

The Ambler

Amble's Community Newspaper

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Amble's part in the recent World War One commemorations was a poignant and moving event, which combined pomp and ceremony while preserving the solemnity and humanity of the occasion.

Hundreds of people turned out to honour the lives and ultimate sacrifice of local people who took part in WW1.

Beneath a canopy of rain-drenched trees in the West Cemetery, a quiet service of remembrance took place, during which families laid poppy tributes on the nine Commonwealth war graves.

Then, led by the band of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, the procession made its way down Queen Street to the Town Square.

Named crosses were then placed in the memorial gardens accompanied by music from the military band and from Northumbrian piper Beverley Palin.

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A poignant and moving ceremony

photo by Bart Rippon



The band of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers led the procession from the West Cemetery to the Town Square

It's official: Amble has the best ice cream parlour in the UK

When it comes to ice cream, we know we're pretty lucky here in the Friendliest Port. But now it seems the rest of the world knows it too.

Spurreli Boutique Ice Cream has been voted the best Ice Cream Parlour in the UK.



Sisters Katie and Abbie Walker enjoying their Spurreli ice creams

Worldwide review site TripAdvisor lists ratings made by travellers on a wide variety of subjects - from hotels to activities, to restaurants. And the people have spoken. Listed 4th in 2013, this year Spurreli has leaped into first place, due to the number of good ratings and reviews by customers.

Spurreli owner Nick Spurr told *The Ambler*: "We are absolutely thrilled by the news of the award through TripAdvisor. The independent customer reviews are a testament to the product and the dedicated hard working passion and enthusiasm of our team. We see it as a real accolade and are delighted that it is an Amble Business.

"Customer reviews can be double edged so we are focused on customer service, it's all about the 'Spurreli' way - the smile, the welcome, the thank you and the goodbye!"

1. Spurreli, Amble, Northumberland

(5 out of 5 bubbles of TripAdvisor, 200 reviews)

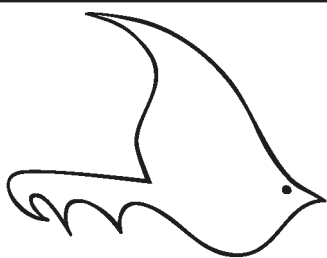
Placed 4th in 2013 - Situated in between the harbour and town-square, Spurreli combines local, seasonal ingredients - from home grown berries to Alnwick Rum - with traditional Italian flavourings to create its speciality ice cream.

As one TripAdvisor traveller commented, "I have visited Italy for the last 17 years and have to say the ice cream here is just as good as any Gelateria in Rome or Venice."

// Visited for the first time today, and will be back! The ice cream is delicious, especially the mango and passion fruit! Great place to visit on a sunny day."

// Atmosphere..Ice cream a must and Italian beers and wines. No problem too small dealt by the management and staff with a smile and sometimes a chat if not too busy."

// We made a special detour to visit this ice cream parlour. The range of flavours means you're spoilt for choice and we ended up having three different flavours each and would have liked to try many more. Friendly enthusiastic staff. Worth a special trip."



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Surfing seal visits the Friendliest Port

As our wonderful summer weather continues (most of the time!) there seems to be more happening in Amble than ever.

We did the memories of the fallen of WW1 proud with the ceremony of remembrance in the West Cemetery, followed by the parade and the ceremony in the Town Square. (p1 and 24). Exhibitions included the display at St Cuthbert's church and in Hauxley, who re-dedicated their war memorial too - see page 8.

On a lighter subject we recently learned officially that we have the best ice cream parlour in the UK (we knew that unofficially all along). See front page.

Perhaps we are going to see

more positive action regarding the parking situation in Amble, as the County Council agrees to move forward with several ideas. History has been made with the trial park and ride service during weekends until September 14. See page 3.

Also on page 3, we hear of more new culinary plans for the town. Those who have been unlucky enough ever not to get a table at the Old Boathouse may be interested to hear that they are submitting plans to open a fish shack at the entrance to the pier, seating will consist of half an old training boat.

And welcome to Taylor's cafe on Queen Street, our newest eatery, who have just opened their doors.

The maintenance of the Welfare, has drawn criticism from many sources - see page 4 for an update from Amble Development Trust. Congratulations to Pride in Amble on their Highly Commended place in the LOVE Northumberland awards. One of the most striking effects is in the Town Square, which looks beautiful. See page 9.

Looking out from the town across to Coquet Island, some must wonder what happens there. Find out on p16 with Diary of a Coquet Islander.

Finally, don't miss our exclusive interview with the world famous Amble seal surfers - see page 5 and our YouTube channel.

Local children create unique history book

Amble First School are hugely excited about the publication of their fabulous new book "All About Amble". The book was written in response to an invitation from Bailiffgate Museum in Alnwick to get involved in a local history project with a focus on our town.

Supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund and volunteers from Bailiffgate, the school knew exactly how to approach the challenge. Books and information about Amble that are child friendly are difficult to find, so the plan was to address that need, not only creating a tremendous learning opportunity for current pupils but also creating a resource for years to come that would be easily accessible to other young learners and schools - a book that was by children, for children!

Headteacher, Joyce Jenkins describes how the school felt about the project "This was a tremendous opportunity to take part in a really meaningful project which had benefits for both the school, the town and beyond.

The support that has



Above: Head Teacher Joyce Jenkins with two of the children at the book launch

been given by the museum volunteers, Jane Mann and Jill Mallen, has been amazing, from the word go to our celebratory launch party early in July."

The school bases much of its work in the local environment so in the autumn term, all classes enthusiastically engaged in finding out about aspects of the town, researching old books and documents, exploring the area and talking to local

people about the past. A coffee morning, run by Year 3 generated even more interest from the community.

Children created text and art work, tables and diagrams and collected archive materials relevant to their studies, which were all turned into beautiful pages by local designer Colin Harris.

It is a fascinating and informative piece of work, bright, cheerful and easy to read.

Every child in the school has contributed something to the book and every family will receive a copy of their own.

Jane Mann, one of the museum's trustees says "It has been such fun working with this fantastic school.

The children and staff have worked really hard to make this a success and it is wonderful to be involved with a school that is so much at the heart of its community."

Joyce Jenkins,
Head Teacher



The "All About Amble" book has been created by local children for the whole community

Park and Ride service begins trial run

Northumberland County Council has been working with Amble Town Council to introduce a park and ride minibus service which will run on Saturdays and Sundays on a 10-week trial until 14th September.

It will pick up at both Coquet Enterprise Park and the Braid Car Park and drop passengers off at the bus stop in Church Street. Going back it will pick up at Church Street and run alternately to the Braid and Coquet Enterprise Park.

During this trial period, the service will be free of charge to passengers. The service will be run by PCL Coaches using a 16-seater minibus.



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MEANWHILE... A meeting between the Business Club, Town Council, Development Trust and Northumberland County Council to discuss parking in the town was held at the beginning of August.

A variety of options, such as parking on part of the Braid or

other areas in the town, and removing some existing yellow lines were discussed. NCC agreed to look closely at the long and short term parking issues put to them.

The County Council stated they are talking to private landowners

and they hope to implement some short-term parking options as soon as possible.

Amble Business Club have been researching how many parking spaces are used by local businesses.

"There are in excess of 388

people employed in businesses from Queen St to Leazes St, with over 180 cars involved in those businesses coming into the town on a daily basis." said Amble Business Club chair Ann Burke.

"So we are very keen for a long-stay car park on the Braid"

Old Boat House chefs plan quirky fish shack

"It's all pretty exciting," said Martin Charlton, co-owner of the Old Boat House restaurant on Amble's quayside. "The idea is to create a new quality food outlet, selling fish and shellfish. It will be family orientated food, but more of a take-away than a restaurant."

Martin and business partner Richard Sim plan to set up a fish shack-style eatery with cooking facilities located in two containers on the harbour. An old training boat is being cut in two, turned upside down and raised so it can be used as a place for people to eat.

"It's going to add something quirky, with the seating and shelter," said Martin "Warkworth Harbour Commissioners approached us with the opportunity to do something at the far side of the harbour. But it's all linked in with the expected visitor



Martin Charlton, co-owner of The Old Boat House

increase from the new Harbour Village. We've got to create something exciting. This we can set up very quickly and serve high quality food."

"We get around 700 people per week already at the Old Boat House. We already employ 17-19 staff, the majority are from the local area. We'll be able to employ more staff and one apprentice.

Plans have been submitted and with support from the Town Council, Martin and Richard are working closely with the planning department.

"This will be a great opportunity for us and for the local area. Not only will we be keeping Seaquest the training boat in Amble, but it will be a

really nice quirky environment for people to come and sit in," said Martin.

"We hope it will add to making the town a destination venue. The harbour's a beautiful place to be all times of the year." *Anna Williams*



Old training boat Seaquest will become a quirky shelter for people to eat in.

St Cuthbert's cookery book launch

St Cuthbert's Parish Church has compiled a cookery book of everyone's favourite recipes, "Recipes @ St. Cuthbert's". The profits made on this cookery book will be divided between supporting the parish church and donating money to the Myanmar (Burma) Health Worker Training Programme run by the United Society. The book will sell at just £5.

