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It's all go in the Friendliest Port



DOWN: Tesco demolish derelict buildings on their site, but there is still no word on any supermarket building

The Friendliest Port is now also the busiest port, with more activity along the river than there has been for decades.

Derelict buildings are being pulled down, while new developments are going up.

In a flurry of activity and a level of investment in the town not seen for many years, Amble's riverfront is the location for a number of building projects.

Coquet Shorebase Trust's new building is well underway. Their new facility is next to Amble Boat Club and will provide safer, cleaner and more spacious accommodation for watersports enthusiasts of all ages and abilities.

The move upriver is part of the £2.5m Harbour Village project funded by central

government, from the Coastal Communities fund.

The Harbour Village site, with its seafood centre and retail pods, will have a phased opening starting in December.

"There's been a lot of interest already in the pods," said Sarah Dunne, the new Harbour Village Co-ordinator. "The Harbour Village will be an ideal location for small businesses or startups offering bespoke crafts, gifts and food and drink or leisure/tourism services. I'm here to help if anyone is interested in leasing a retail pod."

A programme of events is being planned for the Harbour Village area throughout 2015.

Meanwhile, luxury apartments and some additional retail units have been given the go-ahead at a separate



UP: New Shorebase Trust building, now further upriver next to Amble Boat Club



Sarah Dunne is the Harbour Village Co-ordinator

development at Coble Quay. Ground preparations have already begun, and the Boat Yard offices on Coquet Street will be demolished in mid October.

And speaking of demolition, Tesco have finally knocked down the derelict buildings on their site - although there is still no

word on any future building for the supermarket.

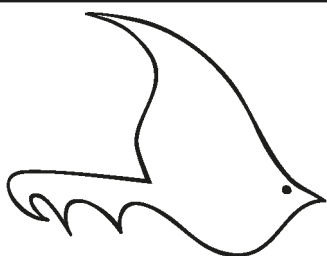
But Queen Street is full of independent businesses, proving that local people have faith in the town. And with so much local and government investment, right now, it's no wonder it's all go in the Friendliest Port.



FOUNDATIONS LAID: Harbour Village work is well underway. A seafood centre and 15 retail pods will be created next to the Quayside.



PLANS APPROVED: Luxury development starts soon at Coble Quay, next to Amble Boat Yard



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The 'making things happen' issue

I hope when you've read this Ambler, you will agree that it is one of the most exciting issues we've had. There are so many new projects going ahead, giving the town a real makeover.

All the activity around the Harbour makes for interesting reading. You can read more about the Harbour Village here on page 2, the new building for the Shorebase Trust on page 7, and the Coble Quay development on p4.

There are changes in town too, as an exciting new deli and cookery school opens up in Pride of Northumbria (see page 15) and Fourways 1 starts to become a real hub for crafts people (see p 10).

Traffic

One downside of Amble's increased popularity is the increase in traffic in the town and parking problems with the extra cars. Efforts to alleviate these are discussed on page 3. We received many responses to the summer's parking initiatives, as those of you who follow our Facebook page might have seen. See also our letters page (p6).

You can read about these issues too on page 19 and on Amble Town Council's page (p20).

We'd like to take the opportunity to send Cllr Ian Hinson our best wishes and hope to see him out and about very soon.

Peoplez

We can be proud of all our volunteers, as our new columnist Harry McQuillan discusses on page 10; on page 8 you can read about the new action group who have been rolling up their sleeves and tidying up the Welfare. Litter picking, raising money for charities, the list goes on, and proves that power really is with the people.

If you weren't aware of his visit to the town, read about what drew TV star Robson Green to the Friendliest Port on page 5. Continuing the nautical theme read about the yacht club on p17. Edwin St School has had funding to improve their facilities look on p7 for details.

Oops

Congratulations if you spotted the deliberate mistake in the last Ambler, sorry there is no prize for this. The last issue should have been Issue 88, not 89, so this is Issue 89 part 2.

Digging the Harbour Village

Many of you will have already seen construction at the site moving on at a pace now. Some minor delays caused by the discovery of various underground pipes and cables have set the contractors back a few weeks but everything is still progressing with plans for Christmas 2014 retail 'pods' opening.

We will be displaying the Harbour Village site plan at the actual site for public information as well as on the website (www.ambleharbourvillage.co.uk), and don't forget to 'Like us' on Facebook or follow us on Twitter to get updates too.

As well as displaying the plans at a stand in the town square at the Christmas lights and procession (23rd November 2014), we are hoping to run a small Christmas event when opening the retail 'pods' (mid December 2014).

There are also some exciting events planned for a full launch of the Amble Harbour Village and at key times throughout 2015, so look out for news and future events in the Ambler as well as on the website, Facebook and Twitter (@AmbleHV)

We have had some great initial interest in the 15 retail 'pods' but we are still looking for more tenants. So if you are a small/start-up business



offering crafts, food and drink, or leisure services looking for small retail premises in a fantastic location and growing tourist destination, please get in touch.

Please visit our website www.ambleharbourvillage.co.uk and go to 'The Pods' section. Business information packs are available from the Development Trust Offices – Fourways 2, Dilston Terrace, Amble, NE65 0DT, Tel: 01665 712929, or e-mail Sarah@ambledevelopmenttrust.org.uk

Sarah Dunne
Harbour Village Co-ordinator



One way system to be introduced to aid traffic issues

Parking in Amble continues to be a thorny subject, with recent trial measures branded 'a farce' and 'a waste of money' by some residents. New measures are now set to be introduced over the next few months in an additional effort to address the town's road congestion.

Attempts at finding solutions to the lack of long-term parking and the increasing congestion along Leazes Street are causing headaches both to those who have trialled recent schemes, and those who have opposed them.

A recent 'Park and Ride' scheme was ridiculed by some residents who questioned the need for such a service. And the temporary use of the Braid was also met with hostility by some locals who claimed the open grassland was not suitable for parking.

Nevertheless, the need to find a reasonable and sustainable solution or series of solutions to the traffic issues in Amble remains, and Northumberland County Council, together with Amble Town Council and business and community representatives are continuing to consider a range of solutions. Double yellow lines and a trial one-way system will now be introduced to see if these measures can help.

A spokesperson for Northumberland County Council said "It is anticipated, that the parking provided on the Braid will only be used in exceptionally busy times in the future. This will include Bank



One way or another: Congestion along Leazes Street has long been a problem, especially at weekends

holidays and festivals. We are putting in a traffic regulation order to ease the flow of traffic in some locations and free up some on street parking places in High Street."

The traffic regulation orders will include the introduction of double yellow lines, and the trialling of a one-way system along Coquet Street and Leazes Street.

Councillor Ian Swithenbank, policy board member for streetcare and the environment said: "We are aware of the difficulties in Amble around parking and this summer we have tried to put temporary measures in place to try and alleviate the pressure.

"We are continuing to work with the town council, business representatives and other community leaders to explore all possibilities in an attempt to resolve these."

Traffic Regulation Order changes in Amble

Double Yellow Lines have been introduced for road safety purposes in the following streets:-

Albert Street, Coquet Street, Dilston Terrace, Gibson Street, Ivy Street, Leslie Drive, Links Road, Marine Road, Newburgh Street, Percy Drive, Percy Street, The Wynd and Turner Street.

The introduction of no waiting restrictions (Sat - Sun 9am - 6pm only) on Leazes Street and Broomhill Street were also planned to be implemented at the same time as the above changes however these have been postponed.

This was agreed following proposals to introduce an experimental 'One Way System', connecting to the existing one way system on Queen Street, incorporating the remainder of Queen Street, Coquet Street, Leazes Street, Lawson Street, George Street and Broomhill Street.

Following the outcome of this experimental order a decision will be made as to whether to consult to make this permanent.

This consultation will also determine the appropriate restrictions on Leazes Street and Broomhill Street in relation to those as mentioned that have at present been postponed.

A section of Single Yellow Line restriction has been removed on High Street and the Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) on Queen Street that introduced additional time limited parking bays has been made permanent.

There are some further works to be done to improve parking on Queen Street however these will be addressed through a separate TRO process as they were not part of the TTRO included in the earlier consultation to make the temporary changes permanent.

Below: Disgruntled locals took to Facebook to give their views on the summer parking schemes. See also our letters page (p6).

No thought yet again - all this so people are encouraged to park in 2 places. Why not try and bring customers to amble? Why not pick up from local areas to get into and from amble? Why can't people walk from braid or enterprise park? What a waste of money - total waste. Will my double buggy and 4 kids fit on???

Like · Reply · 1 · 10 July at 17:49

Not sure I like the idea of the braid becoming a car park especially when it's used by so many families!

Like · Reply · 1 · 10 July at 15:35

I think you've tried hard to resolve the problem but some ppl will never be happy n find fault with every single thing you try and some ppl chose to ignore why bollards were put out on life boat day n used them as ALLOTTED parking markers eeeeeerrrrr hello but well done for trying

Like · Reply · 1 · 4 September at 07:34

Both options have obviously not worked, they need something permanent & with better information to tell people, no1 seems to have a clue about the park n ride or braid parking since there still adamant on parking in residential areas, e.g. near the harbour, its still manic down there on a weekend! Disgrace really!



Luxury waterside development is finally launched



After months of fine-tuning and planning consultations, work has begun on the Coble Quay development.

The £4m project, the brainchild of Amble Boat Company owner Nick Spurr and builder Tony Pull, consists of 17 apartments – all with wonderful views over the Marina and River Coquet – as well as office and retail space, together with onsite residents' parking.

Plans were submitted back in February and project manager Tony is relieved that building work has now begun.

"It has been very frustrating," he told *The Ambler*. "Northumberland County Council always liked the plans, but it's been such a slow laborious process. I've never experienced anything like it. Still, that's in the past and now we can move on."

Part of Coquet Street will be closed for a couple of days in mid October to allow

access by demolition equipment. Then work will begin on knocking down 12 and 14 Coquet St, which have been the boat yard offices for decades.

Nick admitted to a tinge of sadness when the time comes to knock down the offices. "I will be a bit sad to see them go," he said, "there's been a lot of history here. Amble Boat Company has been here for 20 years; before that, they were the offices for Marshall Branson Marine for six or seven

years, and before that, the buildings were owned by the Bennett and Matthews families who owned Harrison's Boatyard."

The boatyard offices will be temporarily relocated to the Flowmill, until their new accommodation is complete. The move into the iconic wooden building which was created at the yard as part of the Olympic arts legacy, is met with stoicism by the staff. "It will be just like camping," laughed office manager Anna Jobson, "we'll survive!"

The Coquet St. offices will make way for the main entrance to the development, which consists of three blocks of apartments, and the retail and office space (see illustration below).

