

THE BEWICK SOCIETY

Thomas Bewick

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS FOR 2023

FRIDAY 21 APRIL 2023

THOMAS BEWICK IN NEWCASTLE WALK



Thomas Bewick resided and worked in the busy industrial town of Newcastle upon Tyne from 1767 until 1812.

As a noted Northumbrian he has left his mark on the Newcastle neighbourhood.

Find out more? Why not join us for an hour long walk revisiting the Newcastle of Thomas Bewick's day?

Starting at Cardinal Hume's statue in Bewick Street the walk will end at the site of Bewick's workshop near St Nicholas' Cathedral.
The route is reasonably flat and wheelchair friendly.

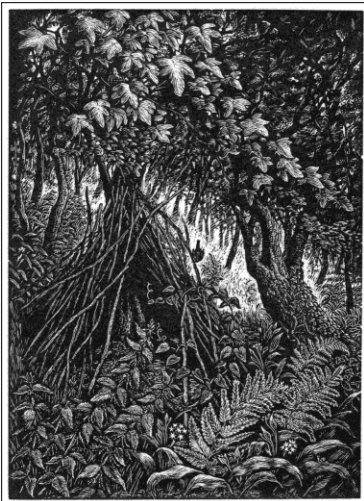
Date and time: Friday 21 April 2023 at 11.30am. Duration Approx 1.5 hour.

Venue: Meet at Cardinal Hume's Statue, Bewick Street, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Booking: Free. [THOMAS BEWICK IN NEWCASTLE WALK Tickets, Fri 21 Apr 2023 at 11:30 | Eventbrite](#)

SATURDAY 13 MAY 2023

VISIT TO CHERRYBURN WITH ARTIST JANE RANDFIELD



Cherryburn has kindly offered to host this open day exclusively for the Bewick Society. Members will be given the opportunity to visit the birthplace, museum and gardens and to meet this year's 'Bewick Prize' winning artist, the illustrator and printmaker, [Jane Randfield](#).

Jane will give a short introduction to her work and showcase some of her portfolio including her winning engraving, *A Den for Mark*.

After Jane's talk there will be an opportunity to walk through the fields to the village of Ovingham.

Date and time: Saturday 13 May 2023. 11.00am – 16.00pm

Jane's talk will start at 12 noon. The walk to Ovingham at 1pm. The walk is over rough ground so come dressed for conditions.

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

Admission: Free. Cherryburn no longer serves teas and coffees but you are welcome to picnic in the garden there. Toilets available.

Booking: [Bewick Society visit to Cherryburn Tickets, Sat 13 May 2023 at 11:00 | Eventbrite](#)

SATURDAY 10 JUNE 2023

THE BLAVATNIK HONRESFIELD LIBRARY COLLECTION AT THE HANCOCK

Hosted by Sarah Seeley and Dr Les Jessop.



This event is a rare opportunity to view the substantial Blavatnik Honresfield donation of Bewick material.

In 2021 the Friends of the National Libraries raised a substantial amount of money to save the remarkable Honresfield Library for the nation thanks to a large donation from Sir Leonard Blavatnik. The Friends have now completed the task of donating and distributing the treasures among the interested British public libraries and archives.

The Natural History Society of Northumbria has received a fascinating collection of Bewick volumes packed with extra illustrations, intriguing inserts and loose drawings.

Dr Jessop has been researching and cataloguing the donation and will be our guide.

Date and time: Saturday 10 June 2023 at 11.30am. Expected duration 1 ½ hours.

