



# The Ambler

## Amble's Community Newspaper

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### 'Party on' for the Tommy Noddies

Coquet Island's puffins will see another 'welcome home' party at the end of May, as Amble hosts a week of fun, games, crafts and activities.

Amble's second Puffin Festival will run from Bank Holiday Monday 26th May until Sunday 1st June.

Staying true to its original aims, the festival celebrates the return of thousands of the iconic little birds back from their winter sojourn on the North Sea. The middle to the end of May is the best time of year to see the puffins preparing for the birth of their young, known as "pufflings".

"We hope visitors will come to Amble, take a trip to see the puffins on Coquet Island and join in the fun throughout the town," said Festival organiser Elaine Brown.

During the Festival, there will be wildlife and environmental walks and talks, exhibitions, an arts and handmade crafts fair, as well as watersports, children's craft workshops, and the return of the very popular Colony music festival.

"We are very fortunate to have expert speakers such as Dr Clive Waddington, who led the archaeological dig at Low Hauxley last year, which was featured on Channel 4's Time Team," said Elaine.

Dr Ben Burville a local GP and underwater cameraman will be talking about how he films the dolphins and seals found

just off the North East coast, and Dr Paul Morrison will be talking about the history and wildlife of RSPB Coquet Island.

"All the talks are by experts

in their field" said Elaine.

The Colony music festival promises another great lineup of popular local bands, including a Foo Fighters tribute band. This year the acts will perform over two days; Saturday 31st May and Sunday 1st June.

An arts and handmade crafts fair will be held at the Old Storehouse on Wednesday 28th May.

Amble Business Club chairperson Ann Burke said "Amble has such a lot to offer.

We are very proud of the number and variety of independent businesses in the town and we hope people will come and discover them."

The welfare of the "Tommy Noddies" as they are known in Old Northumbrian, has been of some concern in recent years.

Numbers on the Farne Islands had dropped although Coquet Island had seen an increase in nesting puffins.

Spring 2013 brought weeks of persistently bad weather, which proved extremely harsh for seabirds. Wrecks of dead birds were washed up all along the North Sea coast.

"Stormy seas make life very difficult for puffins" said RSPB Coquet Island warden Paul Morrison. "They spend their wintertime on the water. If the bad weather persists, they can't feed and eventually are washed up on our beaches exhausted or drowned."



Last year, the puffins returned to Coquet Island about a month later than normal and although numbers had dropped considerably, RSPB officers were relieved that the birds were in good health.

This year, however, the puffins have returned earlier than usual, with large numbers reported off the Northumberland coast, from the Farnes to Coquet Island.

"The puffins have had a tough time recently" said Elaine, "and we're glad to see them so keen to return home!"

"Amble Puffin Festival is unique in being the first festival to celebrate the puffins along our coastline. We want to encourage visitors to join us in a week of family fun - and discover more about Amble and the magnificent Northumberland coast" said Elaine.

*More information on the Festival lineup can be found on our back page.*



## Government says 'Yes' to harbour village development

Some of the harbour village development team.

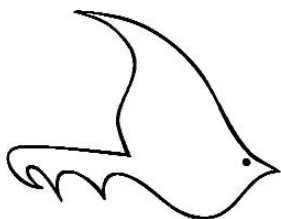
L - r Vic Brown (Coquet Shorebase Trust), Julia Aston (Amble Development Trust), Craig Weir (Amble Town Council), Richard Sim (Old Boathouse) and Nick Spurr (Amble Boat Company/Warkworth Harbour Commissioners)



Proposals for the development of a small business village on the harbour-side at Amble have taken a major step forward securing £1.8million of grant funding from the UK Government's Coastal Communities Fund.

It aims to transform Amble into a visitor destination excelling in seafood, attracting new visitors, creating jobs and helping to sustain the wider economy of the area. Key aspects of the project include:

- The creation of a new 'harbour village' comprising 15 new small business 'huts' and a seafood centre;
  - Creation of a new waterside promenade linking the harbour, marina area and Braid - in turn connecting through to the Sustrans cycle route;
  - Improvement at Leazes Street of the physical connection between the Town Square and harbour village, leading on to other quayside areas beyond;
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## Spring has sprung, the grass is riz..

..fortunately we know where the birdies is, as news comes in that the puffins are taking time off from nesting, to have a go at playing the piano over on Coquet Island. Yes - honestly, see page 4! There seems to be no let up in the amount of activity in Amble in recent weeks, not just for the Puffin Festival of course, but work is beginning on the harbour village (see front page) and renovations to the Yacht Club should be in full swing by the time you read this (p 10).

Look out for new businesses who are preparing to open, with a new café called Seasalt in place of the Cedar café, a jeweller taking over Cleo3's property and another tattoo parlour due to open on Wellwood Street. Read how our young people are busy (p16), raising money for themselves (p 15) helping other people (p16 and 17), and potentially even saving lives (page 4).

In this issue we sadly say goodbye to two Amble characters; Ronnie Falkous (p 18) and John Lyth (page 10). Amble will be the poorer without them.

Online readers may be interested to know we have a new poll on our website, www.theambler.co.uk asking people for their opinions on the proposed opencast mining site at Widdrington. A petition against the plans has been launched by the 'Save Druridge' campaign - you can read their letter on page 6.

Here's hoping the milder weather continues, at least through the Festival, when we hope to welcome new visitors to the town and show them what the Friendliest Port can offer.

## Work starts on £1.8M development



Work has begun clearing an old boat storage area

*Continued from front page >>*

- Relocation of the Coquet Shorebase Trust to provide new and improved access to the waterside along with creating a new harbour-side development site on the site of the old Shorebase Trust buildings;
- The establishment of a 'Seafood Broker' post (see p23), to add value to the catch landed by the fishing fleet at Amble and other coastal communities in Northumberland;
- The establishment of a Harbour Village Co-ordinator post (see p 23), to manage and promote the delivery of the new Harbour Village including the development of a marketing plan linked to wider initiatives by Northumberland Tourism; and
- The establishment of a training and skills programme.

The £2.5 million project was awarded conditional planning approval in October 2013, and after this award from the Coastal Communities Fund the majority of funding required for the project is in place.

Councillor Allan Hepple, Northumberland County Council's policy board member for planning, housing and regeneration said: "This funding award is great news for Amble and is testament to the hard work of all the partners who have been involved in developing this exciting project for the town".

Julia Aston, Amble Development Trust's director said: "This is wonderful news for Amble and represents the next stage in the town's regeneration, building on our previous work. It proves the positive effectiveness of true partnership working and we thank everyone who helped achieve this positive outcome and for their continued belief in what the town can accomplish."

Councillor Robert Arkless, local county Councillor for Amble added: "This is a real boost for Amble, after the town has had a tough time. I'd like to thank all of the partners for their very hard work over a long period in helping to put this project together.

**Detailed plans will be available to view on 15th May at Fourways2 from 3pm - 6pm.**

## Spurreli wins eight new awards

Spurreli Ice Cream continues their successful run in the 2014 National Ice Cream Awards, racking up an incredible eight awards culminating with a Silver medal for the "Arabica Coffee" ice cream (they were only points behind the Champion of Champions).

This achievement was closely followed with a Special Diploma of Merit for their 'Hannah Banana' flavour, and six Diplomas for their "Dairy", "Artisan", "Alnwick Rum & Raisin", "Strawberry", "Belgian Chocolate" and "Tutti Frutti" Ice Creams.

Spurreli's results are only equalled by two other long established Italian family owned manufacturers – a real achievement for a 3 ½ year old business.

The competition was held whilst owners Nick and Katie Spurr were away from the business on holiday. Hannah Jobson, Spurreli's Gelato Chef made the winning entries.

On hearing of the results Nick congratulated Hannah on her tremendous achievement. Hannah's reply was, "Next year we go for 'Gold!'"

The Ice Cream Expo is the National Ice Cream Competition. Producers from all across the UK and Ireland go head to head to find a Champion of Champions. Artisan producers compete in 10 classes alongside larger producers in continuous production.

Nick said, "We are passionate about our ice cream and these National Awards are a tremendous acknowledgement of our efforts and come at an exciting time for Amble with its imminent developments and regeneration."

## Ann is new business club leader



Flying the flag for Amble's independent businesses. Ann Burke is the new chairperson for Amble Business Club

Ann Burke is the new chairperson for Amble Business Club. She took over running the club in March and wants it to become a voice for businesses in the town. "I see it as businesses getting together, networking, sharing common concerns," she said.

Ann has been in business in Amble for over 27 years and has been pro-active in campaigning for parking changes in the town.

"Parking is definitely on the agenda," said Ann, "but also we're interested in the new developments and how they might affect businesses in the town. Street cleanliness is also important, as is town signage. We can stand at the top of Queen Street and see the crowd at the bottom. They don't venture further."

New puffin boards have been placed in key areas to encourage visitors to explore away from the quayside and discover the array of independent shops along Queen Street and beyond.

"Amble Business Club is open to anyone with a business in Amble. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 5.30pm at the Radcliffe Club."

## Police get tough with off road motorcycling

Northumbria Police and Northumberland County Council Community Safety Officers are working together to address concerns in relation to the use of off road motorcycles in the Amble area.

Residents have expressed concern in relation to bikes being ridden on paths, parklands and grassed areas, which has been a seasonal issue in the past.

The Safer Northumberland Partnership is keen to make sure that bikes are used in a sensible and safe manner and that those who do ride bikes do so safely without disturbing members of the public.

Police have already taken action through foot and vehicle patrols and have used video and photographic evidence to identify some offenders. Those riders caught riding off road have either had their bike seized or had notice of the intention to have it destroyed.

Many of the riders have also been reported for motor offences and will have to attend court as a result.

The Partnership is keen to make sure that riders are fully aware of their obligations in order to make sure they are riding safely. To ride a bike on a road it must be constructed for use on the road and ridden only on the road and not in public parks, on pavements, public land, waste land or parkways.

Off road bikes can only be ridden on authorised track and nowhere else.

Police and NCC have said that any information regarding the use of off road bikes can be passed in confidence to them. You can contact Police by telephoning 101 at the time of the incident.

You can also call the anti-social behaviour unit at Northumberland County Council on 0845 600 6400.

## New coal trucks brighten up the Friendliest Port

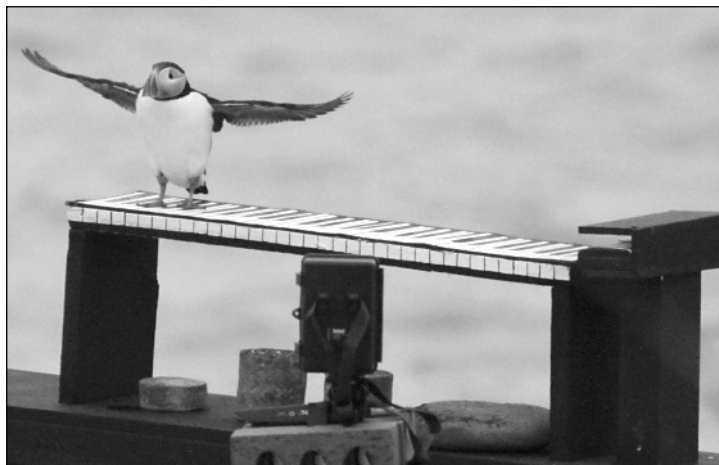
A series of flower beds have been created to commemorate Amble's history as a coal port. Five mini coal truck flower beds have been commissioned by Amble Town Council and are being situated around the town.