It will be formally launched at an exciting event in St Cuthbert's Parish Hall Dovecote Street on Saturday 4th October at 2:00pm. The launch event will include a live demonstration by Adam Robson, chef at Alnwick Tree House. Other meals from the recipes will be available for tasting. Everyone is welcome.

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Welfare state

One of the challenges for Amble Development Trust is trying to keep the grass cut at the Welfare, and dealing with the complaints about it not being cut. Director Julia Aston explained that the Trust is responsible for the Welfare, including grounds, equipment and buildings.

"The main problem, of course, is lack of money to pay for the grass cutting," she said.

"The ideal state would be to have a long term contract in place, which has always been the intention, since developers Persimmon and Alnwick District Council put together a Section 106 Agreement."

When in 2007, they originally received planning permission to build housing next to it, Persimmon agreed to fund improvements at the Welfare. At that time, the plan was for improved drainage and an all weather pitch.

At last, after seven years, the county council has once again given the go-ahead for the Persimmon housing development, and breath is being held as the funds for the Welfare are awaited.

We can see that other developments have taken place at the Welfare, paid for by money obtained through grants: the Multi-User Games Areas (MUGAS), the children's play area, skateboard park and refurbishment of the pavilion.

The football pitches only remain to be sorted out but, unfortunately, the funds are not now expected to cover the costs of an all-weather pitch. However, the drainage will be improved and the pitch turfured.

"Until last season, the cost of grass cutting was met by the fees paid by the teams using the pitches, but now the teams have moved to the school field pitches, because



The grass at the Welfare has attracted a lot of criticism

they are better pitches," said Julia. "They do still use the changing facilities at the Pavillion."

"When the Trust took ownership, Alnwick District Council's grounds maintenance team were contracted to cut the grass, but when we moved to a single unitary authority the contract value doubled in cost, so the Trust had to find private contractors, at an affordable price. The last price paid was £150 for one cut.

"Recently, a farmer was contacted, who said he would cut the grass and take it away to feed his animals. He came to look at the area and said the grass was totally unsuitable – too much dog muck amongst it.

Impossible to use!"

At the same time, other areas of the Welfare have to be maintained. Recent costs include £230 to replace vandalised seats on the children's see-saw, insurance for the skateboard park cost £1,090, servicing of the pavilion boiler and a safety certificate cost £150, and £1,000 was needed for general insurance for the Welfare.

"Sadly grass cutting slips down the list of priorities when you consider other needs. Hopefully, this time it really won't be long before we can put in place a regular maintenance plan," said Julia.

Norma Hinson

Good young citizens of 2014



Above: Back row, l-r: Sgt Neville Wharrier, PCSO Darin Fawcett, Ambler Mayor Craig Weir and Hannah Jobson from Spurreli Front row, l-r: Isla Morton, Alicia Hill and winner Rhianna Waddell

The "good young citizens" of Amble and Warkworth have been recognised by police in Northumberland.

This year the top prize of a bike went to Amble Links First School pupil Rhianna Waddell.

She was joined at the presentation by fellow model young citizens Isla Morton from Amble County First School and Alicia Hill who attends Warkworth First School.

PCSO Darin Fawcett, came up with the idea of the police, schools and the community coming together to recognise and reward young people who do well at school and help out in their local community.

Head teachers at schools in the area were asked to nominate one pupil from their school for the award, with the winners chosen by officers from Alnwick Neighbourhood Policing Team.

The three young winners were presented with prizes and trophies to recognise their outstanding behaviour and attitude both in and out of school.

Rhianna was presented with a brand new bike, provided for the fifth year running by Spurreli Boutique Ice Cream.

"It was quite a shock" said Rhianna "I was surprised when they called my name. I'm really proud".

PCSO Fawcett said: "It's great that these Good Citizenship awards, rewarding children who've worked hard at school and in the community over the school year, are still running after five years.

"This is in no small way due to local businesses, churches and partner agencies. Their response as always has been amazing with contributions from Amble Town Council, Warkworth Harbour Commission, Funeralcare and Amble Development Trust."

Alnwick Neighbourhood Sergeant Neville Wharrier added:

"These awards are fully supported by the policing team and we must thank the local community, local businesses and sponsors for offering such wonderful prizes and incentives."

Local surfers get world's seal of approval

From the swell of the North Sea outside Amble harbour, to the shark-infested waters of internet copyright, two local surfers have been catapulted into a media storm.

Matty Stanley from Amble, and Andy Flounders from Morpeth found themselves a new surf buddy, in the shape of a young seal pup, who insisted on clambering aboard their surfboards and riding the waves alongside the two men.

"When [the seal] first started to scramble on the board, it was unbelievable" said Andy. "It was going from board to board, it was the cutest thing."

Matty agreed: "Andy said to me: 'Have you got your camera on? I pressed the button straight away, and then it came over to



See the full video interview with Matty and Andy on The Ambler's YouTube channel: [AnnaAtTheAmbler1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2dHeM6gGv8k)

my board and started hopping on it. It went on for about an hour, surfing with us all the time, catching its own waves, all it was trying to do was get on the board."

"On Sunday I edited the video, then on Monday morning

I got up and I thought, 'this is going to be pretty popular, let's YouTube it' – and after that things went mental!"

The video not only made a splash, it went viral, being picked up by media all over the world. Matty and Andy took phone calls and Facebook messages for days and nights, as their surfing seal story played out to millions of people on TV, in print and of course on social media.

In all of this, someone pirated their video, pretending that it was theirs and Andy and Matty had to defend their copyright, signing up to a media agency so they could keep control of their footage.

The Friendliest Port has attracted a friendly little surfing seal, but it's all been a whirlwind for the two amiable surfers. So

photo (c) Matthew Stanley



You can see Matty's surfing seal video on his YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/watch?v=2dHeM6gGv8k

far there have been about 2.5 million views of their video, with celebrities including Lady Gaga and Richard Branson posting messages about the surfing seal.

Said Andy, "It's been a wonderful experience. When all this dies down, when it's tomorrow's chip shop paper, we'll have that experience still."

Anna Williams

The King of Jordan and the soldiers from Amble

Ruth and I travelled to London to take part in the 90th Annual Cavalry Memorial Parade in Hyde Park. Approximately 2,000 cavalry veterans and the serving regiments took part. The salute was taken by HRH the King of Jordan. Taking part in this parade was an experience and an honour.

After the parade and service Ruth, I and a small group of veterans and their ladies from the Light Dragoons Association were invited for drinks at the Dorchester Hotel to meet His Royal Highness King Abdullah II of Jordan, the Colonel in Chief of The Light Dragoons. The King had served as a Lieutenant in the 13/18th Hussars.

We were served drinks in groups of six and were presented



Ruth and Peter Proctor Cannon (centre) at the Dorchester with other guests of King Abdullah II of Jordan. Photo by Chris Jelf

to His Royal Highness for a short informal chat. A very enjoyable, memorable and once in a lifetime experience for Ruth and me. It was an honour to

meet such an approachable and friendly gentleman, who made us all feel at ease - a veteran amongst veterans.

Peter Proctor Cannon



Honouring Lt Lawson-Smith Above: A memorial wreath was laid during the WW1 commemoration event by Bruce Farmer 13/18th Hussars on behalf of The Colonel of the Regiment, King Abdullah II of Jordan. The inscription reads:

"In memory of
Lieutenant TE Lawson-Smith
13th Hussars

who was Killed in Action
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Lance Corporal O'Connor

My name is Raimondo Bogaars from Holland, and I am currently writing a book about the soldiers who died during the battles in my vicinity from the 11th until the 18th of September 1944. To get more information of these soldiers I am always looking for relatives of these men.

Yesterday I saw a writing in the guestbook of Leopoldsburg War Cemetery, that was written by a Mrs. Wilkinson from Amble, Northumberland. She stated to be the daughter in law of Eddy O'Connor.

The soldier which I am investigating is:

O'CONNOR, EDWARD PATRICK

Rank: Lance Corporal Service No:2722947

Date of Death: 11/09/1944 Age:23

Regiment/Service: Irish Guards 2nd Bn.

Grave Reference I. D. 13.

Cemetery LEOPOLDSBURG WAR CEMETERY

I was hoping you were able to help me find this Mrs. Wilkinson.

Raimondo Bogaars r.bogaars@planet.nl

Charity bags scam alert

I think that it would be a service to the local community if we could warn all residents of Amble about the fake charity bags we get pushed through our letterboxes every week. The fake ones are quite easy to spot and the Charity Commission provides a guide so that citizens can avoid them:

www.actionfraud.police.uk/fraud_protection/charity_fraud

The recent bags for 'Fallen Heroes' are a prime example of this type of fraud. They are not a registered charity despite having a charity registration number on the bags. It is particularly cynical and disgusting as people will willingly give for a worthy cause but in the fraudulent charity bag case, not one penny goes to a charity. All the clothes are shipped abroad - mostly to eastern Europe and sold for profit.