"The timber frame will start going up in early November," said Tony, "the first block has two two-bedroom and one three-bedroom apartments. Two have already been reserved and we've had serious interest in the retail units."

For the first release, apartments range between £250,000 and £375,000. Block one should be completed before Easter 2015.

For more information, see www.cobledevelopments.co.uk

Anna Williams



Geoff breaks world record again

Geoff Moscrop from North Broomhill smashed the world record with his stand of three pot leeks measuring in total 570 cubic inches.

These winning leeks were entered in the John Smith World Leek and Onion Show at the Blyth Sports Social Club. Their size was ratified by two independent judges – meaning Geoff has become world champion for the second year in a row.

Geoff was also the winner of the Hermitage Inn Leek and Horticultural Club (Warkworth) with a superb stand of 423 cubic inches (3 leeks) and he got the cup for the best leek.

Alan Richmond was posthumously awarded the rose bowl for the most improved grower and Selby Snaith won the cup for the most points in the "other classes".

Sadly, Alan Richmond, one of the Hermitage Club's longest serving members died earlier this year. After his death, his leeks were tended by other members of the club, who agreed that they be entered into the annual show.

Alan's widow Carole collected his rose bowl at the

annual dinner for members and guests held after the show. Geoff Moscrop was congratulated on his success by the members at the dinner.

The Leek and Horticultural Club is now down to eight members, from its heyday in 2008 when it had twenty four

members and a list of people wanting to join the Club.



Above: World Champion leek grower Geoff Moscrop

Leek show lists

HERMITAGE INN			
Geoff Moscrop	423.15	1	
& best leek			
Andy Glass	348.94	2	
Ian Donaldson	228.33	3	
Paul Creighton	162.85	4	
Selby Snaith	80.62	5	
Alan Richmond	47.18	6	
(Most Improved)			
John Young	36.40	7	
Tony Irwin	No as schedule		

MASONS AMBLE			
A. Glass	349.80	1	
& best leek			
P. Griffiths		2	
M. Brierley		3	
G. Parker (Most improved)			
A. Glass - 3 onions fresh dug			
A. Glass Blanch leek and dressed onion.			

Coquet Spirit takes to the waves

There has been boat building on the banks of the River Coquet since the dawn of time. Or perhaps to be more accurate, at the very least since the end of the eighteenth century, when boats were hand built on the Braid.

In keeping with this tradition, a community boat-building project is looking to inspire a new generation of builders and rowers.

And it has drawn the interest of TV star Robson Green, who lent a hand in the building and racing of the new Amble boat Coquet Spirit for his new primetime TV programme.

Building the St Ayles skiff began at Easter, and the hard work paid off as Amble Community Rowing Club launched the beautiful hand built boat at Lifeboat Day at the end of August.



Coquet Spirit was blessed with water from the Sea of Galilee and a drop of Alnwick Rum

Robson Green, joined the Coquet Spirit crew in their first race at the beginning of September. The race between skiffs from Amble, Blyth, North Berwick and Gosforth rowing clubs was filmed in the Friendliest Port for the second series of ITV's "Tales from Northumberland".

Launch and Blessing

Club leader Rob Angus was delighted with the launch of the St Ayles skiff.

"We couldn't have asked for a better day for our launch. The support and well wishes we received from everyone was heart warming and we were honoured by the number of people who followed us down to the water's edge for the naming," he said.

Rev Diane Westmoreland of St Cuthbert's church and Rev Lynda Coulthard of Trinity Methodists blessed the skiff with water from the Sea of Galilee, and, as is tradition with the naming ceremony, a drop of (Alnwick) rum.

"We very much hope that Amble's first community rowing skiff will give loads of local people that chance to get involved and that the club becomes a good ambassador for Amble," said Rob.



Rob and the crew talking with Robson Green for ITV's Tales from Northumberland

The group have the materials and funds to start work on a second skiff, and are looking for anyone who may be interested in helping to build. The goal is to have the second skiff on the water in time for the Puffin Festival next year so there can be a race day between local teams.

"How about a team from the local Police versus a team from Amble dentists for heat 1 and postmen/women versus the coastguards for heat 2, all in uniform of course?" suggested Rob.

"We are also on the lookout for temporary premises in which to build the second boat as our short term loan of the Flow Mill has now come to an end. Any help or suggestions would be greatly appreciated".
Anna Williams

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YOUR LETTERS

Braid parking

Further to my earlier letter - "Business club murdering the Braid" - concerning the recent car parking on the Braid, after the Bank Holiday weekend, cars have continued to park on the Braid while the Braid car park has remained available with plenty of spaces.

I asked a motorist why they were parking on the Braid when its car park was empty and her answer was that she was just following the signs!

Also this week, a cyclist fell off his bike after a car came too close on the pedestrian/cycle path and a motorist was seen to tell children to move off the Braid.

During the past two weeks, it has become obvious that the action of Amble Business Club has been not to try to problem solve Amble's weekend parking problems but

to actually provide permanent car parking for their employees who are allowed to park on Queen Street thereby taking up valuable space for shoppers!

By the way, I notice that not only is the Braid part of the English Coastal Route it is also clearly shown on the map produced by Sustrans, the UK's leading charity enabling people to travel by foot, bike or public transport, as being a traffic free route on the UK's National Cycleway. In 2009 part of the Braid was legally designated as a Village Green.

Who in Amble has Amble's best interests at heart?

Regards

Jennifer Dunn

jennifer.dunn@virginmedia.com

The Ambler asked Amble Business Club if they would like to respond to the points made in Jennifer Dunn's letter. Below is their reply

Braid parking - Business Club response

Amble Business Club have tried over many years to help solve the problem of parking in Amble. During a recent survey it was found that over 180 cars enter Amble on a daily basis to provide the services that are available in the town. If these cars park in the Coquet St. car park or on Queen St, where they have to move after one hour, where would the shoppers and visitors park that support all the businesses in the town.

I am sure the residents of Byron St, Wellwood St and Middleton St. not to mention Leazes St. and Lawson St. would be happy if these cars would park elsewhere. The parking on the Braid was not the idea of Amble Business Club it was a joint effort by NCC, Amble Town Council and Amble Development Trust, who have all been working extremely hard to improve our town.

I am hearing from visitors what a change in Amble this is and all good for the town but we have to solve the problem of parking or all the money that has been invested, privately and publicly, will be a waste of time if nobody has anywhere to park. The businesses are told to park on the industrial estate, where is the car park, and to park on

the roads is going to create a problem for the businesses there. We have been told to park on the Braid car park, not a very nice walk at 6 o'clock on a dark winters night carrying money.

As for the people who are complaining about the Braid maybe they have a suggestion to keep our town "on the up" and put forward something constructive instead of making up stories that are totally unfounded. The residents of the town seem to forget that this was the result of a 3000 name petition signed by the residents of the town in December 2012, when the Civil Enforcement Officers were first put in place by the county. The petition asked for more long stay parking adequate for the town.

As for our employees parking on the Braid, only one business owner has been parking on the Braid as other ladies said they would not park there after the abuse they received. My main complaint was the amount of dog poo we had to negotiate whilst getting out of our cars.

Has nobody seen the problems in Leazes St. on a Sunday?????

Ann Burke

Chairman of Amble Business Club

Leek Club thank sponsors

(See results on page 4)

The Club members would like to thank the hosts Anne and John Smith for their hospitality, all the sponsors who helped to make the show one of the best ever and thanks to A, Davidson of Blyth who judged the show.

The sponsors were Alnwick Co-op

Funeral Care, Amble Allotment Society, Amble gas services, Amble Scaffolding, J. Kelly, builder, C. Aston building services, J.C. Dalgleish, Schooner Inn, Amble, Bluebell Amble, Clifton Garage Amble, Lifestyle Express, Nigel Wilson.

Peter Griffiths

on behalf of Mason's Arms Leek Club, via email

AND EMAIL

It's a small world

A friend gave me a copy of Issue 89 of The Ambler on the chance I would be interested. I am originally from Amble but as I left there in 1962 I felt there was little chance of any items striking a chord but two items hit the spot.

Firstly, the piece recording the death of Ray King brought back the childhood memory of watching Ray score a blinding century for Amble CC at the Welfare Park in circa 1952, (against West Sleekburn as I recall). I was eight years old at the time and wore myself out scampering to the "Little Field" to retrieve the ball and throw it back only for Ray to smite it back from whence it came time and again. It was an amazing display of sustained hitting and quite the most thrilling experience of my cricket mad young life.

Secondly, the photograph of the licencing of Sister Canon Penny Horseman because a) I was christened in St Cuthbert's Parish Church by Reverend JM Gray in 1944 and b) until recently Bishop Frank White, pictured alongside Penny, was Bishop of Brixworth here in Northampton and I know him quite well so it was a big surprise to see him in "The Ambler". It is a small world!

P.S. My parents, and my grandfather before them, were proprietors of Akeroyd & Hogg, the Ladies and Gentlemen's drapers and outfitters shop at 68 Queen St, Amble, until 1962 when they sold the business to the Cooperative Society.

Michael Hogg

The Hayride, Northampton

My Amble

A pleasant small town on the coast
But it's the people of Amble
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You'd have to travel for miles.
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Are worth a mention
Service good
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Norman Clay
Dolphin Court, Amble

Fundraising challenge

I am planning a fundraising challenge for the British Heart Foundation. It involves taking on 10 long away trips to watch north-west sports teams. I would love to raise as much money as possible for the BHF, and the first game I am planning to attend as part of this is Blyth vs Skelmersdale on the 21st October. My JustGiving page fundraiser is www.justgiving.com/bhffawaydays.
Adam Stott via email

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 page 2.

Shorebase is moving

The New Year should see the end of the existing Shorebase buildings on that narrow piece of land between the Boat Yard and the Marina car park.

For decades the young people of Amble have been coming down there to learn seamanship, navigation, sailing, canoeing, and lots more. The skills they learnt have taken them round the world in the Merchant or Royal Navy, to jobs in the marine industry, volunteering with the RNLI or Coastguards, working in the fishing industry, or competing for their country in canoeing or sailing.

For over 60 years there has been provision in Amble for teaching these skills, starting with the building of the Collingwood in Harrison's Boatyard - this whaler was used to teach rowing and sailing in and around the harbour and out to sea.

Merchant Navy specialist training followed, using the school boat - Seaquest - which took groups up to the Forth or down to the Humber.

In the 70's youth and community work introduced sailing and canoeing, leading to the formation of the Coquet Sailing Club, Coquet Canoe Club and Coquet Windsurfing Club - all with the aim of giving everyone a chance to learn and participate at low cost. Run by volunteers, these clubs all have junior sections and cater for all ages and abilities.

Since 1992 the running of the Shorebase has fallen to the Coquet Shorebase Trust - a charity set up to ensure that reduced educational funding did not lead to the closure of the facility.

