



# The Ambler

## Amble's Community Newspaper

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### Lobster hatchery to be created at Seafood Centre

Amble Development Trust has learned that it is to be awarded £180,000 by the Big Lottery Fund to set up a lobster hatchery.

The Trust applied for the grant in May.

Trust Director Julia Aston said, "I first had the idea six or seven years ago, but at the time there was no funding to make a grant for such a project.

"Since then the Big Lottery has come into being, and consultants, advising four years ago on the Harbour Village project, said that a hatchery would attract tourists, as well as being needed because of reducing stocks in the sea.

"Mike Hardy, the Chief Executive of Northumberland Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority said that a lobster hatchery was needed in our area because of the increasing reliance of fishermen on shellfish."

Berried hens (pregnant female lobsters) will be gathered from the sea round Amble and put into tanks in the Seafood Centre. Once hatched, the developing lobsters will be put through a succession of tanks until, after two or three months, they are big enough to be put back into the sea.

Visitors will be able to see this process via information boards, interactive panels and the tanks themselves. There may also be an opportunity for them to handle lobsters.

"We intend to be putting about 20,000 lobsters back into the sea each year," said Julia, "although they won't all survive of course."

They are hoping to mark the new lobsters so they can evaluate how the scheme is working.

### Hotel plans on view to public



l- r: Terry Vickers, Richard Schofield of Arch Developments, Joan Vickers and John Carruthers. The hotel plans are still available to view at Fourways2 for a limited time.

Plans for Amble's new hotel have been on display at a public consultation day. The development will consist of 30 bedrooms, with a mix of family, and twin rooms. On the ground floor will be a restaurant/ bar and outside terrace, together with a children's play area.

The project is being managed, financed and built by Arch, a development organisation owned by Northumberland County Council.

Architect Graeme Wood of BXB architects told The Ambler that the plans had been developed to blend in with the surroundings. "We've been working closely with the hotel operator, whom I can't name for confidentiality reasons.

"We wanted it to be sympathetic to the location, hence a two storey bedroom block, to look like it's always been here and possibly extended. We're using two different colours

of brick and a composite wood-style cladding. We didn't want it to look like a brand new hotel just dropped into town. There will be a nice outdoor terrace area and an outdoor children's play area."

The restaurant and bar facilities will be open to locals and there will be plenty of parking for guests. A covered bike park for 12 cycles will also be provided.

Most people we spoke to seemed pleased with the plans, although some people were surprised that the location wasn't on the site of the old Northumberland Foods factory, while others wondered if odours from the nearby prawn factory or water works might cause problems.

Joan Vickers and her husband Terry thought a hotel for Amble was a good idea.

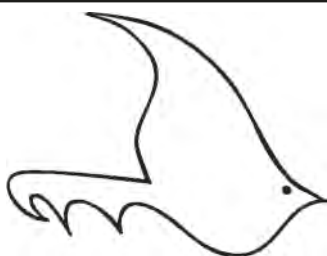
"I liked the look of the plans," said Joan. "It seemed to fit in with the surroundings."

"A hotel is long overdue, the way the town is going in the last few years," said Terry. "We've been here ten years and the place has changed so much for the better. The town's popularity has suddenly mushroomed and outstripped the facilities."

John Carruthers of Beddy Buys on Coquet Enterprise Park was also in favour of the plans. "It's something Amble needs. The plans looked OK and in keeping with the area, although it wasn't where I thought it was going to be."

Despite repeated attempts to find out who the potential hotel operator might be, Arch refused to be drawn. You can see some of the designs on Arch's website: [www.archnorthumberland.co.uk/uploads/files/amble-hotel-development-about.pdf](http://www.archnorthumberland.co.uk/uploads/files/amble-hotel-development-about.pdf)

Or you can call in to Fourways2 (ground floor), where the information boards and some feedback forms are still available to view.



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## Plans for the future

All of a sudden Amble  
is on everyone's radar.  
We've seen the Persimmon  
development blossom at the  
south entrance to the town, the  
developments at the boatyard  
are still shooting skywards  
and the Harbour Village  
has enjoyed another flock of  
summer visitors.

And this seems to have  
encouraged others to look at  
investing in Amble.

Our front page looks at  
plans for the new hotel which  
seems to be met with general  
approval, and a lobster hatchery  
which will hopefully help the  
local fishing industry.

In addition, a new  
housing development south  
of Acklington Road has been  
mooted, with a community  
consultation event held at the  
beginning of October, to gauge  
the public's opinion.

Over the last 100 issues,  
we've seen a huge amount  
of change - many of you will  
undoubtedly remember the  
days before Amble even had a  
Town Square, the construction  
of which was one of the first  
articles we wrote about in Issue  
1, back in January 2000.

Our 100th edition was  
marked in the office with a huge  
and delicious chocolate cake -  
courtesy of Colyn Pendleton  
of Amble Farm Bakery. Thank  
you to him and to everyone  
who wished us well and sent  
messages of support to the  
team. We've included a few  
more kind words below.

Congratulations from us  
now, to Ann Burke and Richard  
Wardman of 42 Queen Street,  
who have been nominated for  
an award from the Great British  
High Street, for best managers  
of an independent shop. Fingers  
crossed for them. See page 9 for  
all the details.

Anna Williams



Some of the Ambler team at our 100th edition party: l-r: Andrew Mounsey, Tim Jones, Cath Findlay, Anna Williams, Vivienne Dalglish and Norma Hinson. The fabulous cake was made by Amble's Farm Bakery

On behalf of President  
Jane and Members of  
Amble and Warkworth Inner  
Wheel Club I am writing to  
congratulate you and your  
team on the 100th issue of  
the Ambler Magazine.

It is a valuable asset  
to the community and  
provides a great variety of  
interesting articles as well  
as giving information on all  
the local activities in the  
area. We wish you every  
success for the future.

Judith Frisch  
Secretary Amble and  
Warkworth Inner Wheel  
Club

Congrats on the 100th!  
The Ambler is an  
excellent example of  
the community spirit in  
Amble - you deserve a  
big pat on the back for  
your work.

Mark Burdon,  
Cromies Pharmacy

See also page 6 for a  
memory of the 'birth'  
of The Ambler

Congratulations on  
your 100th edition  
From All at 42 Queen  
Street

Dear Ambler  
I would like to congratulate you on the  
achievement of the 100th edition of The  
Ambler. As the MP for the Berwick-Upon-  
Tweed constituency, I would like to say  
how important The Ambler is for the local  
people. It shows the local people what  
is going on in the area, news and helps  
promote local businesses.  
The team at The Ambler have shown a lot of  
commitment to the local community paper,  
and it has shown in all the issues. I hope that  
the local community paper will continue  
to be successful in the future, and I look  
forward to my next issue.  
Congratulations once again  
Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP

## Welcome to earth Baby Matteo



Above: Mir and Adrian Jannetta with their newborn son  
Robert Matteo Jannetta Barboza.

Many congratulations to Ambler team  
member Mir Barboza Jannetta, who  
was unable to attend The Ambler party, due  
to more pressing commitments.

Baby Matteo arrived on 25 August and  
has kept his parents fully occupied ever since.  
Mir is originally from Venezuela and has  
volunteered her layout and design skills with  
The Ambler for over a year. The family live in  
Red Row.

Matteo's dad Adrian Jannetta is a  
mathematician and keen astronomer, and was  
until recently Northumberland Astronomical  
Society's training officer. By all accounts, now  
he has even less problem keeping awake at  
night.

# Amble WW2 veteran honoured with top Russian medal

Amble WW2 veteran Richard Aston, who took part in a vital supply convoy in treacherous conditions, has been awarded a prestigious medal by the Russian Consul General.

General Andrey Pritsepov talked to Richard, before presenting the 92 year old Navy veteran with the Ushakov medal, Russia's highest naval award.

During WW2, Richard (known to his friends as Dick,) was a telegraphist on HMS Trumpeter, and took part in one of the Arctic convoys, when British and American naval ships helped deliver much needed supplies to Russia.

Between 1941 and 1945, the Royal Navy escorted hundreds of merchant ships, often in the harshest conditions, and many were sunk by German U-boat attacks.

"Churchill described it as a 'hellish job'" said Richard. "We went with food, ammunition and fuel, and the Germans were doing everything they could to stop us.

"I remember the bitter cold, minus 34 degrees sometimes, with rough seas. It took us three weeks, our convoy leaving from the Orkney Islands to Murmansk.

"Yes, I was nervous, but it was part of the job. The seas were rough, but you hope for the best. I couldn't swim – actually many of the crew couldn't swim, but the sea was so cold, if you got in, you only had a three minute survival rate – so it wouldn't have mattered if you could swim or not!"



Richard Aston with his medal and watch, signed by Vladimir Putin

Richard described how honoured he felt when receiving the medal. He and his four daughters travelled to Edinburgh for the ceremony on 30 August, expecting to receive his medal with other Arctic convoy veterans, but his was a one-to-one meeting.

"I met the Russian Consul, General Pritsepov, who talked with me for about an hour, then he stood and shook my hand. He pinned the medal on me and presented me

with a watch in a presentation case signed by Vladimir Putin. Then he said 'See you tonight for the reception.'"

The reception to mark 75 years since the convoys, was a lavish affair, held on the Royal Yacht Britannia, with 250 guests, bands, pipers, champagne, speeches and cameras everywhere.

Forty veterans were presented with gift bags containing a specially distilled whisky, a tartan rug created for the occasion, a hip flask and a book containing interviews of other Arctic convoy veterans.

Richard joined the Navy in 1942 aged 18 and became a wireless operator. His part in the convoy began on 12 March 1945. "It was my 21st birthday on the 14th, so I had to wait till I came back for my cards!"

After the war, Richard returned to Amble and resumed his career in the Post Office. He married Doreen in 1948 and they had four daughters. Doreen died in 1990. Richard has six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

"The Consul was absolutely lovely. He shook hands and looked straight into our eyes," said Richard's daughter Eleanor Cromarty.

"He said there was not one family in Russia that hadn't been affected by deprivation. He said the Russians were hugely grateful for the Arctic convoys."

