



# The Ambler

## Amble's Community Newspaper

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### Crowds flock to Puffin Festival

Amble's second Puffin Festival drew huge crowds to the opening and closing events, while visitors and locals enjoyed all the activities throughout the week.

The opening day saw glorious weather – a big difference from the torrential rain which forced the postponement of last year's ceremony. Tommy Noddy the Puffin and his friend Puffin Billy led a group of young pufflings from Brambles nursery in a Puffin Parade across the Town Square. The children's funfair, stalls and Amble Army Cadet's climbing wall all proved very popular. Dancing from Tribe Zuza and singing from Harbour Lights choir added to the colour and atmosphere on a lively and community-filled day.

Visitors were of course drawn to Puffin Cruises who were able to put on trips to see the Coquet Island puffins on most days. "We had to cancel a couple of days because of the sea conditions, but it went pretty well over the week," said Betty Gray. "The interest was there from visitors."

Traders on Queen Street reported visitor numbers were up and the street was very busy during the week.

"We noticed a difference from last year," said Debbie and Dean Sayer of Strands gift shop. "And it was nice to see Tommy the Puffin coming along the street and saying hello to everyone. That and the puffin boards and the window trail, made the street feel more a part of the Festival."

The children's puffin window trail was won by Malachi Waters-Coates. He won a "Puffin family" from 42 Queen Street.

The festival included talks by local experts on a wide range of topics, *Continued on page 2 >>*



Above: Brambles' young pufflings in the Puffin Parade. Below: clockwise: crowds enjoying the music at The Colony, The Range strutting their stuff, young people with Tommy Noddy the Puffin





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## Tea with the Queen



and I made our way to the palace. June 10th was also Prince Philip's 93rd birthday but apparently he does not like to be reminded of that. He was introduced to various representatives very close to us,

I often write about the opportunities that I get as a volunteer on the *Ambler*, but this one takes the biscuit, or perhaps the cucumber (and mint) sandwich. On 10th June I was privileged to attend a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

Fortunately the weather was beautiful, so dressed up for the occasion with the obligatory hat, John

while the Queen, Prince Andrew and Kate made their way to the royal tea tent by other routes.

With 8,000 guests, it was a great opportunity for people watching, seeing all the outfits and hats. I had opted for flat shoes, but many of the ladies aerated the royal lawn with their stiletto heels.

Tea was served on oblong plates, with a place for the cup. There were sandwiches with the crusts cut off, and various dainties, including chocolate cake decorated with the royal crest.

Entertainment was provided by two bands playing alternately at either end of the garden. Guests were able to wander around the magnificent gardens, but I didn't have the energy to take advantage of that. At six o'clock after the national anthem, we made our way out through the main gate back into the real world.



Other Amble tea party attendees in June: Joan Scott (above) Julia Aston and Paul and Isabel Morrison

## Community pulled together for Puffin Festival



*Continued from front page* >> from archaeology, to wildlife and local history. A craft fair and a free film screening were held at the Old Storehouse, with many people stating how impressed they were by the new million pound venue.

Beach art, watersports, children's crafts and guided nature walks also filled up the week's itinerary.

The Colony music festival drew hundreds of people to the Little Shore for two days of local music. The fine weather

contributed to a hugely popular event. Families picnicked on the grass and enjoyed local bands, good food and children's entertainment. Headliners Fu Fighters and The Range got people dancing as the sun set over the shimmering estuary.

On Sunday, the dog show drew another large crowd and TV vet Jason Atherton judged eight classes which included a fancy dress category.

"I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone. So many people worked together for

this," said Julia Aston, one of the Festival organisers. "It was a lot of hard work but it has paid off. Businesses, community groups and individuals have all worked in partnership and we want to thank them for everything they have done to make the festival such a success. The idea has always been that we have something unique for visitors to come and find out more about Amble, as well as something fun and interesting for local people too."

Anna Williams



Guided history walk Photo: Sameena Jarosz



Fun at the Little Shore Photo: Bartle Rippon

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*A Park Leisure Pub*

## New jewel in Queen Street crown

Amble is rightly proud of the number of its independent businesses, and now Tom Bates and his wife Amy have recently started their new venture; the Amble Jewellery Co. Tom is a trained jeweller, and worked for the last 12 years in Blyth.

"I'm excited about running my own shop," he said. "This high street is very busy and I can't wait to get open."

The shop will stock watches, gold and silver jewellery, wedding rings, pearls and figurines.

"I make jewellery as well," says Tom, "engagement rings, shaped wedding rings. I make them all here. I can also resize and repair rings, replace stones – all sorts!"



## Lifestyle change for Julie and Jonathan

Amble's reputation for exciting eateries continues to grow as a new coffee shop opens to tempt our tastebuds.

Julie Lunn and her partner Jonathan Bird have poured their savings and enthusiasm into 'Seasalt', a new café and restaurant on Queen Street.

"We want people to feel welcome to come in and have a coffee or a meal, whatever they fancy," said Julie. "We offer coffee and homemade cakes – they're made by me and my Mum. But we also serve restaurant food during the day and evening. We're going to try a bit of everything."

The Seasalt menu includes sandwiches, simple starters, burgers, meat, fish and vegetarian options, salads and a grill section.

Jonathan has been a chef for 12 years. Previously he worked at Slaley Hall, training under Albert Roux. More recently the pair lived in France running a chalet business.

The coffee shop will feature crafts from Julie's father, local Blacksmith Stephen Lunn. Indeed the specials boards on the wall are old roof tiles from his smithy in Red Row.

"We started this as a lifestyle change," said Julie. "We both love Northumberland, it's a lovely place to be. I've worked all over the world, but Northumberland's always been home. People, beaches, it's a fab place to be."

## Get the shabby-chic effect

Sarah Weightman has moved her successful shabby-chic furniture business from Acklington to Mark's Bridge, Amble. Situated just around the corner from the Londis shop at the petrol station, the business sells gifts, jewellery, cushions and shabby-chic furniture. They also stock specialist chalk paint needed to produce shabby-chic results on renovated furniture.

Sarah's shop 'Everlong Forever Chic' is a hobby-turned-business. "I started doing pieces for the Black Swan pub in Alnwick. I put photos of them online and it just went massive from there," she explained. So I decided to give it a go as a business and it's gone brilliantly".

In addition to painting her own and her customer's furniture, Sarah is keen to show other people how to achieve the shabby-chic effect on their own pieces.

"We hold chalk paint workshops every fortnight" said Sarah. "People can bring small items of furniture here, and we will show them how to create the shabby chic effect. It's free, but people should book ahead."

To book your place on one of Sarah's FREE shabby chic furniture workshops, ring 01665 712623.

*Anna Williams*

## Thrifty shopping

Now in Queen Street we have a pound shop, actually called "Around a Pound".

Sue Fletcher, the owner, thought it was something she'd like to try, something new for Amble. She is obviously not superstitious as she opened on Friday, 13th of June, in the shop vacated by The Pin Cushion, selling household necessities and pocket money toys.

Sue is pleased with the support she has had so far. "Things are going well, and I'm happy to be here. I think the town has a vibrant shopping street, with a variety of shops".

Born in Warkworth, Sue has lived in Alnwick and in Amble for the last 15 years.



## Vintage shop delights customers

"I'm a bit of a magpie" admits Tony Noble as we chat amongst the late morning tea and scone throng. "I like collecting unusual things. And I always wanted to have my own little business, especially with a café. Amble has been really supportive so far, we have loads of regulars already."

With an eye for unique and interesting pieces, Tony has recently opened Circa, an eclectic mix of antique and vintage furniture and collectables. The business is situated at Mark's Bridge, next to the petrol station. Which makes for lots of parking and is right on the Coastal Route.

"I wanted a vintage atmosphere and we've achieved that as far as we can. The café has nice white tablecloths and vintage china. People love that. In terms of what's on sale, I'm combining periods and style to maximise what people will buy."

Looking around the shop which includes space for local artists and crafters, there are many items which catch my attention. And when Tony shows me Daisy and Annie, the two adorable vintage caravans in the courtyard, I can't hide a squeal of delight as I spot a giant orange flowery wallpaper

pattern, which immediately transports me back to my childhood.

"There are loads of screeches – people saying 'Oh, I remember that!' or 'My Mum used to have that!'" laughs Tony. "The caravans can be reserved for afternoon tea – for fun, or a special occasion."

You can find out more about Circa (and how to book the caravans) on their website: [www.circa-amble.co.uk/](http://www.circa-amble.co.uk/)

*Anna Williams*



## Frustration at lack of parking progress



A letter has been sent to Northumberland County Council, expressing exasperation at the lack of progress on parking issues in the town.

Amble Business Club chairperson Ann Burke told the *Ambler*: "The Business Club sent a strongly worded letter to Northumberland County Council. We detailed our frustration at the lack of parking, lack of a long-stay car park, the restrictive lines on Queen Street and the Traffic Enforcement Officers."

Several meetings and consultations on highways and parking in the town have taken place over the years, and last year a 3,000 signature-strong petition organised by Ann was handed in to the Council.

The petition brought about the lifting of the parking restrictions on the loading bays, but since then, there has been no further progress.

Ann said: "The biggest problem in Amble has been the lack of long-term parking, the congestion on Leazes St and the Parking Enforcement Officers. I hope this letter brings some action."

Check our website for any updates on this.

## Amble Business Club

The Business Club meets every third Tuesday at 5.30 in the Radcliffe Club. Problems of like minded people are shared and discussed.

At the June meeting we were concerned about the parking situation, the positives and negatives of the Harbour Village on business, the Puffin Festival, with ideas for next year and

networking between businesses.

If you have a business please come along, promote your business have a laugh and a pint. You will be welcome.

Things happen if we all work together.

*Ann Burke*

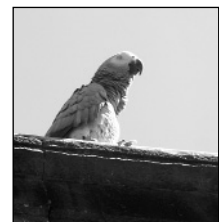
*Chairperson, Amble Business Club*

## Animals at large



Above: young male deer paddling in the low-tide mud in the Little Dock  
Photo: John Sim.

Below: Jasper the Parrot who escaped from The Wellwood on 18 May and flew off for a short holiday at Amble Marina. He returned a couple of days later.



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We stock furniture, collectables, mirrors, artwork, kitchenalia, soaps, candles and a great range of locally produced crafted items.

Circa's Cafe serves freshly prepared food including a breakfast selection, delicious paninis, sandwiches, home made soup and salads.

Our vintage cream tea and afternoon tea include our amazing home baked scones and cakes!

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# YOUR LETTERS

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## Girls football team is recruiting

We are looking for girls aged from 8-10 year to come and play football for AE.Phoenix FC.

It doesn't matter if you have never played before. We are about having fun and keeping fit and every child who would like to play should be allowed to play whatever their ability.

We are based in Ashington and have 14 teams from tots to under 18s. We play in the girls Northumberland football league. Our under 10 girls came 3rd and our under 11 girls won the double, winning the league and also winning the league cup!

We are also looking for local companies to sponsor our girls. We do tournaments during the summer around the country, so this would be a great chance for larger companies to get involved.