If in doubt, call the Charity Commission or go to their website and ask if the particular charity is registered. The safest way to ensure that your charity bag donation goes to a genuine charity is to only give to those ones that you know and trust. There is a very good chance that every other 'newer' charity bag is a complete fraud.

Kevin McCann, Ladbroke Street, Amble

Thanks for the trim

I see that the Mayor's Field has now been mowed (at long last!). But I am very grateful, and offer my thanks to whichever body did the mowing. We are very grateful. I am also pleased to note that you have left a strip along the hedge-row on the Caravan Park side of the field unmowed, hopefully for the benefit of local wild life. Thank you again.

Sylvia & Peter Savage via email



House needed

We need to rent a house in the Amble area for six months starting in late September while we look to buy. We have two small house trained dogs. It would be good if the house was furnished, but as long as it has an oven, fridge and washing machine we could purchase the bedroom and lounge furniture.

A contained yard would also be desirable. We might also want to continue on a month by month scenario, depending on how our house search goes. One bedroom is all that is needed, but more is OK.

If necessary we would pay the six months up front.

Michael and Jenny Sullivan bigoroy@gmail.com

PS: we currently live and own our own house in the Tuscan hills in Italy, so if someone wants to buy our house they can see it at: www.housesintuscany.net/index2.php?directfile=schedasale.php&idcasa=942

Don't cycle around Amble

Amble is on the main bike road between London and Edinburgh, you will see signs for N1 as you go North past Druridge Bay then you come to the outer area of Amble, Hauxley and the cycle path turns into a dirt path for about 500m.

When you come into the car park in the centre of Amble you can find cyclists looking at their maps trying to figure out where the cycle path is! I explain in my best Dutch, they have hid it and you have to go to what looks like a back gate of the boat yard at the end of the car park and then N1 turns into (you tell me) for the next 300m.

If you go to the web page for Amble it tells you what there is for young people in Amble; it does not mention going for a cycle!

When I first arrived in the area of Amble from living in The Netherlands, I took my children on bikes from Broomhill around 8:30am to Amble Middle school and I asked the headmaster where the bike shed was and he went white. He explained that they did not encourage the children to come to school on cycles because of the danger from car users. It was another four days before I understood that it was sensible advice not to ride a bike on roads around Amble with young children; in fact I would not advise the Tour de France, with its 150 French bike Police to ride around Amble.

I now pass that advice to all the Dutch people not to ride bikes in Northumberland, I haven't rode a bike outside Northumberland so I can't say what the rest of the UK is like.

I am impressed with the Warkworth to Alnmouth cycle path with the tarmac top layer on it. I would like to pass on my thanks to the people who are opening up this beautiful part of the world to runners, walkers and cyclists.

If you see groups of cyclists in the main car park, they are looking for the secret pass around the boat yard; see if you can find it. And we live here so keep safe and stay off cycles; it's better to be fat than dead.

All the best

Alan Simpson A2B cyclist (father of Vincent, Mariska, Elske and Catherine).

simpsonvanduijn@gmail.com

Left: cycle route around Amble Marina

We welcome all your letters and email. Your name and address must be supplied, but will be withheld on request. Letters may be edited. Contact details on page2.

Adult Learning Courses and Activities in Amble

We offer a variety of day and evening courses and activities at the Dovecote Centre in Amble. These courses are useful whether you are looking for work, thinking about changing your career, seeking promotion, or looking for something to do with your leisure time.

Northumberland Adult Learning Service (NALS) Brochure will be delivered through your door from 26th August 2014

Enrolment event at the Dovecote Centre, Amble

Wednesday, 10th September 2014 at 4.30-6.30pm

Classes start week commencing 22nd September, prior enrolment is essential.

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

Penny is official lay worker



Sister Canon Penny Horseman (centre), after her licensing as a lay worker in St. Cuthbert's Parish Church on Sunday 3rd August; with Reverend Dr. Diane Westmoreland and Bishop Rt. Rev. Frank White

Our age of insecurity - part 2

There are no easy answers to our present condition. By definition insecurity is a personal feeling.

One of the modern watchwords is 'management of change.' We would all like things to be as they were or to stay as they are, but that isn't going to happen. We need to work with our world as it is.

The reason that human beings have survived in such numbers is because, from the earliest days, they have worked together

In my lifetime the world population has grown from two to seven billion and we've managed it because groups of people have discovered how to nurture one another.

The paradox is that capitalism is

essentially a selfish creed, but that we humans are all dependant on one another. We have no choice in the fact that we need to pool our effort, in an atmosphere of co-operation and generosity.

The caricatures that have been propagated give comfort and satisfaction to many people whose views are limited and basically selfish.

What are the alternatives? We can't change anything in a hurry. A great scientist (I forget who it was!) once said that 'Nature knows no leaps.' Any changes in the way we organise ourselves need to be gradual.

Somehow we will have to help people to feel that they have a real stake in our society.

Having to apply for 14 non-existent jobs per fortnight is hardly likely to produce benefits for individuals, or for society at large. I would hate to have to make decisions on spending that we delegate to our politicians (thank heavens!) They are as insecure as anybody else, in some ways.

Any real answers must be long-term. We must all educate ourselves, as widely as possible, avoiding superficial answers to complex questions.

I suppose that, at 81, I'm on the downhill run, but I still hope to see a society where relaxation and confidence reign supreme!

Harry McQuillan



Hauxley's WWI memorial plaque in the Chapel was rededicated at a ceremony on Sunday 3rd August.

Later in the day, an exhibition was opened to commemorate the men of Hauxley who fought in the Great War.

Irene Liddle (pictured) researched and compiled the exhibition, open until August 10th. Event partners were the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council.

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

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At the LOVE Northumberland awards, held at the Alnwick Garden, the Duchess of Northumberland presented the group with a Highly Commended certificate in the Best Urban Project category.

And at Amble Town Council's garden awards, the group came first in the group award's for their work in the Town Square, and runner up for the Wynd planter.

Craig Weir said "After 4 years of hard work the PinA group have been given recognition for their dedication and hard work. To say we are delighted is an understatement. We are very proud that not only the Town Square but the whole town will benefit from this floral display."

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Leaving Warkworth school ...

I’m Annabel and I go to Warkworth first school and My last day was on Friday the 18th of July. I’m so sad I will miss my friends. But some of them are in Artograffi and are really nice. Don’t be scared to join a new school because a new life is starting just for you.

By Annabel

Going to middle school

Middle school is very scary because it is a different atmosphere. I will miss my old school it was very nice and calm and quiet . Middle school is noisier and more energetic. I am feeling nervous. I will miss all of my friends I am very sad but happy.

By Martha

Zoe the weightlifter wins gold

Zoe Smith is a weightlifter and she took part in the Commonwealth games and won gold . She is twenty years old and is from England Zoe lifted 58 kg . When she won to celebrate she did a back flip. She is the first Englishwomen to win a commonwealth games weightlifting medal.

By Martha



Danger in loom bands!

Hi Annabel here. I have got some more cool news. First, what do loom bands do to your fingers? They make them pretty

But what do they do to your eyes your fingers and your pets? They can hurt them....A lot!

Let me tell you a true story...

There once was a boy who was playing with his loom bands and he didn’t do it right, so a band flicked into his eye and his eye swelled up and went red. He had to have a patch on it. I felt so sorry for him, poor boy.

Here is another story about a boy who fell asleep with loom bands on his hands and his Dad found him with black fingers because he lost all the circulation. He almost had his fingers cut off. If your pets get hold of loom bands, then they might eat them and choke so BE CAREFUL. Have a nice day !

By Annabel



Living in the life of looms!

Looms are AMAZING! But if you don’t know what a “loom” or “loom bands” are, they are bands that you put on a special board and hook over to make a bracelet; for a more basic design you can use your hands.

Looms are made by many different makes such as: Rainbow loom, Friendship loom, Fashion loom, craz-loom and Bandaloom. I recommend Rainbow loom as it has a moveable loom and the best quality bands; it also provides a strong, metal hook and a great mini loom, there are also other separate Rainbow loom products.

There are amazing loom tutorials on YouTube, I have created: a few owls, Pikachu, a baby chick, a bear and

pencil dangle. They were all created by TutorialsbyA- a great channel on YouTube, that don’t only do looms but also do tie-dyes and other things.

I have also seen snakes and frogs, designed by MARZLOOMS, another channel on YouTube, but only does looms; I have also made a number of bracelets but they are easy to find. HAVE YOU SEEN THE LOOM BAND DRESSES?! THEY’RE CRAZY! One was even sold for around £170,000 pounds! I hope you enjoy your looming!!!

by Niamh M



Weird things that have been washed up on the beach

In the news recently, we heard about the millions of lego pieces washed up all over the UK. We did some research and found more crazy things have been washed up

- Fly swatters. found in Alaska
- An 8 foot tall Lego man was found in 2012.
- 28,000 rubber ducks found all around the world.
- A giant eyeball
- Bananas
- Doritos in America in 2006
- 60,000 Nike shoes
- 10 severed feet
- A seal with its mouth open

By Hope and Catherine

How to make rocky road

- Ingredients
- .plain digestive biscuits
 - .galaxy chocolate
 - .mini marshmallows
 - .fruit eg apricot raison cherries nuts
 - .mixing bowl
 - .fridge
 - .sandwich bags
 - .wooden spoon
 - .microwave

Step 1 get your chocolate and put pieces in the mixing bowl then put it in the microwave for 30 seconds then when it pings then take it out.

