

# Calendar of Society Events 2016

**TUES. 23 FEB**

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## **DERWENTWATER CROSS WREATH-LAYING AND 7th ANNUAL COMMEM. LUNCH AT LANGLEY CASTLE**

Meet at the Derwentwater Cross, near Langley, NE47 5LU, at 11.30 am for a short ceremony, followed by the wreath-laying. Lunch at 12.00 for 12.30 pm in the Josephine Restaurant, Langley Castle Hotel for a short ceremony followed by the wreath-laying. Lunch at 12.00 for 12.30 pm in the Josephine Restaurant, Langley Castle Hotel.

**WED. 24 FEB**

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## **SOLEMN HIGH REQUIEM MASS, HEXHAM**

Commemorating those who died in the 1715 Jacobite Rising; at St Mary's Catholic Church, Hexham, NE46 2EB, 7.00 pm.

**SAT. 19 MARCH**

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## **THE NORTHUMBRIAN PIPES: HISTORY AND PLAYING**

A Talk in the Chapel at Dilston at 11.00 am by Piper to the Society, Nick Leeming. Members have enjoyed Nick's music and now have the chance to find out more about this special instrument.

**SAT. 16 APRIL**

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## **CULLODEN ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL SERVICE**

At the Gaelic Society of Inverness and the National Trust for Scotland's Commemoration of the 270th Anniversary of the Battle of Culloden at 11.00 am, Prof. Hugh Cheape will give the address and our Society wreath will be laid by John Nicholls MBE. Meet in the foyer of the Visitor Centre at 10.30 am for processional walk to the Great Cairn on the battlefield at 10.45 am.

A Jacobite study session, The Jacobite '45 Reconsidered, starting at 1.30 pm, will be led by Dr Andrew MacKillop, Dr Allan MacInnes and Dr Christopher Duffy, military historian and author. Tickets are free but securing of places in advance is advised (Tel. 01463 796090).

**SAT. 7 MAY**

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## **THE RISE OF THE WIDDRINGTON FAMILY**

A Talk in the Chapel at Dilston at 11.00 am by Karenza Storey. In 1632, Roger Widdrington of Cartington remarried and built a new Jacobean house on the banks of the River Coquet. Karenza Storey came to live there, and has published a number of articles about her research into the Widdrington family from its earliest days.

**FRI. 17 - SUN. 19 JUNE**

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## **VISIT TO PRESTON, TOWNELEY HALL, STONYHURST COLLEGE AND GREAT MITTON**

Postponed from 2015. Visits to the church at Great Mitton, where Peregrine Widdrington is buried; Towneley Hall, near Burnley, home of the Towneleys for nearly 500 years; and Stonyhurst College, the RC independent school of Jesuit origins, with its collection of Jacobite portraits, books and relics – including Lord Derwentwater's blood. At Preston, Members will commemorate the battle or 'fight' that ended the '15 Rising on 14 November 1715.

**SAT. 30 JULY**

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## **LORD CREWE ARMS, BLANCHLAND: SUMMER SOCIAL**

The Square, Blanchland, Consett, County Durham, DH8 9SP.

Lunch at 12 Noon in the former property of the Radcliffes, home of Dorothy Forster and supposed hiding-place of her brother, Tom. Ring Lorraine Hunter (0191 2965443) to book and pay deposit.

**SAT. 17 SEPT**

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## **HESLEYSIDE HALL: HOME OF THE CHARLTONS**

Meet at Hesleyside Hall, Bellingham, NE48 2LA, at 1.00 pm for a guided tour of both inside and outside the ancestral home of the Charlton family, who have lived there in an unbroken line since 1346. Visit, followed by cream tea: £20 per person.

**SAT. 8 OCT**

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## **SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SOCIETY COMMEM. DINNER**

Eslington Villa Hotel, Station Road, Low Fell, NE9 6DR, 7.00 for 7.30 pm, with Guest Speaker and Quiz-Master, Geoff Hughes. Payment in due course.

**SAT. 29 OCT**

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## **THE BLACKETTS OF WALLINGTON HALL**

A Talk in the Chapel at Dilston at 11.00 am, by Liz Finch on behalf of the National Trust. The talk focuses on the Wallington branch of the Blackett family with reference to any involvement in the '15 Rising in the North-East.

**SAT. 26 NOV**

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## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

11.00 am in the Chapel at Dilston, followed by lunch at a venue nearby. Please meet in near car park at 10.45 am to be escorted.

**DEC (DATE TBA)**

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## **CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT THE BLACK BULL, CORBRIDGE**

Following last year's successful lunch, it is proposed to return to the Black Bull, and a date will be advised in due course.

**Members will be advised of the dates and times, apart from those specifically listed above, when access to Dilston Castle and Chapel will be possible. This will be by prior arrangement and subject to the approval of the owners, Cambian Dilston College, who have a duty of care to their students.**

It is hoped to have these heritage buildings accessible to the public on specific days in August under these conditions and also for there to be opportunities for Members to help with general maintenance and improvements on site on pre-arranged afternoons from March to September, weather conditions permitting and with the consent of Cambian Dilston College. Members are reminded that no dogs are allowed in the College grounds.

Contact John Nicholls MBE on 01573 470746 for more information.