The prison metalwork department designed the trucks and their horticultural department grew the plants as part of their work in the community.

Amble Town Council paid for the installation of some trucks and will maintain and replant three of them. HMP Northumberland donated them as part of a community partnership.

Look out for the jubilee planter on Rotary Way, one in Leazes Street near the site of the old railway line to the docks, one outside JCSC and one at the entrance to the town from Hauxley, which has been donated to Park Leisure who will plant and maintain it.





The puffins on Coquet are getting ready for the Puffin Festival in style this year. The Pirate Puffins have sailed and this year the puffins are forming their own band "The Puffets".

Rehearsals have been on-going since the end of March and the keyboard seems to be the focal point for the band. Specially acquired mini drums were bought from Amble car boot on the harbour and Stephen Lunn, our local blacksmith artist has made a special puffin sized percussion triangle to add to the instruments.

Watch out for videos and pictures at the Puffin Festival – the RSPB wardens are compiling some recordings for the very first Puffin CD before they go on tour round the North Sea in July!

*Captain Coquet*

## Amble food parcels "kept homeless alive"

I always read *The Ambler* with interest and saw the article headed, "JCSC youngsters help North Northumberland food bank." It is worth pointing out that the Amble Foodbank also benefited from that collection made by the pupils.

We work very closely with the North Northumberland Foodbank and any items collected by the College may be split between them and the Amble Foodbank.

Two homeless individuals were kept alive by food parcels when their benefits took seventeen weeks and six months to sort out. One said that without the food parcels, because of his circumstances he doesn't think he would be alive today.

We have been amazed at the overwhelming generosity of Amble residents and the JCSC pupils whose donations of food items have helped so many people.



Praise for pupils at JCSC who collected food for the Amble Foodbank

The Amble Foodbank is co-ordinated by members of Vineyard Amble Church and started in June last year. Since then, 75 food parcels have been distributed in Amble for those who have found themselves in emergency situations.

We have also been very grateful for the support received from the organisations that provide collection points - Queen Street Co-op, The Radcliffe Club, the five churches (including Hauxley Chapel) and the Youth Project.

They give people the opportunity to donate goods to top up our store week by week, so that we can be generous.

We also receive cash donations which help us to add to food parcels for families with young children by buying fresh foods, eggs, bread, butter, milk and fruit.

In the week before Christmas the Foodbank was stretched, distributing eleven parcels.

Referrals are made by Alnwick and District Citizens' Advice Bureau, Amble Youth Project, Health Visitors (based at the Medical Centre), the churches and more latterly NETS (Northumberland Emergency Transition Service), which offers emergency help to those in need within the community. Parcels are then distributed from Amble Youth Project.

*Alan Rapley Vineyard Amble*

## Queen Street Fabrics moves on

Amble's first pop up shop is about to pop back to its beginnings. After a successful six months Queen Street Fabrics is moving back to its original home, P.E.C. Furniture on the Coquet Enterprise Park.

A six month lease and an experiment resulted in the start of Queen Street Fabrics providing a huge selection of discounted fabrics, end of lines and bargain bedding and towels.

But our time has come and we're on the move and you are all welcome to join us. We decided to keep everything under one roof, with hassle free parking and better opening hours.

There'll be a discount day on Wednesday 30th April, our last day at Queen Street Fabrics and we'll be having a sale at P.E.C. Furniture in the middle of May. You are all welcome!

*Helen Cutts*

**Puffin Cruises**

Get closer to the puffins with a trip around Coquet Island. For sailing times and to book, call 01665 711975 or 07752 861914

## Amble group celebrates grant

A two year project has received a £34,820 funding boost to tackle social isolation and unemployment in our area.

Fourth Action's East Amble Women's Workshop will provide a mentoring scheme and building and art projects for as many as 300 women of

all ages in the town.

Using money raised by HealthAble CIC, through the Health Lottery, grants have been awarded by People's Health Trust through Active Communities, a funding programme which invests in local people and groups, for

projects lasting up to two years.

HealthAble CIC has raised £789,127, for health-related good causes in Cumbria and Northumberland. For further info please contact Chris Lunn, director of HealthAble CIC on 02033848309, or email [media@healthableCIC.org.uk](mailto:media@healthableCIC.org.uk)



# Raising funds for Baby Harry

Baby Harry Wintrip has finally come home to Amble after spending his first year of life in hospital. Harry was born prematurely, with respiratory and internal problems, which meant he needed major surgery. Doctors kept him in Newcastle's RVI for twelve months before finally allowing him home.

Family and friends of the curly haired tot wanted to thank the doctors and nurses who provided Harry with such good care. They held a fundraising evening at the Radcliffe Club and collected a staggering £2,438.55 which will go directly to Respiratory Ward 2 at the RVI.

Kerry Allan, whose cousin Gavin is Harry's father, told *The Ambler*: "It was an absolutely fantastic night. We just want to thank everyone for their kind donations. The Range played all night, and we had raffle donations from Amble businesses, and from businesses in other towns. We had fund raising activities throughout the evening.

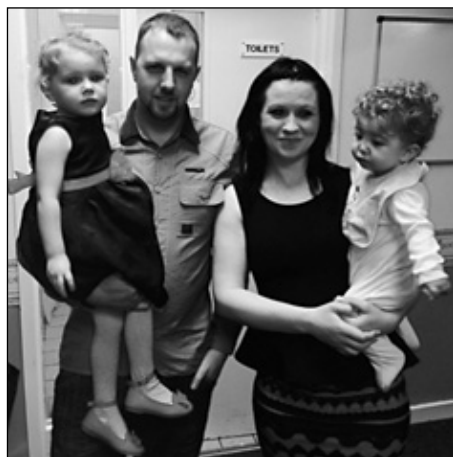
"We want to thank everyone for their support, for turning out and buying tickets to the event."

Harry's parents Gavin Wintrip and Stacey Anderson (pictured right) wanted the money to go directly to the ward where baby Harry had spent so much time.

"The hospital was gobsmacked" said Kerry.

"They couldn't believe we had raised that

much on one night. Harry lived his first year in the RVI but he's out now. He will still need more surgery but we are just really grateful he's home."



## Hadston entrepreneur looks to save NHS millions

Entrepreneur Dean Stackhouse, from Hadston, has launched a company which could save the NHS millions over the coming years.

DJS Telecare provides personal alarms and Telecare equipment to the general public, enabling people to live independently in their own homes for as long as they possibly can while also providing peace of mind for friends and family.

Their innovative technology includes equipment which can monitor vital signs like blood pressure remotely. Their Telecare equipment has a range of sensors which monitors amounts of smoke, gas, and CO<sub>2</sub> and also fall sensors that monitor the person. All equipment is monitored 24/7 by staff at an alarm receiving centre.

With support from the free Business Northumberland initiative, Dean has been able to establish and grow the business within the region.

Business Northumberland offers established and start-up businesses in the county a free service that provides business advice and support to anyone thinking about starting a business in Northumberland and also offers business coaching to existing businesses with growth ambitions.

See [www.businessnorthumberland.co.uk](http://www.businessnorthumberland.co.uk) for more information

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# YOUR LETTERS AND EMAIL

## Petition to 'Save Druridge Bay'

We have a love and a passion for Druridge Bay, which is about to be destroyed by the largest opencast mine in England. Between 2016 and 2027, Banks Mining plans to extract 7 million tonnes of coal between Widdrington Village and Druridge Bay. Site restoration will not be completed until 2032.

The mine will cause massive environmental destruction right next to one of Northumberland's most beautiful and loved beaches. Banks Mining says it's good news for local people, and the environment. We say it's all about money for Banks, and that local people, and our environment, will pay the price.

We are worried about the effect the opencast would have on the air quality that the drilling, blasting and transportation would have on the area. This air pollution is reported to cause irritation to the eyes, nose and throat, and to cause respiratory diseases as well as cardiovascular disease. We are particularly worried about the effect it will have on our children as well as people who have existing illnesses.

That's why we're asking you to visit our website: <http://savedruridge.co.uk/> and SIGN THE PETITION TODAY to Save Druridge Bay from the destruction of opencast mining.  
*Sarah Blythe (Member of Save Druridge and local resident)*

## Objection to Warkworth plans

I see the Duke of Northumberland has sent an appeal to the Secretary of State for Housing against the County Council's rejection of his plan to build 32 houses on Barnes Road, Warkworth.

As one of those objecting to his plans I sent a letter to the Secretary's office backing up all the previous objections. Warkworth does not need the houses. There is no long term work in this area so they will end up as holiday homes and ruin the tranquil atmosphere we have here. If His Grace wishes to do something for the area then look at ways to create work for the youngsters leaving school.

*Peter Little Warkworth*

## War graves research needed

I was wondering if any of your readers would be willing to help me. As 2014 is 100 years since the start of World War 1, I am undertaking a project to photograph, record and document the headstones of those service personnel who gave their lives in the two world wars.

Would any of your readers be willing to visit their local cemetery and photograph the gravestones, providing details of the cemetery. Photographs to show the front of the headstone so that all names and details can be recorded. If so please email details to me. Thank you.

*Clive Roberts cliveroberts31@gmail.com*

## Help St. Cuthbert's Church

The Parish Church is looking for voluntary help. Are you interested in collecting statistics?

As part of our community consultation we need someone who could help collect data from existing statistical sources (mainly on line, eg census data).

If you would like to consider doing this or want more details please contact Penny Horseman [pennyhorseman@gmail.com](mailto:pennyhorseman@gmail.com)

## Cycling for fitness and fun

I ride for a club called G.S Metro which has members dotted all over the North East and a few in Scotland. It is a private group for more experienced cyclists.

I am also in the more family friendly orientated Alnwick Cycling Club which developed from the Breeze Bike Club based in Amble. It grew too big for the shop to maintain, so a new club was formed.

Three years ago I was 16 stone, I started riding road bikes training with Breeze Bikes Club and as I lost weight I started road racing all over the North East. My cycling has become more serious over the last two years. Especially this winter, I have started to use new training techniques, at Breeze2Fitness, where Mark Breeze has invested in specialist equipment. He runs spin bike classes based on general fitness for less enthusiastic cyclists and those looking for a generic fitness class but he also runs more performance cyclist training sessions on this equipment where people travel to have fitness tests performed and get training advice normally over the winter months.

I've spent many hours there this winter using the Wattbikes and it appears to be paying dividends. This was my second win of the season, the first being a time trial at Belsay. The race that was in the newspapers was a race based in Etal and on a hilly course that suited me. I believe there were 60 riders from all over the North East and many from Edinburgh, Glasgow etc.



Good luck to Carl in his future races

I just thought it may be of interest and give cycling a bit of a promotion in the town. I will be racing again in Scotland against a few professionals so fingers crossed I can keep the form going.