*Anna Williams*

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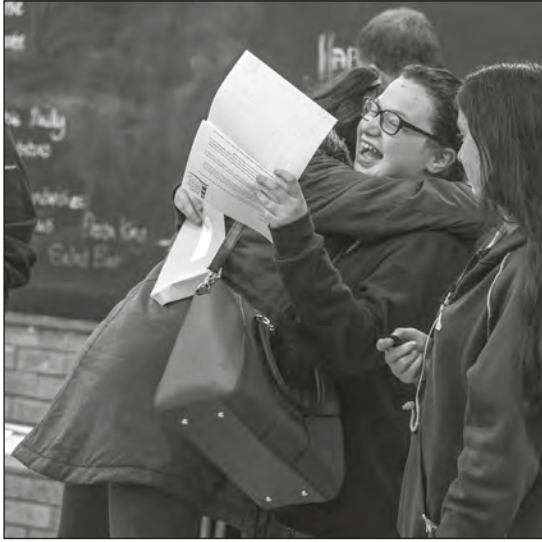
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# The times they are a changin' at James Calvert Spence College



JCSC GCSE students celebrate their exam success.  
*Photo by Andrew Mounsey*

Some "fantastic individual results" in GCSEs and A levels have been achieved by pupils at JCSC. Scores indicate that students at GCSE level have progressed better than the national average since the end of the Primary phase.

Results from the 2016 A level cohort, show not only 100% pass rate, but 64% of students achieved one or more, A\*, A or equivalent. 46% of students are moving on to university, many of them going to Russel Group Universities.

A spokesman for the school told us: "The start of the new academic year brings some exciting and positive changes to JCSC.

"A new Leadership Team, led by the new Executive Headteacher, Neil Rodgers, sees a renewed focus on improved teaching and learning to

support our students to achieve their maximum potential. We are also delighted to welcome some very experienced teaching staff to our team who will help us build on our achievements and those of our students.

"As we are fortunate in being a relatively small school, members of our professional and dedicated staff team are able to get to personally know and teach our students as individuals, and as such, work tirelessly to achieve our aim of making sure all of our students have individual results that are reflective of achieving their individual goals, however high these may be.

"Although we are a federation of schools, our one school approach provides a seamless transition for our children from our pre-school Nursery through to Sixth Form".

## Torchlight Procession gets funding boost

The town has been successful in gaining funding for this year's Torchlight Procession. £5,000 has been secured from the Big Lottery's Celebrate Your Community Fund, via a grant bid put in by Amble Events Committee, whose members include Amble Development Trust, Amble Town Councillors, and members of the business community.

"We'll be using that money to pay for lantern making workshops in the First Schools and Brambles' Nursery," said Julia

Aston, director of Amble Development Trust. "And there will be community lantern making workshops held at the Seafood Centre."

This year's lantern theme will be Alice In Wonderland. Funding has meant that at the event there will also be a stilt walker and a fire dancer. Santa has promised to join in the fun, and will be in the Seafood Centre from 4pm. Children from Brambles will decorate the Christmas tree in the High Street garden at 4.30pm. The procession will leave the

Wellwood at 5pm and parade down Queen Street to the Town Square.

The event takes place on Sunday 20 November. If anyone or any group would like to take part in the Procession or workshops, contact Julia on 01665 712929 [julia@ambledevelopmenttrust.org.uk](mailto:julia@ambledevelopmenttrust.org.uk).

"We would particularly ask anyone thinking of arriving in a large vehicle/tractor/etc to please let us know beforehand, so we can assign them a safe place in the parade," said Julia.

## Druridge Bay opencast plans halted by government

The decision made by Northumberland County Council to allow an opencast site to go ahead on Druridge Bay, has suffered a delay, with the government stepping in at the last minute.

The plans by Banks Mining, would see the creation of a surface mine on farmland at Highborn, Druridge Bay, on a 250 hectare site between Widdrington Village and Cresswell.

Banks were planning to extract up to three million tonnes of coal over a five year period, starting in 2017, and had vowed to restore the land by the end of seven years. The project was claimed to ensure the retention of 50 jobs in the company, with a further 50 created as a result.

The plans were initially granted approval from Northumberland County Council, despite protests from environmental campaigners.

Berwick MP Anne-Marie Trevelyan told The Ambler that she had asked the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government Sajid Javid, to 'call in' the proposal, meaning that his department will consider the plans themselves.

She said that government policy is to phase out coal power stations by 2025, therefore she believed that the whole project

is against government policy.

Anne-Marie explained that Sajid Javid will talk with his team of planning experts, before making a decision. It is on hold now and will be determined later. It is not certain how long the decision will take.

The government's decision was criticised by Northumberland County Council.

A spokesman said it was "surprised and disappointed" - because the scheme had won unanimous cross-party approval at the planning stage.

The spokesman added: "We always recognised that the application would be controversial and so were determined to involve a wide range of views. In the end all members felt that a clear case had been made for the economic benefits both locally and to the wider Northumberland area.

"At least 100 jobs that would have been created through the substantial investment offered by a firm with a track record of providing growth in the region have now been put in doubt by the Secretary of State's surprising decision.

"Measures to minimise any environmental impact of the mining were a key part of the business case and lengthy community discussions ensured residents were fully involved. So this snatching away



Above: Green Party supporters, including then leader Natalie Bennett, demonstrating against the opencast plans in August. *Photo by Ivor Rackham*

of local decision-making by local people for local benefit is very disappointing.

"The council is ready to play its full part in making the case for the much-needed extra employment and other benefits at the inquiry."

Mrs Trevelyan said "I have been been involved in the discussions with Banks Mining since the beginning, and have found them very accommodating. They have shown consideration around other sites. There has been much pressure, however, from local residents, to stop the plans and I believe it will not be good for the environment."

## Can you help Amble Youth Project?

Can you help? Amble Youth Project is a registered charity (1139889) which began in 1996 as part of a crime prevention initiative to help tackle the high level of youth involvement in crime and disorder in the area.

Since then, Amble Youth Project has helped address many issues and problems facing local young people and, in conjunction with Coquet Churches Together, has run a Friday night session from October to March each year offering 13-19 year olds somewhere to go during the dark winter nights, rather than being vulnerable to engaging in risky anti-social behaviour.

Friday night sessions offer a safe, welcoming place to be, providing activities, snacks and warm drinks along with advice, information and guidance.

Over the last four years this session has become very popular with up to 28 young people attending. There is, however, no ongoing funding for the project.

We need to pay for one qualified youth worker, the minimum requirement for each session, plus refreshments and contributions for the cost of running the building.

The qualified youth worker is supported entirely by volunteers so there are no additional staff costs. Each session, therefore, costs only £45, a total of £900 for this year's run of 20 weeks from October 2016-March 2017.

We will be discussing how to raise funds for 2017-18 and beyond with our young people, but need to be sure we can go ahead this year first.

It would be a most welcome gesture if a number of our local individuals/small businesses/organisations and other charities could consider investing small one-off amounts of say £20 each in our local young people and their future through this project, in other words to enable us to provide 'lots for little'. Will you help? Thank you!

Contact: [mary.davidson@btinternet.com](mailto:mary.davidson@btinternet.com) Telephone: 01665 711784

## Beautiful baby Bryan



Above: 21st Century Movies' Baby photo competition winner was Bryan Steven, who was born on 3 February 2016.

Bryan's grandmother Jacki Mavin entered the picture. She said "There aren't enough words to express how proud I am of this little boy. He's my angel."

Photo by Judith Hardisty

## Social me(ow)dia

Fans of Oscar 'the Pod Cat' may be interested to know he now has his own Facebook page.

The fabulous feline, pictured below, is a firm favourite at Amble Harbour Village, and is often to be seen snoozing in

the sunshine or pootling around the pods.

Oscar's page was set up by Coquet Cosmetics pod owner Laura Stubbs, and he already has over 100 friends.

"I'm a big fan of Oscar's - who isn't!," she said. "I was just scrolling through photos on Instagram looking at photos from Amble and I noticed he was in a lot of them."

"He always attracts loads of interest at the Harbour Village as he's here all the time, and I thought it would be a good way of getting all the photos in one place."

You can find Oscar's page by searching for @oscarthepodcat on Facebook.



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## Worrying find at Horseshoe Hill



Please be aware! This used syringe and paraphernalia was found on Horseshoe Hill, opposite Spurrellis, and disposed of in the correct manner. Shocking finding this and a public health hazard. Could you please publish this, as members of the public need to be made aware.

*Simon Wake and Andrea Hewitson via Facebook*

## Plans for 500 new homes in Amble



The public were invited to a consultation event for a housing development for up to 500 new homes on land off Acklington Rd. Below are some comments on our Facebook page:

- “ JH: Fantastic I'm looking to buy a home in amble!! Hope this pulls through.
- ASnM: Where are all these people going to send the kids to school, need a supermarket and health centres prob not cope it's hard enough now trying to get an appointment.
- JS: C'mon folks, get your thinking caps on and think ahead a bit about the present infrastructure. This project is only in the proposal stage. It will be a few years ahead before they could even start this. If it does go ahead, expansion of present infrastructure could happen at the same time of the housing construction prior to new folk moving in to the area. Definitely a good project proposal for Amble. Maybe need to rethink the main access though, too much additional traffic spilling out of 500 homes onto Acklington Road, probably better coming off the main coastal Road into Amble otherwise there'll be congestion backing up from The Masons and cause added danger for the High School
- BS: A blade of grass?! Quick! Build on it! ”

## Blues band members wanted

Lead Guitarist would like to join or help to form a "Blues Band"  
If interested, please call Paul on 07850598622

## Ann & Richard's Great British nomination

Ann Burke and Richard Wardman of 42 Queen Street have been nominated for an award for the nation's best managers of an independent shop, to recognise their hard work in making Amble a great place to live, work and play. Full story on page 9.  
Below are some comments on our Facebook page:

- “ LM: Well done! We are currently selling our house in the Midlands as we want to relocate to Amble! Just love it and how it has come on in recent years.
- JR: Congratulations Ann and Richard on your nomination - very well deserved, you've made a huge contribution to the regeneration of Amble and perceptions of the town have changed as a result, which so many people are benefitting from - visitors, business owners and residents alike. Good luck - although I don't think you'll need it!
- EP: Brilliant! Well done! Have always loved your shop, never fail to buy something, you always have a little gem you never knew you needed!
- TWS: Love this shop & such friendly staff too ! Emma is so helpful & friendly
- MS: Fingers crossed for them, do hope they get the award
- BD: Thoroughly well deserved!
- JD: Absolutely deserved - really well done Ann and Richard - an outstanding achievement to gain such recognition - a just reward for pride not just in your Queen Street shop but in Amble itself.
- MC: I visit Amble just to shop in this shop. I love it
- MD: Brilliant, great shop and fab, friendly service to customers ”

## The birth of The Ambler

'I remember it well'  
...apologies to Maurice Chevalier. Sixteen years ago a few keen writers sat at a small table in a communal room shared with the would-be promoter of a local newspaper and the chairman of the Development Trust. Thus was the Ambler born.