But this is not the end of the Shorebase - we are moving from our existing buildings, which are no longer fit for purpose, to a new purpose built building upstream of the Amble Boat Club. Apart from the many advantages of better changing facilities, a more economic building (might even be warm in the winter!) and a bigger compound, we'll be able to use the upper river more easily, well



away from all the other boat traffic coming in and out of the harbour, making it safer for our users and less of a challenge for boats coming in and out!

We should be making the move in late December, and we are intending to organise an open day so that old pupils can come down and have one last nostalgic look at the buildings before they are demolished (assuming they don't fall down of their own accord first...)

So, a mixture of excitement and regret at saying goodbye to

the old site - but the facilities we can offer are going to be a big improvement all round, and we are looking forward to next summer to offer more opportunities for anyone to get afloat.

Only snag - it's going to be a lot further to walk to the chip shop and Spurreli's - maybe we'll need to get a bike!

See you on the water next year.

*Vic Brown
Manager, Coquet Shorebase Trust*

Edwin St. School gets cash to develop outdoor sports facilities



Amble First School is set for a major boost with £29,600 of funding to develop new outdoor sports facilities.

The funding is part of Sport England's £18m National Lottery funded Primary School Facilities Fund which is helping more schools to provide outdoor multi-activity play areas across the country.

The investment is designed to support those schools which are in greatest need of facility improvements and will benefit both pupils at the school and the local community who will have access outside school hours.

At Amble First the new investment will go towards creating a colourful and modern sports area on the playground.

This will include a soft surface sports pitch, with a range of markings for various games; goals and hoops; an activity track and bouldering wall.

The Headteacher, Joyce Jenkins is delighted at the success of the bid. "This is a fantastic opportunity to improve sports provision here at Edwin Street.

The age and location of our building means that access to dedicated sports facilities has been difficult in the past - now we can afford to transform part of the school yard into a high quality, attractive and stimulating

sports space that will help us to further achievement in PE and inspire more pupils to be more active in the future."

Nick Bitel, Sport England Chair, said: "Having the right space to play sport as a child is vitally important. We are delighted to be investing in Amble First School to improve the spaces that will give children the space to start enjoying PE and sport".

The fund will provide outdoor multi-activity areas to be used within the curriculum and out of school hours.

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Grass roots movement proves power is with the people

The Amble Community Team or ACT came about as a result of community concerns about the state of the leisure and recreational facilities in Amble. At a meeting held in August which was well attended by members of the community it was agreed that the leisure and recreational facilities in Amble could do with a little bit of TLC by those residing in the town.

Out of this meeting a group was formed by the enthusiastic Geoff Edwards. Through the use of social media (Facebook and Twitter) the Amble Community Team (ACT) has been created. A committee has been formed and is in the throes of forming a constitution which will allow

them to apply for funding to assist in their aims.

Already one area of Amble is being tackled with great success - the Welfare Recreation Ground. Members of Amble Development Trust and Amble Town Council joined other volunteers, in some cases with children in tow, to tidy up the playground, skate park and MUGA'S area. People gave up evenings and sometimes a few hours a day.

The group is intending to obtain funding to upgrade and decorate the pavilion to provide refreshments at the well attended football matches, and look at possible funding opportunities



for further use of the field for football and other sporting events.

Chairman of the group, Geoff Edwards, said, " The aim is to improve the leisure facilities

in Amble and to encourage the residents and local community to take pride in the facilities in the town. Already we have seen what a few willing volunteers can do to an area of the town and we hope to spread to other parts of the town over the coming months"

For further information about the group and their events you can contact them via:

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Photos by Bart Rippon



Amble Community Sports Development Centre

Developing the future

NEW ACTIVITY TIME TABLE



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YOUTH CLUB (BOYS & GIRLS) 6.30pm - 8.30pm

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ADULTS MMA 7.00pm - 8.00pm

WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

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ADULTS MMA 7.00pm - 8.00pm

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Campaigner calls for action as Northumberland dementia rates rise

An award-winning Northumberland campaigner has made an impassioned plea for action to tackle dementia as new statistics reveal more people in the county than ever are having to cope with the disease.

Barbara Dow, whose late husband Al died in November 2005, five years after his dementia diagnosis, has demanded that the Government raise its game in the fight against the degenerative brain disease.

Mrs Dow, who lives in Amble, spoke out after new Alzheimer's Society figures revealed that 4,850 Northumberland residents have dementia and the charity insist many of those people are not living well.

Mrs Dow won the Alzheimer's Society Williams Brooks Award in 2012 for her voluntary efforts after campaigning for the way hospitals look after people with dementia because she was unhappy with the care Al received.

She added: 'The government needs to be more generous with charities like the Alzheimer's Society and give them more money so they can maintain and also develop services that support people with dementia and their carers.'

'More and more people are being diagnosed as having dementia at a younger age and that needs to be taken into account by the government because it is an issue that will just get bigger and bigger because there is currently no cure. That is why people with dementia and their carers need a solid backbone of support.'



Barbara Dow was presented with her award by Michael Parkinson

Bank pledges support to charities

TSB has thanked the people of Amble as it celebrates its first anniversary on the high street. The branch has been busy over the past year supporting local people and businesses, with the Alzheimer's Society nominated as their charity of the year.

'Alzheimer's is a charity close to our hearts in Amble. We have also supported Zoe's Place, the baby hospice, Blue Bell Wood children's hospice and Amble is also providing support for the Great North Air Ambulance,' said Jennifer Davison, TSB's branch manager in Amble.

She continued: 'We have worked hard to serve the local community over the past year and are proud of everything we have achieved. On behalf of all my colleagues at TSB in Amble, I would like to say 'Thank You' to our customers for helping us bring local banking back to Britain.'

What a load of rubbish



Steve Lowe and Aurelie Bohan from Northumberland Wildlife Trust's conservation team welcomed volunteers from the Environment Agency and the Northumberland Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (NIFCA) to the wildlife charity's Hauxley nature reserve for a huge clean-up at the site's picturesque beach.

In five hours, hundreds of plastic bottles, cotton buds, a bike, a DVD player, over 100 balloons and spent ammunition from WWII were just some of the items collected, which equated to a whopping 122 bin bags each averaging 2.5kg, giving a grand total of 305kg of waste, plus a massive amount of scrap metal!

Steve Lowe, Head of Conservation at Northumberland Wildlife Trust and a seasoned litter collector at St Mary's Lighthouse at Whitley Bay said: 'It's frustrating just how much rubbish washes up on our lovely beaches. Balloons in particular are a nightmare, wrapping around weed and getting ingested by marine animals. Most people don't think twice about releasing them, yet they persist for decades as litter. Another menace is dog waste neatly collected in plastic bags then left on the shore!

'The most frequently found item was plastic, which is accumulating at an alarming rate in our oceans, wreaking havoc on wildlife, polluting our beaches and entering our food chain; for instance, recent studies of the stomach contents of fulmars found dead on local beaches showed an average of 75% of their stomach was plastic of all sorts from fishing line to sweet wrappers!

Steve concluded: 'I would urge everybody to take some responsibility - think before you flush non-organic wastes down the loo, dispose of your litter correctly, recycle and re-use wherever possible, and ... Northumberland Wildlife Trust is challenging everyone who visits the coast to take five minutes to collect and remove anything they find, as every little helps!'

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

Oil tank tip

The Ambler received the following tip from a local resident.

If you have a single skinned oil tank which is over 10 years old, it may be in danger of fracturing, due to the ongoing effects of ultra violet rays from the sun. If the tank does crack, a quick-stop remedy is to use a bar of ordinary household soap. Mould the soap into the fracture and cover with duck-tape. This will stop the leak until you can replace the tank.

Update from the Christmas lights team

Within two weeks of taking the lights down in January this year, we were already at work on this year's display. It has been another very busy period and we have achieved a great deal. There are many new displays and we have extended the lighting down towards the town square.

The switch on combined with the parade is scheduled for Sunday 23rd November and we hope that you will turn out to support us on the night. The response over past few years has been fantastic and I feel sure that this year will be no different.

We recently held a fund raising tombola and raffle at the Quayside Sunday market. The weather was fine and the place was so busy, with a great atmosphere. We had a very successful day and raised a total of £527. For this we must thank everyone who made a contribution, the shops and businesses, the market traders, the many individuals, all of whom supported us with so many donations for the table. Just as important were the many people who took part on the day by stumping up their one pound coins.

We thank you all, it is greatly appreciated.

Trevor Colbourne, Chairman, Amble Christmas Lights committee



Above: some of the beautiful fabric in Josie's Funkyneedlework Studio

Fourways1 is the new home of crafts

Recently opened in the thriving centre of Amble is Funkyneedlework Studio, home to quilter and needlework crafter Josie Dunne. Josie opened her studio in Fourways1, the original Fourways building, and is running quilting classes for people of all ages.

Also moved into Fourways1 is Sandy "The Mad Jam Woman", who continues to make Pride of Northumbria preserves (and which will still be available to buy at the deli shop on Queen Street).

The two craftswomen join professional mosaic artist Julie Smith who also has a

studio in the building.

You can meet Josie and Sandy and see their studio space and possibly even pick up some ideas for Christmas gifts at their **Open Day on Friday 28th November 10am - 2pm.**



All are welcome to pop in for a look around, chat and a cuppa.

For more information please contact Josie on 07967210117 or see Funkyneedlework's Facebook page.

Sandy can be contacted on 01665 711044.

Our age of insecurity - part 3

The six and a half million carers, of all ages, who look after relatives and others, show us clearly that the links between people are still alive. Volunteering is widespread in our society, producing benefits for the volunteers themselves and the people they help.

Locally we have the Development Trust, a health walks group, environmental volunteers, (think of our Town Square and local litter-picking) church groups and Citizens Advice Bureau. Prison and hospital visitors bring help and comfort to a lot of vulnerable people.

In fact we have many formal and informal networks of people who give time

and energy on behalf of others.

We may quibble over the decisions of our town councillors, but how many of us are prepared to stand for election. This publication, our own Ambler, depends on the contributions of volunteers.

I just came across a LETS scheme many years ago in another part of the country. The members do all sorts for others, earning credit points for the work they do. No money changes hands, much to the annoyance of certain government departments! Of course volunteers run the schemes and they try to keep everybody happy.

Some years ago Amble had a Credit

Union. I remember that Ron Horne had something to do with the organisation. I was told that Ron had something to do with the development of the breathalyser.

Tens of thousands of registered charities depend on the generosity of volunteers and donors. We sometimes question the final distinction of some of our donations and the size of the salaries paid to senior staff, but we often see and hear of the good work done by charities.