*Carl Donaldson via email*

## Recycling for Charity

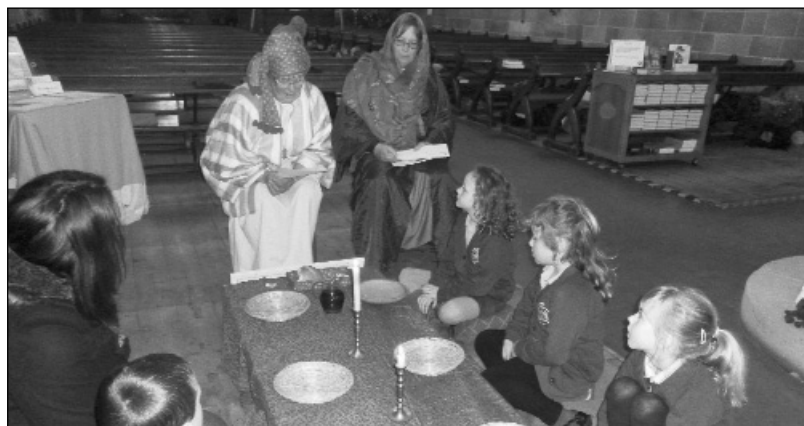
Thank you to all who have donated items to recycle for charity. We collect all year round and would be grateful for any further donations.

We recycle the following - usable clothes (or clean material), duvets, quilts, pillows, sheets, curtains, leather shoes, mobile phones, ink cartridges, postage stamps, old coins (of any kind), spectacles, cassettes, CDs, vinyl records, VHS videos, DVDs, working televisions and HiFi.

If you wish to donate, please do so to Evelyn at 21 Newmoor Close, Amble or Janice at Treetops, Station Road, Warkworth. Please telephone 712 579 or 714 758 if collection required or if donating bulky items.

Details of charities for 2013-4 are on <https://sites.google.com/site/recyclingwarkworth/>  
*Janice Charlton, James Cox, Evelyn and Michelle Dodd*

## Easter experienced at St. Cuthbert's Parish Church



This experience was set up to tell the story of Jesus' last week from Palm Sunday to the Resurrection on Easter Day.

Six stations were set up around the church telling a different part of the story, and the children of Links and Amble First Schools were invited to attend.

They were transported back to the first Easter by the congregation, who were dressed as people from biblical times. The children were told about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and discussed hopes and dreams. After discussing the last supper they talked about how Christians remember Jesus and things that have happened to them. The washing of the disciples' feet helped them to understand how

to serve each other as Jesus did.

While sitting in a representation of the garden of Gethsemane the children listened to how Jesus was left alone and they thought about times when they had felt alone. With the story of the crucifixion the children learned about the importance of the cross for Christians. Finally the groups visited Jesus' tomb and were told about what the disciples found and how this made them feel.

"What was the name of the donkey?" was one of the questions. Answer "Stuart!" So now you all know the name of the donkey Jesus rode into Jerusalem.

*Peter Cordingley on behalf of the volunteers who made this possible.*

## Broadband cabinets go live

THE FIRST iNorthumberland cabinet (at the junction of Anne Crescent and Phillip Drive) has now gone live in Amble. As a result superfast broadband is now available to homes and businesses in:

Anne Crescent, Andrew Drive, Redesdale Glendale, Alndale, Dansfield Square Priory Park and Southmead

To benefit from the new service people need to upgrade their existing service - it won't happen automatically.

*John Cooper*

*Digital Engagement Manager, Arch Digital*

## Money matters to carers

A local charity has been helping carers get advice and support with money worries.

Carers Northumberland, who support those caring for a family member, friend or relative who is sick, ill, elderly or disabled, have seen a significant increase in the numbers of carers needing support and advice on benefits and financial matters.

Anne-Marie Johnstone, Information Officer for Carers Northumberland said, 'Many carers miss out on vital benefits as they don't identify themselves as carers; but if they're providing support and care to someone on a regular basis they may be able to claim Carers Allowance, which will help the family finances'.

The charity will be hosting a series of Money Talks events around the county in May, June and July, where carers can speak directly to advisers able to help them think about their finances and the arrangements they need to consider.

In the meantime, if you would like help or information about your caring role or carers' benefits, get in touch with Carers Northumberland on 01670 320 025/0844 800 7354.



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**Northumberland Adult Learning Brochure will be delivered through your door from 21<sup>st</sup> April 2014**

**Prior enrolment is essential.**

See our new brochure for many other courses and fees. Many of our courses are free to those aged 16-18 not in full-time education, and for those in receipt of certain benefits. Please ask on enrolment.

An Introduction to Working with Children	9 <sup>th</sup> May 2014	Friday	9:30 – 11:30am	£20.00
Amble Art Club	28 <sup>th</sup> April 2014	Monday	9:30 – 11:30am	£70.00
An Introduction to Illustration Techniques (drawing & painting)	12 <sup>th</sup> May 2014	Monday	1:00 – 3:30pm	£26.50
Illustrating Birds, Wildlife and Botanical Painting (drawing & painting)	16 <sup>th</sup> June 2014	Monday	1:00 – 3:30pm	£33.00
First Steps in Cake Decorating for Fun	7 <sup>th</sup> May 2014	Wednesday	6:00 – 8:30pm	£18.00
Computing for Beginners	6 <sup>th</sup> May 2014	Tuesday	9:30 – 12:30pm	£88.20
Brush up your Maths	Start now	Thursday	1:00 – 3:30pm	Free
Brush up your English	Start now	Thursday	12:30 – 3:00pm	Free
First Steps in Spanish	19 <sup>th</sup> May 2014	Monday	6:00 – 8:00pm	£20.00

To find out more Pop in to the Dovecote Centre and speak to a member of staff, or

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## Police asking for help from the public

Police in Northumberland are asking for the public's help in solving a number of outstanding crimes.

They have released CCTV images of people they are keen to identify and speak to; it is hoped they may be able to assist with enquiries.

The images relate to shoplifting and burglary crimes committed within Northumberland in 2013 and 2014.

Chief Inspector Peter Reeve, of Northumberland Area Command, said: "As part of Operation Soundwave officers are focusing on tackling crimes such as theft and shoplifting.

"Crimes like these are costing local businesses thousands of pounds every year and it has a knock on effect on the price we pay for items in the shops.

"Currently in Northumberland almost half of all crimes that are committed are solved and offenders are put before the courts. We want to improve on this figure and to do that we need the help of our communities.

"We need the public's help to stop crimes like theft and burglary. We need people to look after their belongings, to lock their homes and to report suspicious behaviour to police when it's happening.

"We want to speak to the people in

these images and we are asking the public to help us. If anyone recognises any of these people I'd urge them to get in touch with us."

You can contact the police on 101 ext 69191, quoting the reference number 'Northumberland number X', or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Northumberland 2: Meat and groceries stolen from the Co-Op store in The Precinct, Hadston, on Friday August 30, 2013

Northumberland 18: Champagne, meat and groceries stolen from the Co-Op in Queen Street, Amble, on Thursday, September, 19, 2013

Northumberland 21: Champagne stolen from the Co-Op in Queen Street, Amble, on Sunday April 21, 2013

Also between 5pm on Thursday, March 3, and 9am on Saturday, March 15, thieves broke into the back garden of an address in High Hauxley and syphoned fuel from an oil container.

Police want to hear from anyone who saw anything or anyone seemingly suspicious in the village around that time. Any witnesses should ring Northumbria Police on 101 ext 69191 quoting reference 15389R/14 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



## Rosie's surprise delivery



My name is Holli. I have two ponies and keep them at livery at Hope House Equestrian in Amble.

I have had Jack, my first pony for nearly two years, then got Rosie four months ago on loan.

I have been training Rosie as she is just young and she has not done much apart from run around in fields.

When she came to me she had quite a big belly as she liked to jump into the

corn field and eat as much as she could! Since she has been in training, she dropped quite a bit of weight and started to look really toned up and was jumping really well.

On Monday March 17 I was schooling Rosie over jumps and had her cantering around fields over the weekend before, and then on Thursday 20th, my friend phoned my mam early in the morning to tell her there was a foal in the stable with Jack and Rosie - and was Rosie a surrogate to a foal?

My mam said "Don't be silly and stop joking" but they promised that they weren't joking.

We rushed straight there and found Rosie with a tiny filly (girl) foal. No one knew that she was expecting, not even the owners who had loaned her to me.

Horses carry their foals for 11 months so she was well into her pregnancy when we got her. She has been really good, she hasn't put a foot wrong since we have had her, she's jumped and been in training nearly every day since we got her.

The vet has said they are a picture of health and that nature has done its job and it goes to show we shouldn't interfere too much. The foal is called Hope.

*Holli Shanks Age 10*

## All chessed out

I played chess in Harrogate in a tournament for able/disabled people. It took place over the weekend of the 17th to the 19th of March. I had a wonderful experience finishing with a final win giving me 2.5 points out of the five games I played.

I consider this a commendable effort considering the opposition was strong and it was a highly rated event.

The venue was excellent with people participating from London, Birmingham Warwickshire and even across from the Emerald Isle. In total there were 20 players in the competition.

I used my own specially adapted tactile chess set which was in plain view of the officials and the sighted people who I played against. I used the phonetic alphabet to announce my moves, and the start square and destination squares of chess men.

This method is accepted internationally as well as in Britain as it makes an equal playing field for handicapped people and the able bodied counterparts who play them. This rule because of its clarity avoids confusion and makes co-operation between players less awkward. The games were conducted in a "gentlemanly fashion" and a display of amenability was prevalent throughout the tournament. There were a number of players who won all their matches.

It was a refreshing change for me to experience a different environment from the Friday night trips to the working men's club in Alnwick. Playing in such an event was an honour and a privilege for me.

*Michael Lowery*

Michael is blind and has lived in Amble for two years. He started playing chess in 2008.





Pictured above are youngsters from Busy Bees playgroup who held an Easter egg and Easter bonnet competition. Firast prize in the egg decorating cometition went to Libby's puffin island; second place went to James' football match and third prize went to Oscar for his easter chick

## End of term eggs-travaganza

The last day of school before Easter was extremely busy as usual. Parents, staff and friends of the school had donated over 120 Easter Eggs for our PTA Chocolate Raffle which raised over £370. We had over 75 entries to our decorated egg competition and were amazed at some of the creations that came in. Our winners included a dinosaur, King Kong and 'Coquet Eggland' with its own egg puffins!

Staff and children all came to school in pyjamas; this was organised by the school council and helped raise over £100 for Raihana, an Afghan girl who we sponsor. A great day was had by all!

Paul Heeley  
Headteacher  
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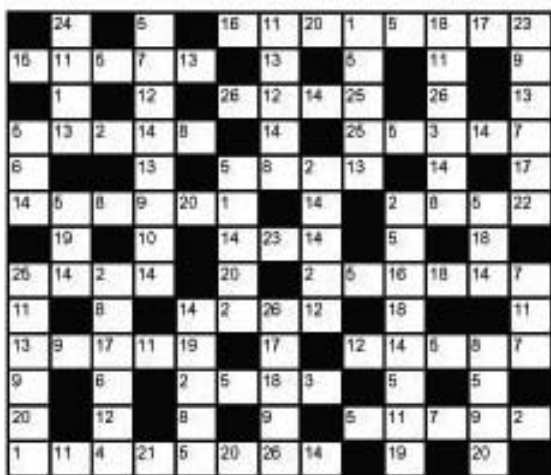
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## Exercise your brain

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G							R			U		
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Included in the puzzle are two Northumbrian place names. Can you find them?

## Remembering 'Jack Paperman'

**A**mbles will be less interesting given the sudden passing of local 'celebrity' John Lyth.

I met John when he came to the Trust, in what he thought was a vain attempt to get a job 'at his age' (he was only in his 60's). We fixed him up as janitor to the newly refurbished Fourways and soon the College saw his value and appointed him to 'janitor' their part of the building. This he did for some years and 'outlived' both the College and the Trust who both moved their operations elsewhere.