100 editions of a well loved local newspaper has knit the community of Amble together, keeping young and old, housebound and mobile in touch. In those early days we had sea frets that blew like wet clouds along the High Street.

I remember the pride and pleasure of moving into our own room with long bench and computers for everyone. All this at a meeting house called Fourways. This was originally the station hotel and bought for £1!

The newspaper became a magazine attracting articles from many interested sources. Clubs and local organisations began using it to attract members and inform the community of all that was happening in Amble.

In all its 16 years it has been the product of voluntary 'would-be' journalists who enjoyed the company and exercise as much as the readers (we hope)!

Congratulations to all those many workers who have kept the enterprise alive and topical. Long may it continue.

*Lou Pickering  
Gloster Park, Amble*

We welcome your letters, email, Facebook and Twitter comments for publication.

Your name and address must be supplied, but will be withheld on request. Letters/Facebook comments may be edited. Contact details on page 2.

## Amble holidaymakers go wild

Holidaymakers at Amble Links Holiday Park (part of Park Leisure) in Amble, left the park on August 17 and headed out to Northumberland Wildlife Trust's East Chevington reserve on Druridge Bay, for a wild day out with its People and Wildlife Team.

After trying their hand at den building and pond dipping, the whole group played capture the flag, which ended in a full scale water fight, which just goes to show you don't have to travel miles to have a good time.

Right: Holidaymakers, from the Amble Links Holiday Park, at East Chevington. *Photo Tracy Evans*



## Adult learning returns to Amble

Adults and young people are now once again able to access a variety of local learning programmes.

Northumberland County Council has converted the Amble Cash Office, in Fourways 1, into a learning suite, where courses in English, maths and IT will be made available, along with Job Clubs and employability programmes.

The county council previously used the Dovecote Centre to provide learning and training, and after it closed, there was a search for accommodation in Amble for courses. However, that problem has been solved, hopefully to the satisfaction of those who were upset at lack of classes.

Michael Holliday, of the Learning and Skills Service, reports: "There'll also be opportunities to train in childcare and for careers that support teachers in the classroom. A flexible approach to delivery means that courses can be tailor made. Whether it's digital photography, food hygiene, First Aid, or crafts for Christmas, the hope is that local people and businesses will take full advantage of the provision".

Classes will start in the week beginning Monday 10 October.



The adult learning classes will be held in the old cash office in Fourways 1.

## North-east devolution: "full steam ahead"

More jobs, more money and more local decision-making are all heading to the North-east after a Minister's clear backing for regional devolution.

Councillor Grant Davey, leader of Northumberland County Council, has said clear support for regional devolution by Sajid Javid, Secretary of State

for Local Government, means it is 'full steam ahead'.

Local authority chiefs from the North-east met Mr Javid in London and he was said to be 'very clear' that the Government is committed to devolution, with an elected mayor an essential part of the package.

"The time for talking about devolution is over - it is time

for us all to roll up our sleeves and make this great county even better, with the many benefits that increased local decision-making will bring," said Councillor Davey.

He added that a stronger Northumberland is central to economic success north of the Tyne - and the whole NE has a vital role to play.



Above: the sandcastle competition is a popular activity at Hauxley Fun Day. *Photo by Bartle Rippon*

## Hauxley Fun Day

Hauxley's annual fun day was another success, said organisers, with money being raised for the Village Hall.

On a beautiful August Bank Holiday Monday, live music, stalls, children's activities and delicious food and drink, led easily to a convivial atmosphere in the Square and on the beach at Low Hauxley.

## Checks to prevent misuse of the bus pass

New checks have been introduced on buses to prevent the misuse of concessionary bus passes meant for older and disabled people. Smart ticket machines have been programmed to indicate whether a concessionary bus pass has been cancelled.

Following an initial amnesty period, payment may be required

and free travel refused where a pass is not valid, and the pass may be confiscated by the driver.

More than a million journeys are made every week by passengers with concessionary bus passes, costing local transport authorities tens of millions each year in payments to bus companies.

The new checks will reduce potential misuse and fraud while protecting passengers who are entitled to and benefit from concessionary travel.

Councillor Allan Hepple, Cabinet Member for Economic Growth with Northumberland

County Council, said: "Smart ticketing means we have the technology to make sure concessionary travel is enjoyed by those people it is intended for, without the potential for misuse or fraud.

"For the vast majority of people this will make no difference at all. There will be publicity on buses with advice on checking if using the right pass, and local councils are ready to answer any questions."

It is estimated that about one in 40 passes in the North East is in use, despite being cancelled.

## Wristband awareness to combat underage drinking

The Alnwick and Amble Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP) continues to make great progress working with young people and different partners to address under age drinking. The partnership includes Police, Northumberland County Council, schools, health services and local retailers, among many others, all of whom have come together to pool their resources under the CAP umbrella to ensure that there is a joint partnership approach.

Although most young people in the area do not drink alcohol at all, the partnership was set up to ensure that support is given to those groups working with young people, the community and young people themselves so that they are educated around the risks relating to alcohol consumption. This relates not just to health risks, but other issues such as drink driving and risk taking behaviour.

Several initiatives have been set up recently. One of these involved young people from the area being asked to design a wrist band to raise awareness and, after a very difficult time judging the many excellent entries, two winners were announced. Their winning logos were made into a wrist band which will be given free to all young people in the area. Sainsbury's also awarded the winners a £1 iTunes voucher each.



Above: Ella Nelson from the Duke's Middle School designed the winning wrist band. Pictured with Simon Dunleavy from Sainsbury's and Judith Davis, CAP coordinator.

Other planned activities include a weekend of action around proxy alcohol sales - buying for under 18s: retailers and licensees are currently being offered free training to support their good practice when it comes to alcohol sales and young people.

You can find out more about any of the initiatives by emailing your local community safety officer, Judith Davis at [capalnwick@gmail.com](mailto:capalnwick@gmail.com), or contacting the local police neighbourhood team by dialling 101.

## Age of insecurity

So much has happened since our last issue that it's hard to know where to start.

Trouble in our NHS, on the railways, money markets and potential loss of large firms, trouble at The Jungle and the roads around Calais, the Middle East, unemployment and underemployment, Mario Mantis' scathing comments on British attitudes to the E.U.

Is that enough for now? With the first competitive football win for England under Big Sam, my mind turned to Raymond King. What would he have made of a last minute through – the –goalies – legs fluke? I have a feeling that he was an optimist, just as I am. So let's think of Green Shoots at home and abroad.

It seems that the predicted economic disaster hasn't happened. A recent survey found that the majority of people in the sample felt that they were doing pretty well.

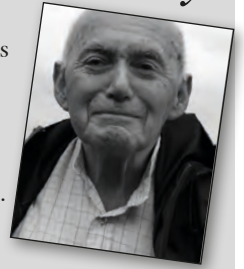
Perhaps our summer weather has helped, together with news of good things in various parts of the country. Of course, our Brexit will take time, and we can't be sure of all our trading relationships. I have a feeling that the links that determine volume and terms of trade are forged by people who understand one another and who want to foster good relationships.

So what about our town? As I've often said, I meet many people who think that we have a town to be proud of.

Recent developments need no further description. Look around and see! Our local funding for our Shannon Lifeboat, the optimism and belief behind our Harbour Village, the 30 plus eateries, prospects for more housing and a hotel.

How likely was all that a couple of decades ago? Tourists come here in large numbers, and not just on fine days. Could we encourage them to come back to Amble? People who are looking around the area often want to know more about it. We can point out where things are now, and how things were in the past: perhaps without too many words. That last bit is a hard ask for me!

Harry McQuillen



## Corner

### Coquet's Rosys do it again!

Captain Coquet's



As the season draws to a close, the RSPB wardens have been turning to the report writing and all the behind-the-scenes jobs that get done when the birds have left.

It's been a long season for the bird assemblage – mainly due to those terrible bad weather weeks in spring and early summer. Many of the tern nests failed with eggs chilled in the rain and wind.

The improved weather later in the summer gave them a second chance and relays were everywhere, even on the paths and spilling onto the roseate tern terraces. As for the roseates, numbers held, and for the second year in a row their nests topped

three figures. The new hide was installed at the start of the season and offered shelter for the "night watchers" that guarded the roseates each night.

The hide was purpose-built by local blacksmith artist, Stephen Lunn and funded by the European LIFE project that has been set up to safeguard Coquet's roseate terns for the next five years. The same project funded the live-link from cameras on the island which gave thousands of people world wide the chance to observe the antics of the roseates and puffins without any disturbance. The link will be up and running next

year, so don't forget to check it out!

The eiders braved it out and ended up with 329 nests which produced a small flotilla of eider duckling crèches in the harbour. Many of these birds grew into adulthood, but quite a few succumbed to large gulls. The puffins were undaunted by the season's bad weather – their pufflings were safely tucked away in their burrows and the good supply of sandeels this year helped to keep the overall bird population well supplied with food.

We were still seeing sandwich terns roosting at the end of September, as the wintering population of bird species were arriving: robins, curlew, twite and purple sandpiper.

A welcome sight has been the arrival of the Trinity House painting team – giving the lighthouse a fresh coat or two of special paint.

Three weeks of hard graft, helped with some fabulous September sunshine and the lighthouse looks like new!

A good Coquet season!

# Amble goes for Gold in the Great British High Street Competition

Richard Wardman and Ann Burke are in the running to win a share of £10,000 in prize money as part of a nationwide search for Britain's high street heroes.

The pair have been nominated for an award for the nation's best managers of an independent shop, in recognition of hard work in making Amble a great place to live, work and play.

Richard and Ann are co-owners of 42 Queen Street, a craft and gift shop in Amble. Their hard work includes providing specialist business advice on various committees and community consultations over many years.

Their knowledge and input has supported funding applications that have aided regeneration in the town and helped Amble achieve its potential and current high profile.

Their commitment to the town and its prosperity remains unequivocal and it has paid off. Queen Street does not have a single empty property and is experiencing a new lease of life with business prospects looking better than ever before.

Julia Aston from Amble Development Trust, who nominated Richard and Ann, said: "Ann and Richard of 42 Queen Street have been powerful allies within partnerships that have driven many projects in Amble, aiding its long term regeneration. These projects have seen the town ascend from perceptions of being thought of as an unremarkable mining town to holiday destination of choice.

"We're all really proud of Ann and Richard, and hope that their hard work will be recognised nationally."