I re-iterate my view that people have to work together to make our world a better place. Most of us do things for others. Long may the good work continue!

Harry McQuillen



Above: Coquet Island by Amble photographer Darryn Wade who travels all over Northumberland, but says this is still one of his favourite views www.darrynwadephotography.com He's also on Facebook: www.facebook.com/darrynwadephotography



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Mouldy Cheese Monster

One day the mad scientist Professor. Milk was doing an experiment where he put milk in a bowl and left it for six years. One day when he came back to check on it he couldn't see it any where but then he peered over his shoulder BANG it was too late, his little project had shot him down with cheese. His mouldy milk was now a CHEESE MONSTER!

Who would be the monster's next victim ?.....
If you want to know what

happened to make the milk turn into a monster you're about to find out.
Professor Milk went on holiday for three weeks and in the first week, the bowl got struck by lightning because the window was open and the bowl fell off the side and smashed and the milk started growing like a tree. Then in the third week acid rain came through the window and it hit the cheese and burned eye holes and a mouth and it started moving and that's what happened ...

By Martha



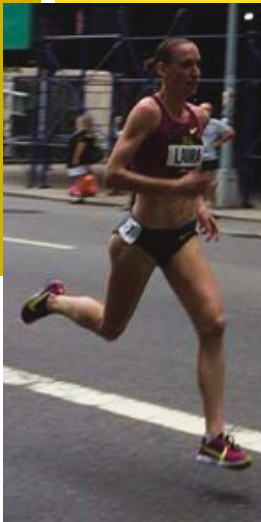
What is Instagram?

Instagram is a website where you put pictures and videos of your self or other people or things. Other people can look at your photos or they can like them and if you like their pictures you can follow them.

Some people are private, that means you have to ask to follow them. People like to get followers cause it means that their pictures aren't boring. Check Instagram out online.
By Martha



Laura Weightman's advice to young runners



Commonwealth games runner Laura Weightman talks to Artograffi
I asked Laura Weightman if she would answer some questions for Artograffi. She was very busy running races, so I sent her my questions on my Mum's Facebook! Here is what she said.

Me: who inspired you?

Laura: I was inspired by seeing other people running . One of my childhood heroes was Paula Radcliffe.

Me: Were you good at running at school?

Laura: When I was younger I

used to do lots of sports, I was good at running but still do other sports such as hockey, football dancing and karate. As I got older I enjoyed running the best so I joined Morpeth Harriers to do competitions and training.

Me: How often do you run?

Laura: I train every day now as my job. In the Winter I can run twice a day up to 13 miles in total but then I also do gym work to help me be stronger.

Me: What was going through you mind at the Commonwealth Games and did you think you'd do as well as you did?

Laura: Before the Commonwealth

games final I had a goal of a medal but when I crossed the finished line I knew I got the silver by a second it was a amazing feeling.

Me: What advice would give to young people who want to compete in running or other sports?

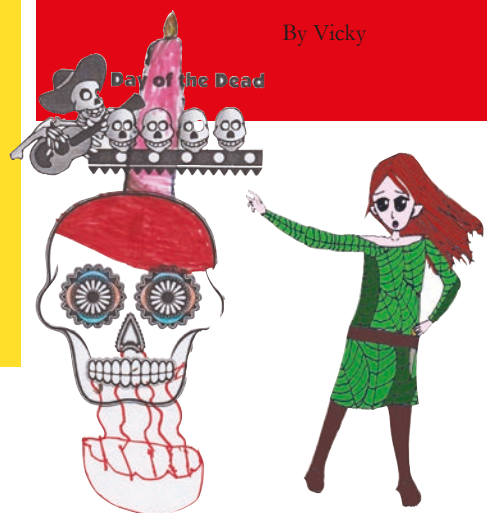
Laura: The advice I would give to anyone who is doing sport no matter what it is or the level participating at is just to enjoy it. I wouldn't have got to where I am now without that. The love and passion for the sport is what keeps me going through the good and bad times.
By Hope Vernon.

Safety on bonfire night

1. Only go to well organised firework displays and stay well away from all fireworks
2. Keep all animals indoors
3. Don't play with fireworks and stay away from anyone/thing that looks dangerous

To prove fireworks are dangerous India Drew Redhead is an 11 year old girl from Hadston. She was in her garden and a family friend was setting off a firework and unfortunately it hit off the fence and shot her in the eye. She went through many operations but she is still to this day blinded in her left eye. She is ok now though this is a very good example.

By Vicky



Scotland Votes 'No' To Be Independent

On Friday morning 19th September, people everywhere woke up to find that all the votes had been counted and Scotland would not be going independent.

I think it is good that Scotland would not be going independent because there are some good athletes in GB and then if they did go independent some of the good athletes would go on team Scotland.

I asked some of the Artograffi gang what they thought.

Hope said " I am glad that Scotland did not vote to be independent because we might not have been able to go to some places in Scotland."

Lily said " Yes! I am glad they voted No. I think it would have been complicated." Mark said " No! because the London government have too much power"

By Niamh Shiels



Above: Some of the Summer reading challenge group with Councillor Robert Arkless who gave the prizes

On the 15th of September 2014, the certificate presentation took place in the local library. Me and Hope interviewed four people and asked them:

- 1.What was your favourite book?
- 2.What was the best part of the challenge?

Here are our answers:

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| Martha Reynolds | 1.All of them
2. All of it |
| Hope Vernon | 1.Tilly's Moonlight Fox
2.Reading new books |
| Max Moody | 1.Bear Grylls
2.Getting a medal |
| Susannah Walker | 1.Wagtail time
2.Reading books |

Antonia Johnson won the cap and has been entered in the big prize draw, We recommend the summer reading challenge to everyone!

By Lily

BINKY'S SCARY NIGHT

Binky, Bazzle and all their friends were sitting around a campfire on Halloween's eve, when suddenly, an older panda called Cedmro started telling a story.

"One Halloween's eve, just like tonight, a young panda was out all alone..." Cedmro hissed, the fire-light curling around his grinning face, "he was walking by the bamboo forest when, all of a sudden, a strong wind blew and his only light (a small candle) went out!"

'Poor panda', thought Binky, 'it must be really dark now'.

"Then," said Cedmro, a wicked grin crawling across his face, "a cackle rang out, echoing

through the woods, no-one knows what happened next..."

By now, all the little pandas had run away and most of the older ones were shivering. Except for Blossom and her gang, who all had their arms folded.

"Oh shut up Ced," Blossom sighed, "you and your stories!" And with that, she got up and left, along with her gang.

That night, Binky was awoken by a weird choking sound. He quickly lit a candle and went out to investigate.

The sound got louder as Binky got closer and small everyday things turned into large

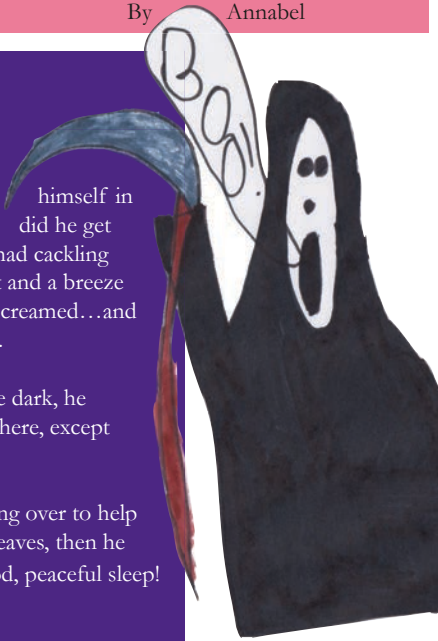
spooky objects.

Suddenly Binky found himself in the bamboo forest, how did he get this far already? Then, a mad cackling echoed through the forest and a breeze blew out his light. Binky screamed...and screamed...and screamed.

As his eyes adjusted to the dark, he realized that no-one was there, except for...

"Aaaw!" cooed Binky, going over to help the baby bird out of the leaves, then he went home and had a good, peaceful sleep!

By Lily



Violent Vicky and blood curdling Catherine

Martha was moving she had always wanted to go to boarding school unlike other children she was rich and very very posh and unlike others she wanted to get away from her parents and the most weird thing is that her parents wanted to get rid of her as well.

The day was finally here Martha was all packed and ready to go to her new boarding school it only took an hour to get there so when she did she was gracefully walking through the hallway but then she bumped into a girl called

Abigail. She was terribly mean - she punched Martha in the face! Abigail then quickly disappeared into a cupboard. But when Martha went after her, the cupboard door vanished.

At bed time Martha could not sleep so she got up suddenly she tripped on a key. She studied the key for a few seconds and then she opened the door and climbed up the stairs where she found the same cupboard she saw

earlier that day she unlocked the door and...

The next day the teachers were searching everywhere one teacher found Martha she was at the top of the stairs ...DEAD her blood was trailing down the stairs and on the wall oppisite her there was words written in blood it said: "This is our first victim and you're next!"

TO BE CONTINUED

By Annabel

Meeting Haribo the Tarantula

Hope Vernon and her Mum Amy Baston have a pet tarantula it is called Haribo I asked them some questions.

How old is Haribo ?

Haribo is three years old and is a chaco gold tarantula.

Why did you get Haribo ?

Hope got Haribo because she loves animals!

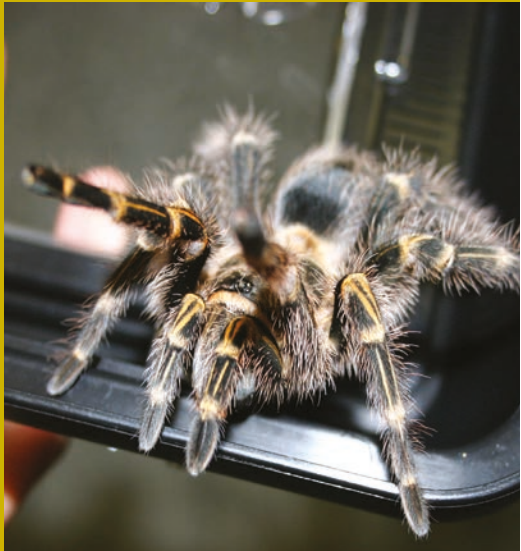
Is it nice having pet a tarantula ?

They think it is nice but other people think it is weird.

Did you know that the biggest tarantula is 5 and a half pounds and 12 inches long ?

Yes they both know but that is huge isn't it !!!!!!!

By Martha



Are you flu safe? Get the jab!

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Fundraising success at Lifeboat Day



Below: Author Ann Cleeves with some of the RNLI crew



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Photos by Anna Williams, Bart Rippon & Vivienne Dalgleish



A bright and breezy Lifeboat Day was opened by crime writer Ann Cleeves, author of the Vera Stanhope novels. Ann signed copies of her latest book *Harbour Street* and gave a percentage of each book sold on the day to Amble RNLI.