John was a regular sight as he wandered around the town, with his dog until it passed away.

He was a good 'joiner' and became a prominent member of local poetry groups and of Red Row's Hebron Church.

As a former sailor (and perhaps partly because he was a Yorkshireman) he dressed spartanly, preferring to wear unlaced boots (I note that this



John was a popular poet, writing under the name Jack Paperman.

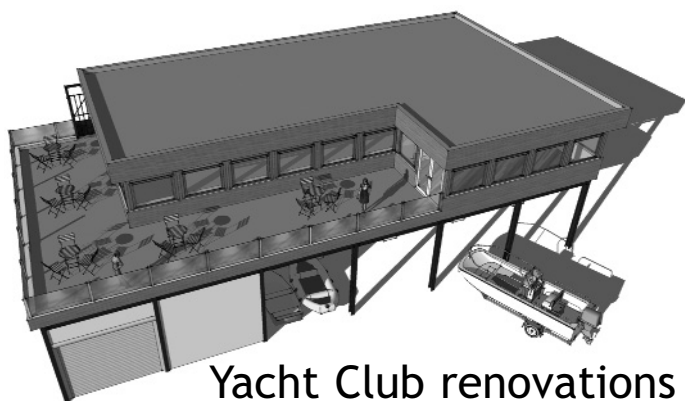
*Photo by Ian Gardiner*

has caught on with younger generations).

I will miss him because he was free of any 'edge', courteous and deferential to those he met or worked with him. I am, I hope, proud to be one of his friends.

*Peter Monaghan (former Director to Amble Development Trust)*

John was involved in an accident in March and died later in hospital.



## Yacht Club renovations

**I**mprovements at Coquet Yacht Club (CYC) have started, with plans to create a balcony area for diners with new workshops and stores to support the club's activities.

The building boasts enviable views from the harbour mouth along the estuary and up to Warkworth Castle.

Commodore Phil Derry, said "We've got the sea, the river and the castle view, so we're adding a balcony to take even more advantage of the wonderful views including sunsets over Warkworth Castle."

The club, which now has over 350 members, is run entirely by volunteers and is becoming more and more popular. As the dinghy and water activities develop, friends and parents will be able to watch their families on the water - providing an atmosphere that is hard to beat.

"Our fees are much less than other clubs" said Phil, "Membership has increased by 75% in the last 18 months and this upsurge in popularity has meant that we have been able to fund the improvements from membership fees and club revenues."

Work will be carried out in three stages;

Phase one will see the clearing of woodland behind the building, creating the structure and base for the balcony with space for dinghies and workshops underneath. Phase two will see the balcony finished hopefully by mid-June. The final phase will see the replacement of the pontoon in the river and the disused toilet block

turned into showers and changing facilities for dinghy and water sports activities

"The yacht club was inaugurated in Amble in 1964; initially it was a caravan in Amble Boat Yard. So 2014 is our fiftieth anniversary" said Phil.

"The current membership includes many local families, of all ages (1 to 92), and about 40 craft of all types. A new moorings raft has been built so if you need a river mooring for yacht or motor boat please contact the club".

The club is RYA (Royal Yachting Association) affiliated, and is progressing towards becoming an RYA recognised training establishment for sail and power boats and is also preparing to run courses for beginners of all ages.

"We try to buy all our needs in town and it's important to us that we are

part of the Amble and Warkworth community as well as a tourist attraction. It is very unusual for a club like ours to be in the heart of a community. Our members, both local and distant spend their money in the town whether it be restaurants, ice cream, fuel, boat bits and pieces and rations for their trips," said Phil.

"Coquet Yacht Club is open Fridays and Sundays in the winter. In the summer we are open as much as we can be but mainly Wednesday and Friday nights and all day Saturday and Sundays. As well as a well-stocked cost effective bar and excellent food the club has just purchased a Starbucks Coffee Machine.

"We're open to visitors. We've had birthday parties, marriages and anniversaries here and the food is really popular. Our Sunday lunches go down an absolute bomb! We've got an excellent wine selection and where else can you buy a decent pint of beer for £2.50?" he laughed. "Come and see us."



## Answers to anchor

In the last issue of *The Ambler* (Issue 85 p8, *Anchors away*) we reported on the moving of the old anchor from the entrance to the Braid, to a new home a few metres away outside the Yacht Club. We asked readers for any information on the anchor itself.

Many thanks to Alderman Bill Mitchell who wrote to tell us that he was responsible for the purchase of the anchor, and to Anne Harper for the photograph of the opening of the Marina by Lord Vinson of Roddam Dene.

If you have further information, please let us know.



Regarding the moving of the anchor, I was the chairman of Alnwick D.C. 1984-86, during which time we constructed the Amble Marina. I was made aware that an anchor was available at premises in Ashington. It was duly purchased and installed at the entrance to the Braid. In June 1986 it was unveiled by Lord Vinson to mark the opening of the Marina, and to that effect a plaque was attached which I assume still exists. The anchor is in fact the property of Amble Marina.

*Sincerely, Ald. Bill Mitchell, J.P.*

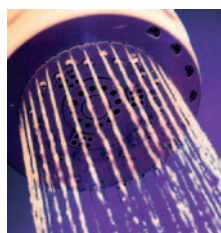
On 22nd September, 1986, an official ceremony took place of the unveiling of the Anchor, when the Chairman of Alnwick District Council, Councillor Hugh Philipson, invited Lord Vinson of Roddam Dene, to unveil the Marina symbol prior to the official signing of the lease for the Braid Marina, by Messrs Camper and Nicholson (Marina) Ltd.

*Regards, Anne Harper  
(Anne was formerly secretary to Alnwick District Council Chairman)*

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## A CAT THAT WAS FOUND IN A COACH!!!

There was a cat found in a coach that was going to Devon

The cat fell asleep in the fuel tank on the 7th March 2014.

The driver of the coach started driving early in the morning. The cat was clinging on to the bus for four hours.

Staff on the coach called him Diesel because they found him in the part of the coach where the fuel goes

He was found when the driver unloaded the passengers luggage.

Diesel didn't have a collar or a micro chip. He is now in a animal shelter and being looked after well.

By Nat

## FEEDING BIRDS SCRAMBLED EGGS

Scientists on the Galapagos Islands are feeding Mangrove Finches scrambled eggs to stop them from becoming extinct.

Mangrove Finches are a type of bird that could become extinct. The scientists say that there are only between 60-80 Finches left.

They are saving the birds by raising them and breeding them in captivity. Apart from scrambled eggs, they are also being fed papaya fruit, wasp larvae and wax worms.

By Nat

## THE WANTED CONCERT

On Saturday the 22nd of March I went to The Wanted concert at the Metro radio arena!

We were on the guest list (good seats and entry for free) thanks to our Mum and Dad's friend.

## ARTY VISITS ARTOGRAFFI

Arty the puffin has been travelling around Amble telling people about the Puffin Festival (on for the second time) and he has been telling us, at Artograffi, about himself.

When we asked how he got here, he said that he flew to Coquet Island, someone found him and brought him to Amble to explore .

He is also planning to come round lots of other places before the start of the Puffin Festival, to see how they are getting on and if he can make any new friends, just like he has at Artograffi.

By Lily

Arty the puffin is pictured here with Lily (and friend), Catherine and Victoria



## WHAT HAPPENED TO FLIGHT MH370 ?

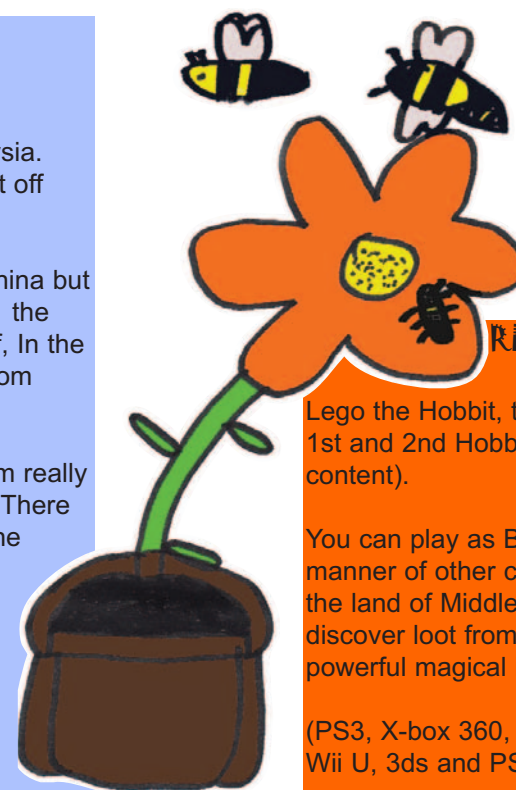
Flight MH370 started off in Malaysia. Just like every normal plane it set off fine.

Well they were on their way to China but then there was a pause because the communication were switched off, In the end they ended up miles away from China.

Most people are sad about it. I am really sad because lots of people died. There were about 220 passengers on the plane. The mystery is what happened to the plane, did it drown or did it land somewhere. Nobody knows

The day that I wrote this article there was an announcement that they think it downed in the sea.

By Annabel



## RECOMMENDED GAME

Lego the Hobbit, the game: released in April, based around the 1st and 2nd Hobbit film with the 3rd as DLC (downloadable content).

You can play as Bilbo, Gandalf, the 13 dwarves and a whole manner of other characters. You can build, destroy and explore the land of Middle-earth; also players can mine for gems, discover loot from enemies and craft powerful magical items.

(PS3, X-box 360, PS4, X-box One, Wii U, 3ds and PS-Vita).

By Sebastian

The best songs they played were Walks like Rhianna, Chasing the Sun and I Found You.

Sadly the programs and t-shirts were really expensive but I did get a glow stick. It was really exiting and loud; I would definitely want to do it again!

By Niamh



## SEVEN REASONS FOR WHY YOU SHOULD VISIT AMBLE:

1. Castle Mania: Biggest indoor children's play area in Northumberland
2. The Granary (fantastic swimming pool)
3. Spurreli's ice cream shop (especially the double strawberry)
4. The Ambler (the best Newspaper in the world that has a middle page written by us in Artograffi!!!)

5. Coquet Island (our very own Island one mile away which is home to a colony of puffins and
6. Roseate Terns (very rare bird) also live on Coquet Island
7. XIT a shop for video games and consoles and BMX and scooters

By Catherine



## NATURE IS NOT A TOY

Its really so sad, The beach is not a bin for tabs and bags Why throw away, Why not recycle Then everything is here to stay. Why delay?

Its really still so sad, The animals are not toys Are you listening little boys!!! Those who think its funny to squish insects and bugs Its not fair!!

Why? Let it live or let it go all those poor things.

Just recycle You know its really not that vital.

By Victoria



## ATHERS DAY

Fathers day is on Sunday 15th June.

Here are some things to do for your Dad: Give him a present and a card, Give him breakfast in bed, Wash his car, Let him watch his TV even if something new is on and also take him somewhere he likes, like football.

I may not be able to do all this!!!

By Freya



## BINKY'S VILLAGE TRIP

'Binky is a young panda who gets up to an awful lot of trouble!'

Binky was worried, tomorrow was Bazzles birthday and he had nothing to give him. Suddenly, he had an idea, Binky could go to the village!