High Streets Minister Andrew Percy said: "Last year's competition was a massive success, helping to showcase the very best high streets across the country, with thousands of votes cast and winning high streets reporting an increase in shoppers. Our local high streets remain the life and soul of towns, villages and cities across the country."

Now in its 3rd year, the competition celebrates the great work that is being done to revive, adapt and diversify the nation's high streets. Alongside the cash prize, Google have joined the search and are offering all category winners a visit from The Digital Garage on Tour – a skills training workshop for retailers and small businesses.

The Great British High Street competition is run by the Department for Communities and Local Government and



Ann and Richard have been praised for their hard work and enthusiasm in promoting Amble. Ann is also chair of Amble Business Club.

sponsored by the Post Office, Holland and Barratt, Boots UK, Google UK, Marks & Spencer, Wilko, the British Council of Shopping Centres and Ellandi.

Details about the competition can be found at: [www.thegreatbritishhighstreet.co.uk](http://www.thegreatbritishhighstreet.co.uk)

The public can support Ann and Richard and Amble on twitter by following @TheGBHighSt or using the hashtag #GBHighSt.

## Lifeboat Day 2016



Fun and fundraising at this year's Lifeboat Day on 28 August. A total of £7,343.54 was raised for Amble RNLI.

Photos by Andrew Mounsey, Bartle Rippon and Vivienne Dalglish



# Becky calls for change in benefits to young people diagnosed with cancer

An ex James Calvert Spence College student has joined other young people calling on the government to change the way benefits payments are handled when young people are diagnosed with cancer.

Becky Cole, who now lives in Longframlington, was 20 years old when she was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma at Christmas in 2014. The diagnosis left her not only with fears for her future, but also financial worries, as she had to give up her job and begin applying for sickness benefits.

Becky was asked by cancer charity Clic Sargent, to take part in an event in the Houses of Parliament, to highlight the financial impact on young people diagnosed with cancer. The event was hosted by Labour MP Thangam Debbionare.

Becky said: "I explained how my partner and I were working full time and had just moved into our own house. Shortly after, I was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma, and my partner and I had to give up work and apply for sickness benefits."

"The main problem was the amount of money families or individuals are paying out each month to cover the cost of cancer. You need an extra £600 on top of all normal bills to fund the cost of this. It includes food, clothes, transport, bills when not able to work and hospital parking.

"If it wasn't for a Clic Sargent support worker in the Freeman Hospital, I don't know what we would have done," she said.

The charity is calling for a number of changes to help ease the financial burden on children, young people and their families after a cancer diagnosis. They want a review of travel assistance for parents and young people, financial support from the point of diagnosis, and a review by financial services and energy companies to ensure parents of children with cancer and young cancer patients are included on their vulnerable customer policies.

Clic Sargent Chief Executive Kate Lee said: "The parliamentary event was a wonderful opportunity to share our Cancer Costs research with a range of people who can help us achieve the aims of our campaign. It is not right or fair that so many children, young people and parents find themselves financially worse off following a cancer diagnosis and we are urging as many people as possible to join our campaign. I'd like to thank everyone who attended the event, particularly those who spoke about their own experiences of childhood cancer."

After her cancer diagnosis, Becky underwent six rounds of intense chemotherapy over six months and received



Becky is second from the right, front row

the all clear in August 2015. She told The Ambler how pleased she had been to be able to take part in the parliamentary event: "My voice was heard not only for myself, but for many other young people suffering the same experience. I will also be contacting my local MP, Anne-Marie Trevelyan, to gain support and awareness for the cause.

Becky said "It has been a once in a life time experience and I was thrilled to participate".

Anna Williams

## Kayleigh's coffee morning is a sweet success



Eighteen year old Kayleigh Brown of Amble held her McMillan Coffee Morning on Saturday 10 September raising a whopping £741.00.

This is the 4th year that Kayleigh (pictured above,) has committed to organising and holding her coffee morning, with the fantastic support of her family and from all the staff and trustees at Amble Youth Project. Well done!

Tracey Hinton  
Amble Youth Project

## A walk from Morpeth to Mitford

I'm not usually fond of out and back walks, but this is different!

Walk up Oldgate Street and over the Oldgate Bridge, turn right to walk along the road, or on the grass if you prefer. Carry on along a mixture of paths woods and road until you meet the B6343 – that's the Mitford Road.

Walk about 60 yards along the road to find a side road on your left. This leads to a few houses and a gate with a yellow footpath sign. Carry on through fields, leading to a road – crossing, more fields and woods.



You will come to a 4-finger

post wooden sign. Take the Mitford way. More woods, fields and interesting bits until you reach the road near Mitford Church.

By this time, you'll have walked under the A1 – watch you don't bang your head on low girders! Turn left on the Mitford Road to find those two pillars of any civilised Village – the church and the Pub!

A word of warning. Take your time on bits of the path through the woods that are uneven, muddy or have a slope. Walking poles might be useful. Better still, do this walk in dry weather.

It took me 1 hr. 15mins in each direction. Of course on the way back to Morpeth you know where you're going. Good Walking.

Harry



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## THE HAUNTED ELEVATOR

One spooky night at Artograffi there was a Halloween party. When Abbey looked at the lift there was something sparkling, so she went in the lift and she looked in the mirror... and there was a ghost called Bloody Mary! Abbey screamed. She pressed the open door button again and again, but it didn't open!

The lift started to move. When it stopped the doors opened and she was so relieved, until

she realised it was pitch black!! Bloody Mary dragged Abbey into the mirror and she was never seen again. People still say that on the anniversary of her disappearance, if you listen closely, you can still hear her screams for help in the elevator.

By Abbey  
Edited by George-Anne



## OUR FAVOURITE PLACES TO EAT IN AMBLE

We have voted for our favourite places to eat in Amble.

4 people like Spurreli, Zecca, the Old Store House and fish and chips (all the ones in Amble). Three of us like The Wellwood, Jaspers and Euro Pizza. 2 people like Dolly's and Daisy's, Sea and Soil, Artique, Taj Mahal and Circa. 1 person likes the Old Boat House, Coquet Tea Rooms and the Chinese. These are our favourite places to eat in Amble.

By Hope



## SOME PEOPLE DON'T TREAT THE WELFARE VERY WELL



The Welfare is a really entertaining park where kids can play on the equipment or use the skate park, play football in the court or play basketball on the courts.

There are a variety of things you can do, even just sit and read on a bench [or play Pokémon go] but there is one problem LITTER!

There is so much we can't control it, no matter how many times Amble Community Team [ACT] clean up Amble and do a litter pick, the litter bugs come along with their sweets and pop and crisps etc. and litter it all over the floor.

It is a real shame when kids are playing they might step in food or trip over bottles and get seriously injured.

We talked to some young people who were there and they think the Welfare should have more for a higher age range and be better. Most of the people we talked to were over 12 years old. They liked some things, but it wasn't to other peoples liking.

Some people don't treat the park very well, the floor is pulled up a little bit and the hoops are damaged, otherwise it is very fun.

By Bethany



## INTERNET FRIENDS

If you're on any social media, e.g. Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr etc., you have likely been warned about paedophiles and other threats on the internet. You are told to be wary of anyone you meet, despite the fact that some of them are probably just people that want to talk to you.

I think that if you are, at least, 70% certain that they are who they say they are, you can tell them certain things, **not your address or school, though.** Personally, I have met good people over the internet. (Let's call them John and Lucy).

John is a fifteen-year-old who lives in Canada, whom I became friends with after he added me to a tv show roleplay group a little over a year ago, around July-August 2015. Since then, we have bonded over our mutual hate for characters and mutual love for tv shows.

Lucy is a fourteen-year-old girl from America whom I met after she messaged me about the roleplay group I started. I'm not entirely sure how it happened, but within the month we were good friends. I asked the people at Artograffi and a few of my friends if they thought that internet friends were real friends. These were their answers.

Ava – No	Lily – No	Jossiepie - Yes	Anna – No	George-Anne – Yes
		Louise – No	Lizzy – YES (she screamed it..)	
Mark – No	Dawson - Yes			

By George-Anne

Anna says: STAY SAFE ONLINE.  
See [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk) for more info and advice.

## RODNEY'S GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT

Rodney Burge was the coxswain (captain) of our lifeboat for many years, during which time he has helped save many lives. But his latest challenge has been writing a book about what he knows best: the Amble Lifeboat.

Rodney Burge is 72 and apart from when he was in the Navy, he has lived in Amble his whole life, as a fisherman and working in the RNLI. He is now writing a book on Amble's Lifeboat station.

The book is going to be published on the 14th of October and because Rodney is a lifeboat crew member, it is a first person account of the Amble lifeboat history, making it different to other books, which are normally written by people who have just researched.

"I'm hoping this book might appeal to a different readership, because it's written first hand, and I've personally been involved with many of the things in the book," he said.

After he finished as a fisherman, Rodney began doing an English language and literature degree with the Open University and graduated last year. He likes writing and writes many short stories but said that this book will be 'one of his greatest achievements'.

By Lily



l-r: Lily Tibbitts, Rodney Burge, Louise Spuhler, John Young (chairman of the lifeboat) and George-Anne Carnegie

Rodney Burge has been working in the Amble RNLI since 1959. They recently raised enough money to buy a new Shannon lifeboat, it cost over £2,000,000! It is called the Shannon after a river.

Amble RNLI raised £200,000 to help buy the lifeboat because they needed to modernise and because their other one was getting old.

The RNLI is a charity and they have to raise all the money themselves. But they like being a charity, and once when the government offered to help to run them and give them money, they declined, because they didn't want the government stepping in.

By Ava

## ARTOGRAFFI GO WILD FOR HAUXLEY NATURE RESERVE

Earlier in the summer, some of the gang went to Hauxley Nature Reserve to see their new eco visitor centre. Now they have returned and this time, they met some of the wildlife.



We went back to Hauxley Nature Reserve to see more of the rebuild and what there is to see. We also tried out the new play park. We looked at the lake and met some sheep and cows. We went in a forest and looked in the hides, where we could see the birds on the lake. It was a big walk. I thought it was brilliant.

By Louise

## BINKY AND THE HAUNTED CASTLE

After a fun day playing with his friends, Binky decided to head home. The forest was really dark and it had begun to rain but Binky kept on walking. Soon it was absolutely storming and he didn't know where he was going- Binky saw a shape in the distance and headed towards it. He thought it might be his house but it was a castle he'd never seen before. He had to get into the dry so he slipped inside. The castle was very dark but at least it was dry, yet something was weird about the castle. Then Binky heard a voice whispering.