Organisers were delighted with the event, which raised £10,000 for the Amble Lifeboats. Two rescue demonstrations took place during the day; sadly the RAF Sea King was unable to attend, due to being called out earlier in the day.

Amble Lifeboat Fundraisers say 'thanks'

With the weather on our side Lifeboat Day was a splendid day all round, though not without its minor problems! Unfortunately the Steel Band had to cancel at the last minute, due to illness and the Sea King helicopter was unable to join the scheduled exercise with the lifeboats, as it was required on an emergency search and rescue call. We were fortunate that the exercise had been completed before the Amble lifeboats were themselves called out. Nevertheless, everyone appeared to enjoy themselves.

There was a great selection of stalls, with games for the children. The refreshments were, as ever, excellent – all home-made cakes, scones sandwiches etc – it was non-stop upstairs the whole day. The motor cycles/trikes were very popular, giving rides and having photographs taken. Stormy Stan visited us too – the children thought he was great (I suspect some adults quite enjoyed a cuddle!).

Overall the day went extremely well and the amount raised up to the present is £10,000 – a fantastic result. A huge thank you to everyone who came along to support us and this was a tremendous start to our appeal to raise £200,000 for the new 'Shannon' Lifeboat, due on station in 2017

Lifeboat crew scrambled

Just as everyone had packed up for the day, the pagers went off and the crew of both lifeboats were called out to help a small yacht with engine failure just outside the harbour.

"Just as we were finishing – around 5pm – the crews suddenly left everything and ran for the boats. Someone was in distress outside the harbour. I ended up shooting an actual 'shout'. Well done lads," said Bartle Rippon, Lifeboat Day volunteer and Ambler photographer. A child from the yacht was placed on the All Weather Lifeboat and the Inshore Lifeboat towed the yacht safely back to Amble.

Eat local, learn locally: Culinary Institute opens doors in Amble

You may have seen a lot of activity in the Pride of Northumbria premises on Queen Street and it's due to complete in mid October.

The premises will now be home to an artisan deli and a bespoke cookery school.

The training facility is an element of the Harbour Village project and is another example of partnership working between Northumberland County Council, Amble Development Trust, Amble Town Council, Northumberland College and Martin Charlton, chef/co-owner of The Old Boat House. Courses at the Culinary Institute of Northumbria will be available for students from mid October.



The deli will not only sell high quality local produce, but will also help to create a 'real working environment' for students.

Courses for all ages

The courses on offer through the Culinary Institute of Northumbria range from FREE Food Safety, Health and Safety, First Aid and Customer Service courses, to NVQ level 1 professional cookery qualifications & Professional Cookery Apprenticeship level 2/3, as well as a range of fun, one day weekend courses.

The Food Safety, Health and Safety, First Aid and Customer Service courses are open to everyone and you don't need qualifications to apply.

The NVQ level 1 Professional Cooking qualification is the ideal starting point to gain practical catering skills and a good understanding

of hospitality work, whether you're still at school (aged 14+) or starting your first hospitality job. From studying food hygiene to cooking dishes, the fully funded City & Guilds NVQ Level 1 qualification in Food Preparation and Cooking could allow you to go on to work in a professional kitchen, hotel, restaurant or school or move on to further study. All NVQs are run over a period of 15 weeks and courses start from October 2014.

If you're 16-19 and interested in catering but not sure which is the right course for you, the 'Introduction to Food and Cookery' class is FREE and the first class is on 14th October from 6pm-8pm.

There are also a number of single day courses available to anyone interested in developing their cooking skills or just learning something different with a group of friends. Courses



include Italian Gastronomy, Breads and Bread Making, and Simply Fish to name just a few. These courses are chargeable and are run over one day on weekends.

For more information and dates for specific courses, please email info@prideculinaryinstitute.co.uk (please title your email "Ambler")

New children's home

The new Thorndale Children's home in Alnwick has been officially opened by County Councillor Robert Arkless who cut the ribbon to mark the opening of Thorndale House.

The newly refurbished home will accommodate four young people aged between 6 and 15 years old.

The opening of this new home marks the second phase of the service's development to create smaller community children's homes, with smaller numbers of Looked After Children living together to give them a more improved family style living experience.

The children have had an input from beginning to end of the rebuilding and designing of their new home, opting for wet rooms, a clean, light and modern design and the all-important installation of WIFI.

Each child has been able to choose how they would like their own bedroom decorated, and will each be given a budget to furnish their bedrooms, letting them make the place feel like home.

Northumberland County Councillor Robert Arkless policy board member for Children's Services said: "I am pleased to have opened the new Thorndale Children's home, it is great that the children have been able to be involved in the whole process and put their stamp on Thorndale House, to make it their own.

"It's brilliant to see the house and the progress of the team in allowing Looked After Children to have a family household experience."

Thorndale Children's Home is replacing the current accommodation at Thornbrae Children's Home, with children and staff moving into the more suitable and modern building.



Councillor Arkless cuts the ribbon: Adam Hall, (Registered Manager), Mark Douglas, Coun Robert Arkless, Coun Scott Dickinson, Coun Anthony Murray, Karen MacDonald

Flu left carer completely unable to cope

Carers Northumberland are encouraging Carers to ask their GP for a free flu jab this winter. Every winter, many unpaid carers miss out on a free flu jab, despite the fact that they're entitled to one. If they're the main carer for someone who's ill or disabled that person's health would be at risk if their carer falls ill.

Last year only a small fraction of carers received a flu jab in England. If a carer is struck down by the flu and becomes too ill to care, there may be no-one else who can step in and look after the person they care for.

If a carer gets the flu and is looking after someone with a lowered immune system, the virus could be passed on to the person they care for, even if that person has had a flu jab.

Mike's story

When 59-year-old Mike came down with the flu one winter, it wasn't just his own health he was worried about. Mike is the main carer for his 89-year-old father whose poor health convinced Mike to give up his life in the States and move in with him several years ago.

Looking back, Mike is shocked by how

badly the flu affected him. "There I was, lying on the settee, aching all over and all I could think about was how on earth my Dad was going to cope," he explains. "I'd been due to do the weekly shopping so there was hardly any food in the house. And there's no way Dad could have coped with the shopping on his own."

Mike's worries didn't stop there, either. Due to a serious renal condition, his father has a catheter and relies on Mike to change the bag.

"In the end, I had to ask my 84 year-old auntie for help" he says. "And her daughter was able to step in after a couple of days as well, but it wasn't easy because she has a family of her own to look after."

"I've never felt so ill in my life. And as my Dad's carer, I just can't afford to let it happen again. In the past, I'd always made sure Dad got his flu jab but I'd never considered how important it was for me to have one too. I've learned the hard way."

Anne-Marie Johnstone, Information Officer at Carers Northumberland, a Carers Trust Network Partner comments: "Many carers simply do not know that they can

ask their GP for a free flu jab and we are encouraging as many as possible to go along to their surgery and request one. If a carer is struck down by the flu and becomes too ill to care, there may be no-one else who can step in and look after the person they care for. Having the jab is so important."

A carer is someone of any age who provides unpaid support to family or friends who could not manage without this help. This could be caring for a relative, partner or friend who is ill, frail, disabled or has mental health or substance misuse problems. Many feel they are doing what anyone else would in the same situation; looking after their mother, son, or best friend and just getting on with it.

Carers Northumberland is part of a network of Carers Trust's centres and schemes that provide local support to unpaid carers around the UK. They provide support, information, advice and services for the millions of people caring at home for a family member or friend. They try to ensure that the enormous contribution carers make to society and to those they care for is fully recognised, appreciated and valued.

Amble Darts Open winners 2014



A large enthusiastic crowd gathered at the Radcliffe Club, Amble on Saturday 27 September 2014 for the annual Amble Darts Open. This year saw a record 73 entries for the Men's Trophy and 17 for the Ladies Trophy. The knowledgeable crowd made for a great atmosphere and there was some superb darts played in keenly-contested matches.

Special mention must go to Team North East who took part in the competitions and also marked the boards in return for a charitable donation.

The men's final was contested by Paul Williams and Ryan Joyce and won by Paul Williams. The Ladies Final was between Ann Marie Potts and Colleen Hunt and was won by Anne Marie Potts.

Left: winners of the Amble Darts Open – Anne Marie Potts and Paul Williams with their trophies.

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I recently visited the site of the new build Council homes in Amble. These are the first such homes since the completion of Dandsfield Square and Straffen Court in the late 1970s. The quality of the development is obvious in terms of the size of rooms which will be available to tenants and they are also being built to a high specification.

It is clear that some existing residents have had to put up with all the upheaval that would be expected in a building site. There have been very few complaints. I am assured where complaints have been registered a response has been given.

I know that there were some issues about plant accessing the site having an impact on the estate; as a result of this new signs were put in place clearly directing site traffic.

The weather has been kind during the development and work is well in hand. Completion is scheduled for late March 2015.

I am pleased to see a meeting arranged with Town Council members to consider issues such as allocation of tenancies.

Whatever the rumour mill might suggest this development was commissioned to meet a clearly identified housing need and I would fully expect that to be reflected in the allocations when the properties are available to let.

I am proud to have played a part in this development and that Amble was one of the first communities to benefit. I am also proud that the first wave developments are in the north of the County; work is progressing on schemes elsewhere.

On the buses

For many years I have campaigned for more accessible buses on local routes. I have received regular complaints about the state of some vehicles serving the Amble area and have had some horrendous experiences as a traveller myself. I regularly make representations to the public transport team and to Arriva. The company is due to introduce new accessible buses to the local fleet from September. That will be very welcome!

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The Park and Ride scheme is finished for this season, in my opinion it was a total flop! Despite the best efforts of myself, Craig Weir (Mayor) and other councillors, the County Council just did not get the signage right and it is no wonder that it had such poor results for the time it was operating.

I am not convinced that a Park and Ride scheme is something that would work in Amble but this last trial gives me no information that I can rely on to judge whether or not it would work if done properly.

Next year if we hold a further trial it will have to be done properly with better planning and signage or quite simply I will have nothing to do with it, as I hate to see a waste of money.

The WWI events staged by Amble Town Council were a credit to the town and we can all be proud of the way we honoured our local men and women who took part in that terrible conflict.

Unfortunately it would seem we can expect some further delays in the start of the Persimmons housing scheme as they now wish to have an access to the site from the Roundabout at the Southern edge of the Town and as this was not part of the original plans it will have to go back to the planners for approval, so this could take several weeks at least and makes me wonder if it will even get started this year.

It seems to me that Tesco and Persimmons with their ongoing delays are in danger of turning Amble into a never, never land!