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

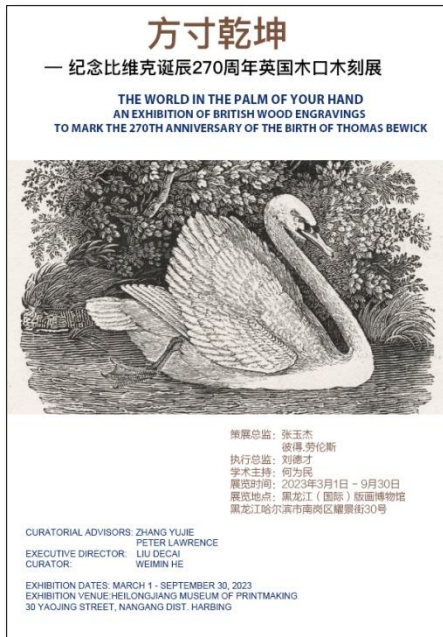
Admission: Free.

Booking: [Visit to the Library of the Natural History Society of Northumbria Tickets, Sat 10 Jun 2023 at 11:30 | Eventbrite](#)

THURSDAY 22 June 2023

THE WORLD IN THE PALM OF YOUR HAND: THOMAS BEWICK IN CHINA

A Zoom Event with Weimin He and Peter Lawrence



In March of this year an exhibition opened at the Heilongjiang Museum of Printmaking in the northern Chinese city of Harbin celebrating the 270th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Bewick.

The show which is open until the 30 September 2023 also features work by many contemporary British wood engravers.

Weimin He, the curator of the exhibition, and Peter Lawrence, one of the show's cultural advisors, will guide us through the exhibition.

Weimin He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Painter Printmakers, a member of the Chinese Artists' Association and a Trustee of the Muban Educational Trust. He is also a life drawing tutor at the Ruskin School of Art, University of Oxford.

His artworks have been exhibited or collected worldwide, including by The British Museum, The Ashmolean Museum, The Metropolitan Museum of Art and The China National Gallery.

Pete Lawrence was elected a member of the Society of Wood Engravers in 1998 and was Chairman for five years. He is an elected member of the Royal Society of Painter-Printmakers, the Oxford Art Society and the Oxford Printmakers Cooperative. Winner of printmaking awards at Originals, RE Annual exhibitions, the Royal West of England Academy and the Rachel Reckitt Prize for UK wood engraving (three times).

Exhibited at Royal Academy Summer Exhibitions. He has wood engravings in the collection of the Ashmolean Museum, the Manchester Metropolitan Museum and the V&A, London.

Date and time: Thursday 22 June at 7pm (BST)

Zoom Venue: [THE WORLD IN THE PALM OF YOUR HAND: THOMAS BEWICK IN CHINA](#)

[Tickets, Thu 22 Jun 2023 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)

SATURDAY 12 AUGUST 2023

THE BEWICK SOCIETY AGM AT CHERRYBURN, MICKLEY ***Celebrating Thomas Bewick's 270th Birthday***

After the business of the AGM wood engraver and blockmaker Chris Daunt will give a short talk on his forthcoming book.

Chris, who describes himself '*as a maker of traditional endgrain wood engraving blocks in Boxwood, Lemonwood and Maple, situated in the heart of Thomas Bewick country*' has been teaching wood engraving for many years. He has recently been putting together text and images for a 'How to..' book of wood engraving. Chris will give a demonstration and display a selection of his recent prints.

Date and time: Saturday 12 August 2023. 2pm.

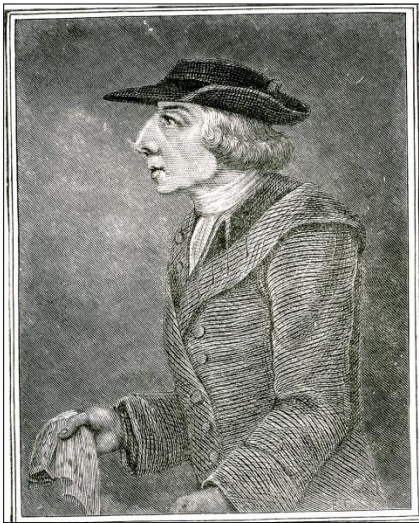
Venue: Cherryburn, Station Road, Mickley Square, near Stocksfield, Northumberland NE43 7DD.

Admission: Free.