"Who...who's there?" he called out, the whispering continued but louder. Binky tried to open the door but it was stuck tight. He started to panic as the voices got louder

still. In the end he had no choice but to run away. Racing up the creaky stairs, Binky saw shadows dart away as he came. He couldn't take it anymore, he was going to die! That's when he banged into the man dressed in very old fashioned clothes.

"Ello there sonny, you look lost. You wanting to get out of 'ere?" Binky nodded as the man led him to the door and out into the dry forest. The moon had come up so Binky could see clearly now. He thanked the man and began to walk home; the next day he went to look round the forest again but there was no castle to be found. Binky could still hear the whispers though.

By Lily T

## REMEMBER REMEMBER...

On November the 5th, people across Britain celebrate bonfire night. There are small fireworks parties in back gardens along with big organised displays in public places. We do bonfire night because a guy named Guy Fawkes tried to blow up the Houses of Parliament. We have to keep our animals safe because pets have very sensitive ears, so we don't want our dogs or cats outside.

A good thing to eat on bonfire night is a toffee apple, it's really nice. When you have sparklers it's best you wear gloves as it gets really hot. Once you have finished with your sparkler put it in cold water. If you're at a beach, stamp it on the sand. Don't run around with a sparkler.

By Hope



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Above: l-r Paula Vennels (CEO, PO Ltd.), Bryan and Beryl Hewson, Richard Fleetwood (Area manager, PO), Maureen Seaton and Cally Patterson (Amble PO).

Photo by Andrew Mounsey

## Amble Post Office wins national sales award

Amble Queen Street Post Office has won the Quarter Award for being the most improved Post Office in UK. This qualified them for the National Sales Award in June. They attended an event, where one winner from 200 branches was announced for the annual award. Amble PO was that winner.

At the event, Bryan invited the CEO, Paula Vennels to visit Amble Post Office, which she accepted. On her visit she expressed amazement at "England's best-kept secret", particularly the Queen Street shops and harbour developments.

In another development, Amble Queen Street PO has been selected to become a mortgage broker, the only post office between Newcastle and Edinburgh to be able to offer this service.

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## Scam callers switch tactics

Criminals trying to defraud Northumberland residents by phone have begun concocting new false stories, county trading standards chiefs have warned.

Victims of attempted scams report strangers pretend to be HMRC officials threatening to take them to court for so-called 'unpaid tax' - while other con-artists claim they are council staff offering help with 'compensation' after imaginary accidents. Neither is a genuine call and householders should hang up, without giving personal or financial details.

David Sayer, county council business compliance and public safety manager, said: "We are receiving up to six complaints daily. If you are worried about any official sounding call you receive, hang up and contact the Citizens Advice Consumer Service." Help can be given by the CA team on 0345 404 0506.

To confirm if a call from the council is genuine, residents should ask for the person's council extension then check it out by ringing back via the main county switchboard on 0345 600 6400.

## Groups encouraged to apply for High Sheriff Awards

The High Sheriff of Northumberland Awards recognise and reward local organisations which support children and young people in a safe and secure environment to develop confidence, build skills, find fun and friendship, and learn how to be a part of community life. Awards are made to voluntary and community groups and registered charities working in Northumberland.

The project must involve work with children and young people aged 10 to 25 years old. The application must show what the organisation does to steer young people away from crime and anti-social behaviour and into rewarding and beneficial pursuits. Awards are made on a quarterly basis.

So far the Fund has made awards totalling £8,000, and the High Sheriff is encouraging further applications to the fund in 2016.

The High Sheriff of Northumberland, Mr Willy Browne-Swinburne said: "Northumberland is a magnificent county, and is somewhere I am very proud to call home. In my role as High Sheriff I look forward to rewarding the young people and volunteers who help make our county a great place to live and I encourage organisations out there who feel they should be commended with a High Sheriff of Northumberland Award to get in touch and make an application at the Community Foundation."

To apply for a High Sheriff of Northumberland Award visit [www.communityfoundation.org.uk/apply](http://www.communityfoundation.org.uk/apply).

## *Sew impressed with Amble*

Two visitors to the Friendliest Port have been praising the town and will be recommending it as a holiday destination with a difference.

Educational Psychologist Anna Walsh and retired Head Teacher Bridget from Maidenhead, were inspired to visit Amble on a Patchwork and Quilting holiday, after seeing it advertised online.

Anna said "We were looking on the internet and saw Josie Dunne's holiday cottage in Amble, offered with patchwork and quilting lessons, and thought it would make a great break. We went 'we're leaving our families behind and off we go!' We booked in for a couple of courses, but Josie is

great, she just guides you along so you get to do things you don't expect."

The pair thoroughly enjoyed their week's holiday and were very impressed with Amble and its residents.

Bridget said "Amble is wonderful; we kind of expected something a little emptier. We couldn't believe the lovely independent shops, the nice variety of eating places. It was great to see somewhere so thriving. We got such a shock to see the harbour - the sun was

just setting, it was beautiful."

Anna added "We ate at the Old Boat House, Sea & Soil and Zecca, where I had one of the nicest pizzas I've ever had. The people are so friendly; they can't do enough for you. We're sad to be leaving."

The women hope that they will be able to return with their families in the not too distant future.

"We'll be telling everyone back home how lovely Amble is" said Anna.

Judy Lewis shaved her hair to raise money for Macmillan, after her daughter Jessica was diagnosed with leukaemia when she was two years old. Jessica (on the right) finally got the all clear aged five, but suffered a brain injury while receiving



treatment. The hair shave was held at St Cuthbert's Hall in August.

Judy said "We've raised around £2000. I want to thank the ladies who helped out on the day, Louise Greenaway, Louise Fielding, Jackie Goundry Moore, Louise Common and Dianne Dunn, Donna Gould and Sandra Gould, Jade Gibbs, Lynsey Appleby, Shaun and Alison Dixon, Hayley Rutherford, Jan Syzmcuk, Alison Starkey and the lovely Danielle Small who shaved my head - and everyone who kindly donated."

## Carers' opinions on community toilets

Carers Northumberland, a local charity who support unpaid carers, invites you to come along and share your opinions and experiences about the ease of access to community toilets.

- Alnwick Gardens, on 1 November from 2.00pm to 3.30pm
- Morpeth Methodist Church, 3 November 10.00am to 11.30am

Researchers from Newcastle University will be in attendance at the focus groups as well as Carers Northumberland staff. They are keen to hear your views to help them collate updated information about the practicalities of community toilet access.

If you are interested in attending please contact the Information Line : 01670 320025 or email [info@carersnorthumberland.org.uk](mailto:info@carersnorthumberland.org.uk)



Above: l-r Anna Walsh, Josie Dunne and Bridget in the Funkyneedlework workshop

## Mason's leek show results

Leek show results for the Masons Arms Amble held on 10th and 11th September

First: Peter Griffiths 282.49 CU IN and best leek in show (pictured below).

Second: Andrew Glass 274.36 CU IN

Third: Norma Urwin 210.60 CU IN

Most improved grower: Andrew Glass

3 Onions, fresh dug: Peter Griffiths

Blanch leek and dressed onion: Tony Urwin

Judged by Alan Davidson of Blyth

The club would like to thank sponsors C. Aston, builder; D. Flannighan, joiner; Kelly Construction; Amble scaffolding; Mr & Mrs P Donaldson; John Chivers. Special thanks to hosts Nigel and Amanda.



## Best vegetables at Warkworth Show

Left: J.G Elliot won the James Jeffrey Cup: Best Collection of Vegetables at this year's Warkworth Show, held on 20 August



## Food, glorious food...

### Geoff wins at Cramlington

Pictured on the right is Geoff Moscrop from North Broomhill, whose leeks came first at the Northumberland CIU Open Leek, Vegetable and Flower Show 2016, held in Cramlington W M Club held on 31 August and 1 September.



## TRUSTLife

news from Amble Development Trust

Welcome to Trust Life on this beautiful autumnal morning; well isn't it lovely every day in Amble?

It's been a busy period since our last Trust Life, with visits, funding applications and community consultations and of course the handing over of our affordable housing units.

We are pleased to report that all four flats are now tenanted, with each tenant being local and employed in the town.

### Hotel plans and community events

In excess of 100 people came to view the plans for the hotel development, held by ARCH developments here in Fourways2, which ARCH were more than happy with. They were also impressed by the positive comments received not just for the hotel but people expressing how happy they were to live in Amble and the positive feeling there was around the town. This was compared to other places they had carried out the same exercise where locals usually expressed their dissatisfaction with where they live.

Our application for funding towards a Community Celebration event was successful and we will be using this to implement lantern making workshops in our First Schools and Brambles over the coming weeks. The funds will also allow us to bring



Above: A campaigns team from Cabinet Office North East used Amble to help promote the 2016 Great British High Street competition

some additional entertainment to the event, which is on Sunday 20th November this year.

Another community event being hosted, as a thank you to the community for supporting the Great British High and the RNLI appeal, we plan to welcome the new lifeboat in on Wednesday October 12th (1pm) with free chowder served in the Seafood centre and Fat Mermaid. Jonny and Martin have kindly agreed to make the chowder on our behalf for those who come

along on the day.

And of course we will be asking you to watch this space as the GBH competition is about to begin once again – fingers crossed we are short listed for 2016.

Anna has also been successful in attracting funding towards setting up a Code Club. I won't even try to tell you what that consists of but if you are interested and want more information please contact her on the office number (01665 712929).

### Lobster Hatchery

And finally, we have been successful in navigating our way through funding for a Lobster Hatchery. News was received on Wednesday 21st September from Power to Change (Big Lottery Fund). This will allow us to set the wheels in motion to order equipment and set up the visitor experience side of the Seafood Centre where visitors can view the processes of lobster development.

So on that positive note, I'll bid you adieu and hope to see you all enjoying yourselves either on the quayside giving the new lifeboat a true Amble reception or watching the entertainment at the Torchlight Procession – perhaps even both.