We have girls from Amble and surrounding areas who play for our club. For any further information and where we practise please contact me

*Karen Mitchell*

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*or Debbie Todd: debs.todd27@gmail.com*



Under 10 girls' football team, they play 5 aside. The under 11s play 7 aside.

## Fundraisers raise £1000 for RNLI

Members of the Amble Lifeboat Crew, fundraisers and their partners recently attended an enjoyable social evening held at the Red Row Brick Club. During the evening a cheque for £1,000, raised at a number of fundraising events held at the club, was presented to members of the crew.

On behalf of everyone associated with Amble Lifeboat Station, I wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone at the club who were involved in raising this tremendous amount of money for the station.

As a charity the RNLI relies on support and donations such as this to continue to provide the 24 hour search and rescue service. This generous donation will be put to good use at the station in Amble.

Thank you for the donation and for the warm and friendly welcome we received.

*Steve Isaacs Chairman, Amble Lifeboat Fundraisers*

## Sounds fishy?

I am trying to find the name of the business that used to operate from Amble making and selling replica fish to shops/hotels etc. If you have any information that may help me find the past owner I would be most grateful. Even the name of the business?

Regards

*John via email darswed@tiscali.co.uk*

## Thank you for wishing me well

I would like to thank all my friends and relations, who sent Get Well cards and flowers, during my stay in hospital. And on my return home. They were very much appreciated.

Warm regards to all.

*Joan Shepherd, Bisley Rd, Amble*

## Raising awareness of Alzheimer's Disease

I am trying to raise awareness for Alzheimer's Disease. My Mam was a sufferer of this debilitating disease, during which my family watched her memories, mind and life disappear before our eyes. I was about 11 when she was diagnosed and she was 54. She was only 64 when she passed away. It can affect anyone, at any age, not just the older generation. I have heard of cases in which people are sufferers in their 20s. Terry Pratchett, world famous author with a magnificent mind, is a sufferer and is leading a campaign to not let this disease be the 'forgotten' disease.

I want to raise awareness of this disease and raise funds to help other sufferers and their families. I know that when my family were going through this tough time the Alzheimer's Society in our local area were brilliant. They used to take my Mam out for the day and stimulate her mind by going on day trips or to the centre to make things. This in turn helped us to do everyday things such as shopping which became a struggle as my Mam deteriorated. I want to help the society to continue this good work by holding charity events to raise vital funds.

*Gemma Little King Edward Street Amble*

(See page 22 for details of the event)

## Amble Shipbuilding Company

The last edition of the *Ambler* gave an account of the progress of the Amble Yacht Club and also Bill Mitchell's anchor.



This prompted me to seek out this old photograph taken about 1930. It shows my grandfather, John George Rogerson, who on retiring from the Northumberland Police Force was engaged as a night-watchman.

The photograph background shows the size of the shipyard buildings which we think were demolished in the mid thirties.

*George Young, Woodbine St, Amble*

## Beware of seaweed

Just to make all dog owners aware of the very real dangers of their pets eating seaweed!

I have three Gordon Setters, the two older ones have always enjoyed the odd nibble of seaweed and the new puppy, 4 month old Fingal decided to join in. 12 hours later the poor pup was in a sorry state having totally bunged himself up. The main danger is when the stuff is dry on the beach, as once eaten it will swell inside the gut and can cause a fatal blockage.

Thanks to the marvellous attention of Paul Freeman at Alnorthumbria vets, Fingal had a life saving operation in the early hours of Monday morning and it now right as rain. Hopefully he won't be doing that again!

*Dr Sue Haile, Low Hauxley*

We welcome all your letters and email.

Your name and address must be supplied, but will be withheld on request.

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# Jungle hopefuls beat the litter bugs

A litter pick in Amble organised by a group of Army Cadets has raised funds that will help to take two of them jungle training in Brunei.

The two week trip in July will see Catherine Phillips, 17, from Warkworth and Josh Truman, 17, from Ellington – who are members of Broomhill Detachment, Northumbria Army Cadet Force – stay in the tropical forest. They will undergo survival and acclimatisation training, as well as taking part in a jungle exercise.

Responsible for generating part of the money for the trip, with the help of other members from their company, Catherine and Josh have been organising and managing a number of fund raising activities. The tidy up around Dandsfield Square has secured them a further £250 donation from construction company Galliford Try Partnerships North (GTPN), which is building close by.

"I thought a sponsored litter pick would be a good idea as we would be able to do something for the community while raising money for the trip," said Catherine. "Galliford Try agreed to donate some money to the fund and to provide us with the equipment we would need for the clean-up."

I'm really looking forward to what will be an exciting adventure – Brunei isn't a



Above: Catherine Phillips with colleagues Jordon Newson, Luke Morrison, Georgia Hill and Mitchell Cryer beating the litter bugs

place that many people get the chance to visit and it will be great to experience a different culture as well as learning new skills through the training."

GTPN is working in partnership with Homes for Northumberland and Northumberland County Council to deliver 48 new houses, bungalows and apartments

on disused land next to Dandsfield Square in Amble.

Work on the properties – to be managed by Homes for Northumberland – is expected to be completed by spring 2015.

To find out more about joining the army cadets visit [www.armycadets.com](http://www.armycadets.com) or call 01670 732 323.

# Gladys celebrates centenary, surrounded by friends



Sprightly and charming Gladys Steele, celebrated her one hundredth birthday on Tuesday 29th April with a big party. Guests arrived throughout the morning to offer congratulations, bringing cards and flowers which soon began to fill up the sitting room at Abbeyfields in Warkworth.

Before she and her husband moved to the village, Gladys grew up in Byker, becoming the Verger at St Michael's church, as well as bringing up her family.

Gladys clearly relishes being around family and was looking forward to a full day of chatting to friends from the village, from church and from further afield.

Gladys has two sons and a daughter, one granddaughter, one grandson and two great-grandchildren, all of whom live nearby.

I've got loads of cards!" she exclaimed,

looking around the room. "I've been in Warkworth for 36 years now, but there are some people here today who have come up from Byker too. My son has been away on a trip, and has just returned from New York especially for today."

Insisting she wanted no presents, Gladys asked people to give donations to the Red Cross instead.

"I like it here at Abbeyfield, if you have to be in anywhere like this, this is the best, but it's not home. The staff are very good and kind, but family is the best."

Her strong faith and cheerful disposition have clearly affected her outlook on life.

"I could do with a new pair of legs" she laughed. "We used to walk such a lot, and I do miss that, but apart from that, I haven't ailed much. Today I am keen on seeing all my relatives. There's a lot to be thankful for."

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## Funding helps to improve the local environment

Local projects will benefit greatly from generous Grants to Northumberland Wildlife Trust: £26,500 from the Heritage Lottery Fund and £20,000 from an anonymous donor.

The Heritage Lottery money will be used in the first stage of the development of its Dynamic Druridge Project. The project will focus on building a new visitor centre at the Hauxley reserve to replace the building destroyed in an arson attack in June 2009. It will also be used to improve habitats at its reserves along the Bay: Cresswell Pond, Druridge Pools, East Chevington, Linton Lane and Hauxley.

Steve Lowe, Head of Conservation at Northumberland Wildlife Trust and leader of the Dynamic Druridge Project said: "We are delighted to have been awarded the £26,500 from the Heritage Lottery Fund. It will enable us to involve the communities in shaping the project."

The £20,000, made through The Community Foundation will go towards improving access on the Hauxley Nature Reserve. A surfaced path will be created along the Willow Carr, which will allow visitor access, for the first time, through this section of the reserve and provide views over the islands on the lake. It is a step towards a full circular walk around the reserve. Other plans include managing the woodland and providing fully accessible screen hides. Work will begin on this project during autumn 2014, as the area is an important habitat for breeding birds and they need to ensure that nesting has finished to avoid disturbance.

## St Cuthbert's World War 1 commemoration

It seems as though the whole country is thinking about the centenary of the start of WW1 which will be commemorated on August 2nd and St Cuthbert's Parish Church is no exception.

The Church houses war memorials commemorating people from the town who died in the conflict. During August they will be hosting an exhibition to encourage residents to think about those who gave their lives in the war and the events surrounding that difficult time in the life of our nation and the town.

Look out for the advertising and come along. The church is open during the day and you are always welcome to drop in for some quiet space or to look at the latest exhibitions.

They hope to host a series of short lunch time talks about aspects of the war on the four Wednesdays in August. These will begin at 12 noon with a short act of prayer for peace and justice followed by refreshments and the talk.

If you have any interesting family memories about World War 1 they would love to hear from you. They would also like to hear if you have any interesting artefacts connected with the war. As the exhibition is not always staffed they will not be leaving anything of value in the church but would be happy to take photographs or copies of your interesting material. So get in to the loft and have a look for what you have got to share.

For further details contact either Penny Horseman 01665 712935 pennyhorseman@gmail.com or Lesley Young Tel: 01665 712324

## Interact swim raises £500 for SHAK



Eight members of the Interact Club of Coquet and Aln (Junior Rotary) each swam 50 lengths of Amble swimming pool to raise funds for the Northumberland Dog Charity SHAK.

The total distance added up to 11 kilometres and the young people raised in excess of £500. Members of The Rotary Club of Amble and Warkworth sponsored the swimmers to the tune of £115 and the manager of the leisure complex added a further £20. £300 of the total was raised from a collection outside Sainsbury's which was added to the money donated through individual sponsorship.

*Pictured after their swim are (L to R) : Robyn Stevens, Zoe Wilson, Fay Rochester, Kathryn Patterson, Georgia Soan, Scott Harvey, Ben Briggs and John Briggs who is the current President of the Interact Club.*

## Acklington school's big gardening day



Forty adults and children and one small dog came along to Acklington First School on Saturday 26 April to be involved in a community gardening day. Governors, teachers, parents, and green-fingered members of the local community called in between 10am and 2pm to set up an allotment area next to the black poplar tree in the school field. Here children can grow their own fruit and vegetables, and plant flowers and shrubs around the whole school. The school was buzzing with activity. Even Poofie the Jack Russell contributed to the gardening day by helping dig holes to plant bulbs outside the classrooms.

Headteacher Claire Jones said "It was great fun to spend the day gardening with the children and members of the community. I think it is

so important that children learn about food and how it is grown. I was overwhelmed at the kindness of people who live around the school who gave up their time and shared their plants. We are also grateful to the managers of Shades of Green who contributed vegetable planters, pots, and edging, and to Jacksons Gardening Services and Homebase, Alnwick for contributing bags of compost."

For more information about Acklington First School and Acklington Pre-School, please contact: Claire Jones, Headteacher, Acklington CE First School  
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## Obituary: John Lyth (Jack Paperman)



Further to Peter Monaghan's short article in Issue 86 I am sure that readers may wish to know a little more of the local

'celebrity' that Jack became in Amble and district. I had known Jack for two and a half years as he came to the Gospel Hall known as Hebron Hall Red Row regularly.

He was born near Huddersfield in June 1932. He had an older sister, who lived in New Zealand with her husband.