He took the bus into the town centre and walked over to the first shop. A food shop. Binky knew that Bazzle didn't have a big appetite so he moved on.

Then he saw a paintings shop, but none were Bazzles style. He looked around a stationary shop, a game store and even Toys'r'Us...but nothing looked good.

Binky was close to giving up when he saw a statue shop. Inside was a small statue of two pandas hugging, underneath it said 'best friends'.

Lets just say that Bazzle was very, very happy!

By Lily







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By now I hope you will have heard the good news about the Harbour Village project funding. We offer our apologies, as we were all set to share the news with you in the last edition but were asked to withdraw the information as it was embargoed by the government who wanted to make a formal announcement at an unspecified date. And that wait was excruciating, but it was interesting following rival tweets vying for acclaim as to who knew what! But eventually all became clear and what a relief it was to be able to share some long awaited good news with everyone.

Architects and Project Managers aim to have the specification ready to go out to tender in May and so far we are looking to have contractors on site early July. The Harbour Village development will be the priority as we hope to have this up and running before Christmas. Let's hope the weather is kind!

Obviously site and visitor traffic will have to be managed and this will be programmed into a work schedule to try to minimise any disruption to businesses and traffic movement.

Regular progress updates will be reported in future Ambler publications, on the Ambler website and through social



media: Tweets and Facebook. If however you have any questions or concerns that are not addressed by these updates, please call in to Fourways2 and we will help in anyway we can. If we don't know the answer we'll find out for you.

The two posts created will be advertised in the near future, both require a diverse range of skills and will I'm sure provide a challenge for the successful applicants.

Other news that has featured recently in the press is that at long last the Persimmon development looks set to commence – at long last! My understanding is that we may see some activity on site in May.

On the events front, unfortunately our application to the Arts Council was not successful, so we are having to cut our cloth accordingly, which sadly means we won't be able to host the extravaganza we had planned. But the volunteers have worked hard to bring together a range of family entertainment and activities, which we are sure you will enjoy.

The work Anna has been doing with students on a new WW1 GPX trail has revealed some fascinating stories, not least of all the story about a zeppelin and Coquet Island!

Information was passed on by Moyra Nyberg and followed up by the group, who have managed to trace a family member of the lighthouse keepers at the time – it really is a story worth hearing.

At this point I will bid you all a happy Easter but won't be a spoilsport and say not to indulge by eating too many Easter eggs!

*Julia & the Trust Team*  
[julia@ambledevelopmenttrust.org.uk](mailto:julia@ambledevelopmenttrust.org.uk)

## Young inspectors think, plan, do and review

The Young Inspectors programme is a government initiative getting young people actively involved in ensuring other young people's needs are met through their youth provision and projects.

They talk to the youngsters attending and the staff and look around the venue for notice boards, displays of information, and any signs of youth participation. Since they started they have been to various projects based around the area. After their inspections they get together to discuss their visit and to write a report and give recommendations on it.

This scheme motivates young people to prove they can 'think, plan, do and review' a project of their creation which develops skills and creates experiences. There are four stages of the Keyfund process each having different amounts of money and specifications which groups of young people across the North East can apply for. The Northumberland Youth Service North Area Young Inspectors have just completed stage two of the Keyfund process and received £500 for a day out!

The group said, "As a group of teenagers we don't really get opportunities like Keyfund but when we got involved in the North Area Youth Service we learnt about different activities and projects and how to apply for different grants. We have used the Keyfund to reward ourselves for the work, effort and commitment we make



volunteering as Young Inspectors and to have a laugh with our friends. We completed stage one and went ice skating and to McDonalds! After completing stage two we went to the cinema, bowling and Frankies and Bennies, food theme?! We ended up watching 'Saving Mr Banks' which some thought was a great film and others thought it was absolutely terrible! Overall though it was a really good ten hour day out!"

The team are due to start their re-inspections and reviews of these places. But they are always looking for new places to inspect if anyone is interested please get in touch on the number below.

The girls continued, "We are now working on our stage three for £1,000 which hopefully will see us going to Dublin this summer to research youth work and present our Young Inspectors scheme to young people in Ireland. We want to take them some Northumbria Food Hampers as gifts."

If you want to get in touch with us to find out anything about the North Area Youth Service or Keyfund you can contact us via our youth worker Lucy Roberts on 07824 383035.

*By Alesha, Leah, Lauren, Caitlin and Bethan*

## Rolls Royce engineering students



Two JCSC engineering students, Callum Gray and Matthew Stephenson, (Matthew is a Duchess School student who attends JCSC two days a week to study engineering) are delighted to have been accepted onto the Rolls Royce September 2014 apprenticeship scheme.

Rolls Royce were impressed by their willingness and commitment to travel to Newcastle every day and by the quality of their work. They had to undergo an entrance exam and interview before being selected from over 600 candidates. Three of the JCSC engineering students applied and all three were invited to interview but one was unable to attend.

"I am absolutely delighted for them" said engineering teacher Brad Logan, "We have been working very hard not only on their work but on their interview skills and as only 10% of students who apply are successful they should be very proud of themselves. Previous JCSC students who completed the apprenticeship programme have gone on to enjoy successful careers in engineering and so this is just the beginning for them."

## Award winning museum

It's an exciting time to join Bailiffgate Museum and Gallery following a major grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund that has transformed the museum.

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## Brambles gets a wiggle on



Above is a photo of the staff and children of Brambles Childcare Centre taking part in their Giant Wiggle sponsored walk. It was a national event to raise money for Action for Children and was a walk themed around the children's book *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. The children raised £145 in sponsorship money.

## Grandad's twang

Some years ago the writer had to spend a period in Wansbeck Hospital, and after the crisis found himself recuperating in a corner next to an elderly retired miner.

He was an interesting man and we enjoyed some "canny cracks" together. He spoke the old broad Pitmatic, and unconsciously and automatically, in speaking to him I found myself lapsing into the language I had learned in my school playground, which was in a local pit village.

After I left the hospital for home I felt regretful that this old dialect has virtually died out.

I wonder how many of the words the older generation used in former days are still used regularly by them. Here is a list of some that spring to my mind. Do any readers still remember what they mean, let alone use them still.

1).Bonny on. 2).Stannin' hacky. 3).Cowp yer boilie. 4).A good hecker.5).Moonty Cuddy. 6).A sloush. 7).To spoach. 8).Tootin. 9).Weel-timmered. 10).A black-bornin shyem. 11).Wide ti the waas. 12).A shuggy.

All of this reminds me of a local ballad I learned from my grandfather, who apparently learnt it from his grandfather. It doesn't appear in any of the Folk Song collections. I have checked. It seems a pity to let it die out, because it is as good as many of those that have made it into the collections published by antiquarians.

"Vic." March 2014

### Vic's old local ballad

There was an aad wife in  
wor toon,  
In wor toon she did dwell;  
She loved her aad man  
dearly,  
But another yin twice as  
well.

The aad man he was weary  
And tired of his life;  
So he says "All gan an droon  
mesel,  
And that'll end the strife".

The aad wife teuk a runny  
race  
Ti shove the aad man in;

But the canny aad man just  
stepped aside  
An his wife went heidlang in.

The aad wife she was wadin  
An wadin up tiv her chin,  
So the aad man teuk his  
gibby stick  
An he shoved her farther in.

The aad man pulled hor oot  
agen  
An they lived happy tegither;  
So any aad man that hes a  
bad wife  
Just give hor a deuk i' the  
river.

## Living Alone

There's a darkness hanging  
over me  
It's in the mind you cannot  
see  
This loneliness is hard to take  
No family visits to ease my  
ache

When my carer calls it makes  
my day  
She means more to me than  
word can say  
Alas it's time for her to go  
That's when my tears begin  
to flow

I'm not ill, I'm not mad,  
This loneliness just makes  
me sad.

Norman Clay,  
Dolphin Court, Amble.



## Catering for County chief

Sixth Form Students at James Calvert Spence College (JCSC) recently rose to the challenge of preparing a fine dining experience for over 100 guests.

The JCSC students were given the unique opportunity of hosting a fundraising event at Blyth Comrades Club towards research into motor neurone disease – which is being backed by Northumberland County Council's Civic Head.

Over 100 guests, including 15 civic heads from across the region, attended the evening in Blyth, the location chosen in memory of Blyth Spartans player Scott Bell who recently died from the disease.

Marc Waddell, Year 12 student, took up the mantle of Master of Ceremonies, introducing the event, running the bingo, a raffle and even one round of the popular fundraising game of 'Heads and Tails'.

"The students have worked very hard on this event," said JCSC food technology teacher Mrs Gill Lawrie, "They enjoyed being involved from start to finish, talking with the client, planning and preparing the buffet, decorating the hall and hosting on the night."

The total raised on the night was £1,064.

## Cheque for NECCR

Mayor Craig Weir presented the the students at JCSC who had taken part in the John O'Groats challenge in aid of NECCR (North East Children's Cancer Research) with a cheque for £100.

The money is still coming in and donations are still being made on-line but so far, with the kind addition from Amble Town Council the total is well on the way to hitting £700. More events are planned.

## Cresswell Pond Alcan handover



Cresswell Pond, photo Duncan Hutt

Rio Tinto Alcan has passed the freehold of Cresswell Pond to the Wildlife Trust Charity for £1.00. Cresswell Pond has been part of the Alcan Farms since 1973 and is a wildlife haven for otters and breeding birds and its saline lagoon is a nationally recognised site of specific scientific interest.

In 2011, two avocet chicks hatched their way into Northumberland's record books on the site, by being the UK's most northerly pair of breeding avocets.

The Trust will discuss the management of the site with Crown Estates on how the land can be best managed to protect wildlife while, at the same time, continuing to offer visitors the opportunity to enjoy one of Northumberland's hidden gems.

Duncan Hutt, Head of Land Management at the Trust said: "We have managed the site alongside Alcan Farms for many years now, so it is wonderful that, when the land was being sold off, the Company recognised our involvement and knowledge of the site, not to mention its environmental importance, and handed it over to us."



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## Reports from our County Councillors

### Parking issues

Over recent weeks I have met with Barry Rowland, the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to stress my concern that the long-running problems surrounding parking and parking enforcement in Amble need to be brought forward and any changes consulted on and then implemented. Jeff Watson and I met senior officers who deal with parking issues and we agreed a way forward including consultation with the Town Council on proposals arising from the public responses to the traffic regulation suggestions put forward.

We both agree that the issue is not just about traffic regulation but the lack of available parking and that matter is also under consideration. The target is proposals can come to the May Town Council with progress on implementation in July.

### HMP Northumberland

Recent events at HMP Northumberland are a matter of concern. New management structures following privatisation and staffing restructures are barely settled in. The matter was raised at a meeting of the County Council when the leader proposed a task group of councillors examine issues and report back as a matter of urgency through the Scrutiny process. There was some controversy. Some members suggested that this was not a matter for the Council. I fundamentally disagree.

I worked in HM Young Offenders Institute Castington Education Department between 1985 and 87. In secure establishments the well-being and safety of staff and inmates cannot be taken for granted. For a considerable period I chaired a Prison Community Liaison Committee which was established by the then Prison Governor in response to concerns about community safety.

I have no wish to be alarmist. It is incomprehensible to me that such a service can be considered suitable for privatisation. I do accept that has happened and the issue now is to ensure that standards of safety and care for staff and inmates are maintained. The role of elected members was recognised by the prison service in the past and should be going forward. We have shared aims and responsibilities.