Julia and all Trust staff

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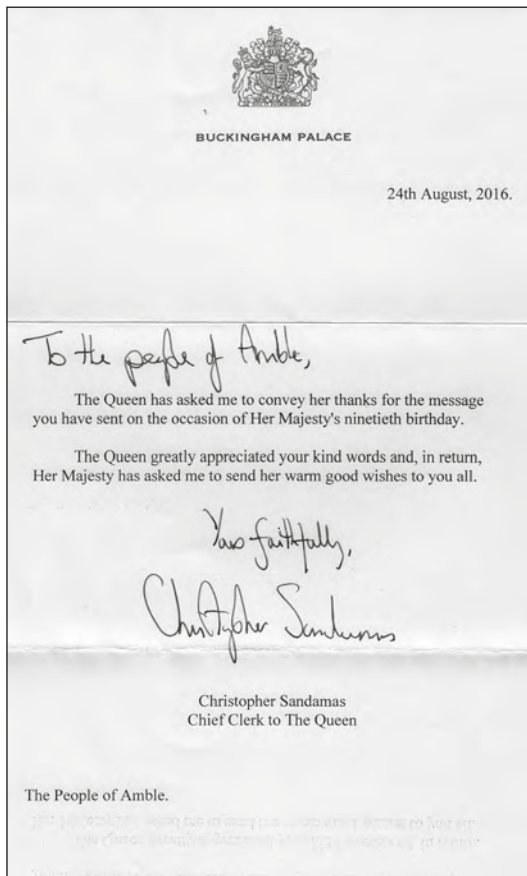
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## Royal letter to the people of Amble

Her Majesty the Queen has sent a letter to the people of Amble, thanking them for good wishes sent on the occasion of HM's 90th birthday.

Ann Burke, chair of Amble Business Club told The Ambler: "When Sophie, Countess of Wessex visited Amble, it was the day before the Queen's official birthday. I gave her a card from the people of Amble, wishing Her Majesty a happy 90th birthday.

Sophie said she would be delighted to pass the card on to the Queen."



Above: the thank you letter from Her Majesty the Queen to the people of Amble

## Business Club is busy

Amble Business Club meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 5.30 in The Radcliffe Club. Anyone with a business in Amble is entitled to be a member.

- We are currently monitoring the refurbishment of Queen Street and trying to ensure the least disruption possible for the Town.
- We are pushing for the completion of the one way system to tidy everything up.
- We are still pushing for a long stay car park for the Town. At the moment the car park behind Tesco is temporary and if we lose it we will once again be left without parking.
- The Business Club is monitoring the developments on the Industrial Estate, and lobbying to try to ensure nothing happens to affect the businesses in Amble.
- We have very interesting discussions and share problems and experiences on statutory rights.
- The Business Club is buying the Christmas Tree again this year for the High Street Garden. We are organising a Tree decorating for the children prior to the Xmas lights parade, on 20 November.
- We have representation on Amble 2020, Amble Harbour Village, Amble action Group, Amble Parking Group and are again working hard with the Development Trust for the Great British High Street.
- With the £5000 we won last year from the GBHS we have put up some signs and working on others, are running 1st aid courses, sign language courses etc. to make our Town better for the community.

You are more than welcome to join us. The subscription is £15 per year. If you do not feel like coming to a meeting you could pay your subscription and be kept informed of discussions.

The Business Club works for all businesses in Amble and it would be heartening to have support in return.

Ann Burke

Chair Amble Business Club 42queenstreet@gmail.com

## REPORTS FROM OUR

Top of my complaints list at the moment are issues about grounds maintenance, roads and footpaths. I hoped that the appointment of a seasonal worker in partnership with Amble Town Council would mean a significant improvement in our area. A new worker is in place but recruitment issues meant a big gap in manpower. And it showed.

I am keen to see Town and Parish Councils working with the County to make scarce resources go further. The basic standards need to be right. I have raised issues about using staff more effectively especially now that the housing service has come back to NCC.

I have had lots of complaints about the state of the Radcliffe Road and Hauxley road ends. There may be issues of subsidence caused by former mine workings. The County Council is in discussions with the Coal Authority (they have responsibility for problems which are the legacy of the National Coal Board.)

I have stressed how concerned I am about the state of these roads in particular and how important it is to keep local councils and the community informed about what the problems are and plans to find solutions.

I have made it clear that I am angry at the state some of our estates have been left in. Senior managers accept that this needs to change and I will do whatever I can to raise and maintain standards.

There is some excellent work being done to make Amble a better town. Volunteers, local councils and community groups are improving things. I am supporting the efforts of local councillors to safeguard against a repeat of the serious flooding which hit Hauxley last winter.

It is obvious that the Government's plans to reduce revenue support for Northumberland County Council by 84% between 2010 and 2020 (and shift the burden to Council Tax payers and businesses) is having and will have a serious impact on all local services. Unless there is a change of strategy by Government the challenges Northumberland will face can only increase.

Robert Arckless

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## County Councillors

As I write this article there has been little official change to report in the ongoing situation regarding the Dovecote Centre. I sincerely hope a way can be found to keep this facility open and in use for the benefit of the town and I will continue to press all concerned to this end.

On a more positive note, everywhere I go these days seems to have heard of the development of Amble and people make good comments about the activity and growth of the town. This seems to be reflected in the fact that houses are selling much more quickly as many people from other areas wish to live here. The continuing development of the harbour area is the centre of all the interest and with more developments to come on the industrial estate and the harbour area I believe Amble will go from strength to strength and help to provide employment for our residents both young and old.

I constantly continue to influence the development of the town for the benefit of locals and to this end I am talking to "Arch" (which put simply is the development arm of the County Council) as well as being a member of Amble Development Trust. There are projects in the pipeline which are being worked on and I sincerely hope they will bear fruit in the near future.

Finally as Summer draws to a close and our visitor numbers start to decline perhaps we can all look at our town and consider how we can make it better for everyone next year.

Positive suggestions are always welcome!

I am available on 07802 385367

Email jeffrey.watson@northumberland.gov.uk

Jeff Watson

## Local History Society meetings

East Coquet Local History Society  
Meetings at St. Mark's URC hall

Every 3rd Thursday at 7.30pm

Oct. 20: 'Lost Newcastle-upon-Tyne', K Hutchinson.

Nov. 17: 'Prehistoric Orkney', illustrated talk, Barry Mead

## Alnwick Choral Society

Alnwick and District Choral Society have already starting rehearsing the music for their 2016-2017 season, which promises to be as exciting as it is challenging, with three major concerts to look forward to.

The concert programme kicks off with a Remembrance Day concert on **Sunday 13 November**. The choir will be performing Dvorak's Mass in D and a selection of motets by ever-popular Karl Jenkins.

In a departure from recent practice, the choir will not be sharing their Christmas concert with the Reg Vardy brass band. Instead, they will sing a full programme of carols and festive music at a concert in St. Paul's church on **Sunday 18 December**. This will be an afternoon concert starting at 3pm.

The Spring concert will take place on **Sunday 9 April** with a performance of Beethoven's Mass in C.

The choir is always keen to welcome new members so why not join? If you enjoy good music and singing, you are sure to have a good time. The group meets every Wednesday evening at Swansfield Primary School. If you think you might like to join, give Elaine Bowden, the Society's secretary a call on 01665 830373.

## Singing the Warkworth walk

Singers of all ages will gather in Warkworth to celebrate the 21st birthday of an award winning choir.

Men, women and children are invited to take part in a singing stroll along the Coquet and song workshops in the village's Memorial Hall on **Saturday 15 October**.

Following coffee and cakes, the day's programme begins with a song workshop featuring Werca's Folk and its founder and leader Sandra Kerr at 11am. In the evening there will be a concert by the choir, who recently performed at the Tall Ships Regatta in Blyth.

In the afternoon Diane Robson, who runs the Blyth Ukelele Band will lead the singing walk through the village and alongside the river while dance teacher and choreographer Virginia Kennedy will conduct a 'moving song' workshop and Werca's Folk assistant director Jane Harland will look after a separate workshop for those who prefer a more sedate singing session. All three events begin at 2.30pm.

At 7.30pm the all-woman choir

will stage a concert of traditional Northumbrian folk songs, classic ballads and pieces written and adapted by Sandra Kerr who will also feature in a solo spot.

Said Sandra, who was co-writer of the music for the successful TV series 'Bagpuss' and the voice of the programme's rag doll, 'Madeleine Remnant': "We held a similar event in Warkworth last year and the feedback was tremendous. People commented on the friendliness of the people taking part, the excitement of singing and the variety of the music. It was a very enjoyable day. We welcome anybody that wants to sing to come along on the 15th."

All day tickets for the full programme of activities cost £20; individual event tickets cost £8. Tickets can be bought on the day or can be booked online: [www.wercasfolk21.weebly.com](http://www.wercasfolk21.weebly.com)

Tickets for the concert only are available at the village shop and post office in Warkworth or from choir member Marion Giles, tel: 01665 711602.

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# Amble Town COUNCIL

Meetings 6pm unless stated otherwise

Town: 13th Oct., 10th Nov., 8th Dec at 6p.m.

Amenities: 24th Nov. at 6p.m.

Remembrance Sunday: 13th Nov at 10.55a.m. Christmas Lights Parade: 20th Nov. at 5p.m.

**BURYING A MEMORY BOX** gets you thinking about the last fifty years in Amble- mining, fishing and building industries vastly diminished; the railway, the staithes and road bridges gone; reduction in manufacturing industries; the 'Co-op' only a supermarket and funeral director left; demise of football and cricket teams; deterioration of the Paddling pools and the Welfare, loss of the cinema etc. Most towns would have died - Amble is made of sterner stuff. 'Down in the dumps' for a while, it shook itself and decided to do something about it. Gradually Amble is becoming a busy, bustling town again. Perceptions are changing.

Gone the muddy tip area - transformed into the Marina drawing people from all over the world, the Braid; an award winning High Street with independent shops; Coble Quay walkway to the Harbour Village with quirky 'pods'; traditional craft brought back in Amble Coastal Rowing Club's skiffs; the boatyard area transformed with apartments and retail outlets and Spurelli's Boutique icecream - Amble is fast becoming known as the town to eat in.

The Town Square and Memorial Gardens transformed by hard working volunteers; recreation improved with the Welfare MUGAs, skateboard and play areas; a renovated Paddlers Park; swimming at Park Leisure; Castlemania Soft play; youth groups; history trails; National Coastal and Cycle routes; a fantastic Christmas Lights display and parade; Puffin Festival; Lifeboat Day; All achieved by people working together.

The future? Plans for an hotel which has taken over 10 years, proves you need to keep at it! Hopefully others will see our potential - bringing employment. We might even realise that wet weather recreation facility dream. The renovated Welfare football pitch could help to expand childhood footballing dreams, maybe 'Walking Football' for less agile people - we just need more volunteers! There's something special about this place which keeps people here or draws them back. No doubt there's loads more ideas out there - so bring them forward and help to expand them. Make what happens in Amble your priority - working together for a brilliant future.

**WE SHARE** the dismay at County Council ceasing to lease the Dovecote Centre - a decision taken because money came from a Central Government fund which has been withdrawn so there is no budget to cover costs. We are assured that vocational courses like GCSEs will run at other venues in the town as soon as this can be arranged. We understand all other activities which took place there have found new homes.