Jack's father had to move from Yorkshire as the firm he worked for went into liquidation. He obtained employment at the then new BBC transmitter at Stagshaw near Corbridge in 1938. Both John and his sister went to Hexham Grammar school. He

played rugby and enjoyed running. His parents were very active in the Methodist church. Both he and his father had good singing voices.

He joined the Navy after accountancy training in Hexham. He was in the Navy for 17 years and it was while he was on HMS Albion, an aircraft carrier built on the Tyne, that he was 'ordered' to join the Magazine committee. It was 36 years later he got his 'Creative writing' certificate at Newcastle College. However, he had a problem in that another John Lyth, a distant relative, had published poems several years earlier. His solution to this was a pseudonym, hence, Jack Paperman.

After the death of his parents he finally moved to Amble and was often seen around the town with his dog until it passed away.

In retirement he enjoyed writing poetry and researching right up to his death. He

was on his way, by bus, to Newcastle when the bus had an accident. Sadly he passed away a week later as a result of his injuries in Wansbeck Hospital.

He was cremated at Cowpen Crematorium on the 9th April and a Memorial service was held at Hebron Hall on the 30th April.

Many friends, representing the poetry groups he attended, together with friends and members of Hebron Hall gathered as we recounted his life and the contribution he gave to the various groups. He had a faith in God. He was often known to break out into song, poems or quotes from antiquity or the Bible even on the telephone!

His only niece, from Australia, was able to visit him the day before he passed away and sent a message about her late Uncle John, for the Memorial service, stating, 'he was a true English eccentric'. Surely that sums him up beautifully. He will be missed. *John Tinkler, Hebron Hall Red Row*

## Good with outstanding aspects

Warkworth C of E First school would like to say a great big 'thank you' to everyone who has volunteered at the school and contributed to our recent OFSTED results of Good with Outstanding aspects.

We are pleased to report that we have maintained our overall OFSTED rating of 'Good', with pupil achievement typically being above expectations for their age by the end of Year 4 and all pupils making good progress from their starting point. In addition, the report highlights how the school offers sensitive care and support and provides extremely well for pupils' highly developed spiritual, moral, social and cultural awareness.

The inspector highlighted our Forest School, where he noted the teaching as being outstanding, with pupils excited by a range of stimulating, investigative and creative activities. Forest School is a specific approach to learning outside the classroom and supports the delivery of the curriculum in a creative and inspiring way.

These are some of the aspects of the school that we are particularly proud of and which we believe to be vital to allowing our pupils to thrive and be the best they can – and they would not be possible without you, our volunteers and unsung heroes. Thank you for everything you do.

More information about the school can be found at [www.warkworth.northumberland.sch.uk](http://www.warkworth.northumberland.sch.uk)

## Digital booth opens in Amble P.O.

Entrepreneurial Postmaster Bryan Hewson is offering IT access for members of the public within the Queen Street Post Office.

"It's intended for one-on-one coaching in a private environment" said Bryan. "Or for members of the community wanting to use the internet in private."

The booth contains a laptop, printer and three tablet devices, all connected to the internet.

"This is part of the Go On UK campaign. It's a facility for those people who may not know what the internet is or what it offers. There are some tremendous things on the internet, learning and information.

"The idea is that we'll be working with Northumberland Community Development Network (NCDN) two afternoons per week, and we'll be able to offer pre-arranged one-on-one sessions of about 20 minutes to help people get to grips with the internet. It



Bryan Hewson and Mayor Craig Weir. More info on Go On UK can be found at [www.go-on.co.uk/](http://www.go-on.co.uk/)

will probably be on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons."

If you are interested in booking one of the sessions, contact Bryan at the Queen Street Post Office. 01665 713195

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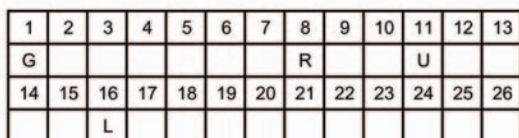
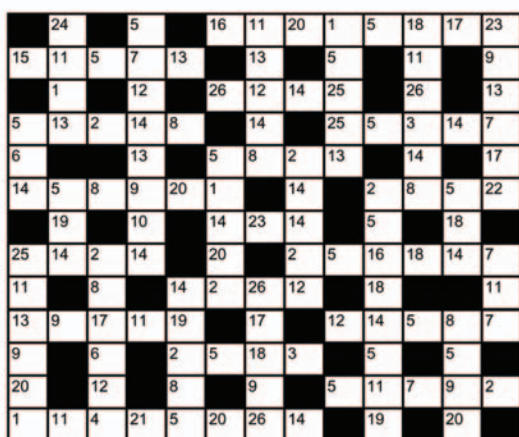
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Included in the puzzle are two Northumbrian place names. Can you find them?

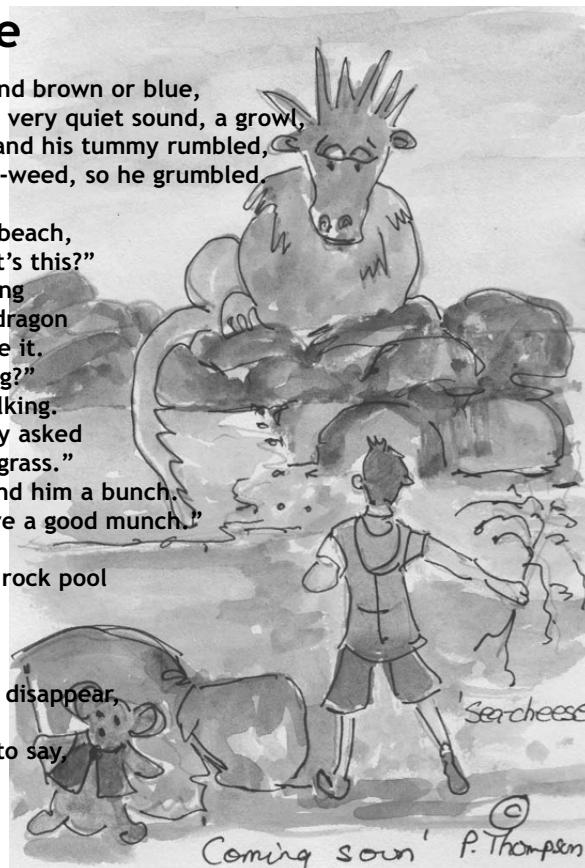
## Sea Cheese

The sea was green and brown or blue,  
By the deep rocks, a very quiet sound, a growl,  
A dragon lay asleep and his tummy rumbled,  
He needed some sea-weed, so he grumbled.

A boy ran by on the beach,  
shouting, "Hey, what's this?"  
A long tail was hanging  
over the rocks, the dragon  
Had forgotten to hide it.  
"Are you there, thing?"  
"I am," it replied sulking.  
"What's up?" the boy asked  
"I'm hungry, no sea grass."  
The boy ran off, found him a bunch,  
"Here have this, have a good munch."

He threw it into the rock pool  
And sat nearby,  
“Grrrunch, munch,  
I do love that.”  
The boy saw the tail disappear  
The dragon  
Popped up his head to say,  
“Thank you.”  
Then swam away.

*Pauline Thompson*



# Kids, career and a quirky idea

An enterprising Morpeth woman has opened up an online shop selling quirky and retro inspired childrens clothes and accessories. Joanne Croot had worked at HMP

Northumbria before taking redundancy in mid February.

"There must be an entrepreneurial streak in my family" she said listing several relatives who have started their own businesses. "I wanted to be my own boss as well as have time to look after my two children. I'm very determined and focussed, but I am still trying to get the work/life balance right!"

Joanne sources all the products and designed the logo and the website, which was built by a local web designer. “I had a clear idea of how I wanted it to be. I love retro design – my collection is a mix of British and European products. I source everything myself. I like to read blogs and I look for quirky things, things not seen before. There’s a story behind each of the brands that I stock.”

Although she had just been trading for three weeks when we talked, Joanne had seen orders and interest from as far afield as Australia and New Zealand. She was

tipped for success by entrepreneur Jacqueline Gold, founder of Knickerbox and Ann Summers, who saw her twitter account and gave it her #WOW (Women

On Wednesday)  
stamp of  
approval.

"I launched the business on the Friday, so I tweeted that week. The same day, Jacqueline retweeted me, saying the products were fab," said Joanne.

"I'm having fun doing it and it's a lot of hard work, sourcing products,

managing the website, packaging, legal issues, VAT – there's been so much background work. And of course there's the social media work too, we're on Pinterest, Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

I'm inspired by bold, strong colours and retro designs. Some people get confused between retro and vintage. Vintage is what you can see if you go to a second hand shop. Retro is a new product, but very design-led.

You can see Joanne's online shop at [www.retrokids.com](http://www.retrokids.com)

*Anna Williams*



Joanne Croot

## Prince of Wales offers support to fishermen

**H**HRH The Prince of Wales has made a donation towards the work of national charity, the Fishermen's Mission (Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen).

During the winter months, fishermen based in storm battered coastal communities suffered the full impact of severe storms. Opportunities to head to sea and catch fish were rare. Fishermen faced the difficult decision of putting to sea, risking life and dangerous sea conditions or being unable to pay bills.

The Fishermen's Mission is privileged to be the only national charity that works solely to provide welfare and practical support to our fishermen.

David Dickens, Chief Executive of the Fishermen's Mission says 'In February the Fishermen's Mission launched an emergency appeal and encouraged fishermen to come forward if they needed financial support. Since that time we have distributed £330,000 throughout the UK, supporting 650 fishermen and their families from this emergency fund.'

'We are extremely grateful for the donation from HRH The Prince of Wales. We are aware that he takes a keen interest in our work and the welfare of UK fishermen and he is personally involved through his 'Fishing into the Future' initiative'.

If you would like to know more about the work of the Fishermen's Mission you can follow them on Facebook and Twitter and visit their website [www.fishermensmission.org.uk](http://www.fishermensmission.org.uk).  
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## AMY THE COMPETITION SKIER

Amy Stokoe is a great skier, she is 9 years old and she has already won two trophies! She lives in Widdrington and goes to Longhorsley first school. She has been skiing since she was two years old which is seven years. She has a lucky helmet and top, that she always wears to her skiing competitions. She has competed against grownups, and she won!

She doesn't have a favourite pop star because she has to focus on skiing. The people who inspired her to ski were her dad and a lot of other family members. She practises at Sunderland.

By Catherine

See Amy skiing through water on Youtube:  
<http://youtu.be/DAOJJm-4Qko>

## FACING MY FEARS ON RIDES

On Saturday the 21st of May me and my family went to Lightwater Valley. Now before I tell you about it, I was terrified of rides so when I got to the first ride I did not go on - I was petrified!

But my dad made me go on the barrels so I did and ...IT WAS BRILLIANT!!!!!! Ok so I might have overdone that a little but still I loved it!

Soon after that I went on the flying swings. I loved it, they were really flying. My mum was so proud!

Later on I went on the wild river rapid and it broke down half way there, but it started again. I was in the float with my big sister Niamh

Later on I went on the Flying Cutlass, it was the best! We literally were on top of other people waaaa!