Finally, The Braid experimental parking has caused a lot of concern amongst a few residents of the Town and a lot of rumour and incorrect statements, so here are a few points that might help people understand the situation.

- The Braid is the Village Green of Warkworth; it is in the Parish of Warkworth.
- The parking experiment was in a small corner of the area near to the fence of the Marina and certainly not the whole area.
- The parking area used was away from the Gut and wild life.
- The ground is judged to be very firm as the area was previously a tip.
- If it was ever decided to go ahead with a scheme in the area then obviously a full site investigation and consultation would take place.
- This experiment was conducted by NCC in conjunction with the Town Council. The Business Club, Amble Development Trust and others were consultees.

Other traffic flow and parking issues in the Town are currently being addressed and we should see some changes in the near future.

I hope this helps to answer some concerns, as ever I am available on 07802385367 *Jeff Watson*
jeffrey.watson@northumberland.gov.uk

Coquet Yacht Club improvements provide a warm welcome for all

Since the last Ambler we've been cracking on at CYC - www.coquetyachtclub.org.uk - with the balcony finished and the "River Lounge" well on its way to completion.

Many locals and tourists who walk the footpath in front of us stop and admire our development and some of them even become members.

Soon we will be securing the site with a fence that does NOT shout "visitors can't come in here"! Our rules allow visitors to come and sample our wares and the view. You can visit six times before they are asked to become a member. Many have.

So far we've had a cracking off shore sailing season and our dinghy activities are taking off with two new Bahia dinghies, which will enable us to take out whole families for a taster and training sessions. One of our offshore yachts, Medmerry, had great success

winning an important race on the West Coast of Scotland. We are finding more and more families joining the club either for off shores dinghy sailing or simply enjoying the atmosphere. The social side of the club continues to grow. Our 50th anniversary was a great success with 140 members and guests enjoying the new balcony which was opened by Craig Weir, Amble's Town Mayor.

We've held some great functions at the club. Weddings, 30th birthdays and christenings. If you'd like to join our wonderful club or book us for a function please contact me on 07710 423550 or email me on phil.derry@coquetyachtclub.org.uk.

The age group of the club is eight weeks to 92, so you WILL feel at home. Come and see us.

Phil Derry, Commodore, CYC



Above: View from the River Lounge

Below: Improvements to the Yacht Club include the construction of a new balcony with storage space below





Hauxley Parish Council

Co-opted vacancies - Hauxley Parish Council have 6 seats for Councillors of which 2 are presently vacant. You can apply to be co-opted onto 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 by writing to the Clerk via the contact details below.

The Role of Parish Councillor

Parish Councillors have a dual role:-

- They represent the views and concerns of the residents of the parish to the parish council itself and, through it, to the district, county or unitary authority;
- They report back to residents on issues affecting the parish.

You cannot act as a councillor until you have signed a formal declaration of acceptance of your office. You must sign it at or before the first council meeting following your election/co-option in the presence of another councillor or the clerk. Failure to sign means you cannot continue as a councillor, unless you were given permission to sign later. As a councillor you have a responsibility to:

- attend meetings when summoned to do so; the notice to attend a council meeting is, in law, a summons, because you have a duty to attend
- consider, in advance of the meeting, the agenda and any related documents which were sent to you with the summons
- take part in meetings and consider all the relevant facts and issues on matters which require a decision including the views of others expressed at the meeting
- take part in voting and respect decisions made by the majority of those present and voting
- ensure, with other councillors, that the council is properly managed
- represent the whole electorate, and not just those who voted for you.

Footpath - Concerns have been reported to NCC regarding the inaccessibility of the footpath from the Hauxley junction on the A1068 to the south entrance of Amble. The path is extremely narrow due to overgrown grass. The grass has now been cut but still requires edging and this is due to take place towards the end of October.

Next Meeting - The next meeting of the Parish Council is 6.30pm on Monday 10th November 2014 in the Village Hall, Low Hauxley - the public are welcome to attend.

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Miss Elaine Brown

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Brian retires after 11 years

Brian King, Northumberland Wildlife Trust's Hauxley Reserve Weekend Warden has retired after 11 years with the wildlife charity.

Since May 2003, Brian, who lives a stone's throw away from the reserve in Hauxley Village, has welcomed thousands of

visitors to the reserve, watched and recorded a spectacular array of visiting birds and assisted with the Trust's fundraising activities, following the arson attack on its visitor centre in June 2010.

Brian will not be a stranger to the Trust however as he plans to join the Friday Hauxley Volunteer Group.



Hauxley Fun Day is another success



We had another great day at Hauxley on Bank Holiday Monday. The weather was kind and a huge crowd turned up to support us once again, for which we are very grateful.



All the usual stalls were there with a couple of new attractions, the target football in particular attracting a lot of interest with a couple of budding local footballers showing their skills. The sand castle competition had a lot of entries and the

winner, a large shark, was outstanding amongst some stiff competition.

The RNLI and Wildlife stands were well attended, the Wildlife stand showing how the new Hauxley Nature Reserve Centre would look. They even managed to recruit some volunteers for the future. As usual the pet show attracted a lot of attention with prizes given out in many categories. Our (almost resident) band again provided some great music that kept everyone's feet tapping and the occasional dancer.

All the helpers on the various stands, the raffle, face painting, bric-a-brac, bouncy castle, tombola, money tombola, BBQ, refreshments and the bar worked hard before and on the day and the committee are very grateful to them all.

We are also grateful to the many businesses in Amble who supported us with prizes for the raffle and tombola. They

are: Zecca, Sea Salt, The Old Boathouse, Spurrelli's, The Tavern, The Co-op, 42, Queen Street, Circa and Rolands Butchers. Particular thanks to Jimmy Thompson who kindly donated one of his superb pictures for the raffle.

We made over £2,800 on the day which will be used to maintain the village hall so that it is always available for use by villagers and locals. If anyone has a club or society which has need of some excellent facilities at a very reasonable cost, or you wish to arrange a private party, please contact 01665 712181 for a booking.

Finally we hope that a lot of people had a lot of fun on the day and either managed to win a prize, grab a bargain or generally just enjoyed themselves. Thank you for your support and we look forward to doing it all again next year.

Hauxley Village Hall Committee.



Did You Know?

Ever since the First World War we have commemorated the event with poppies. In particular this 100 year anniversary they have been spectacular, covering our war memorials, carpeting the tomb of the unknown warrior and spread like a carpet beside the Tower of London.

Not so our Allies! France commemorates this with a carpet of blue cornflowers – sold in thousands just like our poppies, laid at the Arc de Triomphe, and worn by everyone.

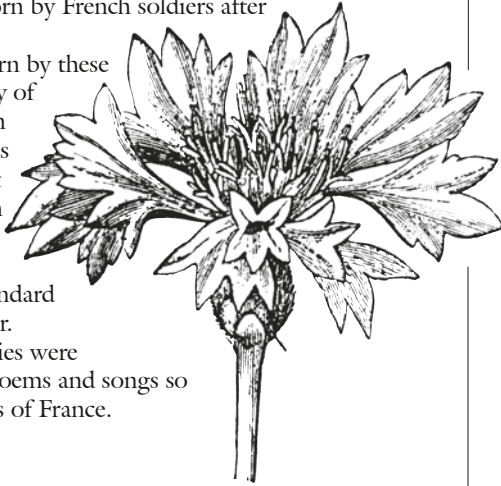
In the language of flowers the cornflower indicates purity and innocence. Like the poppy it continues to grow in a land devastated by thousands of shells launched daily by the entrenched armies of the Western Front. These flowers were often the only visible evidence of life, and the only sign of colour in the mud of the trenches.

At the same time, the term 'bluets' was used also to refer to the class of conscripted soldiers born in 1895, because of the blue uniform worn by French soldiers after 1915.

The uniform worn by these young recruits, many of whom were not even twenty years old, was distinctive because it marked a break from the disastrous red pants worn by older soldiers – part of standard issue prior to the war.

Just as our poppies were commemorated in poems and songs so were the cornflowers of France.

Low Pickering



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Warm up this Winter at the Warkworth House Hotel

Whether it's for a meal in our candlelit restaurant or a drink in our cosy bar and lounge, we will be happy to welcome you.

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Book now your Christmas party with a specially prepared Christmas Fayre Menu and plenty of bubbly!

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TRUSTLife

news from Amble Development Trust

Welcome back to Trust Life on a not so sunny day. While the weather man tells us the rest of the country is basking in sunshine we have mizzly fog (or is that just an expression I've dreamt up?). Never mind it's just a precursor to the dark days ahead of us and aren't the nights drawing in quickly? Looking in the bright side that means we will all be preparing for Christmas soon!

So now that I have dropped the seed of Christmas in your mind, we are still working on a tight schedule to get the Harbour Village pods up and running with new businesses by the beginning of December. What an exciting range of goods will be available from our independent shops, which is actually becoming the envy of much larger towns.

We now have our Harbour Village Co-ordinator in place: Sarah Dunne. Sarah will be marketing the Harbour Village and town as well as organising events that everyone will be able to enjoy and hopefully benefit from. Sarah will be offering regular updates in the Ambler and through social media – so watch her space!

Parking:

Of course we cannot ignore the issue of parking, whether it be for local residents, visitors or employees, it is a problem that needs to be resolved. For many years the

issue has been mulled over and because there is no easy answer, left on the back burner for someone else to pick up and run with. The Chair of the Business Club carried out an interesting piece of research with the business community recently, asking how many people were employed and how many used cars to get to work. Over 380 people are employed through local businesses and approx. 180 travel in cars – therefore requiring long term parking space. That alone creates problems in nearby residential streets. Working with NCC, ATC and the Business Club together we set out to try to find a workable solution, sadly all too aware that not everyone was going to like whatever we came up with.

Looking at the limited land available and factoring in private land ownership or restrictions and covenants there was little choice so we opted to run a pilot parking scheme on the Braid for a limited period. Hearing some of the comments from those opposing the scheme it became clear that some believed there was an underlying 'plot' for future use of the Braid – not so, but some people have a fixed idea and don't want to believe what they are told, convinced there is an underhand conspiracy taking place! Some supporters had to put up with verbal abuse and comments that they are only

interested in their business, comments I'm sure coming from people who have stated their support for independent businesses – so I ask the question how do those businesses survive without tourist trade? Local trade while sustaining through the quiet months is not sufficient to make a viable business. Therefore if we value our independent businesses and the future of our town, we can only achieve this by working together to find solutions and keep an open mind in the process. There is no definite right or wrong because whatever the solution is it won't be looked on favourably by everyone. If an easy solution was out there it would have been found by now given the number of hours that have been spent trying!

On a brighter note, following on from the public meeting held in Fourways about the welfare, we now have a very enthusiastic team doing litter picking and some low level maintenance. They also hope to do fundraising events, possibly holding them in the pavilion which will breathe a little new life into the building.