This has been a valuable community space which the town would love to keep. Council is meeting soon with NCC and Newcastle Diocese, who own the building, to see if there is any possible way it can be retained.

**A LADDERRACK**, a ball shoot, and swings which even adults can use are now in place at Paddlers Park. The telescope gives a wonderful view of Coquet Island and brings small boats much closer. Munchie, the caterpillar, is there for toddlers too.

There are snags to sort out but we hope to have that done soon.

One of the most frequently damaged items is the 'wetpour' safety surface in the youngster's play area. Why do people take delight in prodding and breaking up something which is there to

protect them?

We are patching this but looking at taking out the areas which are not 'fall zones' and replacing with grass due to the costs of wetpour replacement.

Please discourage anyone from prising up the safety surface.

## COUNCILLOR'S CORNER

WHEN I mentioned that I was moving to Amble six years ago, there was a silence in the conversation, followed by "well you can get good fish and chips there!" Just recently I told someone I was from Amble and the response was completely different. What a great place to live with all those nice bespoke shops, the Harbour Village, the restaurants and the cafes, the events that take place and the friendliness - the atmosphere is great. There was a small mention about the great fish and chips still part of Amble.

These changes had to take place as Amble was economically failing and the only way to look to the future was to make the change to a tourist destination with good food outlets and the ability to make people want to stay for the day or week. There is still a long way to go - some things cannot or will never be practical but the more Amble people look to the future, the more it will prosper. It is not polite to make comparisons with other seaside towns, some close to us, but where would you rather live- Amble or ?? I know my answer.

*Cllr Craig Weir*

**JOIN US** in the Town Square and at Trinity Methodist Church to give our thanks to those who sacrificed their lives so we could have a better future. From this year the two minutes silence on Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday will be marked by maroon flares set off by our local coastguards. Rocket supply companies can no longer provide them unless the person who ignites them has nationally recognised training. This would mean employing an outside Fireworks Contractor at a substantial cost, so Council has reluctantly decided to stop having rockets.

**WE ARE PLANNING** our expenditure for April 2017-2018. We try to get the best quality work and goods at the most economical price. We consider our basic costs and decide what we need for maintenance work - the cemeteries, war memorials, seats, bins, bus shelters, notice boards etc.- before putting money aside for future projects. Not everything can be achieved but tell us what you would like to see - whether it's more workers keeping the place clean and tidy, better floral displays, more recreation - and we will try to build funds towards making it happen.

**IT WILL SOON** be time to enjoy the Christmas parade. Please save your change for the collection which goes to Christmas lights, events and the Rotary. Support these causes and your local businesses by buying the children's gloglights in our shops and not from the street pedlars who overcharge and contribute nothing!

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## Rotary notes

Recent events at your local Rotary Club have included an interesting illustrated talk by representatives from the Northumbrian Blood Bikers.

All volunteers, these guys deliver urgently needed medical supplies to hospitals throughout the region, at night and particularly at weekends.

On 16 August we had no less than three speakers, all volunteers from the Bailiffgate Museum in Alnwick.

These ladies were dressed respectively in fashions from the 50s, 60s and 70s and they brought with them items from the Museum's collection representing those decades.

Rotary Club member Tim Mason was our third speaker in August and he gave a fascinating illustrated talk focusing on wildlife in The Falklands.

Tim was, for a time, the Headmaster of the Island's school in Port Stanley and is an expert wildlife photographer.

At the end of July members of the Club attended the James

Calvert Spence College to witness the handing over of a cheque for £300 by members of our Interact Club to the "Daft as a Brush Cancer Patient Care" charity.

Interact is open to youngsters from age 12 – 18 and the club meets at the school.

### Military Band Concert

Rotary Club's next major fund-raising event is a concert in the James Calvert Spence College at 7pm on Saturday 15 October.

The concert will be performed by The Band of The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers and is in aid of The Royal British Legion and the Amble lifeboat.

Tickets are £5, available from N&F Young, Queen Street, Amble or from Warkworth Post Office. Alternatively, you can contact Alan Davies on 712031, or email fusilierfred@googlemail.com

This is an opportunity to hear a top class military band.



Above: Interact Club of Coquet and Aln, President Kathryn Wilkinson (17), presents a cheque for £300 to June Lee from the Daft as a Brush Cancer Patient Care charity.

Below: The Band of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers will be giving a concert in Amble in October



## Pin Cushion workshops

**Saturday 15 October** Sew Saturday charity tombola and Make a Skirt from a paper pattern 10am – 4pm £40  
Re-model your winter coat 10am – 4pm £40  
Please let me know dates which would suit you, if you would like to attend this course.

**Saturday 19 November** Rag rug robin and / or snowman  
Time / Cost TBC

As ever, 10% off in the shop on the day of the event for participants, which work out at a great saving if you've got a project in mind! Please call in to pay deposits for courses (not required for Knit and Natter, which is an informal drop-in with refreshments and raffle). Deposits can also be sent by bank transfer if you are unable to make it to the shop.

More courses will be announced as they are arranged. Ask to be added to our mailing list or view updates on our Amble Pin Cushion Facebook page (or forthcoming website).

We would love to hear from potential tutors. Tutors interested in running a course in our craft room. We are particularly interested in tutors with DBS who can run workshops for children during school holidays.

## Red Lion hosts beer fest mane event

Mac and Jane McHugh, owners of The Red Lion in Alnmouth are making final arrangements for the 8th Annual Alnmouth Beer Festival, from **Friday 7 until Sunday 9 October**.

Live music from Newcastle rock band Fossil on the Saturday evening and jazz on Sunday. There will be 26 beers and 6 ciders available. All profits will go to Hospice Care Northumberland.

## Hauxley Chapel services

Sunday 9 October: Rev. Linda Coulthard, Holy Communion.

Sunday 16 October: Miss Val Mace.

Sunday 23 October: Mrs Sarah Mitchell

Sunday 30 October: Mr Eric Brook.

Sunday 6 November: Rev. Jim Magee, Holy Communion.

Sunday 13 November: Rev. Lynda Coulthard, Holy Communion, Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 20 November: Local arrangement.

Sunday 27 November: Mrs Sarah Mitchell.

## Warkworth toddler and baby group

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NEW TIME: **Fridays 9.00 – 10.30 am** (term time only)

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## Through the lens

Subjects for 'Through the lens 2017' are Transport and Wildlife (this can include flora and fauna but no captive animals or pets)

Age groups in each category - Adult, 11 to 18 years, Up to 10 years

Entry closes **31 March 2017**. Each entry to be mounted not exceeding 20" x 16". One entry form per photograph to be attached to the back of the photograph. Cost per entry is £1 for adults but minors free.

Entry forms in due course from St Cuthbert's Church, N & F Young, Development Trust and Amble Photographic Group.

Exhibition will be in the church hall, Dovecote Street on 29 April to 1 May. Prize giving on 1 May.

## Amble photography group

If you are interested in photography, getting out and enjoy taking photographs why not join us? Come along and share a morning. Enjoy a free visit, coffee and biscuit. We have a varied programme with interesting speakers, club competitions and activities.

We meet throughout the year on Friday mornings 9-30 am until 12 noon in Trinity Church Hall, Amble.

*Dianne Mckenna, Secretary.*

## Bailiffgate Museum

Autumn\_Winter programme

Rag rugging is a traditional craft that has been used for hundreds of years to turn old, worn-out textiles into hard-wearing and decorative rugs. Until the Second World War rag rugs were a common sight on the floors of homes in the North East of England until fitted carpets became more popular they gradually fell out of favour. There will be exhibits from eight rag rugging groups, ranging from Berwick to York, along with lots of colourful and unique exhibits from individuals from all over the region.

Jane Mann, volunteer at the museum, said 'We are delighted to host this major new exhibition. I doubt if so many wonderful examples of rag rugs have been brought together, in one place, anywhere else across the region. We are very lucky that the eight groups have chosen to come to Alnwick. The museum has a record of preserving all sorts of heritage crafts and I know from the 2013 exhibition that it will be a mass of colour, creativity and great beauty'.

The final exhibition of 2016 focuses on local life on the Home Front part of our ongoing commitment to World War One commemorations. 'While the lamps were out' it begins on November 1 and will feature a showing of the famous Somme film on Sat Nov 13. Book your tickets now to see the reality of trench warfare from original film footage.

Our oral history project, Speak for Yourself, starts on **Thursday October 13 at 7pm**. We have a collection of people's memories and want local groups or individuals to come to this meeting to begin to work with us. We are interested in hearing Northumbrian voices and stories about growing up in the district. We hope to use these memories in future exhibitions, including one on childhood.

Our wonderful Museum Tots continues. This has been described by carers as 'excellent', 'fantastic' and 'excellent value'. Booking is essential.

For local organisations our fantastic volunteers are happy to talk to local organisations about the museum and our collection. We offer a humorous take on the past and have sets of artefacts to bring the past alive.

The museum is open 10am to 4pm Tuesday to Sunday.

Website [www.bailiffgatemuseum.co.uk](http://www.bailiffgatemuseum.co.uk)

## Ceilidh nights at Warkworth

**Tuesday, 11 October**

Northumbrian Ceilidh, Memorial Hall, Warkworth, 7:30pm. Live band with caller. Tickets £5 on the door.

Bring your own refreshments (No bar).

Further information Tel: 01665 711388. [www.northumbriafolk.org.uk/warkworth.html](http://www.northumbriafolk.org.uk/warkworth.html)

**Tuesday, 8 November**

Northumbrian Ceilidh, Memorial Hall, Warkworth, 7:30pm. Live band with caller. Tickets £5 on the door.

Bring your own refreshments (No bar).

Further information Tel: 01665 711388. [www.northumbriafolk.org.uk/warkworth.html](http://www.northumbriafolk.org.uk/warkworth.html)

## Highlights theatre in Amble

**Bond to Bowie: Songs of Stage and Screen**

Jazz vocalist, Juliet Kelly showcases some of her favourite songs from stage and screen. From 'Tainted Love' to 'Life on Mars', she brings a jazzy twist to the songs that feature in classic movies, musicals and TV shows, taking audiences on a whistle-stop tour through the ages of musical entertainment.