I was on the back seat, it was amazing. Me, my mum and my sister Niamh went on the rapid ride. Niamh and my dad went on the Ultimate.

I had to go on some rides with Madeleine my little sister. She screamed on the lady bird!

Hopefully you will go some day  
By Annabel

## MEET THE PUPS

Earlier this year there was a CBBC show called 'Meet the Pups'.

In the show, we met two Springer Spaniel dogs called Lola and Morgan, just as Lola was about to give birth to a litter of puppies. The six episodes showed the puppies as they were born and their first few weeks.

The Supervising Producer on the show was a man named George Scott. We emailed him some questions, and he emailed back!

We asked him what his job was on the show.

"I looked after everything and was essentially trying to shape all the ideas into small films and keep everyone on track. I am very lucky to do a job I love" he said.



Producer George Scott told us he has a dog called Leo

The episodes are quite short because that's what the BBC wanted, but as small as they were, they were still great.

We enjoyed actor Hugh Dennis's voiceover who made the dogs seem very funny and seem like they could talk.



Snoozing pups: Betsy, Bonzo and Biscuit

George said that he spent most of his time working in the office making other films at the same time; and time was tight. He had people who spent a lot of time with the pups.

The pups were really cute, but George's favourite was Bonzo, because "He was a real boy, and into everything!"

In episode 1, when Lola was giving birth, the vet thought that a "Number 2" was another puppy!; George said that it happens sometimes.

We asked George if he was planning to make any other programs, he would like to, but that depends on CBBC; maybe meet the kittens?

By Niamh

## ARTOGRAFFI GAMES

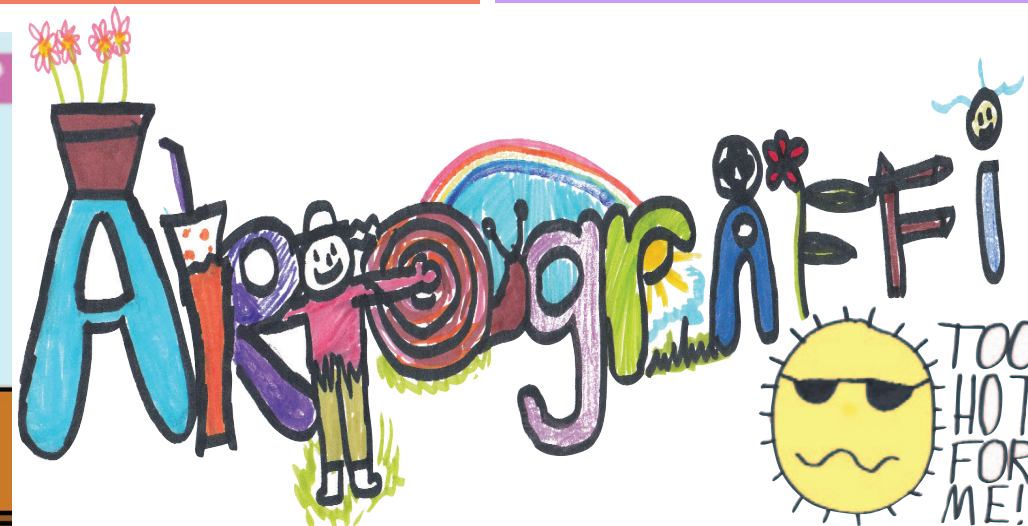
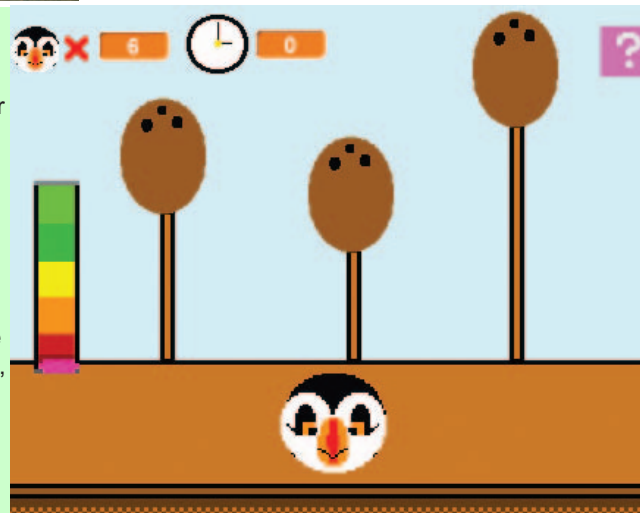
Artograffi now has an account on Scratch, an educational game/ story/ animation making platform. We have uploaded our first game, a coconut-shy styled one for the recent Puffin Festival.

We hope to upload more games for future events and special times of the year.

Here is the link to the game:

<http://scratch.mit.edu/projects/22420379/?fromexplore=true>  
Alternatively, you can find the scratch website ([scratch.mit.edu](http://scratch.mit.edu)), click explore and type in Artograffi in the tags and it should come up with the game.

By Will H-D



## SCHOOL'S OUT LET'S HAVE A P.A.R.T.Y



## LOO-NACY

There is a company who make luxury loos. They are called Satis. The toilets cost about £3,800, some of them have a built-in music player, perfume spray and a bum-dryer!!!

The toilets use bluetooth and a password for some of the features.

Some people say if pranksters knew the password, that they could squirt water at your bottom while you're on the toilet!!!

By Freya Mathews



## BINKY'S PUFFIN PUFF

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

When Binky saw the strange black and white bird with the multicoloured beak he thought it was a parrot. He had been trying to break a world record of the most mud pies and so far he had got to six, he was about to do more when the tiny bird wandered aimlessly into the tree stump he was sitting on.

"Sorry!" it squeaked, jumping backwards with a flap. He looked like a baby, a baby puffin! He had read about these in his favourite book; but what was it doing here in the jungle?

"Are you lost little one?" Binky exclaimed and the puffin drooped his small head.

"I'm afraid I am, you see," he explained, "I left my burrow to early and now...I'm here, please help me!"

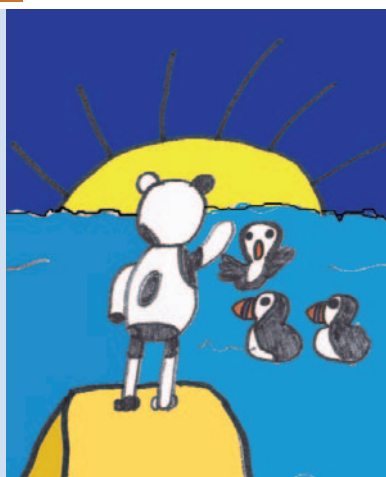
Binky thought about this...for less than a millisecond!  
"Of course!" he said and they smiled at each

other and set off the way that the young puffling had wandered from.

They went through coarse, bushy areas and plain, open areas, always keeping to the puffin's little footprints when suddenly they stopped.

"The cliff, and there is mummy!" the little puffling gasped then hugged Binky, "thankyou so much...friend!"

And with that he jumped into the water with a splash!  
By Lily



## INSPIRATION ALL ROUND

Recently in Artograffi we have been learning how to be inspirational to others, but also take in inspiration ourselves; hopefully this article about what has inspired me will inspire you too.

From an early age I have always wanted to work in the fashion industry, whether it's a model or fashion designer.

I know people who are amazing at maths, English and PE, most of them aspire to be athletes, mathematicians, or authors; this is because they have been inspired by the people and places around them.

Here are some things that inspired me to design clothes:  
I had always seen many different things, from buildings to flowers; as soon as I

saw them I could imagine a dress instantly!

A fashion designer's must is a mood board: a mood board is a pin board filled with magazine snippets, fabric pieces and fashion doodles, these are used to make a collection (a collection of clothes by the same designer that are linked in some way.)

I have seen peoples mood boards and been fascinated by them and their "mood"

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Welcome back to Trust Life! At the time of writing we are in the middle of the Puffin Festival, by the time of reading everyone involved should have managed to take a well deserved break. Organising a whole week of activities can be exhausting and time consuming, but hopefully everyone will have enjoyed the wide range of activities offered and we can get back to normal daily business again.

We have had some wonderful feedback from visitors who are enjoying the scenery, walks, talks, watery activities and hospitality of the local people. We had a couple in the office yesterday remarking on how unusual it was for people to smile and say hello! Wouldn't we think the opposite? If anyone doesn't acknowledge you, you automatically think there is something wrong! That's what living in a close-knit community is like and of course we do live in the Friendliest Port.

Tenders for the construction of the Harbour Village are due to be returned in early June with the contract being awarded and work to commence on site at the beginning of July. Interviews for the Co-ordinators post will also be held in June, so things are moving on apace.

News on the Persimmon front has gone pretty quiet. I had hoped to see some activity during May but it would seem that yet again there has been a hold up. This time it's the final design of the access on to the main road and the bus stand, which are included in 'reserved matters'. Then there is some grouting work required to the site. I have been assured that these should be resolved relatively quickly, but we'll see. After so many false starts I don't feel confident in predicting anything.

We all know that parking is a major issue in the town so I was a little surprised when a

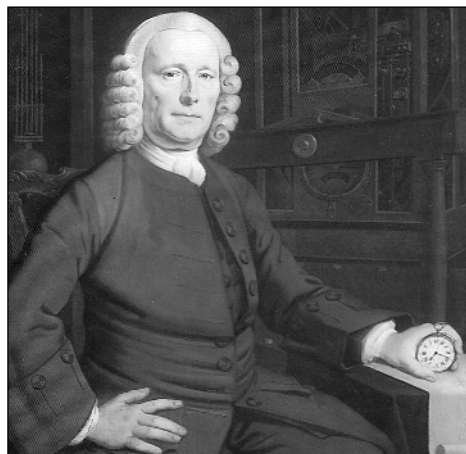
recent 'bench-marking' exercise said that statistics taken on the day showed a huge percentage of parking bays were empty. Then we found out the exercise carried out was not over a weekend. The very time we have problems!

Collectively the town council, business club and development trust are haranguing NCC to try to form a solution. We will keep you informed of progress, but it has already been a very long process and while we feel we may be making some headway, I wouldn't hold your breath!

Once again we offer our thanks to everyone who contributed to make the festival a success, no matter what your involvement we are grateful. Without your assistance it just wouldn't happen – so as we are all puffin'd out, I'm signing off!

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

## The Great Longitude Prize



John Harrison with the Longitude prize winning watch

On 21 June 1773 a clockmaker from Yorkshire scooped what was then the biggest scientific prize in British history. His legacy continues to this day with his descendants, a local family who are continuing their ancestor's entrepreneurial spirit.

In 1714 an Act of Parliament offered a £20,000 prize to anyone who could invent a way to accurately determine the exact position of ships at sea. There are two co-ordinates used in such a calculation; latitude, the distance north or south of the equator, and longitude, the distance east or west from an agreed point.

Using the sun at midday, or the Pole star at night, latitude was easier to determine, but longitude remained much harder to calculate. With maritime trade and exploration growing quickly, the toll on human life and loss of cargo was also increasing.