*Robert Arckless*

*Telephone 01665 711938 / mobile 07724097017*

*Email Robert.Arckless99@northumberland.gov.uk*

By the time you read this the hedge outside the bus shelter on Acklington Road will have been cut back to waist height to enable passengers and bus drivers alike to see each other. I have had some difficulty in getting what seemed like a simple request carried out but I am pleased that at last it has been. I must thank the Chair of JCSC Governors Scot Dickinson for his help in this matter.

There suddenly seems to be a lot of activity in the Amble area with housing developments and new businesses popping up all over the place. I hope like me you find it all very exciting and hopefully will give the boost to Amble that it has sorely needed since the closure of Cheviot Foods.

I am heavily involved in the Harbour Village Project and I can assure you that a tremendous amount of work is going on so that the scheme can be at least part completed this year

The development that is in the process of being planned for Gloster Hill has a long way to go. The recent meeting and exhibition was not part of the formal planning process and was an attempt by the developers to gain residents views and hopefully take them into account when a formal and proper planning application is submitted. At that stage local residents will be able to lodge letters of support or objection based on planning laws. The Parish Council of Warkworth will be the main local consultee as the development is within its Parish boundary. Amble Town Council will also be consulted as it is so close to its boundary.

The long awaited consultation on Car Parking is due to be presented to the Town Council on May 8. As you may expect the results will not please everyone and the Town Council will be asked to make some tough decisions but in the end we should arrive at a plan that can be understood and suit most requirements. I understand that there are also some proposals for creating new parking spaces in the short and long term....but we will have to wait for final details.

As ever I am available on

*jeffrey.watson@northumberland.gov.uk*

*07785711981*

*Jeff Watson*

## Tribute to a football champion



*Ronnie Falkous*

almost 20 years; much of that time as secretary.

After his double lung transplant, we joked that he must have got Linford Christie's lungs as he would never sit still and always kept himself busy. Perhaps that is how he outlasted the consultants' predicted forecast. Within the football club we knew that when his health no longer allowed him to do his voluntary work we would have a problem replacing him. It is a testament to him that he could not be replaced and sadly as a result the football club had to close.

Ronnie was well known and respected within the local football community and is mentioned with admiration and esteem

among his peers.

He will be sadly missed as a tireless worker, but mostly as a great friend.

*Rod Henderson*

Between them Ronnie and Brenda logged up many hours of voluntary work within our community. They were both passionate about local football and spent many hours organising, ferrying players to and fro and then cleaning up after matches. Many times Brenda told me 'that's what keeps him going'.

Ronnie battled through many ailments but he smiled through and Brenda, ever constant by his side would say 'he's getting there' whenever I asked after him. Always wanting the best for 'his team' Ronnie would be asking when there would be money to sort out the pavilion and it became a joke between us that it wouldn't be done in his life time. I was so pleased when



*Local footballers paid tribute to Ronnie before their match*

I could tell him we had secured funding to carry out the work and even more so when it was complete. Sadly by then Ronnie was too ill to make the official opening, so we recorded it and Brenda played it to him. I would like to think it gave him some pleasure.

Many of you will have memories of Ronnie, either on his allotment, organising the car boot sales to raise funds, through football activities or perhaps simply as a friend but I can be sure they will all be happy ones.

From the Trust we certainly have a lot to be grateful to Ronnie and Brenda for and we hope Brenda and family enjoy sharing the happy memories life with Ronnie has left them with.

*Julia Aston, Amble Development Trust*

## Children were a credit

'INADEQUATE' might be the Ofsted word for St Cuthbert's First School. It is certainly not the parish's.

The church of Sacred Heart and St. Cuthbert celebrated the feast day of their church and of our great northern saint, with a Mass said by Bishop Seamus Cunningham and Fr. Malcolm assisted by our parish school. Assisted is almost an understatement for the tremendous contribution made by such young pupils. They presented the dedication of the Mass to St. Cuthbert; they provided all the readings - Epistle, Gospel, intercession prayers and hymns. They carried all this out with quiet confidence - a tribute to their acting head Nicola Givens, her staff, and parents.

We are grateful to them all for this memorable visit made even more so by the presence of Bishop Seamus who entertained them with anecdotes at the end of the Mass.

Everyone was entertained in the Parish Hall afterwards with soft drinks, coffee and biscuits.

*Low Pickering*

World champion Tamsin Green from High Hauxley and who teaches IT at James Calvert Spence College is the former British, European and World surf-kayak champion. and her enthusiasm for her sport was apparent in her talk to the Rotarians.

She illustrated her talk with some brilliant action photos and spoke of the difficulties she has had in raising money to travel to the championships around the world.

Tamsin remains in the top five in the world amongst women surf-kayakers. She was also a member of the 2013 England team which gained the silver medal in the team event, beating the hosts Australia.

### Litter was disgusting

A small but dedicated gang of Rotarians regularly carry out litter-picks along the length of Rotary Way between Warkworth and Amble, but recently they extended their session to include the small woods near to the entrance to the Amble Marina.

A spokesman said: "The amount of litter throughout this area was pretty disgusting and we cannot understand why people will not take their litter home or use the litter bins. I shudder to think what this area would look like if we didn't carry out these regular litter-picking sessions."



Tamsin is pictured with Rotarian Dick Wailes (left), the club's speaker finder and Rotarian Dr. Paul Creighton the club President.

The Rotary Club of Amble and Warkworth gave £100 to enable the setting up of "Bramble Berries," a new parent and baby group meeting in the Brambles Childcare Centre. The new group sessions run every Friday during term time from 1.30pm to 2.30pm and are free.

A cheque for £180 was presented to Amble Links First School to give a homework pack to each of the 150 children. Each pack will consist of a pencil case, ruler, eraser, coloured pencils, a writing pencil and sharpener; the older children will also get a protractor and a compass. The donation was made possible thanks to the Rotary Club's successful Christmas Collection in Amble and surrounding villages.

Two cheques were presented to Elpha Lodge, a privately-owned residential care home in Broomhill for 22 adults with physical disabilities.

Elpha Lodge was chosen by the club's President, Rotarian Dr. Paul Creighton as his chosen charity for 2014.



## Hauxley Parish Council

### Co-opted vacancy

Following the resignation of Cllr Evans we have a vacancy on the Council. If you are on the Electors Register, live in or within 3 miles of the Parish or your only place of work is within the Parish you can apply to become a member of the Council by writing to the Clerk via the contact details below.

### Community Litter pick and tidy up

Meet at the Village Hall on Saturday 10th May between 3pm and 6pm where there will be litter picking equipment available and help the Parish Council improve the local environment. All help will be greatly appreciated.

### Seat repairs

We currently have a contractor carrying out repairs on the seats in the Parish and they should be back in position soon.

### Rights of Way

In 2004, as part of a 10 year Countryside Scheme MJ Conway and Partners provided a permissive footpath south of Dandsfield Square for the duration of the scheme and it would not become a permanent Right of Way.

The stewardship of this scheme has now ended. The alternative path is the Dedicated Right of Way on Western edge of the same two fields, as shown on the Definitive Map where walkers enter by the wicket gate adjacent to the Sewage Works to either reach Kirkwell Cottages (and beyond) also east to the coastline.

### Next Meeting

Annual meeting of the Parish Council 6.30pm on Monday 12th May 2014, followed by the May meeting of the Parish Council in the Village Hall, Low Hauxley - the public are welcome to attend.

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# Amble Town COUNCIL

Meetings 6.30p.m. unless stated otherwise

Town: 8th May; 12th June; 10th July Community Committee:  
29th May; 31st July Parish Meeting: 19th May Fourways 2 Community Tidy: 21st May  
Puffin Festival (26th May - 1st June) WW1 Centenary Service: 2nd August 10am West Cemetery

## MEETINGS

COUNCIL HAVE CHANGED their committee structure so as to decrease the amount of administration time spent on agendas and minutes but increase efficiency.

Finance has been merged with the full Council meeting which will continue to meet on the second Thursday of the month. Cemeteries

## CHANGES

PLANS ARE PROGRESSING for the installation of a new bus shelter opposite JCSC; this is being sponsored from County Councillor Watson's Members Small Schemes fund. JCSC students will shortly be working to improve the bus shelter nearest the school by enclosing the openings - part of which will also be used by them for wall art on a supervised basis.

The new coal trucks (made by HMP Northumberland) are in position and will provide more floral displays for us all to enjoy for many months to come; the bed at the bottom of the Wynd is planted up to reflect the centenary of

with now become part of the Amenities Committee which includes Allotments, Litter/Dog bins, Seats, Bus Shelters, Play Areas, Rights of Way, Floral Displays and Events; every two months on the last Thursday. The Planning Committee will continue to meet as planning applications demand. Grants will continue to be awarded in January and July.

## World War 1.

Several attempts have been made to 'kick start' the raised bed allotment area at the West site. However whilst waiting for suitable people to come forward to use them, it has begun to look very neglected. Council is reluctant to dismantle the whole site without one last try to see if the idea can succeed.

Therefore Councillors, with some volunteer help, are going to cultivate and tidy the beds over the next 2 - 3 years hoping that a productive site will be more attractive to those who can't manage a full allotment through poor health or ailment. Please contact us if you would like to help.

## COMMUNITY TIDY WEEK

PRIOR TO THIS YEAR'S Puffin Festival, we are hoping everyone will join in a town tidy starting on Monday 19th May. Pick your own area and your own time after collecting your gloves, bags etc. from the Town Council office any week day between 10am and 3pm. Or join in on Wednesday 21st May meeting in the Town Square at 6.30p.m. to tidy around that area for the opening day. We all live here but sadly some aren't as neat as others and NCC can't get round everywhere. You may want to do the town centre, you might like to do your own street or your favourite walk- it really doesn't matter- just let us all get together to improve the look of our town so we can enjoy being anywhere within it.

## COUNCILLOR'S CORNER

*I AM THINKING of Spring: green shoots and the way our town too is developing. Not least the successful Government funding bid for the Harbour Village project which will help to revitalise our town, bringing fresh initiatives, jobs and building on Amble's sea and fishing links. Looking ahead too, to the second Puffin Festival which I am sure will be as successful and fun-filled as last year*

*On a less positive note, litter and dog-fouling has been an issue for Northumberland in general. Amble is as much a victim of this as other towns and villages. I would add my voice to ask people to use the bins provided, and take some pride in our town. We are organising a community litter-pick from 19th May to spruce up the town in readiness for the Puffin Festival. All help and support will be much appreciated.*

Cllr Jane Dargue

## PARISH MEETING

MAKE A FIRM DATE in your diary to come along to the Parish meeting on Monday 19th May at 6.30pm in Fourways 2. Here you will not only find out about the Council's work over the last year and its plans for the next but also about the activities of community groups in the town. There will also be ideas for the revitalization of the 'Paddlers'. We hope to make this into a recreational area for the whole family to enjoy, but an area which will not be vastly expensive to maintain in the future, as that money ultimately comes from the ratepayers' pocket. It is very important that you give your views on the ideas presented as we want community support when the final concept goes forward for grant funding. Despite financial input from our local County Councillors and this Council, grant money is the only way in which anything will be done here. It may well be a lengthy process but we are committed to getting this area improved and looking good again.