So once again we offer our grateful thanks to the dedicated groups who help make things happen around the town.

Julia & the Trust Team

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Amble Town COUNCIL

Meetings 6.30p.m. unless stated otherwise

Town: 13th November (at Fourways 2)

Amenities Committee: 25th September, 27th November

Remembrance Sunday Service: 11am 9th November Town Square then at R.C. Church

TRAFFIC AND PARKING

NEW TRAFFIC REGULATION orders are now in force and should ease some of the problems in town; however other options are still being investigated. Talks are ongoing to reach a more permanent solution to Amble's parking. Being an old town, there are few parking areas close to the centre of town and most of them are privately owned.

People often think the ideas they have put forward have been ignored, but that is not the case. NCC is currently talking to land owners to see if spaces can be leased or bought for parking. In the meantime, temporary ideas and areas have been trialled. As with all trials, there are problems but, as we may need to use them again at busy times, everyone is working hard to address them.

With the limited designated parking, the lack of available land and the desire of so many people to come and enjoy what our town has to offer, there may never be an ideal

solution, but strenuous efforts are being made to do something about the problems.

FUNDS

THE BANK BALANCE of the council was recently highlighted. Details have always been publically available; however few seemed to have seen them and many expressed surprise at the amount - £200k.

There were calls to spend it in the community immediately - if only we could! Space doesn't allow us to print all the details but every penny is accounted for. We are responsible for many things in the town such as seats, litter bins, bus shelters, floral displays, a flagpole, noticeboards, the War Memorials, the clock tower, two cemeteries and two allotment sites.

We have equipment and buildings to maintain and replace, insurances to pay, offices to rent, staff wages costs associated with health and safety.

We also support community organisations through grants and donations and put money aside to go towards larger projects such as the Paddlers.

We have always been a forward looking council who try to budget wisely. We could easily spend a lot more every year on the town but that would mean asking each household for more.

At the moment the average household pays around £6 a month. Would

you pay more if all the extra went towards town improvements?

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COUNCILLOR'S CORNER

Ian Hinson

IT IS DISCONCERTING to be told you've got cancer, which happened to me at the end of April. Since then, I've realized just how many others know that feeling. Knowing that doesn't make it easier to cope but I do appreciate the sympathy and concern for me expressed by so many people.

Losing my voice and having difficulty swallowing made me realize something was wrong. After visiting almost every hospital north of the Tyne, having scans, biopsies and photos, it was decided I had a tumour in my gullet. It was difficult to operate, because of the position, so chemotherapy, followed by radiotherapy was prescribed.

Unfortunately, I suffered a reaction to the chemical, which was stopped immediately and I spent a week in hospital. I am now going through six weeks of radiotherapy travelling daily to Freeman Road, alternating between bus, car and good friends who transport me. At the end of September I hope to know if it has been successful.

I could not take part in council meetings when my voice disappeared, and then I did not feel well enough, but hopefully I will soon be returning to the fray.

TESCO SITE

DEMOLITION OF THE OLD BUILDINGS took months of combined efforts by NCC, Amble Town Council, Amble Development Trust, Northumbria Police and the Local Multi Agency Crime Prevention team.

It was hampered by many changes of management at Tesco and their stance of 'the normal practice is to demolish when we develop' despite being told of the deterioration and the safety problems on the site. When completed it will look much better and be safer too. Sadly, we don't seem any nearer to getting the revised plans for the new store and must wait until Tesco business heads decide the time is right to go ahead.

PADDLERS UPDATE

APPROXIMATELY FOUR years ago, a grant bid was made to the 'Wild Play' scheme which made it to the final round, but then funding was pulled. Next we tried to get the surface painted so JCSC students could decorate it.

Last October, tired of all the promises made by NCC, and despite not owning the area, we thought: 'Our town needs this area improved. Enough time has been wasted - let's get started on something.'

A long term solution needs grant funding. Firstly a feasibility study is required, and this was set up in November 2013. Over six months we had our wildly fantastic ideas whittled down to more practical realities, but we never moved from our priority of an area for the whole family to enjoy. In May these final draft ideas were shown to the community for

comment at the parish meeting and the Puffin Festival; they appeared in the Ambler and the Gazette; and have since been displayed in the Development Trust and the Council offices but if you haven't seen them, call the clerk and arrange a visit. We want as many views as possible to take forward.

Talks with NCC officers on how to move forward have begun. Funding is limited, but we think our town deserves some of it and we will work hard to get the estimated £500,000. We already have promises of funds from our local NCC Councillors and this Council is saving towards it too. We want this to be an area to be proud of, whether it's circuit training or walking through, playing ball or climbing about. We hope that in another year funding will be in place and work started.

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Minutes available to view in Office or online

22,000 sign up to stop smoking

Councils and smokers in the North East will be joining in with some of the country's top comedians for this year's 28-day Stoptober challenge.

22,000 people in the North East have signed up to make a quit attempt over the last two years of the annual Stoptober event from Public Health England and backed by Fresh.

Smoking is no laughing matter and neither is quitting. Two-thirds of smokers say they want to quit but only four in ten told a recent survey that they have tried in the last year. There is no doubt that quitting can be tough, but it is known that people who quit do feel better in time.

Top British comedians including Paddy McGuinness, Al Murray, Simon Brodwin (aka Lee Nelson), Jason Bent and Dr Bob) and Andi Osho will also this year bring a touch of the British sense of humour to help quitters through the challenge.

Ailsa Rutter, Director of Fresh, said: "Stoptober has been a massive success in the North East and this year could be even bigger which is why we're encouraging everyone to support their friends and family, colleagues and staff to let them know that they can do it. Quitting can feel hard but with the right support it can be easier."



Evidence shows someone quitting who goes 28 days without a cigarette is five times more likely to stay permanently stopped.

Stoptober provides smokers with a range of free tools including a new stop smoking pack through the post, a 28-day mobile phone app, text support with daily updates, quitting advice and tips for coping, as well as the encouragement and support from thousands of people quitting together through Stoptober social media channels. To register all you have to do is visit www.smokefree.nhs.uk/Stoptober/

If you want to quit, you're also up to four times more likely to succeed with local NHS Stop Smoking Service support. See your local pharmacy or GP, or call Northumberland NHS Stop Smoking Service on 01670 813135.

#Nutnominate: a fun campaign with a serious message

Aiming to raise awareness of testicular cancer in young men, a social media campaign has been set up by Round Table Great Britain & Ireland, following the diagnosis of several members of the organisation.

#Nutnominate is a simple and effective campaign which asks men across the country to 'OK' their testicles. The campaign has now spread nationwide and has the support of over 400 Round Table clubs across Great Britain and Ireland.

Testicular cancer affects around 2,300 men aged 18 - 45 every year in the UK alone; the same age group that Round Table target for their membership.

Round Table National President Steve Glaister said: "We are proud to be able to throw the full weight and resources of Round Table behind #Nutnominate and I am sure that it will pass on a serious message in a fun way, and will make a huge difference to several young men's lives."

You can join the campaign on Twitter and Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/Nutnominate

Walks for ambling Amblers

Walk 2 An east west walk from Amble to Felton about 6½ miles off road, allow 2½ hours.

1. Walk up cemetery road and up the track to New Hall Farm.



1. Start walk on cemetery road

2. Turn right along the road, then left through the gate (after 30 yards!)



2. After New Hall Farm, take track towards water tower

3. Follow the track through a field, then a stony track to a track crossing, then up to the Morwick Road.

3. Sign marks crossing point at Morwick Rd

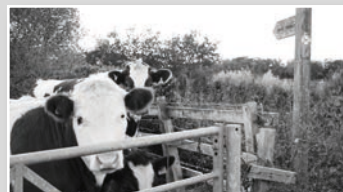


4 Turn left on the road, about 150 yards, then turn right on grass track. Follow this track under the railway bridge and on for a couple of miles, towards High Park Farm.



4. Route continues off Morwick Rd

5. Turn left at signposts on High Park Farm road. The route continues on the right and will bring you to a place where you see the River Coquet on your right.



Route continues across B6345

6. It's all the way to Felton with the Coquet on your right.

5. Signs mark crossing point at High Farm



7. Walk into the village over the bridge to the tea shop or pub.



6. Route continues alongside River Coquet towards Felton

8. If you organise your walk you can take the X15 bus to Morpeth or Alnwick. Another bus will bring you home. X18 from Morpeth, X18 or 472 from Alnwick



7. Journey's end - perfect spot for a cup of tea or something stronger

Harry McQuillan

WHAT'S ON

CLUBS & SOCIETIES

SHAK 'early' Xmas fayre

Lesbury Village Hall 10am to 1pm Sat 18 October
Refreshments handmade cakes and crafts
Tombola, book sale, name the cuddly dog, raffle, bric a brac and lots more
In aid of SHAK local dog rescue charity www.shak.org.uk Free entry to children & SHAK shirt wearers – Others £1 or can of dog food

Royal British Legion

The branch meets every two months on Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the Legion Room, Warkworth War Memorial Hall, Castle St, Warkworth

Membership is £15 per year and includes a quarterly national magazine, six branch meetings a year with a guest speaker, opportunity to attend Royal Albert Hall for Remembrance Concert, and county wide events. You don't have to be ex-service to be a member. Age range of members is 15 to 93.

If you need more information please contact our secretary on 01665 711981

Annual General Meeting Wednesday 19 November, 7pm speaker is Dave Shoemaker - "My Military Family"

Remembrance Sunday is 9 November 2014

A service will be held at St Lawrence's Church, Warkworth at 9am and afterwards laying of the wreath at the War Memorial, Dial Place. Following this our branch members will proceed to take part in the service at the Amble Town Square War memorial.

Hauxley chapel services

Sun 12 Oct Area Service. Blyth Central Methodist Church.

Sun 19 Oct Harvest Festival. Rev Ian Farnsworth, Area Pres.

Sun 26 Oct Rev Diane Westmoreland Holy Communion

Sun 2 Nov Mrs Annetta Read

Sun 9 Nov Rev. Lynda Coulthard.

Remembrance Sunday Holy Communion.

Sun 16 Nov Prisons Sunday Mr Jack Lillico.

Sun 23 Nov Rev Diane Westmoreland Holy Communion.

Women Against Violence day.

Sun 30 Nov Rev. Keith Harbour.

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

For further information please contact: Rev. Lynda Coulthard, Trinity Methodist Church, Amble on 01665 713251. Rev. Diane Westmoreland, St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, Amble on 01665 714560 (9am - 8pm), or Tim and Rachel Jones on 01665 712467.