When 2000 men were lost at sea in 1707 alone, the British government were spurred on to act. The prize was announced and a

Board of Longitude was set up to judge the submissions. In those days, clocks used pendulums to drive the timekeeping mechanisms. Once at sea in the rocking high waves, the pendulums would quickly become inaccurate. It was assumed by the Board that the solution would likely be found in calculation tables and formulae, rather than the invention of a new gadget.

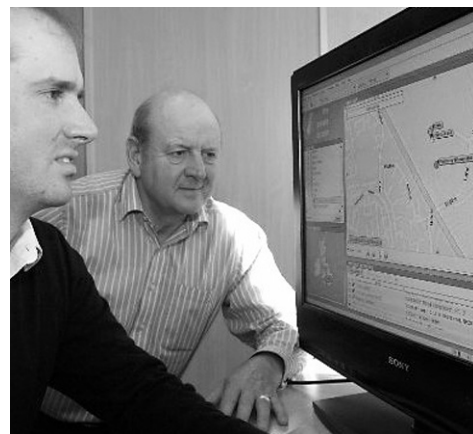
But John Harrison, a clockmaker from Yorkshire read about the prize and felt he could design an accurate and portable timekeeping device of his own invention.

The story of Harrison's design and battle with the Board of Longitude is well documented in history books – suffice to say he was able to develop a watch mechanism which accurately solved the longitude problem. It took him fifty years, and due to politics he was never officially awarded the actual 'Longitude Prize'! Harrison had to go to the then King George III to demand his money.

Phil Derry, Commodore of Coquet Yacht Club ([www.coquetyachtclub.co.uk](http://www.coquetyachtclub.co.uk)) is a direct descendant of John Harrison. He and his son Simon continue the entrepreneurial lineage with their location company [www.trackaphone.com](http://www.trackaphone.com). Their technology enables them to pinpoint and track the exact location of any individual and asset across the globe.

Phil said "John Harrison was my (x6) great-grandfather on my mother's side. From what I have read about him, I am sure my son has inherited his disposition. He has the same stubbornness and attitude towards quality and attention to detail.

"The £20,000 (today about £8 million) was left in Trust to all John Harrison's children and then down the family line to enable each one to learn a trade. Many went to Australia and other parts of the world. The Trust fund ran out in the mid 1900's."



Phil Derry and his son Simon are John Harrison's direct descendants

Harrison's legacy still lives on in the area, and his story even spills out into popular culture.

"Since we have lived in Amble we have learnt that one of John Harrison's descendants lived in Warkworth making clocks and there is a Harrison clock in the village," said Phil.

He laughed; "The last episode of Only Fools and Horses tells the mythical tale of Del Boy finding Harrison's lost chronometer and "making it at last"!

### The 2014 Longitude Prize

A modern day Longitude Prize was recently announced, and members of the public were asked to vote on who should be chosen for a £10million investment. Six categories were identified: flight, paralysis, water, antibiotics, food and dementia.

Phil said "I think this is a great idea and my favourite would be dementia because at TrackaPhone we often tackle dementia projects using our location technology to look after people".

By the time you read this, the winner should have been announced. Visit [www.longitudeprize.org](http://www.longitudeprize.org).

*Anna Williams*



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### Staff

We are sure patients will be pleased to see a familiar face return to work at Coquet Medical Group. Dr Zheen Ramzi will be rejoining our team to work as a Salaried G.P. later this summer.

Dr Katherine Carman, who has recently worked at Felton will also be joining us as a Salaried G.P. Sadly however, we are having to say goodbye to Dr Jo Lee who is leaving us on 6th June to work in a practice nearer to her home. She has been an integral part of our team and will be sadly missed by both staff and patients. We wish her the very best of luck. Congratulations were recently given to our G.P. Registrar, Dr Mike Dowrick who has become the very proud father of a beautiful baby boy named Joseph.

Our current newsletter is always available from our waiting rooms and on our website [www.coquetmedicalgroup.co.uk](http://www.coquetmedicalgroup.co.uk)

## Raising money for sick children

Pictured is Jodie Taylor who raised £817 for the Bubble Foundation in Newcastle, a charity which supports babies born without an immune system.

Jodie, who lives in Amble, had 21 inches of hair chopped off - which she donated to the Little Princess Trust. They provide wigs for children suffering hair loss.



## Carers Northumberland

If you spend time looking after someone who depends on you because they are ill, frail or disabled, Carers Northumberland can support you.

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## Our age of insecurity

Few things sadden former teachers more than the present state of our schools. In an age of Line Manager, box-ticking and pointless, crushing paperwork, there is little or no trust between Managers and Managed.

Statistics reign supreme, meaning statistics of spot-check attainment. Perhaps it would be instructive if Ofsted were to look at teacher retention, and rates of teacher breakdown and psychiatric illness.

Any organisation that wants to flourish needs to nurture its work force, not to crush it. Many people who do the real job of teaching feel humiliated and ignored. Something must be wrong when English teachers have no time to read books.

Talking to people in other jobs, especially in the public sector, has led me to believe that insecurity is now the norm in schools, colleges, universities, the NHS, police forces, fire and rescue services and many others. All are on shifting sands; no one knows quite where they are or what is going on. Our Kafkaesque education service is a perfect example.

Freedom of information appears to bring no help at all. I do not have the temerity to suggest answers, but I firmly believe that those in power, of whatever political persuasion, need to question present policies, and at least attempt to bring about improvements in morale and level of function in our public services.

*Harry McQuillan*

## Bill Bailey's appeal

Some of you may have seen the Bill Bailey item on Men United v Prostate Cancer on television. This is part of a big drive to increase awareness of the disease which is in fact the most common cancer in men. More than 10,000 men die from the disease annually.

What changes should men look out for? •Needing to go to the toilet more often, especially at night •Difficulty in urinating •Straining or taking a long time to finish •A week flow •A feeling that your bladder has not emptied properly •Needing to rush to the toilet and sometimes leaking before getting there •Dribbling urine

If you have some of the symptoms you might want to get further advice or a check- up at your GP surgery. It can often be women who notice these symptoms and encourage their partner or friend to visit the GP so the role of women is very important. You can also get lots of information from [www.prostatecanceruk.org](http://www.prostatecanceruk.org) which is the leading charity for men with prostate cancer and prostate problems. It supports men and their families, promotes awareness and funds research.

If any group or organisation would like more information about talks (which are appropriate for men and women), please contact either [gil.owens1@gmail.com](mailto:gil.owens1@gmail.com) or [cathiegascoigne@yahoo.com](mailto:cathiegascoigne@yahoo.com)

## Citizens Advice Bureaux changes

The Citizens' Advice Bureaux of Alnwick and District, Berwick and West Northumberland have now merged to form a new Northumbrian CAB. While the Alnwick office is now the registered address, Northumbrian Citizens Advice Bureau will continue to provide a full range of services and access points across the areas of Berwick, Alnwick, and Hexham. The face-to-face advice services will continue to operate as before and full details are available at [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk).

A new telephone service has been launched, called Northumberland Adviceline. This initiative is a partnership between Northumbrian CAB and the three other bureaux in Northumberland – Blyth CAB, Wansbeck CAB and DAWN CAB in Morpeth.

The new phone number 08444 111 444 provides a single telephone access point to all CAB services in Northumberland and replaces the individual bureau numbers. The phone line is open 5 days per week from 10am to 4pm. People who prefer to contact us face-to-face can continue to visit their local bureau as before.

## Yacht runs aground in Little Dock

The skipper of a yacht which ran aground in the Little Dock, wants to thank all the people who came to help rescue the vessel.

Ray Hindes who owns the 5 tonne yacht *Astra* which is berthed in Amble Marina, sailed into the Little Dock at low tide on May 15, with the intention of doing some maintenance work on the boat.

"Although we had 3m clearance coming over the sill, we came into the dock and we

grounded," said Ray. "It was about 7am. We wanted to stand the yacht on the wood at low tide so we could do some work on the furling apparatus. But we ran aground and the whole thing tipped so the mast was resting on the quayside railings."

With the help of locals and the Harbour Master, the yacht was saved from possible disaster.

"They supported the mast with a fish box and blocks of wood. I just want to thank the lads and Simon the Harbour Master for all their help. It could have slipped over and the mast could have snapped.

The boat was in a dangerous situation. But we were able to chock the boat up. It was there until about 1pm when the tide came in and it re-floated.

Fortunately there's been no damage – but that might not have been the case if I hadn't had assistance from those lads."

*Anna Williams*  
Photo: Stevie Sim



## WW1 Zeppelin over Coquet Island



Helen Scott née Whitchurch  
in 1917

A thrilling true story of the night during WW1 when a German Zeppelin flew over Coquet Island, has been captured in a short film made as part of the Town Council's WW1 project.

Young people worked with professional filmmakers to record the story of teenager Helen Whitchurch, whose father was the island's lighthouse keeper during the First World War.

The three minute film documents the extraordinary events which took place over Coquet Island during the night of March 13th 1918.

The young people interviewed Helen's son, retired journalist John Scott, and filmed him recounting the dramatic story as told to him by his mother.

The film can be seen on AmbleGPX's website.  
[www.amblegpx.com](http://www.amblegpx.com). Click on the tag on Coquet Island.



Amble young filmmakers with John Scott, Helen's son

## Reports from our County Councillors

### St Cuthbert's Roman Catholic First School

The closure of St Cuthbert's RC First School as a direct result of the Ofsted focused inspections in October 2013 will be a sad loss to the town. This has been a particularly difficult issue for me to deal with given my responsibility as the Lead Member for Children's Services with the County Council. Government policy in dealing with schools placed in Special Measures by Ofsted inspectors severely limits options available to the Local Education Authority.

I hope to meet representatives of the Roman Catholic Diocese soon in order to discuss matters of concern, including the future of the current school building and support for staff and children involved in this change.

The present staff team deserve credit for their efforts in dealing with a very difficult situation for all involved.

We all want the very best for our children. The last few months have meant some challenging decisions for me, but the aim has to be a better future for pupils.

### Parking issues

I am working closely with the Town Council and others to try to find solutions to some long-standing problems. While everyone can see what the present difficulties are, finding agreement on improvements is much harder. It is important that changes are introduced in time to cope with the development of the proposed Harbour Village. The timescales for this have been frustrating and we will not please everyone.

### Remembering World War One

My grandfather was a boy soldier who survived the First World War. It is right that we remember the sacrifices made by his generation. It is encouraging to see the active interest and involvement across our community and in the schools. The efforts made to commemorate the events of August 1914 and beyond are a reflection of our pride and gratitude.

*Robert Arckless*  
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The plans for the Harbour village are progressing well and I am proud to be part of the team that is bringing it all together. However at the time of writing there are still issues to be resolved and plans to be finalised but I hope by the time you read this article most of the issues will be resolved and building work will have started.

One of the biggest issues remains the lack of adequate parking in the Town and although a new road layout to ease traffic flow is about to be introduced it will not solve the problems which can only be multiplied if the Harbour Village development is successful.