Step 2 put you fruits and mini marshmallows in the bowl. Step 3 get your biscuits and sandwich bag and put the biscuits in the sandwich bag then get your spoon and crush your biscuits and put in the bowl and mix it with the spoon.

Step 4 put the bowl in the fridge and wait, get a cocktail stick when you think its ready and prod it. It’s ready when it is hard. then put it in a cupcake case. Hope you like it.

By Hope



Summer Holidays!

Everybody loves the summer holidays. But it doesn’t always mean that you have to go on holiday...

I have only been abroad once when I was little. I love going swimming at the pool and playing on the beach and when it is

really hot I like to have water fights with my brother (I always win!).

I also like to go out on long bike rides along the River Coquet.

By Catherine



Laura Weightman ran the 1500 metres in the Commonwealth games. She won a silver medal.

I have walked past her at Alnmouth while she was training. She is really fast, it only took her 4 minutes to run around the block.

I love Laura, she is my inspiration for running. My mum screamed so loud at the telly when she came second that my cat was frightened.

By Hope

Keeping fit and healthy

I go to Amble junior runners club on Wednesday nights to help me keep fit and healthy. We run to different places like the beach, the braid or the pier. Running is fun but it is hard work at the same time I enjoy running club because it keeps me fit and I like running to the different places in Amble. We also play games which is good fun.

If you are in Year 3 or above you can come along too. It’s free! The club is a satellite club of the Morpeth Harriers and is run by Josie Goodfellow and Ian Harding. We meet in Castle Mania car park at 6.30pm every Wednesday and are away for an hour.

If you do want to come along give Josie a text on 07947438276 first just to make sure it is on.

By Hope



Binky’s bamboo blush

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

Binky, Bazzle and all their friends were down at the bamboo forest. No-one knew how it started, but a great climbing competition, up the bamboo, started. Binky claimed he could climb up the highest of the bamboos that towered higher than a double decker bus, so, of course, he had to do it. Really, Binky hadn’t climbed bamboo...but he thought it must be pretty easy if everyone was doing it. It wasn’t! Binky climbed about a meter up then fell straight back down on his bum. Everyone

started laughing at him and later Bazzle said that Binky had gone bright red on his cheeks. Binky quickly ran off into the forest then back home to his mum for comfort, when Binky explained what had happened, his mum smiled then whispered a secret plan in his ear. For the next week, Binky went down to the woods and practiced. At first, he was terrible. He kept on falling after one or two meters, but after a couple of days, he was an expert! So the next time Binky and the gang went to the woods and Binky said he could climb the highest bamboo, he could reach the top!

By Lily



Tommy Noddy presented Tong from Edwin St school with a prize for her winning drawing of a puffin during the Puffin Festival. Tong received a Spurreli voucher, as did prizewinners from Links First School (see p 15)

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Links School visitors



The children at Amble Links enjoyed another very busy end to the school year. During the last week of term we welcomed Ivor Goodsite, a giant builder character, to talk with us about keeping safe around building sites. This was particularly important with the building work going on near Dandsfield Square.

We welcomed a visitor from the Laing Art Gallery to work with our Foundation Stage children to create their

own masterpieces. The Foundation Stage children also spent the day dressed up as all sorts of minibeasts at their 'Ugly Bug Ball.'

Our Year 4 children treated us to their hilarious end of year performance of Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf which was attended by an audience of parents and friends of the school.

We invited anyone who has volunteered in school during the year



to attend an afternoon strawberry tea to show our appreciation for the time and effort they put in to help make our school what it is.

Paul Heeley, HeadTeacher

Above: Puffin Festival picture winners: Tommy Noddy presented the children with Spurreli Ice cream vouchers.

Year 1 Ruby Charlton, Year 2 Grace Armstrong, Year 3 J'lee Smith, Year 4 Rihanna Waddell

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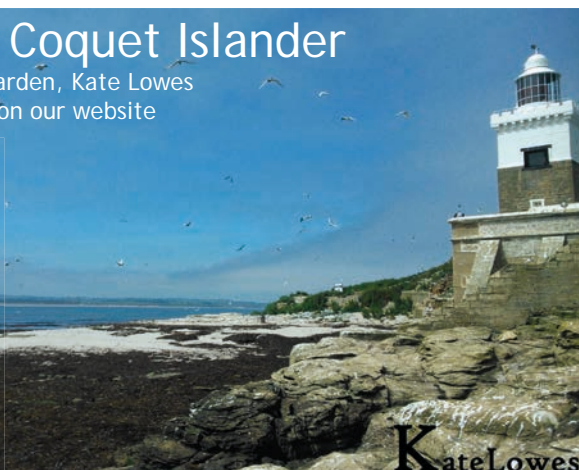
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One mile off Amble, braving the might of the North Sea is RSPB Coquet Island, home to thousands of sea birds, seals and a handful of humans; together they share in each other's joys and struggles, relying on each other in day-to-day island life.

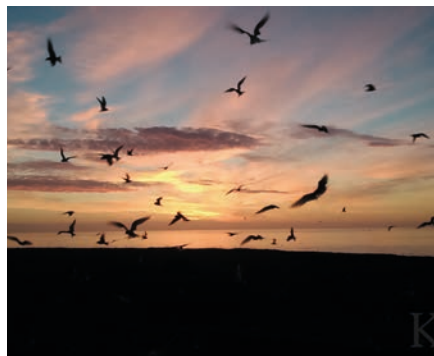
Unlicensed landings are illegal on Coquet but the island has thousands of visitors watching the island from Puffin Cruises which sail from Amble. Behind the scenes is the secret world of the RSPB island staff, a group of people that work tirelessly to protect the island, habitat and the thousands of breeding sea birds that make Coquet their home. This is my second year living and working on the island as a research student and I feel it is time to lift the curtain on island life so for the next (almost) 24 hours I will keep a diary of the human-side of Coquet Island, good or bad, happy or sad... wish me luck!

Diary of a Coquet Islander

by Coquet Island warden, Kate Lowes
Read her full diary on our website



Kate Lowes



8am: My watch on the roof takes me till 8 o'clock. By then the island is truly warmed up and ready for another day...just in time for bacon sandwiches!

Our kitchen is basic, with a small gas powered fridge, oven and wood burning stove; it's homely, especially when a fire is already lit and the kettle is whistling. We spend a huge amount of time in the kitchen, sitting around the table discussing mainland affairs that seem so unimportant out here. The kitchen sink looks out onto to the South garden, full of arctic terns raising their young; the best view in the world for doing the washing up!

4am: I start my day early, watching the sunrise over the horizon waking the island gently with its warmth. This is my favourite time of day, I feel like I could be the only person in the world, looking out to the east, to the empty sea, such a peaceful and perfect start to the day.

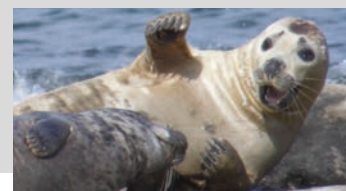
Of course the birds are already awake, busily chattering away. The island has a constant buzz of activity, hungry chicks to feed and constant squabbling between the boisterous black-headed gulls and the common terns.

The terns can be mean, even the one that perches on the roof next to me on my watch occasionally tries to peck me on the head, but we are learning to tolerate each other and share the roof space. We watch together from the roof as the night watch ends. There are no thanks from the terns for protecting them all night and hundreds of angry beaks peck their weary heads.

1pm: I go back along the intertidal, a bit quicker this time as I have lots to write up and I am eager see Paul and Hilary and hear what everyone else has done with their day so far.

It's strange being alone so much. I sing along far too loudly to my music and just hope I can't be heard from Hauxley. Once back the lighthouse I have a catch up with Wez and the rest of the team to find out what island jobs I can help with. The first job is pumping more water into the tank, because we don't have running water on the island, luckily the marina has beautiful facilities that we use almost weekly for showers.

Next job is checking the terns. We monitor the productivity of the terns, allowing us to see how many eggs and chicks we have. It's amazing watching the eggs hatch and chicks grow!

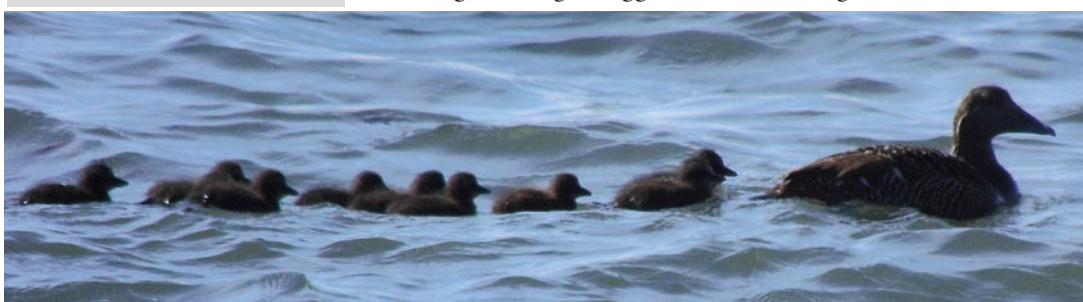


6pm: At the end of a busy day there is almost always an emergency, and today is no different. An eider had decided to take her ducklings to the sea, straight through the common terns and heading for the roseate tern terrace.