Felton & Swarland History Society

Monday 15 September Roger Morris - Geordie Pioneers on the Goldfields of Australia

Monday 20 October John Almond - History from Gravestones

Monday 17 November Eleanor George - The Growth of a Community: Broomhill Colliery 1841 - 1911

Monday 15 December Christmas Meal- Northumberland Arms, Felton

Meetings 7.30pm Felton Village Hall

Brambles' multiple births group

We are very excited to be launching a new 'Multiple Births' group which will take place on the last Friday of every month from 10am to 11.30am at Brambles Childcare Centre. The group is specifically for families of twins, triplets and more and will allow multiple birth families to meet and support each other.

We will also run messy play, sensory and craft activities which many families find difficult to do at home with more than one child. We have received funding from 'Children's Centre's North' to run the group which will be one of the only, if not the only, one of its kind in Northumberland! We are also a TAMBA (Twins And Multiple Birth Association) registered club. The sessions are free to all parents/carers and multiple birth children up to the age of three.

Bramble Berries is a free parent and baby group for those up to 18 months of age. It runs every Friday of term time from 1.30pm - 3pm at Brambles Childcare Centre. We run weekly activities such as outdoor play, messy play, sensory sessions and theme weeks. We have just received a grant of £200 from Amble Town Council to promote the group and purchase some new sensory equipment. All welcome so please come along and join us.

For more information on both groups please contact Ailsa on 01665 710453

TV series is looking for chefs

Are you an ambitious chef looking for an exciting new challenge?

TwoFour Broadcast, makers of The Fixer and the award winning Educating Yorkshire are on the hunt for the next rising star of the culinary world.

Do you want to take part in a brand new TV series for a job interview like no other?

To find out more please contact:

Alice Scaysbrook at TwoFour 01752 727400

Or Email: chefs@twofour.co.uk



Warkworth Xmas lights switch-on

Friday 28th November at 6pm. Check www.warkworth.co.uk for more details nearer the time.

Christmas family fun afternoon

A family fun afternoon will be held on **Sunday 23rd November**, on Queen Street, to get everyone in the mood for the lights parade and Christmas lights later in the day. Everyone welcome!

For more information, contact Amble Business Club chair Ann Burke: 07773024528.

Amble Business Club meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. 5.30pm at the Radcliffe Club. Next meeting 21 October. All local businesses welcome.

Puzzle solution from page 8



OR



Hidden place names.

HARBOTTLE HELM

Live music

Masons Arms

Oct: 11- Night Train

18- Gadji 25- Uncle Gilbert

Nov: 1 -Police cover-up

8 -Feed the Bear 18 -K.E.A.D

22 -On the rock 29 -The Sheik

Dec: 6 -State 4

Harbour Inn

Oct: 11 - Buddy Holly Tribute

25 - Sam Gibson Accoustic Solo

Tour

Nov: 8 - Steve Ballantyne

22 - The Hudson Sisters

Karaoke - Alternate weeks.

CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Award winning show comes to Amble

This autumn we are hosting "Bane 2 and 3", two comedy shows written and performed by Joe Bone with music and dramaturgy from Ben Roe, sponsored by the Highlights Rural Touring Scheme. (Many of you will remember the brilliantly successful "Devious Minds" last autumn and "Seven Ages" in spring this year.)

"Bane" is a one-man one-musician series of plays that follows gunslinger Bruce Bane as he goes about his shadowy business in the city. Bone plays all the characters whilst Roe plays all the music. The shows have won the pair multiple awards and critical success.

The shows are set on the streets of a nondescript American city, akin to a Raymond Chandler or Dashiell Hammett novel, spliced together with a Quentin Tarrantino movie. It's a comic story of revenge with a tough talking anti-hero, often dispensing a trio of bullets to the chest in search of those that wronged him!

"brilliant comedy theatre... could just be the best crime movie never made" – The Guardian

The show will be on **Saturday 18 October at 7:30 pm** in Amble Parish Hall, Dovecote Street. Tickets are £8 for adults and £7 for concessions, and will be available from N & F Young, Amble or from Mike Dixon (01670 760007).

You can also book online at: www.ticketsource.co.uk/highlights/
There will be a licensed bar at the event.

Please note: This show is not suitable for children under 14.

Messy Church

Coquet Churches Together is hosting a Messy Church on Wednesday 29th October in the Parish Hall, Dovecote Street from 2 – 4pm. Children, parents and carers are invited to an afternoon of craft, music, storytelling and refreshments on our "Treasure Island"

WHAT'S ON

Christmas lights and parade



This year's Christmas lights switch on and parade will take place on **Sunday 23 November**. This year there will be a circus theme to the events. As usual the procession will leave The Wellwood at 5pm and walk down Queen St to the Town Square where there will be stalls and music.

If you would like to take part - perhaps you and your group would like to join in with a float, or if you would like a stall, please contact Julia Aston at Amble Development Trust as soon as possible. 01665 712929.

Christmas pottery painting sessions at 42 Queen Street



Create unique presents for family members or personalised christmas tree decorations.

Wednesday 29th October 12-4.30pm

Friday 31st October 12-4.30pm

Sunday 23rd November 12-4.30pm

Adult pottery painting sessions at Everlong Workshops at Marks Bridge in Amble.

No artistic talent required -

the end results make fantastic personalised Christmas presents:

Friday 17th Oct	7-9pm	Thursday 6th Nov	7-9pm
Friday 28th Nov	7-9pm	Friday 12th Dec	7-9pm



NORTHUMBERLAND
COUNTY COUNCIL

County Councillor Robert Arkless

will be holding surgeries on

Saturday 26th October & 29th November
from 10am-11am in Amble Library

and

Friday 28th November
at 6pm - 6.45pm in Hauxley Village Hall

All Constituents Welcome



The Old Boat House

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

The Old Boat House
Leazes Street, Amble
01665 711232

info@theoldboathouse.co.uk
www.theoldboathouse.co.uk

Druridge Bay parkrun

What is Druridge Bay parkrun?

It is a 5km run - you against the clock.

When is it? Every Saturday at 9:00am.

Where is it? The event takes place in Druridge Bay Country Park, Red Row, Morpeth, NE61 5BX. /www.parkrun.org.uk/druridgebay

What does it cost to join in?

Nothing - it's free but please register before your first run. You only ever register with parkrun once. Don't forget to bring a printed copy of your barcode (request a reminder). If you forget it, you won't get a time.

How fast do I have to be? We all run for our own enjoyment. Please come along and join in whatever your pace!

Druridge Bay parkrun needs you! It

is entirely organised by volunteers - email druridgebayhelpers@parkrun.com to help.



We're friendly! Every week we grab a post parkrun coffee in Druridge Bay Country Park Visitors Centre café - please come and join us!

Tiny Woods Football Academy



Two enterprising Amble footballers have set up a sports academy and are looking for football mad youngsters to join their project.

Josh Rutherford and Jamie Dixon set up Tiny Woods Football Academy in July of 2013. The pair were studying at Newcastle College when they decided to begin the academy.

"We were both in higher education," said Jamie, "Josh completed his Foundation in Sports Science last year, I finish this year. Instead of doing a placement, we decided to set this up. We both have coaching qualifications and we are licenced by the Football Association."

Unsurprisingly, the pair are keen footballers, playing for Amble Tavern and Stobswood, as well as coaching for various schools and clubs in the area.

"We coach boys and girls 4 -13years and can take certain disabilities as well," said Josh. "Here in Amble we coach players at Amble Links First School, and for Amble Community Sports Development Centre. We're doing very well, getting nice messages and reviews from parents."

Josh does sessional training work at Newcastle United Foundation and was awarded Coach of the Year from Northumberland Football Association.

The pair recently travelled to Italy, touring with Newcastle College where they played and coached, and in a local charity tournament, they raised £460 for the Stephen Carey Fund.

They have run a number of very successful football summer camps and are planning an open camp during October half term at Stobswood, as well as continuing to coach at the Welfare on Saturday mornings.

For more information on Tiny Woods Football Academy, see www.tinywoodsacademy.co.uk or check their Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/tinywoodsacademy

Josh can be contacted on 07714862292, Jamie on 07522950962.

Sports development centre - is not just for the boys

The Amble Community Sports Development Centre (formerly the Amble Boys Club) has seen a huge regeneration programme start of the beginning of the year.

The club was built in the 60s and was quite a hub for youth clubs and sporting activities. Many hundreds of local children came through its doors. North Northumberland Boxing club was formed here before it moved and many local footballers honed their skills at the five a side sessions.

However, as with all voluntary organisations, relying on people giving up their spare time can always be an issue and for a number of years, the club ran on a shoe string budget with limited offerings.

This however is most definitely, the past history of the club! With support from Amble Town Council, HMP Northumberland, Northumbria Police, and other funding bodies, the club is regaining its attendance rates.

Here's an overview of the many activities at the club (see the advert in this issue of the Ambler)

Monday night youth club. This is for 8-16 year olds, females and males, and the activities tend to be led by the youths themselves. Snooker, cooking, football, hockey and netball are just some of the activities delivered over the past year. They have also received a brand new Play Station 4 from the Police which can be used during the night.

Monday and Wednesday night adult circuit classes. These classes are a mixture of body weight exercises and current fitness equipment (Kettlebells, fat burning ropes, plyometric jump boards etc). These are aimed at getting you really fit, really fast!

Tuesday and Thursday kids fitness MMA classes. These are loosely based on the adults classes but with a new slant on more fitness and fun! The coach is qualified to teach

many martial arts, alongside a grading belt system. For those parents wanting to instil some type of fitness and discipline into their children's life, this class is ideal for both boys and girls.

Tuesday and Thursday Adults MMA. For any adult from 16 or above who wants to concentrate on fitness or competitive bouts. Come along and try the no contact or contact training. For those who don't believe that you can burn as many calories in 5 minutes here as you do in an hour at the gym, come along for a 5 minute jujitsu grappling session! Again, due to the sports on offer, males train alongside females as it makes no difference.

Friday night Boxercise Fat Burner. A really popular class for both males and females. A mixture of both pad work and bag work, at your pace, pushed by our instructor. Really good for a quick blast to get that 'feel good Friday feeling!' before you head out for the weekend.

Saturday Football club (ages 4-13). A really well attended session run in conjunction with the highly respected Tiny Woods Football Academy. Skills, drills and games, all of these are delivered in our highly interactive sessions.

Costs are youth club 50 pence. Kids MMA £1, Adult sessions (all of them) £2, and Football Academy is £3. The football academy will be moving into the club sports hall in the winter (time table split class will be advertised nearer the time to get all kids in).

So, instead of just driving past, or wondering where to go for fitness, or where to send your kids when you are struggling for ideas to get them motivated, pop along to the club to see how the new approach and atmosphere could benefit you and your family!

John Kelly Club Chairman