I have asked the current administration at N.C.C. to "grasp the nettle" and give us the parking spaces we have been lacking for years.

I understand finance is difficult to come by at the moment but without adequate parking our Town can not prosper as we all want it to. I sincerely hope the council will take on board my and other people's requests to find appropriate funding to solve our problem.

I am pleased to report that initial approval for the bus shelter on Acklington Road funded by Councillor Arckless and me has been granted. Work should start shortly.

I am available on 07802385367  
[Jeffrey.watson@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:Jeffrey.watson@northumberland.gov.uk)



## Hauxley Parish Council

### Chair & Vice Chair of Parish Council

At the Annual meeting of the Council Rita Callender was elected as Chair and Ken Graham was elected as Vice Chair.

### 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 & tidy up

17 Members of the public turned up for our Community Tidy Up & Litter pick on Saturday 10th May. The hedgerows of Low and High Hauxley were cleared of litter, along with the beach. Thank you to all who helped out.

### Bin repair

During the tidy up, repairs required to Parish Council property were noted and we have since had the litter bin in the beach car park, which was fire damaged, refurbished.

### Rights of Way

Evidence is being gathered from individuals who have used the path behind the bus shelter (at the entrance of Low Hauxley) that crosses the dunes without interruption or permission for periods in excess of 20 years. If public rights are proven to exist then once recorded on the Definitive Rights of Way Map the path will be secured for future generations. If you have any evidence, please contact the Parish Clerk.

**The next meeting** of the Parish Council is 6.30pm on Monday 14th July 2014 in the Village Hall, Low Hauxley – the public are welcome to attend.

**Contact details: Parish Clerk:**  
Miss Elaine Brown  
**Address:** 4 Simonside Crescent,  
Hadston, Morpeth NE65 9YB  
**Telephone:** 07588659600 **Email:**  
hauxleypc@hotmail.co.uk

## Justin wins regional award



Volunteer at *The Ambler* and Northumberland College student Justin Cooper, has won the North East regional heat of the WorldSkillsUK competition.

Justin is studying to be an IT technician. The courses he studied were IT systems support diploma and Cisco A+ IT essentials.

As part of the systems support technician category he competed in, Justin was instructed to build a computer from scratch.

He also had to repair another computer and link them to a network. These tasks demonstrated his versatility and technician skills.

"It was a good experience and it has built my confidence," said Justin.

As he finished first in his heat, he hopes to qualify for the national final, called the Skills Show, which is held at the NEC in Birmingham in November.

Toby Bell, IT Lecturer at Northumberland College said "WorldSkillsUK promotes excellence in vocational areas and gives students the chance to demonstrate the skills needed to compete in today's job market."

Justin has ambitions to return to college to undertake an HNC diploma in IT.

*Michael Lowery*

## A friendly welcome to improved Yacht club

All being well by the time you read this the steel will have arrived for the new balcony and extension to Coquet Yacht Club's clubhouse allowing members and visitors to enjoy an enhanced view of Warkworth Castle, the Coquet and the harbour entrance. The sunset over Warkworth Castle from our club house is staggering and the balcony will make this even easier to enjoy.

Membership continues to grow with new members enjoying the bar, café, power boating, dinghy and off-shore sailing. Many of the new members are local and their reasons for joining are mixed and various. Some are bringing boats for mooring or storage, some just for the social side of the club and some to either start sailing or pick up where they left off many years ago.

Whatever the reason they get a friendly welcome. The club thoroughly enjoyed taking

part in the Puffin Festival where we had a stand in the town square. We had many visitors and signed up new members. We still get comments from residents that say "we didn't know you were there" or "we thought it was just for yotties"! Our membership includes motor boaters, sailors (dinghy and offshore), fishermen, canoeists (one even a world champion!), mountain bikers, climbers, airline pilots, swimmers, life boat crew members and normal people!

The club will be having an open day when the balcony and new workshops are finished and this will be announced shortly. In the meantime remember do come and see us.

Either Cliff, Pam or myself are normally on site or close by and if not contact us through the web site [www.coquetyachtclub.org.uk](http://www.coquetyachtclub.org.uk) or phone 01665 712990.

## New Rotary team

The new Rotary Club Team took up their respective posts on 1st June, at the start of the new Rotary year.

Pictured (L to R) : Rotarians John Barnacott (Chairman, International and Vocational Committee) ; Dave Shoemaker (Senior Vice President and Chairman Club Service Committee) ;

Chris Ward (President) ; Tim Mason (Chairman Community Service Committee) and John Geggie who continues as Treasurer. Stephen Kerry (not pictured) continues as Secretary.

Other appointments announced at the Annual General Meeting in June were: Public Relations - Fred Calvert ; Sports Officer - Charlie Smith ; Web Master and Membership - Eddie Critchlow ;

Club Protection - Mike Frisch, and Speaker



Co-ordinator and Interact Liaison - Dick Wailes.

At the meeting on 3rd June, the outgoing President, Dr Paul Creighton, invited members to accompany him on a visit to Elpha Lodge to see the new Sensory Garden, constructed in the grounds for the residents thanks to a donation from the Rotary Club.

He also reported on the progress of plans to plant two wildflower meadows, one at each end of Rotary Way.





# Amble Town COUNCIL

Meetings 6.30p.m. unless stated otherwise

Town: 10th July; 14th August;

Amenities Committee: 31st July Garden Awards: 25th July

WW1 Centenary Service: 2nd August 10am West Cemetery

## CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

THIS IS THE TIME when we reflect over the past year and look forward to the year ahead.

We have tried to resolve some issues that have been outstanding for a while. Amble Action Group has been brought into the Council to make it easier to administer. This brings together, under one organisation, all the Town Council led community type events such as the Remembrance Day Service, the Garden Awards, Local Democracy Week, the Christmas Parade etc. and of course the Puffin Festival.

The Simply Horticulture site at the west allotments is being regenerated by members of the community working alongside some of the councillors. This site was badly neglected but the council did not want to disband it until a last attempt had been made to save it. Initially this has a 2-3 year timeframe during which others will be encouraged to join in and make it a permanent valuable community asset.

The restoration and rededication of Radcliffe war memorial took place last year and was very well attended despite the wet and windy weather. The memorial ceremony for Private Sydney Crackett's new headstone in the East Cemetery followed just afterwards. Members of his family attended from areas of Britain and even Milan, gathering for the first time back in Amble to take part. They were very grateful that we still wished to honour 'one of our own' who had given his life during World War Two.

We have welcomed a new member to the Council as a result of the recent by-election in the Central ward. Following a

resignation, this was called by 10 people exercising their democratic right to ask for an election. However with only just over 200 people turning out to cast their vote, some have questioned whether the cost to the town of £4000 could not have been better spent elsewhere.

Communication is one of the greatest problems every organisation faces. We want everyone to know what their Town Council is doing so we need to engage with as many of the community as possible. Therefore in the past year we not only have our notice boards, newsletter page in the *Ambler* and our website, but have implemented a facebook and a twitter account in order to reach a wider audience.

Litter remains a problem in the country as a whole, but this year again in Amble we are undertaking a Community Litter Pick, inviting everyone to tidy the area in which they live and join us in a tidy up of the main central area radiating from the Town Square.

Parking and enforcement of traffic regulations continues to be a problem but talks are ongoing with NCC Highways Department and it is hoped that some solutions will be implemented soon. The main issues are: congestion at the weekends and Bank Holidays. We are a victim of our own success due to the highly popular Car Boot Sale and Sunday Market, and the need for another large car park. Suggestions have been raised for NCC to investigate. Visitors should look out for details of a 'Park & Ride' scheme!

The imminent development of the Harbour Village shows real

progress in our town. The information boards and community awareness meeting were held to give everyone a chance to see this exciting project and ask any queries or bring any concerns forward. It is the way ahead for the town and with this incentive of training and encouragement to tourism it should bring jobs and prosperity to Amble.

Sadly, while Tesco says they remain committed to coming to Amble, there are no new firm plans available yet. We continue to push them for a progress report and a start date as the majority of people and traders in the town have indicated that they welcome the development and see it as increasing visitors to the town as well as trade in our smaller independent individual shops and also importantly bringing employment for many.

A new social housing development has begun adjacent to Dandsfield Square and the Persimmons site will begin soon. These will help not only our present residents who need housing but also bring new people into our town. This in turn has many benefits to the town, such as maintaining businesses, schools, and public transport.

It is also very encouraging for the economy of Amble to note the increase in the number of new shops and restaurants that have appeared over the past year. Everyone is beginning to realise what we have known for a long time- Amble is THE place to be.

*Craig Weir, Chairman*

## INTERNAL ELECTIONS

### Council:

*Chair:*

Cllr Craig Weir

*Vice Chair:*

Cllr Jane Dargue

### Amenities Committee:

*Chair:*

Cllr Jane Dargue

*Vice Chair:*

Cllr Helen Lewis

### Planning Committee:

*Chair:*

Cllr Kate Morrison

*Vice Chair:*

Cllr Helen Lewis

### EAST WARD:

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37 Anne Crescent, Amble  
NE65 0QZ

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**Helen Lewis,**  
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NE65 0PH

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**Craig Weir** (Chair/Mayor)

76 Priory Park, Amble  
NE65 0HY

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### WEST WARD:

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NE65 0GA

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### CENTRAL WARD:

**Kate Morrison,**  
3 Island View, Amble  
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**Jane Dargue**  
10 Sylvia's Close, Amble  
NE65 0GB

Tel: 07795360513

**Peter Robinson**  
7 West Court, Amble  
NE65 0JG

Tel 01665 711687

## PADDLERS' UPDATE

The initial consultation phase to decide on a draft proposal has ended and was shown to the community at the Parish meeting, in the Council office and on the opening day of the Puffin Festival. The vast majority of people have passed very favourable comments on the ideas for a family recreation area. We are now approaching Northumberland County Council as the owners to see how the ideas can be progressed further and grants applied for to make this area's regeneration a reality. We will try to incorporate some of the area's history within the park such as rock like structures to represent the quarry which was originally here; perhaps entrance features to represent our mining or fishing heritage; perhaps a new name too.

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# Amble Town COUNCIL

## PUFFIN FESTIVAL

HOW NICE TO HEAR lots of favourable comments at the above. All the events went well- some tried and tested but still popular like The Colony Music Event, the talks, walks, sports, singing, dancing; some newer or expanded such as the kites and the 'teddy parachute jump', the free family film show and the Arts & Craft Fair. All were impressed with the venue for the last two- thanks to Park Leisure for the free use of their entertainment complex to enable us to stage these.

We are very grateful to all those who gave their time, their talents, their help in numerous ways as well as gifts and vouchers for prizes. There are too many to name individually but you know who you are- thanks to each and every one of you. Without this support, these events could not happen; however we still need more volunteers to come forward if the community wants a Puffin Festival next year.

Bearing in mind that, in the main, we rely on community donations to stage everything, with this limited budget, we are busy looking at all the ideas and suggestions for other events or improvements if there is to be a third Puffin Festival.