Normally we wouldn't interfere but as Wez and I were passing and the eider was disturbing the entire island we stepped in to help out. She was looking absolutely battered, the common terns are ruthless in protecting their nests and she wouldn't have lasted much longer protecting her ducklings from such an onslaught. As we approached she fled to the sea, so quickly catching her helpless ducklings we took them down to the jetty.

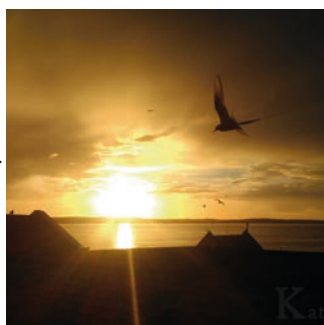
The mother's bond with her offspring is so strong that she would've died protecting them, and now, although she was tired and injured she waited for them hoping they would make it off the island to meet her, and of course they did. We dropped them into the sea and they began calling to her. Quickly they were reunited.

Although the mother duck was injured, she would soon seek refuge with other eiders, many females that have failed to breed and others who become aunts to the ducklings helping look after them.



8pm-10pm: After a long day everyone is ready for a hearty tea, we discuss the day's events and predict what tomorrow might have in store. Without electricity we have no TV to watch so conversation and a good book is our evening's entertainment, and as the light fades we move up onto the roof to watch the sunset. A simple and honest way to live, it's a difficult life out here but a good one and one that I wouldn't change it for the world.

As the sun sets over Amble the island begins to wind down, chicks and eggs tucked safe and warm under parents, the chatter of the terns quiets somewhat and we say our goodnights to the night watch knowing for the next 8 hours the island is safe under their watchful eye.



REPORTS FROM OUR

County Councillors

SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS

Amble First School invited me to join in the celebrations at the end of a year-long project to mark the launch of a new history book produced by staff and pupils at the school working with a team of volunteers from the Bailiffgate Museum.

The book is colourful and gives a child's perspective on Amble past and present.

The family of each child involved will be presented with a copy of the book and I am sure they will be treasured in the years ahead.

I am a former pupil of Amble First. I have a long association with the school; I served for many years as a Governor and as Chair of Governors.

I particularly enjoyed this event because it brought together staff, former pupils, governors past and present and the children. The school building is part of the fabric of Amble's history and dates back to 1908. What is amazing is how bright the school is now and how well an old building can be adapted for use.

The history project is a credit to Mr Pringle one of the staff team who contributed greatly to the success of the book and the Head, Joyce Jenkins, who has developed links locally and internationally.

I also visited a "Well Done" assembly at Amble Links First School. Paul Heeley, the Head, introduced these assemblies and they are a real celebration of success at Amble Links. Every child is involved and there is a strong feeling of a school community.

The children are known to staff and they are encouraged and nurtured to achieve. The assembly was full of laughter, music, and fun but there is a serious purpose too; all children are included as part of the school family and all have the potential to achieve. Amble Links encourage the involvement of families at these assemblies and this one was well attended by parents, grandparents and siblings, including tiny tots.

It felt good to be reminded of what a good start is being provided to the educational journey of our children by these schools as the staff looked forward to a well-earned break.

Robert Arckless

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PARK AND RIDE

I have been working very closely with the Town Council and the County Council to ensure that the experimental Park and Ride scheme is conducted and signed properly.

For those of you who have not noticed, a free Park and Ride scheme is operating on a Saturday and Sunday 10-4 until September between the industrial estate, the Town Centre (including stops for the harbour and beaches) and the Braid. The return journey is via the same route and there is a regular schedule of journeys.

Although I have never thought this service would solve all the traffic problems in Amble if it is run properly it has to be a help.

The question remains however, if the service is successful, then who pays for it in the future?

WWI

WWI commemorations are in full swing as I write this and I am proud to be involved in the events that help us to remember the huge sacrifice made by our local men and women

HARBOUR VILLAGE

Work on the Harbour Village has started and plans are being drawn up for a connected Skills and Training Centre in Amble, I am heavily involved with this project and I and Councillor Arckless have contributed funds from our members small schemes grants to assist its start up.

Hopefully we will see some real benefits coming out of this scheme and result in some much needed employment opportunities for our young people.

PERSIMMONS

I do believe that the major housing scheme being proposed by Persimmons is about to start. Once it has started the planning agreements to benefit the town will begin and we should see a considerable improvement in the Welfare Fields.

Have a good summer!

Jeff Watson

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Garden completed thanks to Rotary

Thanks to a donation of £1,800 from the Rotary Club of Amble and Warkworth and help from two local businesses, a new garden has been completed at Elpha Lodge, Broomhill which is home for 21 physically disabled adults.

The garden comprises raised flower beds, a patio area and a polytunnel and all the planting has been done by the residents.

Tony Oliver and the staff from local firm AA Joinery gave their time free to build it and MKM Building Supplies in Alnwick donated a seat and provided most of the materials at cost price.

The Rotary Club's annual Christmas collection, with the help of collectors from the Inner Wheel Club and the Interact Club of Coquet and Aln, provided £1,200.

The total was boosted by a donation from John Cooke, a former Rotarian, in memory of his father Cyril, together with a donation from Lynemouth Power Ltd.



Pictured at the opening are (L to R):

Nicky Forbes (Manager), John Cooke, Trudy Anderson, Elsie Dixon (Owner), Dr Paul Creighton (Rotary Club President), Judith Frisch (Inner Wheel), Georgia Soan and Joey Morley from Interact and wielding the trowel, resident Robert Davison.



Hauxley Parish Council

What the Parish Council do?

Hauxley Parish Council are the elected representatives of the village; along with representing the people of Hauxley, we are also responsible for seats, bus shelters, notice boards, litter bins, planters, 1 x grit bin at High Hauxley and the Village Square.

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.

County Cllr Arckless Small Schemes

The Members were considering ideas for new local projects in the village that could be supported by County Cllr Arckless' Members Small Schemes allowance. Suggestions would be brought back to the September meeting.

Transport Plan Priorities 2015-16

Priorities were identified as:

1. Extension of 30mph speed limit between High and Low Hauxley
2. Improved signage on bends
3. The resurfacing of Hauxley Lane

WW1 Centenary Exhibition

The Members of the Parish Council would like to thank Irene Liddle for her hard work and extensive research into the history of the men and women of Hauxley which was recently displayed in a respectful and very well attended exhibition in the Village Hall; a fitting tribute to those who gave their lives.

Cllr Smailes

Due to ill health, Cllr Smailes was forced to resign from the Council. The members thanked him for his years of service and wished him well for the future.

Proposed flood defence improvements

Members commented on the planning application that key documents were missing such as a risk assessment, concern was raised about access via the ramp by the JCB and conditions should be applied requesting any repairs be carried out subsequent to the works. Members commented that the timing of the works was completely inappropriate to the local economy and the tourist season.

Next Meeting The next meeting of the Parish Council is 6.30pm on Monday 8th September 2014 in the Village Hall, Low Hauxley – the public are welcome to attend.

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Hadston, Morpeth NE65 9YB

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Puffins to the people

For decades Puffin Cruises has been taking locals and visitors out to see the wildlife around Coquet Island. Dave Gray's boat trips have made the family one of the most famous in Amble. *The Ambler* caught up with Dave and Betty Gray on a rare moment of landlubberliness, to find out more about the family who brought puffins to the people.

Born and bred in Amble

Dave: "I started as a miner in the Hauxley pit, I was there till I was 18, but I didn't like being down the mine. Then I did all sorts of jobs, picking periwinkles, doing bits and pieces of building work. I was fishing for a while, living at Low Hauxley.

Betty: "There wasn't even a road along the links in those days; I had to push the pushchair along a track along the dunes!"

Dave: "We moved to Amble and I got a job with the Harbour Commissioners, then I got a job with the Amble Modern School's Seamanship Centre, teaching the kids all about boats, knot tying and navigation. Ken Shawcross was the teacher. There's a boat on the quayside now, called the Sequest, which was built by the school. In 1969 I started running boat trips during the summer holidays with Gordon Easton. Then Freddie (the dolphin) came and put Amble on the map. Gordon used to take people out to swim with the dolphin, while I took the viewers out.

"Then came Mrs Thatcher and everything changed. I was made redundant. At the time it was a major blow, you think how are you going to manage, but I decided to go into business myself."

Boats are his life

"Puffin Cruises was actually my son Davey's idea, after Freddie went. He's got a good business head! We still do work for the lighthouse. It's a real family affair, Betty does the bookings and the bookkeeping, Davey and I run the boats along with Bill Gregor. And my grandson Steven also helps out. He works for Trinity House on the vessel 'Patricia' that you see off Coquet Island every year."

In 2006 Dave was diagnosed with cancer and spent time in hospital.