**Saturday 15 October 7.30pm** Parish Hall, Dovecote Street

Tickets: £8/ £7 conc/ £5 child

**When Magic & Science Collide**

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**Sunday 13th November 2pm - 3pm** Parish Hall, Dovecote Street NE65 0DX

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**Sunday 13 November 7.30pm** Parish Hall, Dovecote Street

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## Amble Coastal Rowing Club ceilidh

We are holding a ceilidh on **29 October 7-11pm** in the Parish Hall. All welcome, not just members. Live music and dancing, fancy dress, pooled supper BYOB etc. Should be a great night. Tickets £7 available from N&F Young. See our Facebook page for more details.

## Brambles ready for half term fun



We are happy to welcome back all of our children and their families after the summer holidays, and also welcome to our new children and families who have joined us this term. We hope your summer was as good as ours was and you are ready for the new term ahead.

Keep a look out for what we have planned for the October half term holidays. You could be part of the fun.

We are happy to be piloting the new 30 hours of free childcare at Brambles Childcare Centre for 3 and 4 year olds. This can be shared with up to three settings. For further information contact us on 01665 710453.

There are lots of events for the children, families and the local community coming up. Please look out for our posters around the town for more information.

*Brambles Childcare Centre Ltd.*

## Lifeboat Day and Shannon arrival

Thank you to all those that braved a wet Harbour Day at Amble, but despite the damp start, the rain clouds cleared by midday and the service went ahead slightly later than normal. Despite this, as always, the support was tremendous and the crowds were entertained by the Army Cadet Cassino Band and watched two exercises involving both RNLI Boats, the Amble Rowing Club and The Kayak Club. Once again, thanks to all those who supported us, including the girls at Barclays Bank Amble who as ever are fantastic and price matched the cake stall, resulting in a grand total of £7,343.54 being raised, a great effort bearing in mind the slow damp start!

On **Wednesday, 12 October at 1.00pm**, the new Shannon Class Lifeboat 'Elizabeth and Leonard' arrives at Amble, (weather permitting); this represents a culmination of over 2 years of fundraising by Amble Lifeboat Fundraisers. In recognition of your efforts, we'd like to invite you all to the quayside to see this historic event. As long as the weather is good to us, you will have the opportunity to view the Shannon in dock until 4pm, flags are optional!

*Katrina Cassidy, Chair Amble Lifeboat Fundraisers - ALF*

## ALF coffee mornings

Join Amble Lifeboat Fundraisers for coffee on:

Sunday 16 October 10am-1pm

Sunday 20 November 10am-1pm

## Event honouring old Amble soldier

I am holding a fundraising event at the Old Storehouse by the caravan park. This is in aid of the Royal British Legion as well as my old regiment, 12 AD Regt Royal Artillery.

We are also honouring one of Amble's old soldiers, who was also my Sergeant Major, Mr Denis Welsh who was raised in Amble before his military service.

The reunion will take place on **November 12 from 12:00 hrs to 17:00 hrs.**

Tickets are £10 and you can get them from The Storehouse or by contacting me on 07980014375.

*John Gordon*

## Acklington Halloween ceilidh

Come to the Acklington Halloween Ceilidh!

Acklington Village Hall, **Saturday 29 Oct**, 7.00 pm  
Live music, Cash bar, pooled supper. Halloween costumes encouraged. Entry £5. For tickets ring 01670 761451  
Children welcome if accompanied by an adult

## Jelly Beanz baby and toddler group

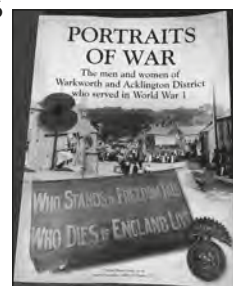
Starting on Wednesday, 5 October, Jelly Beanz is a new group for parents and children from birth to 4 years old. It will run weekly from 1-3pm at St. Mark's Church Hall on Wellwood Street. Parents can enjoy a cuppa and a piece of cake while their children play safely and enjoy organised craft activities. There will be a small cost of £1 per child. Jelly Beanz will be running themed events for local families in the near future, so please log on to our Facebook page to keep up to date.

## Poppy Appeal begins soon

Many thanks to all the amazing people who have supported our branch over the past year. Membership is increasing, not just from Warkworth and Amble, but also from surrounding areas. The Royal British Legion will always be there for those who served in our Armed Forces and by supporting us you will make a difference to those who will need our help for many years to come.

Our Poppy Appeal launch begins mid-October until Remembrance Sunday on 13 November 2016 and we hope to make this year our best ever.

Sales from our book "Portraits of War: The Men and Women of Warkworth and Acklington District who served in World War I" continue to grow thanks to advertising on Joan Robinson's Warkworth Website [www.warkworth.co.uk](http://www.warkworth.co.uk). As all proceeds from the book go to our Poppy Appeal we will be making the book widely available and our poppy collectors can take orders. Book donation is £10 with £2.99 for post and packaging. Contact June Watson on 07785 753100.



Services on Remembrance Sunday will take place as usual at St Lawrence Church on **Sunday, 13 November** at 9.30am and again at Amble Town Square at 10.45 am.

Poppy wreaths (standard size) can be ordered for a donation of £25. Please telephone 07785 75

Next Meeting: AGM Wednesday, 9 November 2016, at 7pm in Legion Room, Warkworth War Memorial Hall. Speaker: Nicola Day will give a talk on Northumberland Fusiliers Museum, Alnwick

If you would like to become a member of The Royal British Legion our membership fee is £17 per year. Do come along as a visitor to branch meetings held every two months on a Wednesday evening at 7pm. You will be made very welcome!

## Amble Torchlight Procession

Procession leaves The Wellwood at 5pm on **Sunday 20 November**. See p4 for more details.



**NORTHUMBERLAND**  
COUNTY COUNCIL

**County Councillor Robert Arkless**

*will be holding surgeries on*

Saturdays 29 October and 26 November  
from 10am-11am in Amble Library

*and*

Friday 25 November  
at 6pm - 6.45pm in Hauxley Village Hall

*All Constituents Welcome*



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## News from Warkworth Golf Club

The Daily Mail Foursomes is a UK-wide golf competition run by the Daily Mail. Each Club can enter one pairing. This year over 2,500 did so.

The Warkworth pairing were Mel Patterson and Gary Scott, who battled through seven rounds to reach the last 16. They now go with the other fifteen to the Marriott St Pierre Golf Club in Chepstow (scene of numerous prestigious international tournaments including the Solheim Cup played between the top European and US

lady professionals) to play the final rounds. They take their place among teams from some of the country's top clubs.

August sees the club championships being decided. For the men Garry Henderson pipped Stephen Glass by 1 shot to take the 125 year-old gold medal. In the ladies section Amble's Christine Douglas came out top, with Cramlington based Lynn Langlands taking the runners-up spot.

The club competes in the North Northumberland Golf League. This year

there was an exciting finish in division 3 with Warkworth and Magdalene Fields (Berwick) going into the final match of the season level on points.

Warkworth won their match 10-2 and there was an anxious wait for the result of Magdalene Fields match.

They too won, but by just 8-4 meaning Warkworth gained promotion to division 2 by just two points. Team captain John Glass will be at the NNL dinner in November to pick up the trophy.

## Great results for Coquet Windsurfing Club



Saint Mary's Loch near Selkirk, was the venue for the seventh SNEWS (North East Windsurfing) event of the season and the weekend was shared with the Scottish National Windsurfing Championship.

Six members of the Coquet Windsurfing Club (Coquet Shorebase Trust) raced against others from across Scotland, the North East and five lucky people returned to our region with trophies!

The two day event at the beginning of September consisted of four races with a westerly wind on the Saturday, but only two on Sunday as the, now easterly wind dropped in the afternoon to an unworkable level.

There was excitement in every race with false starts, equipment breakages, unpredictable gusts created by the hills and valley and photo finishes. Competitors raced on a variety of boards including Techno, RSX and Raceboards. Race officer duties were ably performed by RYA Scotlands Robin Nichol and NEWS Silmara Hodge.

Gus Takiguchi left Saint Mary's Loch with the biggest smile on his face having knocked Tom Dryden off his long-held position as Scottish National Raceboard Champion earning the added bonus of bringing home the trophy.

Other notable winners included: Aaron Hobb: Men's RSX, Natalie McWilliams: Women's RSX, Ali Claydon: Women's Raceboard, Pip Heywood: Junior Raceboard and Leo Takiguchi came second in the junior Raceboard. A great result for Coquet Windsurfing Club based at Coquet Shorebase Trust, Ladyburn Lake, Druridge Bay.

Many thanks go to Bruce and Ann Scott who were fantastic hosts and to NEWS's sponsors.....Tushingham and the Surfstore.



Winner Gus Takiguchi

## Tiny Woods impresses Gary and Nolberto

Local children enjoyed coaching from ex professional footballers during summer camps organised by Tiny Woods Academy. Over 100 children turned out to participate in fun and technical coaching sessions learning different techniques on ball manipulation and attacking combination play.

FA Licensed Coach and owner of Tiny Woods Academy, Josh Rutherford commented, 'It has been an amazing summer for the children who have had a wonderful experience of being coached by four ex-professional footballers in Nolberto Solano, Olivier Bernard, Gary Bennett and Kieron Brady all of whom have played at the highest level and who presented the children with medals, trophies, signed footballs and photos of themselves. The children enjoyed themselves displaying fantastic technical ability.

Gary Bennett said 'The set up at Tiny Woods Academy is fantastic and we were both given a warm welcome'. Nolberto Solano said 'It was a pleasure to deliver coaching sessions to the children of Tiny Woods Academy, the quality of the football from the children was excellent but, most importantly, they enjoy their football'.

### October half term events

Tiny Woods Academy will host the popular 'Striker School' in the October Half Term catering for both boys and girls of all abilities aged 4-13 year olds on Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October at Stobswood Welfare from 10am to 1pm. Cost of 'Striker School' will be £25.

The Striker School is for any player who wants to improve their goal scoring techniques and skills. Anyone interesting in joining Tiny Woods Academy or booking their child's place, should contact Josh Rutherford on 07714862292

## Exciting final for Amble Open Fours

A full compliment of 24 teams competed for the Amble Open Fours Competition on 6 August, in what was deemed to be the most exciting final in years.

Bowls teams from all over Northumberland and Tyne & Wear fought it out on a blistering hot day.

Eventual winners Steve Robson's rink from Club New Deleval met Frank Froud's rink from Club Barnes West End (Sunderland) in a close final, decided by a measure for shot on the final end.

Steve Robson's rink went through from their section with a shot difference of plus 14 and Frank Froud's rink from their section with a shot difference of plus 36 after 3 games.



The winning team from New Deleval, Steve Robson, Aaron Robson, Alan Carter and Tom Symonds with Amble president George Dixon