## WEST CEMETERY

DUE TO SEVERAL ENQUIRIES, we have decided to allow reserved plots in our natural burial area so that in the future those interring a loved one can be laid to rest alongside them.

As this area has no headstones or monuments allowed- just grass, wild flowers and small shrubs- it will not look out of place to allow these reserved plots here.

## GARDEN AWARDS

THIS YEAR'S GARDEN AWARDS ceremony is on Friday 25th July at the Trinity Methodist Church. Councillors will be looking around their wards from 23rd June to nominate gardens: members of the public can also nominate gardens at the Council Office until 3rd July. {Remember though that these must be visible to any passerby} Those on this shortlist will be judged on 14th July by a Gardener from Alnwick Gardens.

Again there are commended and highly commended certificates and 2 prizes for each ward with one overall winner chosen from the 3 ward winners. The Allotment areas are also included with a winner in both the East and the West area as well as a new category of 'The Most Improved Allotment'. Good luck to you all.

## WW1 COMMEMORATION

2ND AUGUST 10A.M. is firmly fixed in everyone's diary for the service of commemoration at the West Cemetery. Various organisations and guests have been invited to join with us in a service which will last about 20 minutes and then all those present will walk in procession to the Town Square. We hope as many people as possible

will carry a small wooden cross bearing the names of those who lost their lives in WW1 and who are commemorated on memorials throughout the town. There will be a shorter service at the Town War Memorials where the Deputy Lord Lieutenant and the Chair and Vice Chair will lay tributes on the two memorials. This will be followed by the

small cross bearers proceeding to the grassed area behind the Clock Tower, where the crosses will be handed to Cadets to place in the turf. We all owe a tremendous debt to these men who gave their lives so we could continue to live ours; the very least we can all do is to remember them at this time and respect their courage and bravery.

### AMBLE TOWN COUNCIL - DRAFT ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2014

Opening Bank Balance Brought Forward			£ 182,873
<b>INCOME</b>			
Precept on County Council	£ 106,840		
Town Income	£ 11,830		
Cemetery (Interments & Memorials etc.)	£ 14,482		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>			£ 133,152
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Amalgamated Funds	£ 9,494		
Subscriptions	£ 1,013		
		£ 10,507	
Salaries & Wages (Inc Employers NIC)		£ 50,472	
<b>Cemeteries Management</b>			
Revenue Expenses	£ 14,441		
Capital Expenses	£ 255		
		£ 14,696	
East Cemetery Capital Expenses		£ 1,238	
<b>Town Council Expenses</b>			
Revenue Expenses	£ 28,782		
Capital Expenses	£ 6,628		
Grants & Donations	£ 4,760		
		£ 40,170	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>			£ 117,083
<b>TOTAL INCOME LESS EXPENSES</b>			£ 16,069
Bank Balance at 31st March 2014 - Carried Forward			£ 198,942

The above account indicates an excess of income over expenditure for 2012-13 of £16069. This is a result of a staffing review and the reduction of 1 FTE.

The Balance is designated for items such as contractual obligations including training and development costs, elections, WW1 commemorations 2014-2018, West Cemetery Development, administration relocation costs,

## Dogs on leads and stick to paths!

That's the message this spring from Northumberland Wildlife Trust. The bird breeding season is in full-swing so the Trust, which has reserves along the Northumberland Coast, is asking dog owners to keep their pets on a lead as they pass through the sand dunes and coastal grassland this spring.

The Northumberland Coast has been designated as internationally important for breeding sea birds, and the dunes and coastal grasslands, backing onto Northumberland's stunning beaches are equally important as they are home to many species of ground-nesting birds including skylark, meadow pipit, grey partridge, stonechat and reed bunting.

Roaming dogs and their owners very often disturb these birds during their short breeding season resulting in distress and even their failing to produce any young.

Alex Lister, Northumberland Wildlife Trust Estates Officer with specific responsibility for Druridge Bay said: "Druridge Bay is an excellent area for people to enjoy with their dogs. However, during the bird breeding and nesting season, which is from now until July, we really would appeal to dog walkers to respect the wildlife by trying to minimize any disturbance and distress."

## Here's looking at moo

Six new grassland managers have taken up residence at Druridge Bay Country Park.

They will join their Highland neighbours on the dunes, helping to keep the wildflower meadows and grasslands in good condition.

Druridge Bay Country Park manager Graham Mitcheson introduced the Belted Galloways, Black Galloways and Red Pole heifers into the park back in March.

"They're still pretty young but they are settling in to their new home," said Graham. "They've been in the fields up till now, but they'll be joining the two Highland cattle we have on the dunes very soon. Some of the grassland we have is too hard to manage with machinery, but the rare breed cows are perfect for the job"



## Photo competition winners

Another successful 'Through The Lens' competition was held this year, ending with a great exhibition of all the photos in the Parish Hall, Dovecote Street over the first May Bank Holiday weekend.

A smaller exhibition of old photos compiled on DVD by the Social History Group attracted much attention.

The judges were Peter Buckton (the Natural World) and Darryn Wade (Tyne to Tweed). Both had quite a difficult task as the standard was high.

Each young person received a Spurreli voucher for 1 litre of ice cream and all other prizes were given as cash. These were all donated by Amble businesses: Co-op Funeralcare, Spurreli Ice Cream, Harbour Fish Bar, Alistair Turner Funeral Services, N&F Young, Palin and Twyford, Nickalls & Co., Amble Photographic Group, Alnorthumbria Veterinary Practice, Mark Sunderland Photography, Amble and Warkworth Rotary

Club, Queen Street Post Office, and Amble Butchers.

The event was a co-operation between St. Cuthbert's Parish Church and Amble Photographic Group, and organised by a committee formed from both groups. The committee wish to thank those taking part in the competition; the judges, individuals who contributed to the costs, and the sponsors, especially Co-operative Funeralcare, the Harbour Fish Bar, Nickalls, and Nick and Katie Spurr (as Amble Boat Company and then as Spurreli Ice Cream), all of whom have donated to all five competitions since 2010. St. Cuthbert's Church provided the refreshments and raffle.

Prizes were awarded as follows:

### Tyne to Tweed

Adults	Up to 10 years	11 - 18 years
1st David Burn	1st Hope Vernon	1st Amber Brown
2nd Richard Poyer	2nd Finlay Douglas	2nd Niamh Douglas
3rd Jim Kirkpatrick		

### Natural World


Adults	Up to 10 years	11 - 18 years
1st Richard Poyer	1st Finlay Douglas	1st Lewis Bond
2nd Joan Robinson	2nd Spencer Newport	2nd Lewis Bond
3rd Joan Vickers		

### Prize for a Community group entry: Amble Outreach Group People's Prize:

1st Joan Robinson	2nd & 3rd David Burn	4th David Riches
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Many thanks go to those who gave prizes, wrote names on tickets, provided scones, served customers and washed dishes.

Next year's competition has been announced. The categories are 'Colours' and 'Town and City,' closing date 31 March 31 2015. Peter Cordingley



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## Fundraising for Alzheimers Society

Gemma Little is organising a sponsored walk from Craster to Amble on Saturday 2 August 2014. For more information go to [www.facebook.com/xsavethememoriesx](http://www.facebook.com/xsavethememoriesx)

There will also be a Charity Night in Amble Bede Street Club on Saturday 4 October with entertainment from local band 'The Britpop Union' in memory of Anne Little (1942 -2006)

## East Coquet local History Society

Meeting St. Marks Church Hall, Wellwood Street  
3rd Thursday of month, usually at 7.30 pm  
Sat. Sept. 13 Outdoor event, Heritage Open Day  
No meeting Sept.18

Oct.16 Lifeboats, John Young (Education officer)

Nov. 20 Anecdotes of Napoleonic Wars, Bob Harrison

Dec. 4 Christmas dining

## WEA: Churches and Churchyards

The Amble and Warkworth branch is running an 8 week course by tutor, Peter Regan starting on Thursday 18 September.

The course will include - How to 'read' a church and its surroundings, including visits to two local churches. Starting with a brisk history of Christianity and the Church, we will consider some of the peculiarities of churches in Northumberland, and the work of the people, both famous and forgotten, who have left behind them such wonderful memorials and works of art; changes over the centuries, and how people have worshipped, and how they have wanted to be remembered. This is a history course, for those who are members of a church or none; open to Christians, Hindus, Atheists, Jews, Muslims or Undecideds. What is a Parish, and what is its history? What's the difference between a cemetery and a graveyard? What's the best way to get to heaven?

Meeting at Trinity Methodist Church, Amble on Thursday mornings at 10am -noon. Open to all, new members particularly welcome.

Secretary: N. Hinson 710583

## Northumberland Wildlife Trust

Coquet Group Programme 2014

July 21: Hauxley Nature Reserve, Guided walk- Warden Jim Martin

**No meeting in August.**

Sept. 15th - Mike Pratt - CEO NWT. Update on wildlife programme in county

Summer evening walks (all at 18.30) to be arranged

Puzzle solution from page 10



## Live Music in Amble

**Mason's Arms**

5 July Sheiks

12 July Police Cover-up

19 July King for a day

26 July Insanity

2 Aug Suspect devices

16 Aug Feed the bear

**Harbour Inn**

12 July Charity night in aid

of tragic Whitby fishermen

19 July Sue Allen

2 Aug Tommy James

16 Aug Neil Diamond tribute

## Hauxley fun day

The band has been booked, the drinks, pork joints, burgers and buns are ordered and the bric-a-brac is being gathered.

All the usual side shows will be there including the coconut shy, plate smashing, feat of strength, prize and money tombola and our very own fortune teller. The RNLI and the Wildlife Trust will also be there. Bring your favourite pet along and enter it into the pet show competition.

Our raffle will be held on the day with cash prizes and many more.

For the youngsters there will be face painting and two bouncy castles and a sand castle competition on the beach. For the parents there will be the popular draught "Village" real ale, together with wine and lager. If you fancy something cooler the ice cream van will be on hand.

If you prefer a nice cup of tea and you need a sit down then head to the hall where there will be refreshments.

We are hoping for good weather again this year so come along and enjoy a great day out with the family, at very reasonable prices, and maybe you can grab a bargain and make the day really worthwhile. We look forward to seeing you

**Low Hauxley Village Square on Monday 25 August.**

*Hauxley Village Hall Committee*

## Aglow International

A Christian outreach will meet on 15th July, 10.am - 12.am with refreshments.

URC Amble. All denominations welcome.

Call Pauline 01665 714354

## Words for Warkworth

Warkworth show is on 16 August and everybody is welcome to submit their prize exhibits, such as turnips, performing dogs, honey, hand knitted socks, beetroots, photographs, knitted shawls, garlic, swiss rolls, macaroons etc.

And writers, a chance to show off your literary skills. For adults there are two categories:

1. A poem of not more than 20 lines, but poem must contain the words 'poppy red'. The two words are intended to call to mind WW1, but any entry is valid as long as it contains those two words. It can be any form - sonnet, limerick, rhyming or not.