"I was pretty shabby. It took nearly two years to get back to what I should have been. Davey and Bill kept on with the boats and if it hadn't been for Betty, I probably wouldn't still be here."



Betty and Dave Gray

His eyes well up with the memories.

Betty, who spent many years on Amble Town Council, becoming Mayor from 1999 -2001, reveals a quietly determined nature: "You've got to get on with it. I knew he was ill and I tried to give him strength. He'd never been ill in his life. The Ashington staff were wonderful."

Nowadays Dave has to regularly check his blood pressure, and finds life a lot less stressful with his dog Shep and, of course, being on boats.

"Boats are his life," says Betty. She laughs, "and the dog".

Dave: "Afterwards, I started to look at everything differently. I was 74 last month. Amble looks a lot better these days, but every change I've seen is for the worst. Employment has disappeared; everything seems on the verge of tipping over. Tourism, yes, but it's such a seasonal thing – no-one knows more than us! We rely on good weather to help bring customers. We rely on people from holiday lets, and caravan parks."

Puffin Cruises attracts many visitors to the harbour area, and Dave and the family are regularly asked about local history, and in their opinion a museum in the town would be a good idea. Dave's knowledge and love of the wider Amble area is obviously beneficial for his business, but he agrees he feels happiest around the harbour.

"The harbour is my part of town, if I'm up the street, people will laugh and say 'Are you lost?'"

Puffin Cruises: 01665 711975/ 07752861914

Anna Williams

In memory of the Coquetmouth tragedy

On July 4th at 9.15am Dave and his crew scattered flowers over the site of a WW2 bombing tragedy. On the same day in 1940 Amble dredger Coquetmouth hit a German mine 250 yards inside the harbour mouth. Four people were killed in the explosion, one of whom was stuck and drowned as the vessel sank.

Care at Home Service arrives in Amble

Age UK Northumberland is delighted to announce the appointment of Diane Crossman who will be the Area Team Leader looking after Care at Home and Day Services organised by Age UK Northumberland in Amble. Diane who lives in the area will be the main contact for all of our service users and also for all of our support workers.

Diane said "I am really looking forward to this new position supporting the service users

and a great team of support workers. By living and working locally my team and I can be swift to react when the call comes, whether from potential new service users, or sometimes people coming home from hospital.

"I am really proud of the support workers already working in Amble but the truth is we need some extra people to help grow our team."

To contact Diane Crossman directly please call Age UK Northumberland on 01665 494051.

Amble Lifeboat needs our help (or what Vivienne did next)

In recent weeks Vivienne Dalglish has been to the Queen's Garden Party and the Duchess of Northumberland's Garden Party in recognition of her volunteering work on *The Ambler*. At the beginning of July, she donned a more waterproof outfit as she took to the sea to find out more about Amble RNLI and their bid to raise money for a new lifeboat.

Amble Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) volunteers are sending out a call for help in support of their appeal to raise £200,000 towards the cost of their new lifeboat.

In 2017, Amble's current all-weather Mersey class lifeboat 'The Four Boys' will be nearing the end of her operational life and is set to be replaced by the newest member of the RNLI fleet, a Shannon class lifeboat.

Amble will be one of the charity's first lifeboat stations in the north of England to receive a Shannon.

We know £200,000 is a lot of money, but the people of Northumberland have



Above: Simon Baxter, Alan Stewart and Vivienne Dalglish
Below: All weather lifeboat The Four Boys, which will be replaced



always supported the RNLI.

The promotional event on July 10th was to bring this need to people's attention.

BBC and ITV outside broadcasting were present along with the Gazette and of course yours truly, *The Ambler's* intrepid reporter.

The first major fundraiser will be Lifeboat Day on Sunday 24th August, so go along and give your support.

You can see a slideshow of my voyage on *The Four Boys* on our website, under the RNLI category.
Vivienne Dalglish

Coquet Yacht Club welcomes all

All being well by the time you read this article the balcony will be completed! The lounge and balcony will greatly enhance our views over the Coquet and Warkworth Castle and the new workshop and storage will enhance the service for our members whether they are on the moorings or shore storage.

Over the last two years we've doubled our memberships and we hope to reach 200 by the end of 2014. We warmly welcome visitors either by water, by foot or by vehicle. The club has excellent shore storage and moorings for yachts, dinghies and motor boats.

Our premier event "Castles and Islands Challenge" was a huge success. The event is finished off with a great night in the clubhouse which is normally an excellent steak burger BBQ and some liquid refreshment.

We've got Alnwick WI visiting us soon so we'll have to be on our best behaviour! If you'd like to visit just pop in - we are open Wed evening and Friday, Sat and Sunday - or see us on www.coquetyachtclub.org.uk - where you can also join online. Our phone line 01665 712990 is always manned.

Phil Derry
Commodore CYC

TRUSTLife

news from Amble Development Trust

Welcome back Trust Life and a wonderful sunny summer in Amble. Tourists have once again found their way and are flocking to the town. Lots of businesses are telling us they are receiving many good comments about the friendliness and pleasure visitors are experiencing and that there is a definite buzz about the town.

It is good to think the changes that have been made over the years are at last changing perceptions: but something that hasn't changed is the morale and friendliness of the community. That ultimately is what makes the town what it is.

Harbour Village

The Harbour Village work has been contracted and work has commenced, although there is still not a lot to see. Ground tests are being carried out by hand as some utility works and cables are not documented.

Not only that but the one remaining boat on the site is currently home to a family of swallows, so work is carrying on all around them until they literally fly the nest!

Having interviewed for the role of Harbour Village Co-ordinator we now have

someone who will be taking up the post at the beginning of September. Sarah Dunn has a background in marketing and has already begun writing up a plan of action. She will be meeting with the business club and other organisations as well as those interested in the incubator pods on the site.

Contentious issues

Parking: a contentious issue and one that has never been easy to resolve. However following meetings and working with the business club, town council and Northumberland county council we hope to have a both short and long term plans in place soon.

Pride in Amble: congratulations to Pride in Amble for all their hard work around the town, which has been recognised in the LOVE Northumberland awards.

Persimmon: Well as everyone can see we are still waiting for a start on site. I can say once again that I hope this will happen soon, because there are other factors that are reliant upon the funding that a start will release: not least of all the welfare.

We have had many complaints about

the state of the grass which we can well understand, but after seven years of covering ongoing costs for insurances, maintenance and utilities we really do now have to wait until Persimmon settle the \$106 money with NCC.

While we understand why people complain about the grass being too long, one bugbear we do have is that some people let their dogs mess in it - sorry that is simply irresponsible dog ownership and nothing to do with the length of the grass. Everyone knows children either play there or use it to traverse to school.

A plan was actually in place for a local farmer to cut the grass, bale it and use it as food for his animals, until he saw it. That plan was scuppered because of the amount of dog mess littering the area. So while many complain: and that includes dog walkers who have emailed their comments, you really need to consider whether you may have caused part of the problem.

Sorry this is not the best note to end on but perhaps a thought that needed to be aired.

Julia & the Trust Team



Amble Town COUNCIL

Meetings 6.30p.m. unless stated otherwise

Town: 11th September, 9th October

Amenities Committee: 25th September

WW1 SERVICE

BY THE TIME you read this, Amble's Centenary Service will have taken place. Our thanks to all those individuals, businesses and organisations who helped in many different and often unseen ways.

We hope there has been a tremendous turnout to honour the brave men, who went from our small town to what would seem then to be the far flung corners of the earth, never to return to their loved ones. They endured immense hardship

and deprivation so that their loved ones and descendants could live a richer life. It is gratifying that some young people have come along to help us on the day and in our research about Amble and its people in the early twentieth century.

Hopefully our service will have sparked a small flicker in the minds of others which will be kindled to a long lasting feeling of responsibility and respect for the monuments dedicated to all those who lost their lives defending our country.



LITTER

That problem which never goes away!! Discussions have been held with Northumberland County Council and following a reorganisation, the sweeping schedules are to be changed. This should result in a greater amount of time spent on Amble streets.

Weekend trials are being done with a smaller mechanical sweeper which can be used on pavements, in the roadside gulleys and the bus shelters. This means fewer cigarette butts left lying.... but we wouldn't have that unsightly problem if everyone disposed of these in the correct way! Also please do remember that, as a responsible dog owner, you can place dog faeces in any bin and not just the red dog bins.

Let's all make an effort to keep our town a lovely place to live and work in, or to visit, by taking all our rubbish home.

COUNCILLOR'S CORNER

Kate Morrison

As one of your Central ward Councillors my primary interest is around the Queen St. and harbour area where new businesses are popping up every week- Good luck to them all.

Thank you to the businesses who are working hard to make our town a more attractive place for residents and people visiting and shopping with the lovely display of hanging baskets etc. Hopefully more businesses will want to join in the scheme in the future.

When other Councillors and I were walking around Amble making a shortlist for this year's judging of the garden awards, we were very impressed. Judging by the riot of colour, original designs, and quirkiness, the independent judge from Alnwick Gardens would have had a tough job making the final selection of winners as more people seem to have taken up gardening in the town.

