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'Strength from the past, vision for the future'

JANUARY 2006 NEWSLETTER

THE SEPTEMBER 4TH WALK

THERE was a good turn-out to celebrate the other St. Cuthbert's Day, 'The Feast of the Translation of St. Cuthbert'. We were blessed with good weather, plenty of sunshine and a red hot temperature.

The walk commenced at 10.30 am from Wylam station and continued along by the River Tyne. On route, we passed by the golf course and on to Newburn, where we crossed over the bridge and had lunch at the Keelman. After lunch, we eventually came to George Stephenson's cottage and birthplace (National Trust property). Once again we stopped for some refreshments before finishing off back at Wylam station.

During the walk, we had stops at various points and received from Chris Kilkenny, chapter and verse on events, from the past, which to say the least, were a little unsavoury on occasions. It was a most enjoyable walk and celebration.

The members now look forward to our next St. Cuthbert's Day walk on the 20th March '06, when we do our annual pilgrimage from Chester-le-Street to Durham Cathedral, via the riverside, Great Lumley and Finchale Abbey. If you would like join us and we hope you do, please make that date in your diary.



THE FIRST ANNUAL LECTURE

THE first annual lecture was held at the Literary and Philo-sophical Society's building in Westgate Road on the 2nd November at 6 pm. Chris Kilkenny gave the lecture which was entitled 'The Lindisfarne Gospels, St. Cuthbert and Northumbrian Identity'. The lecture, which lasted for approximately fifty minutes, proved a great success. Chris then answered a few questions put to him from the floor.

We thank the Lit & Phil for offering us the use of their premises and the printing of the tickets. Whilst there was no charge to attend, there was a collection at the end, which was presented to the Lit & Phil. Many of their own members kindly attended the function, helping to swell the audience to capacity.

OBITUARY

IT is with great sadness, that we have to report the death of Henry Kegg, our dear friend, general secretary, founder member and trustee of the Northumbrian Association. He passed away peacefully on the 23rd November, 2005.

Henry had a personality which enriched all who knew him, and gave immense direction to the Vision of the Association. He was deeply engrossed in Northumbrian culture and heritage, and was passionately committed to bringing the Lindisfarne Gospels back permanently to the North East.

His illness was borne with great fortitude and dignity, so much so, that we find it very hard to accept he will no longer be there to encourage us. We all revere his memory with affection and a resolve to carry on with his inspiring example.

With Joan, his fiancée, he had found love and happiness - sadly, all too short. We offer Joan our deepest sympathy at her devastating loss. Joan and Henry were to be married in May 2006.