sage.

Christmas Lunch, County Hotel, Newcastle.
Friday, December 7, 2018
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 Strauss Room.

Festive Afternoon Tea & Film, Tyneside Cinema, Newcastle.
Saturday, December 15, 2018
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!

Pre-Christmas Freshers’ Reunion, Revolution, Newcastle.
Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 17.30-19.00
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.