## 'IN MEMORY OF THE FALLEN'

WORK CONTINUES TOWARDS the publication of a book, the addition to the GPX trail and a short film. We want to show that these were actual people who left families behind and not just carvings on blocks of marble and stone. We are very grateful to all those who have come forward with family photos and mementoes from 1900-1925; not only of Amble places and families but of soldiers serving abroad. Also thanks to all those volunteers who are giving so much time to research and planning. There is still time to bring your memorabilia along - the final date is 19th May. After that all the information etc. has to be collated, to have it published by late July. A short service to commemorate the start of the WW1 Centenary will take place on 2nd August at the West Cemetery, followed by a march to the Town War Memorials.

Around 200 small wooden crosses bearing the names of those who gave their lives in the Great War will be placed in a newly constructed grass area behind the Clock Tower. We hope young descendants of these men will come forward beforehand so that they can carry the appropriate name, but we will also need others; we have contacted our first schools and asked for parents to nominate their children but you can also call us and add your child's details to the list. As a Member of the Government says, "The centenary is not a cause for celebration, but it's absolutely right that we take pride in the courage and bravery of our ancestors, their sacrifice and their ultimate victory."

## EAST WARD:

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**Craig Weir** (Chair/Mayor)  
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**Katherine Bennett**  
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## Megan's footballing skills recognised



James Calvert Spence College Yr. 7 student Megan Farrell, from Widdrington attended a football camp at Durham during the February half-term holiday.

The training sessions were run by three professional women footballers, including Jill Scott who plays for Manchester City FC, England and was also part of Team GB in the London Olympics.

Megan is a member of the Bedlington town Bulldogs, playing centre or mid-field positions.

"I thoroughly enjoyed the experience working with professionals and learning new skills and techniques", she said.

"I will be able to put them to good use playing with my local team."

At the end of the camp Megan was delighted to be presented with a signed Manchester City football shirt and named 'Footballer of the Week'.

## DB10K - from start to finish

Our first run was in May 2007, run in memory of David Griffiths a young man who died suddenly from an asthma attack. David was a fine, well brought up young man who left us too soon. We decided to do something for Asthma UK as a tribute to David.

My friend Adie Barrass organised a 10k run in the confines of the Druridge Bay Country Park while we organised an attempt at the Guinness world record for the longest enduring cricket match (which we broke at 33hours).

The first Druridge Bay10k was a great team effort and we managed to raise, together with the cricket match, almost £40k. Each year we pick a beneficiary to donate our monies to and to date we have raised almost £120k for organisations such as Lifeboat, Hospice care(Alnwick) and Grace House.

This year we are supporting the Stephen Carey fund with a small donation to Amble Lifeboat.

*Stan Hurst, chairman.*



Craig Taylor, winner of the Druridge Bay 10K race in 2013

## The Stephen Carey Fund

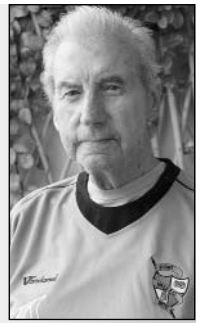
The Stephen Carey Fund aims to improve the awareness of emergency first aid skills and to improve the provision of life saving equipment throughout Northumberland. The fund came together in July 2012 following the tragic and sudden death of Stephen Carey, a 21 year old from Alnmouth, whilst playing football for his village team. Family and friends learned that Stephen died due to an undiagnosed heart condition.

The Stephen Carey Fund works with businesses, local and national government funded organisations and local communities to install Public Access Defibrillators (PADs) across Northumberland and also to ensure that we increase the number of people with life saving skills so that they have both the knowledge and confidence to use those skills and the equipment provided.

Each defibrillator and cabinet costs in excess of £2000 to supply and install, so events such as the Druridge Bay 10k are vital to provide valuable funds and to increase awareness of our cause and undoubtedly make individuals ask "would I know what to do in an emergency?"

To find out more please visit our website [www.thestephencareyfund.co.uk](http://www.thestephencareyfund.co.uk).

## Ray King column



### "Life Is Precious"

"Raymond, we are all living too long!" These few words came as a surprise to me, particularly as they were expressed by a good friend and neighbour. As far as I knew she was nowhere near what one usually thinks of as "old age". She was always extremely active and played golf several times a week. I never did get the opportunity to ask her if she ever felt like an old person.

If she really meant those words then I would have to disagree with her. I believe that life should be extended for as long as one's health allows a reasonable quality of life. There can be no doubt in my mind that life is extremely precious. My 3 score and 10 passed by without me really noticing but I must say that the years since then speed by with ever increasing frequency.

These thoughts became even more apparent when I spoke recently to my lifelong friend Billy Priest. Billy and his brother Alan both lost their wives and, not too long ago, their mother Nellie. Both Nellie and her good friend Connie Mossman both passed their century some years ago but when last I heard Connie was 105! As Billy and I caught up on so many things he told me that 4 of my long- standing friends had passed away while I have been living in Thailand: George Shanks, a friend from my school days, Ralph Tweddle, a friend from my time in Radcliffe, Ernie Bell, an excellent referee who reached county standard, and Ronnie Pringle who played in the Council School football and cricket teams and later with Amble Cricket Club. I believe all four reached around the 90 mark which rather highlights the fact that I shall be 90 in August. So Penny, I do hope that you not only approach old age with extreme optimism but also enjoy it to the full.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful friends that I have left behind in Amble. How could I ever forget the Ormston family: Ernie, Edna, Sarah and Connie, who came to my and Norma's aid in our hour of need. That was the time when we returned to Amble with 4 suitcases after having tried to make a life for ourselves in Florida. The help and support they gave us was unbelievable and I shall always be in their debt.

They also supported me when I was arrested on false charges, caught up in a court case and acquitted. It almost cost me my life.

The stress I underwent caused me to have embolisms in my legs and my lungs and I was hospitalized four times. Ernie and Edna brought Norma to see me every day during my lengthy stays in Wansbeck hospital. The ensuing court case at Newcastle Crown Court was documented in both local and national newspapers and I shall not recount it here except to say that Edna and several other wonderful ladies gave evidence on my behalf which contributed to all charges being dropped.

Norma often said that Edna was not only her friend but her very best friend!

A young Indian woman, who was the manager of the apartment building in Bangkok where we used to stay, once said to Norma, "Old age is golden, embrace it!" I'll leave you to ponder that one.



## Warkworth Community Cinema

### 3rd May

Not One Less (1999) Yimon Zhang. U. 106 Min. Chinese. English sub-titles. Drama. Starring Minzhi Wei, Huile Zhang and Zhenda Tian.

### 7th June

Sarah's Key (2010) Gilles-Paquet-Brenner. 12.111 Min. French and English sub-titles. Drama/War. Starring Kirsten Scott Thomas, Melusine Mayance and Niels Arestrup.

Venue: Memorial Hall Time 7.30pm

## Free workshops

### Safe Recruitment

Monday 19th May 18:30 to 20:30 in Fourways 2

Do you want to make sure that your volunteers are safe to work with children and young people?

Do you want to know more about the new DBS checks?

Do you want a fantastic free resource to help you set up safe systems for your group or organisation?

"John's dad offered to help coach the under 10's football team but we didn't have any idea about his conviction against children."

Booking is essential for this free workshop (T&C's apply). E mail contact@voices-northumberland.org.uk or phone 01665 713109.

### Safeguarding for Trustees

Wednesday 22nd May 18:30 to 20:30 in Fourways 2

Do you know your responsibilities around safeguarding children and young people in your group or organisation?

Do you feel confident dealing with safeguarding issues that might emerge?

Do you want a free resource to help you take the next steps towards keeping children safer?

"When the young person made the allegation against our best volunteer I realized how important it was to have procedures in place that address that kind of situation"

Booking is essential for this free workshop (T&C's apply). Email contact@voices-northumberland.org.uk or phone 01665 713109.

## Hauxley Chapel Services

Sunday May 4 Rev Lynda Coulthard, Holy Communion.

Sunday May 11 Christian Aid Week. Coquet Churches Together united service. St Cuthbert's, Amble 3pm.

Sunday May 18 Area service, Blyth Central Methodist Church.

Sunday May 25 Rev. Dr. Diane Westmoreland, Holy Communion.

We are a small ecumenical congregation who worship in Low Hauxley on Sundays at 4pm unless otherwise stated, followed by a cup of tea. All are welcome.

Puzzle solution from page 10

ANSWERS



Hidden place names  
GUYZANCE LUCKER

## Live Music in Amble

### Masons Arms

May 3: State Four  
10: Broken Spoke  
17: Big Sister  
24: The Road Runners

### Harbour Inn

May 10: Shona Perfect  
24: B. B. Cole  
June 7: Mickey Diamond  
July 5: Ricky Moore, hypnotist  
12: Charity night

## Table top Sale

May Day table top sale 24th May,  
Acklington Village Hall, 10am - 12.  
Entrance £1 to include refreshment.  
Plants, bric a brac etc.

## Want to get a buzz?

Would you like to learn more about the surveying and identification of invertebrates?

Then why not join us on one of our insect identification training courses this summer?

As part of national insect week, Northumberland Wildlife Trust is running two one-day courses on invertebrate identification for beginners, in partnership with Buglife, the Environmental Records Information Centre North East and Northumberland County Council.

Both sessions will be run by Suzanne Bairner; entomologist and project officer for Buglife.

Each course will start with a short talk on the ecology of invertebrates. The rest of the session will focus on collecting and surveying techniques followed by specimen identification to the correct taxonomic group.

Where appropriate they will try to identify to species level. The purpose of these courses is for local people to improve their knowledge on invertebrate identification and encourage them to continue recording. Help to increase NWT's collective records on less popular taxa from the invertebrate world across the North East. Course 1 Thursday 26th June, East Chevington Nature Reserve, Druridge Bay

10:00 - 15:30, Cost £25.

Course 2 Friday 27th June, St. Nicholas Park Nature Reserve, Gosforth

10:00 - 15:30, Cost £25.

For further information and to book a place please visit:  
<http://www.nwt.org.uk/invert-training>

## Rotary Garden Party

In aid of Rotary Charities will be held at The Friary, Alnmouth on SUNDAY 25th May 2014 2pm - 4pm

Teas, Stalls and Sideshows

Admission - Adults : £3.00p

(includes Tea/Coffee or Soft drink and a cake)

(Children : Free)

## Sails and Paddles on the Lake!

Coquet Shorebase Trust's new building will be open for business from the Mayday weekend. Drop in and get involved.

**Monday 5th**, Try an activity on the Lake between 11am and 4pm - £3 for around 20 mins on the water.

The Windsurfing, Canoeing and Sailing Club starting their summer programmes now - it doesn't cost much. No special clothing or equipment needed. All provided for a small hire fee. All of them run junior sections.

Come and try it session: on the Little Shore during the Puffin Festival (Weds 28th, 1.30 - 5pm), paddle the estuary up to Warkworth and beyond on Friday 30th - 5.30 - 8pm (£25).

Check our webpage for more information  
(coquetshorebase.org.uk)

*Vic Brown, Coquet Shorebase Trust*

# CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

## St Cuthbert's Church

Ritzy Tea Party on 28th June at 3pm in Parish Hall, Dovecote Street, Amble. Shabby Chic furniture demo. Tickets £6 available from N&F Young, Queen Street, Amble or Andrina Leightley. Tel 01665 711546

## Hotel of Mum and Dad

Mentorn Media are making a second series of the BBC Three hit Hotel of Mum and Dad and are looking for young couples currently living in the family home!