It is wonderful to see so many working to make Amble even more attractive.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

After many, many months of discussion, new traffic regulations should come into force in September- the first step in the process of trying to get traffic moving into and through Amble especially at weekends, our busiest time. Some will welcome them, others will not be happy, but please give it a fair trial- it's impossible to suit everyone.

The Park & Ride trial will have ended and a report will be produced to see if this helped to manage the traffic better. Did you or your visitors try it? Let NCC know what you thought. Talks with various organisations are being held to review these regulations and to look into providing more desperately needed parking spaces near the Town Centre. This will not happen quickly as it may involve negotiations with private land owners; however at last things are moving along.

BUS SHELTERS

Following donations from Members Small Schemes funds by County Councillors Watson and Arckless, Acklington Road is to have a new bus shelter on the Gloster Park side. This will then join the other shelters handed over to Amble Town Council's responsibility from NCC.

JCSC is currently producing some unique metalwork to infill the openings at the other bus shelter here which was originally designed by students from the school. Once this work is completed, Council will begin to look at replacement costs for High Street shelter. We refused to accept this due to its very poor condition. NCC however do not intend to replace it- if it falls into further disrepair, they will remove it. We know how well used it is and therefore feel we need to give serious consideration to a replacement.

EVENTS

Please support the Events Committee stall at Amble RNLI Day. Through money given during the Puffin Festival, this stall and a street collection during the Lights Parade are ways in which money can be raised so these community events continue. Many involved in the events give their time freely, but the professionals need to be paid to put on workshops for the schools, art & crafts etc.

We all want things happening in the town but without more volunteers and some funds, we cannot continue to hold these, or improve them. Help us with this year's Christmas Lights Parade and next year's Puffin Festival too.

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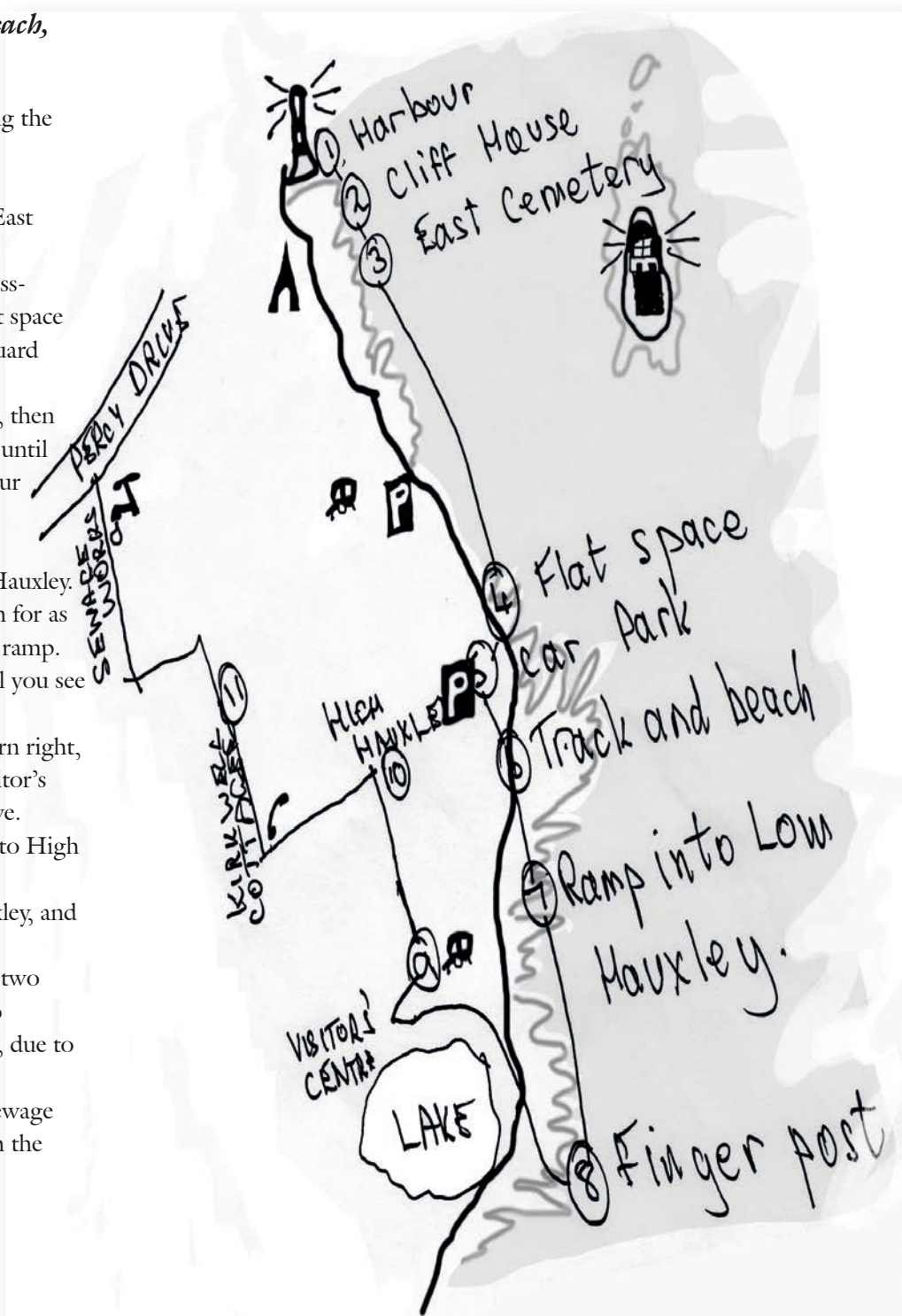
Minutes available to view in Office or online

Walks for Ambling Ambleites

Walk 1 via Low Hauxley, the beach, and High Hauxley.

1. Walk to the harbour and along the Prom.
2. Turn right, past Cliff House.
3. Along the grass, behind the East Cemetery.
4. Make your way along the grass-covered dunes, until you reach the flat space near Low Hauxley, where the Coastguard Station used to be.
5. Drop down into the car park, then walk along the road to Low Hauxley, until you see a footpath to the beach on your left.
6. Walk south along the beach. If high tide walk up ramp into Low Hauxley. If low tide walk south along the beach for as far as you like, then come back to the ramp.
7. Turn left and walk south until you see a wooden fingerpost on your right.
8. Go through the gate, then turn right, and follow the track past the new Visitor's Centre for the Hauxley Nature Reserve.
9. Walk down the hill and up into High Hauxley.
10. Turn left through High Hauxley, and right along Kirkwell Cottages.
11. Through the gate, and along two sides of the field. The right-of-way to Dandsfield Square is now blocked off, due to building work!
12. Walk along the side of our 'sewage works' (now odourless!), and through the gate on to Percy Drive.
13. It's now all the way home!

Harry McQuillan



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CLUBS & SOCIETIES

East Coquet Local History Society

Meeting St. Marks Church Hall, Wellwood Street
 3rd Thursday of month, usually at 7.30 pm
 Sat. Sept. 13th: Outdoor event, Heritage Open Day
 No meeting Sept. 18th
 Oct. 16th: Lifeboats, John Young (Education officer)
 Nov. 20th: Anecdotes of Napoleonic Wars, Bob Harrison

Fundraising fun in memory of Mum

Vicky Pringle from Amble, is fundraising for St Oswald's in memory of her mam, Nicola. Nicola benefitted from care on St Oswald's Inpatient unit before she died from cancer in October 2011, aged 48.

Vicky said "Mam was only there for 10 days but the care she was given was wonderful. I started fundraising so that I could give something back for the kindness and care my mam received. I am taking part in St Oswald's Icelandic Trek in October 2014 and I have already exceeded my fundraising target of £3,000, so anything extra I raise for the Hospice now is a bonus! I am really looking forward to the Iceland Trek, an incredible challenge."

An event at the Masons Arms in Amble will be held on Sunday 17th August, beginning 1pm. Including raffles, games, refreshments and live music from 3pm. Local artist Jimmy Thompson has donated a painting to auction; local businesses have donated raffle prizes.

There will be a BBQ and teas, coffees, sandwiches and cakes to buy. Entry is free but donations are encouraged.

Anyone interested in organising an event to raise money for St Oswald's or wanting more information about our 2015 Trek to Everest and other ways to fulfil their own 'Life List' goals while helping a local charity can call 0191 246 9123.

Shorebase Trust summer fun

Activities for juniors (Age 8 – 16) on the lake in
 Druridge Bay Country Park

From July 22nd to August 21st. 10:00 – 12:30 / 1:00 – 3:30.

Cost: half day: £25, full day: £40.

Tuesdays: Canoeing/kayaking. (am/pm)

Wednesdays: Sailing (am/pm), Windsurfing (am/pm).

Thursdays: Sailing am/pm, Canoe/kayaking am/pm

If days are over subscribed, we will offer activities on other days of the week as well.

For younger children, we do not recommend a full day of paddlesport, as it can be tiring for them. If possible, they should book on the morning session.

For more information and bookings: 01665 710367
 info@coquetshorebase.org.uk

Puzzle solution from page 8



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How to 'read' a church and its surroundings, with visits to two local churches. Open to all. For further details see Issue 87, or phone N. Hinson 710583

Youngsters learn firefighting skills

Young people in Northumberland are being urged to get involved in youth engagement projects which have won national recognition. The UK Fire and Rescue Service has won a Big Society award from the government, celebrating its work with young people.