Booking: [Bewick Society AGM Tickets, Sat 12 Aug 2023 at 14:00 | Eventbrite](#)

WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2023

JOHN CUNNINGHAM IN NEWCASTLE ***A WALK WITH ANTHONY ATKINSON***



As a young man Thomas Bewick did a thumbnail sketch of the poet, dramatist and actor John Cunningham (1729-1773). The sketch became the basis of a famous portrait. On the 250th Anniversary of the poet's death this walk is an opportunity to learn more about Cunningham, a significant but now mostly unknown local character with Scots, Irish and Newcastle connections.

Meet 11.30 am at Cardinal Hume's statue, Bewick Street, Newcastle.

The route is reasonably flat and wheelchair friendly.

Date and time: Wednesday 20 September 2023. 11.30am.

Venue: Meet at Cardinal Hume's Statue, Bewick Street, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Admission: Free.

Booking: [JOHN CUNNINGHAM IN NEWCASTLE A WALK WITH ANTHONY ATKINSON. Tickets, Wed 20 Sep 2023 at 11:30 | Eventbrite](#)

THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2023

THOMAS BEWICK IN EDINBURGH
ZOOM TALK WITH BEWICK SOCIETY CHAIRMAN PETER QUINN



It is 200 years since Thomas Bewick and his daughter Jane made their trip to Edinburgh visiting the city from the 11th to 23rd August 1823.

Peter Quinn re-visits Bewick's relationship with Scotland and Scottish culture in this zoom only lecture.

Date and time: Thursday 28 September 2023. 7.00pm (BST)

Venue: Zoom [THOMAS BEWICK IN EDINBURGH Tickets, Thu 28 Sep 2023 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)

SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER 2023

THOMAS BEWICK IN EDINBURGH
A WALK WITH BEWICK SOCIETY CHAIRMAN PETER QUINN

Join us for a short walk in Bewick's footsteps in the streets of Edinburgh. The walk will last about an hour then there will be suggestions for follow up visits to museums, art galleries, pubs and bookshops.

Date and time: Saturday 7 October 2023. 12 noon.

Venue: Meet at the Scott Monument, Princes Street Edinburgh

Booking: [THOMAS BEWICK IN EDINBURGH: A WALK Tickets, Sat 7 Oct 2023 at 12:00 | Eventbrite](#)

OTHER NEWS

The Great British Dig: History in your Garden: Channel 4

Look out for Series 4 of the Great British Dig hosted by Hugh Dennis with his team of expert archaeologists. The series returns later this year with an episode featuring an excavation around the original Bewick birthplace at Cherryburn.

Treasures of the National Trust: BBC 2

There will be a new six-part series of Treasures of the National Trust - exploring the hidden stories of a myriad of wonderful National Trust buildings and the objects found within them. Cherryburn has been chosen to feature in one of the episodes with the museum team getting to grips with a box of woodblocks!

The Bewick Digital Artist Project

Arts&Heritage and the University of Newcastle have collaborated to fund a new innovative project. An artist is soon to be chosen to make a digital art work in response to the life and work of Thomas Bewick and the birthplace and museum at Cherryburn. The artwork will be unveiled towards the end of the year and will be available to all online.

We will keep you updated as the project progresses.

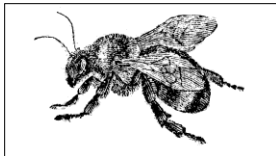
Newcastle City Guides Walking Tour

Join Newcastle City Guide and Bewick Society member Anthony Atkinson for his '*Scratching the Surface, Thomas Bewick in Newcastle Walk*'

Meet at Cardinal Hume's Statue **7 June 2023 at 7pm**

This is a City Guide walk and you should book on this occasion via their website. Charges apply.

Booking: [Bewick - Scratching the Surface WA - Walking Tour Tickets, Wed 7 Jun 2023 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)



Please make sure that we have your most recent E-mail address so we can keep you up to date with the latest news relating to Bewick as well as further details or changes to our events.

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