Are you desperate for your own space? Does your partner like their home comforts a little too much? Are you a newlywed couple living with your in-laws while saving to buy a home? Are you nervous about living on your own with your partner for the first time?

We are going to give couples the chance to road test living on their own for a week and see how they like it! We'd love to hear from couples aged between 18 and 30 who are ready for this challenge!

Please email your name and contact number to: [couples@mentorn.tv](mailto:couples@mentorn.tv) Text the word Couples followed by your name to 07806633698 or call 0207 258 6805 \*Texts and calls will be charged at standard network rates

## Photo exhibition

Amble photographic group will exhibit their pictures in the town council offices during the Puffin Festival, 26th May - 1st June, 10am - 4pm.

Amble Development Trust working in conjunction with Northumberland County Council are pleased to advertise two new posts for an exciting new development in Amble.

Northumberland County Council has been successful in securing funding through the Coastal Communities Fund towards the Harbour Village project. This includes the creation of 2 posts:

**Seafood Broker and a Harbour Village Co-ordinator,**  
both to be based in Amble.

Both positions require excellent communication, strategic and management skills, with some legal knowledge plus additional skills specific to each respective role.

Background information on the project and copies of both Job Descriptions can be found on the Amble Development Trust website: [www.ambledevelopmenttrust.org.uk](http://www.ambledevelopmenttrust.org.uk)

If you would like more information, Job Description or Application Pack please contact Julie Lilburn either by email: [Julie@ambledevelopmenttrust.org.uk](mailto:Julie@ambledevelopmenttrust.org.uk) or telephone: 01665 712929

**Closing date for applications 12:00 noon on Friday 23rd May 2014.**



**NORTHUMBERLAND**  
COUNTY COUNCIL

**County Councillor Robert Arkless**

*will be holding Surgeries on*

Friday 30th May and Friday 27th June  
at 6pm - 6.45pm in Hauxley Village Hall  
and

Saturday 31st May and Saturday 28th June  
from 10am - 11am in Amble Library

**All Constituents Welcome**

# WHAT'S ON

## Build a boat and race it



A new club is opening its doors to more members, with the promise of a unique combination of learning new skills, making new friends and, if you're the competitive type, a chance to race against other like minded people. Amble Coastal Rowing Club members have begun to build their own skiff, with the idea of racing other boats around the area. They are based in the Flow, next to Spurreli Ice Cream, an ideal and very central location for the club.

Club chairman Rob Angus is inviting new people to join the group. "We're got about ten members at the moment, but we're looking for more people to get involved. The club is open for anyone, you don't have to have any experience. Tasks at the moment centre around woodworking, but ultimately anyone interested in fitness, racing, fundraising or social activities will be made most welcome.

"There is skilled work to do, so if there are any carpenters out there, let us know" said Rob "But let me stress that you don't need to be skilled - sandpaper operatives are needed too!

The group have given themselves the target of building and hopefully launching their first skiff by Lifeboat Day (August Bank Holiday Sunday)

"This is a fun - no-pressure thing. Feel free to come and have a look around, ask questions. There'll be absolutely no pressure to do anything if you don't want to.

"There will be a competitive side to the club once the skiffs are finished and it's time to race, but the bosts could be used for other uses, such as fishing," said Rob.

The club is open to all ages, although under 16s must be accompanied by an adult.

Most meetings are held at the Flow on Sundays, but you can find more about them on their Facebook page or at [www.amblecrc.co.uk](http://www.amblecrc.co.uk)



## The Old Boat House

A new and exciting bistro,  
driven by local produce,  
the sea and  
wood fired ovens

The Old Boat House  
Leazes Street, Amble  
01665 711232

[info@theoldboathouse.co.uk](mailto:info@theoldboathouse.co.uk)  
[www.theoldboathouse.co.uk](http://www.theoldboathouse.co.uk)



# Amble Puffin Festival events

Keep checking our website, Twitter and Facebook for further announcements, as more activities will be announced nearer the Festival. During the Festival week, there will be daily updates at the Flowmill, TIC and on our puffin boards.  
Information correct at time of going to print. Events and times may be subject to change.

**Bank Holiday Monday 26 May**  
**Town Square\*** from 11am  
Dancing and singing by local children  
Tribal dancing from Tribe Zuza  
Singing from Harbour Lights choir  
Stalls from local organisations  
Smithy demonstration by Stephen Lunn  
Climbing wall with Amble Army  
Cadet Force  
Fancy dress competition - puffins/bird theme (Prizes for: Best puffling, best bird, best family)  
Children's fun fair

**Old Fourways Centre** 12 - 3pm  
Puffintastic crafts for children £1pp

**Radcliffe Club** 12 - 4pm  
Family Fun Day & Party  
Fun fair rides, disco, face painting

**Town Council Office** 10am - 4pm  
Photographic exhibition

**Pin Cushion, 20 Queen St** 9-5pm  
Fishermen's ganseys exhibition

**Little Shore** 12 - 4pm Stand up paddles with Northside Surf

**Braid** from 10am Kite display  
FREE Children's sports

**Zecca, 47 High St**  
2 course 'puffin menu' £12.95

**Harbour** 1pm and 2pm Puffin Cruise Ring 01665 711975 to book

**St Mark's Church Hall** 7pm  
Talk with video: Seals and dolphins off the NE coast by Ben Burville. £2 pp

**Tuesday 27 May**  
**Town Council Office** 10am - 4pm  
Photographic exhibition

**Pin Cushion** 9-4pm  
Fishermen's ganseys exhibition

**42 Queen St** 10 - 2pm  
Rainbow Pottery Painting For all ages - create your own puffin memento items from £4-£8

**Little Shore** 12 - 4pm Stand up paddles with Northside Surf

**Town Square** Smithy demonstration by Stephen Lunn

**Zecca**  
2 course 'puffin menu' £12.95

**The Old Storehouse (function room)** Time TBC FREE family film

**Harbour** 1pm and 2pm Puffin Cruise Ring 01665 711975 to book

Tickets for talks available from  
Pride of Northumbria, Amble Town Council  
and at the door.

**The Old Storehouse (function room)** 7pm  
Talk: Rescued from the Sea: uncovering the archaeological secrets of the Low Hauxley dunes by Clive Waddington. £2 pp

**Wednesday 28 May**  
**Town Council Office** 10am - 4pm  
Photographic exhibition

**Pin Cushion** 9 - 1pm  
Fisherman's ganseys exhibition

**Little Shore** from 9.30am Join in & make beach art - family fun FREE

**Old Storehouse** 10am - 4.30pm Art and Handmade crafts fair (free entry)

**Amble Library** 10.30am  
Open story/crafts for children. (Limited numbers Ring 01665 710419 to book a place)

**Zecca**  
2 course 'puffin menu' £12.95

**Little Shore** 12 - 4pm Stand up paddles with Northside Surf

**Little Shore** 1.30 - 5pm Come and Try - watersports with Coquet Shorebase Trust (£3 pp. buoyancy aids provided, change of clothes advised)

**Harbour** 1pm and 2pm Puffin Cruise Ring 01665 711975 to book

**St Mark's Church Hall** 7.30pm  
Talk with slides: Wildlife and History of Coquet Island by Paul Morrison. £2 pp

**Thursday 29 May**  
**Town Council Office** 10am - 4pm  
Photographic exhibition

**Pin Cushion** 9-4pm  
Fisherman's ganseys exhibition

**42 Queen St** 10 - 2pm  
Rainbow Pottery Painting. For all ages - create your own puffin memento items from £4-£8

**Zecca**  
2 course 'puffin menu' £12.95



**Harbour** 1.30pm & 2.30pm Puffin Cruise  
Ring 01665 711975 to book

**From TIC** 10.30 & 2pm  
Walk - historical points of interest in the town with Bart Rippon (1.5 hrs)

**Little Shore** 12 - 4pm  
Stand up paddles with Northside Surf

**St Mark's Church Hall** 7.30pm  
Talk with slides: The Northumberland Coast - Holy Island to Amble by Athol Swanston. £2 pp

**Friday 30 May**  
**Little Shore** from 9.30am Join in & make beach art - family fun FREE

**Town Council Office** 10am - 4pm  
Photographic exhibition

**Old Fourways Centre**  
12 - 3pm Puffintastic crafts for children £1pp

**Pin Cushion** 9-4pm  
Fisherman's ganseys exhibition

**Little Shore** 12 - 4pm Stand up paddles with Northside Surf

**Zecca**  
2 course 'puffin menu' £12.95  
  
**Harbour**  
2.15pm & 3.15pm Puffin Cruise Ring 01665 711975 to book

**Coquet Estuary** 5.30pm - 8pm  
Estuary Paddle with Coquet Shorebase Trust £25 per head, includes longjohn wetsuits, buoyancy aids, etc. Bring bathing costume, fleece top (or similar) and old trainers.

**St Mark's Church Hall** 7.30pm  
Talk with slides: The Amble Railway by Bart Rippon. £2 pp

**Saturday 31 May**  
Artique 10am-4pm  
Artique birthday party complete with cake and balloons! With music, workshops, Family friendly activities, craft stalls, tombola and much more, You might even find the odd puffin...

**Dunes at Park Leisure**  
11am Litter Pick - prizes for most litter picked

**Little Shore** 11am  
Tug of War Max. 8 people per team  
Register on 07732415778 or call in to Harbour Inn

**Pin Cushion** 9-1pm  
Fishermen's ganseys exhibition

**Zecca** 12 midday  
Kids pizza making competition (Kids must be accompanied by an adult)

**Little Shore\*\*** 12midday - 9pm  
The Colony Music Festival - A free music festival showcasing fab local bands Children's fun fair

**Pride of Northumbria** 12 - 3pm  
Erica Yeoman will be available to sign copies of her new book 'The Song of the Selkie' - Adventure Stories set in Northumberland

**Co-op Funeralcare**  
Puffin crafts TBC

**Harbour** 3pm & 4pm Puffin Cruise  
Ring 01665 711975 to book

**Sunday 1 June**  
**Quayside** All day market

**Dunes at Park Leisure** 1pm  
Dog Show Prizes sponsored by Pets At Home  
1 puppy class 2. Prettiest bitch  
3. Handsome dog 4. Best rescue  
5. Young handler  
6. Best dressed as a puffin  
Judge on day will be Jason Atherton, director and Vet for Westways/Value Vets/ and Vets2home.

**Little Shore\*\*** 2pm - 6pm  
The Colony Music Festival - A free music festival showcasing fab local bands Children's fun fair

**TRAILS AROUND AMBLE**  
Children's window puffin trail.  
Collect forms from participating shops. Count the puffins, return forms to 42 Queen St - and you might win a prize!  
Puffin treasure trail. Leaflets available from Flowmill, TIC and Pride of Northumbria  
AmbleGPX smartphone trails. If you have a smartphone and 3G, you can access many fun trails around Amble. FREE to play. Prizes to be won. Visit [www.amblegpx.com](http://www.amblegpx.com)

Look out for our wandering poet Ian Williams throughout the town during the weekend  
View Amble Coastal Rowing Club's Skiff build at the Flowmill all week

If wet, some events will transfer to  
\*St Cuthbert's Church Hall  
\*\* Radcliffe Club