The Northumberland Young Firefighters Association gives 13-17 year olds living in Northumberland the chance to learn firefighting skills including getting hands-on experience and learning rescue techniques

The Prince's Trust Team Programme offers 16-25 year olds work experience and practical skills, whilst gaining a nationally recognised qualification which could help with future career aspirations

For anyone interested in getting involved with any opportunities with the fire service, information can be found on the council's website at www.northumberland.gov.uk Phone: 01670 620076 or email: KayleighHepburn@northumberland.gov.uk

Bowled over



Pictured is Jim Grey (bowling) and Alan Shipley. Jim went on to win the Goodger Handicap cup held at the end of July.

Amble Bowls club are always looking for new members; contact secretary Stephen Jones on 01665 714529.

Coffee morning

As in previous years, Irene and George Hall will be hosting a Coffee Morning to raise funds as part of The World's Biggest Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support.

It is being held in St. Mark's Church Hall on Friday September 26th between 10.00am and 12 noon. There will be a cake stall, a raffle and a tombola and competitions.

Every day in the North-East 39 people find out the devastating news they have cancer. By 2030 there will be 169,600 people living with or beyond cancer in North East England. So far, we have 320 Macmillan nurses and professionals working in the area and last year the support line helped with the questions and worries of 2,266 people from this region. But more still needs to be done and that's where the Coffee Morning comes in.

Every pound raised will help to ensure provision of a constant source of support for people facing cancer in North East England and across the UK. Any offer of help or prizes will be gratefully accepted. For more information please contact Irene or George Hall on 01665 711010.

Royal British Legion

The branch meets every two months in Warkworth War Memorial Hall on Wednesday evenings at 7pm.

We have a guest speaker at each meeting on a range of topics.

Visitors welcome. Pooled supper.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, 17 Sept, 2014 at 7pm.

CLUBS & SOCIETIES

CALL FOR PHOTO SUBMISSIONS:

42 Queen Street are running a photographic competition again for the 2015 Amble Calendar. Entries close 30 Aug. Forms from 42 Queen Street.

WHAT'S ON

Amble Lifeboat Day 2014

Amble Lifeboat Day will take place on Sunday 24th August 2014. The service will start at 10am and the day will be opened by Anne Cleaves, local author.

It is a fun day out for all of the family with our usual cake stall, tombolas, books, bric a brac, water or wine, toys, souvenir stall and children's games. Refreshments will be available upstairs in the boathouse, with sandwiches, cakes and scones and other yummy things to eat. There will be rides for the children on the Little Shore, a Grand Raffle for a painting by local artist Jimmy Thompson, plus other prizes and Stormy Sam, the RNLI Mascot, will be putting in an appearance.

This year we will have representatives from the Fire Service and other attractions including Paintballing and Classic Motorcycles. You can have your photograph taken with them. By popular request there will be live music with the return of the Newcastle All Stars Steel Band.

There will be a visit by the Sea King helicopter from RAF Boulmer, unless called out on an emergency. The helicopter will take part in an exercise with the Amble Lifeboat, with a commentary given by one of the Coastguards. This may be the last year we will be able to see the helicopter working with the Amble crew and Lifeboat, so do come along.

This year, the proceeds from Lifeboat Day will go into the fund for the new 'Shannon' class Lifeboat, which is due to arrive in Amble in 2017. Please come along, have fun and support the RNLI.

Art and Craft fairs

Warkworth Memorial Hall: Monday 25th August (Bank Holiday), Sunday 28th September, Sunday 19th October, Sunday 9th November (Christmas Fair) 10 - 4, Entry Free. All products handcrafted, unique and top quality.

Public Auction

On 11th October 2014, in St Cuthbert's Church Hall, Dovecote St. All Items must be in good condition and working order. This event will only take place if enough items are offered for sale. The buyer will receive two thirds of the selling price; St Cuthbert's Church will receive one third. If you have any items you wish to sell please telephone: Audrey Hetherington on 01665 712154.

Items must be registered before 12th September 2014 when a decision will be made on whether the auction will take place (look out for posters) No clothes, curtains or bedding will be accepted.

Tai Chi Classes

Introducing new classes for September in the Warkworth Memorial Hall on Thursday afternoons beginning on 4th September: from 1-2pm for complete beginners and from 2-3pm for anyone to join in. Classes are £4.80 each. Contact 01670 820464 or 07885 682078 for further details.

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. Expect all the usual side shows including 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. Enter your pet 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, two bouncy castles and a sand castle competition on the beach. For parents there will be the popular draught "Village" real ale, together with wine and lager. Something cooler? The ice cream van will be on hand.

Low Hauxley Village Square 11am Monday 25 August.

Robson Green helps with Amble skiff



Amble Coastal Rowing Club's handbuilt skiff was formally "turned" at the end of July. The team are hoping to launch the boat at Lifeboat Day, after which it will be available to race. The club are always looking for volunteers and people who are interested in either building or rowing. Even TV star Robson Green has helped out! Find them on Facebook or meet them at the Flowmill on Sundays.



NORTHUMBERLAND
COUNTY COUNCIL

County Councillor Robert Arckless

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Friday 26th September

at 6pm - 6.45pm in Hauxley Village Hall
and

Saturday 27th September

from 10am-11am in Amble Library



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We will remember them

>> *Continued from front page*

The memorial event was organised by Amble Town Council and was well received by members of the public. Commemorative mugs were given to all those who took part.

"May I congratulate everyone involved in the planning and execution of the events for Amble and District to commemorate the start of WWI over the weekend. This is an outstanding example of community commitment covering all age groups and involving everyone. In every way, the parade, the services, the exhibition 'In Memory of the Fallen' reflect the very best of volunteer effort of the whole community. Well done," said one participant.

Many of the shared memories and the research undertaken will be available in a book from Amble Town Council in September. A limited number of commemorative mugs are available for sale now. A short film made by local young people: "Zeppelin Over Coquet Island" can be seen on our website.



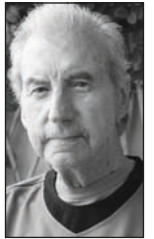
The poignant service saw over 180 crosses placed in the Memorial Garden by people of all ages, while families laid poppy tributes at the war graves in the West Cemetery.

Below: A representative gathering of old comrades of the Light Dragoons Association (13/18th and 15/19th Hussars) were present to honour and lay a 13th Hussar wreath to Lt T.E. Lawson-Smith (13/18th Hussar.)



Goalkeeper Ray King dies aged 89

The *Ambler* team were saddened to hear of the death of former goalkeeper Ray King who had contributed to this community newspaper almost from the start, fourteen years ago. Not only did Ray write prolifically, for us and other media both here and abroad, but he also helped raise money towards the continuation of *The Ambler*. His generosity was much appreciated and will be sorely missed. His son Gary sent the following tribute:



"It is with tremendous sadness that I have to tell you and all the *Ambler* community that my dad, Ray King, passed away yesterday afternoon, 19th July.

He was one month shy of his 90th birthday. He was the kindest and most gentle of men and a remarkable husband and father. Since my mother Norma passed almost five years ago my dad, as you know, has been living with me here in Bangkok.

Fortunately I have been able to provide him with a very comfortable life and I know that he has been so happy here. He has continued to write regularly for the Bangkok Post, sharing his prodigious knowledge of football, especially the game of the 40s, 50s and 60s and also commenting on the game of today. In his last letter to the Bangkok Post he predicted that Germany would win the World Cup in Brazil.



Under Pressure

Ray King punches over as Leyton Orient press for a goal. Leyton Orient vs Vale, F.A. Cup 6th round 13th March 1954

Ray King: hero goalie

Ray's goalkeeping career lasted 11 years.

He began playing for Newcastle United, but spent most of his career at Port Vale, helping them reach the FA Cup semi finals in the 1953-1954 season.

In 1954 he played for the England B team against Switzerland.

His phenomenal memory never ceased to amaze me as he would reel off the names of all the players, the positions they played in and provide a mini-biography of those hundreds, if not thousands, of footballers he played with and against.

My dad was one of those rare individuals who was at the very least good at any sport that involved playing with a ball. He was a good tennis player, a respectable golfer, a very good snooker player, an excellent table tennis player, a superb cricketer and of course his genius as a goalkeeper needs no superlatives.

I know that many of the *Ambler* readers will miss the Ray King column in which he wrote about his life, others' lives and often just shared some words of wisdom from his vast experience.

He always enjoyed reading *The Ambler* as it gave him some contact with the town that was his home for so many years and he was always especially grateful to the readers who would write to him. He would so often tell me about his life as a young child at the Low Hall, then Radcliffe and subsequently Lindisfarne Road in Amble.

He always wondered why he was clueless at maths whereas his son became a mathematician. I was never much of a footballer and couldn't even get in the school team whereas my dad was playing for Newcastle United in front of more than 60,000 fans at St. James' Park when he was just seventeen!

I love you dad!
Gary King, Thailand