2. A review of a biography or autobiography; in not more than 200 words. If there's a famous life you would like to recommend, or a well written real-life story, tell us about it.

**Children** (up to 16 years of age): Review of a favourite book, in not more than 200 words. English Heritage are offering prizes for Junior Poetry - the choice of subject is entirely your own - written by people who have just started school as well as those who are beginning to think it's time to leave.

No entry fee for any of these categories. Entry forms are included in the Show's Schedule; entries to be sent by Saturday 9 August, to the Secretary, Julie Mohon, and left at Gray's 19 Castle Street, Warkworth (email: [julie.mohon@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:julie.mohon@tiscali.co.uk)).

## Amble Bowling Club

Club competitions finals weekend

26/27 July 2014 starting at 1.30pm both days

All spectators will be welcome free of charge and teas will be served on the day

On a recent function day an amount of £150 was raised and donated to the Amble Christmas Lights and any monies made from raffles on this Finals day will also be donated.

## Warkworth WW1 Centenary Celebration

To mark the centenary of the start of WW1 a commemoration event will be held in Warkworth War Memorial Hall on 9 August.

Around 100 personal histories of men from Warkworth who took part in the war will be exhibited, some with photos. If a member of your family from the area played their part in the war please help us with background material such as photos and stories. Their records will be stored in the national database for future generations to see. Activities will include:

- Warkworth Village Choir with songs from the WW1 era
- Northumbrian Piper, Beverley Palin
- Warkworth Drama group reciting poetry by WW1 poets
- Bookstall of WW1 history books
- Raffle, postcards, photos, artefacts on display
- Afternoon tea and scones (scone donations welcome)

A service and wreaths laying will take place at the Warkworth War Memorial at noon. Poppy Posies will be laid on the graves of soldiers in Warkworth cemetery.

At the end of the events the last post will sound, then there will be a screening of the film "Gallipoli" with a donation bar opening at 7pm.

Two prizes will be awarded at the Warkworth Show for a new flower class "Warkworth remembers its men who served in WW1"

Volunteers to help on the day will be most welcome.

Please tel. Jeff Watson on 07802385367 Chairman, Warkworth and Amble District Royal British Legion if you wish to help.

## Hauxley WW1 Commemoration

A tribute to the men of High and Low Hauxley who served in the Great War, will be on display in the Village Hall at Low Hauxley, from 4th - 10th August 2014, between 10am and 4pm.

## Documentary film academy workshops

Northern Stars documentary film academy is looking for young people aged 15-18 who are passionate about making films and who have something to say about the world, to take part in a free Documentary Film Academy.

Participants will be introduced to a range of documentary filmmaking techniques, including storytelling, producing, directing, sound recording and editing at Tyneside Cinema in Newcastle.

Introduction and Ideas: Monday 21 July Story Development: Wed 23 July Pitching & Crewing Up: Friday 25 July Skills Week: Monday 28 July - Friday 1 August Production Week: Monday 4 - Friday 8 August Editing Workshops: TBC through August and September Gala Screening: Wednesday 15 October. All days will run from 10.00 to 16.00

In order to be accepted into the Academy applicants must be able to commit to all of the above dates.

Further details at [www.northernstarsdocacademy.co.uk/apply/](http://www.northernstarsdocacademy.co.uk/apply/)

## Royal British Legion

Warkworth & Amble District Royal British Legion meets every two months on a Wednesday evening at 7pm in the Legion Room, Warkworth War Memorial Hall, Castle St, Warkworth.

## Walk the Northumberland Coast Path

The Northumberland Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Partnership is offering the chance to walk the Northumberland Coast Path with the path originator, Iain Robson.

On the Wednesdays between the 16 July and 20 August, Iain will lead a walk along a section of the path in the company of a coastal expert: botanist, geologist, ranger or birdwatcher. You can do any section/s

The start time for each section coincides with the arrival of a bus and we will return to our starting point by bus.

The walks are all free, but you will need your bus fare. We have given brief public transport information, but you can plan your journey at [www.travelinenortheast.info](http://www.travelinenortheast.info)

Booking is essential, you can book by phone on 01670 622660 or by email to [coastaonb@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:coastaonb@northumberland.gov.uk)

**Stage 1 - July 16** Cresswell to Warkworth 10.5 miles (5 hours)

Start: 09:20 Cresswell Ices to coincide with the arrival of the Arriva No.1 from Ashington

Return on the 14:52 Arriva 472/20 to Ellington, which continues on to Ashington and Newcastle

**Stage 2 - July 23** Warkworth to Craster 13 miles (6.5 hours)

Start 09:35 Warkworth Market Cross to coincide with the arrival of the X18 from Alnwick and Newcastle.

Return on the 16:27 Travelsure 418 to Alnwick. Change here for services to Warkworth and Newcastle

For further information on these and Stages 3 -6, or to book your place call 01670 622660 or email

[coastaonb@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:coastaonb@northumberland.gov.uk) or visit the website [www.northumberlandcoastaonb.org](http://www.northumberlandcoastaonb.org)

## Theatre workshops

Saturday 19 July Children 8-16 years (Parental consent required)

Saturday 16 August Adults 16 plus.

Both are FREE OF CHARGE

Where: Warkworth War Memorial Hall When: 2pm until 4pm

Please contact: Antonia Hoskins [antoniahoskins@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:antoniahoskins@hotmail.co.uk)

Or ring 07853 068 195/ 07884 358 441 to book your spot as places will be limited!



**NORTHUMBERLAND**  
COUNTY COUNCIL

### County Councillor Robert Arkless

*will be holding Surgeries on*

Friday Friday 25th July

at 6pm - 6.45pm in Hauxley Village Hall  
and

Saturday Saturday 26th July

from 10am - 11am in Amble Library

**All Constituents Welcome**



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## Druridge Bay 10K



This year's Druridge Bay 10K event saw 400 runners competing on May Bank Holiday Sunday. Over £5000 was raised for the Stephen Carey Fund.

Running order: **Men** 1st Ian Harding of Morpeth Harriers 33.25 mins (pictured right). 2nd Sam Brand, Gateshead Harriers 34.34. 3rd Karl Taylor of Morpeth 35.50.

**1st woman** was Jo Gasgoigne Owens of Alnwick Harriers in 38.42. **1st veteran male** was John Tollet, Tyne Bridge Harrier, 40.35. **1st veteran female** was Florence Frances in 43.16.

**Under 16 female** Fiona Robson

49.27.

**Under 16 male**

Christopher Pringle 1hr 10.

**Team prize** donated by Stephen

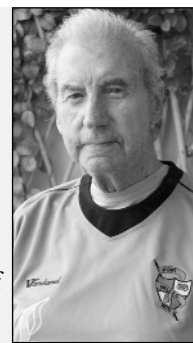
Carey fund was awarded to Morpeth for men and Alnwick for women.

"By all accounts everyone enjoyed a sunny run after a very wet start," said Alison Lowes, one of the organisers.



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## Ray King column



With another football season over, all eyes will be focused on the World Cup in Brazil. It would be remiss of me, however, not to mention the incredible performance of Sunderland who avoided the "drop" when only a few short weeks ago they were at rock bottom with little hope of recovery.

Newcastle fans may not appreciate my writing about Sunderland but it did play a significant role in my career. I made my debut for Newcastle against Sunderland at the age of 17 at St. James' Park in torrential rain. After having been unable to play for 3½ years because of broken wrists and a double fracture of the jaw, I made my comeback playing for Ashington against Sunderland Reserves at Roker Park.

My eldest brother Frank was a Sunderland supporter in his youth and it was his ambition to play for them. As events unfolded he was destined to play for Everton and later in his career for Derby County.

In 1936, a good friend of ours named Bob Wade, a fanatical Sunderland supporter, took my brother George and me to watch Sunderland play Everton at Roker Park. The Sunderland team on that day remains vividly in my memory: Mapson, Stelling, Gorman, Hastings, Hall, McNab, Duns, Gallagher, Gurney, Carter and Burbanks. In my opinion that was Sunderland's finest team ever.

Little did I know that I would be playing against most of them five years later. I wonder if there are any Sunderland supporters who still remember that team?

### Troops on the streets

Whenever I read or heard that martial law had been declared or a coup d'état had occurred in some foreign land my blood would turn cold. Images of troops taking over the country, tanks rolling through towns and villages, and unspeakable atrocities taking place would be the order of the day, so to speak.

Well, as you are probably aware, martial law was declared in Thailand only a couple of weeks ago and this was soon followed by a coup d'état. Although one sees troops on the news from time to time there is absolutely no evidence of any trouble in Bangkok from my vantage point. Every day I sit and watch the world go by and little changes; it is still hot and the traffic is just as awful. Everyone is just going about their business and the Thais continue to display their ready and infectious smiles. For me, the worst part of the coup has been the blocking out of the BBC and CNN – my two favourite television stations. These have been replaced by military songs and marching music – enough to drive one to despair! Last night, however, the news channels came back on – "Sabai, sabai, as the Thais say. Something like, "All is well", in English.

Ray King  
Thailand

## Athletic youngsters in competition

This half term, pupils from JCSC have won the Alnwick Area Athletics competition and 30 pupils qualified to compete at the Inter Area Athletics competition at Wooler.

From that competition, the following pupils qualified to compete at the County Athletics competition at Gateshead Stadium on Saturday 28th June: Taylor Enstone shot putt, Matthew Kerr shot putt, Shane Moore, shot putt, Jack Shepherd discus, Polly Long 100m, Ella Duffield 200m, and Year 7 girls relay team- Polly Long, Ella Duffield, Bella Young and Megan Farrell.

## New sports club for young people

A well respected martial arts instructor is starting a new club in Amble thanks to funding from local grant authorities.

Shaun Gaines, is offering separate youth and adult classes in Multi Disciplined Sports through his new project, Amble Long Zhanshi MMA Club. The courses offered include Chinese Boxing, Wrestling, Jujitsu, K1 and others.

"The club is fully affiliated and insured and open to both males and females. We are looking to create a 'family club' type environment. We welcome everyone who simply wants to get fit, or those who also want to try their hand in a competitive bout. We all train alongside each other, which creates a brilliant environment," said Shaun.

Training sessions will be delivered at Amble Community Sports Development Centre (formerly the Boys Club) which is undergoing major transformation under a new committee. The need for this type of programme was identified from local children who highlighted an unanswered

need for this type of training

The classes have been arranged because of funding that has come from many sources, including the Northumberland County Council's community chest. 'We have worked really hard over the past 12 months to secure funding that has allowed us to offer this kind of programme to the local community' said Bruce Durham, committee member for the club.

The training sessions are every Tuesday and Thursday and start on the 24th June. Times are 6pm -7pm for juniors (10-15 year olds) and 7.15 – 8.15pm for 16 and above.

The first session on the Tuesday is free, and after that it is £1 for juniors and £2 per session for adults. 'Due to funding, we can offer classes at a reduced rate, and I know this will help to benefit more members of the local community' said John Kelly, Chairman of Amble Community Sports Development Centre. "For anyone wanting to come, just bring a pair of gloves and a drink of water, that's all you need to get started!"