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photo: Bart Rippon



Power to the people

WARKWORTH celebrated their connection to the signing of Magna Carta with a fun filled weekend in mid June. Activities took place at the castle, churches and Memorial Hall. Locals and visitors enjoyed drama re-enactments, medieval crafts and displays, a party and an evening concert. Civic heads attended a special Service of Thanksgiving and a facsimile of Magna Carta is on display at St Lawrence's church. Report on page 16

Friendliest Port co-hosts Maritime Festival

photo: Doug Sharp



Events:

17th July Coquet Yacht Clubhouse early evening BBQ and entertainment.
18th July The inaugural Northumberland Cup Yacht Race starts Amble at 9.30am, finishing in Blyth at approximately 3pm.
19th July Blyth Quayside 10am-3.30pm Parade of Sail of over 40 vessels along Blyth Quayside
10:30. Individual boat class races taking place from Quayside throughout the day.
Funfair and live music

Amble will host the start of a new sailing event, which aims to celebrate the maritime history of the Northumberland coast. The Northumberland Maritime Festival takes place from Friday 17 - Sunday 19 July.

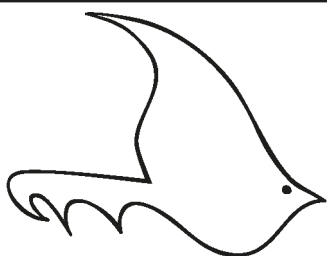
Events begin at Coquet Yacht Club, the weekend activities include an exciting race to the Royal Northumberland Yacht Club at Blyth, concluding with further races and a Parade of Sail of over 40 vessels in Blyth Bay.

Yachts will race for the inaugural Northumberland Yachting Plate, which will start outside Amble Harbour at 9.30am on Saturday 18 July. There will be three classes, Sportsboat,

Spinnaker and White Sail. Competitors will race around Coquet Island, continuing to two further marks and then a fairway finish in Blyth Harbour at approximately 3pm.

Sunday will see a return race to Coquet Yacht Club for those boats based there, and further day races and activities at RNYC. It is expected that this will become an annual event, alternating the starting port each year.

The Northumberland Yachting Plate will be awarded to the yacht with the best time for the course on handicap. The event is sponsored by the Royal Northumberland Yacht Club Club, Coquet Yacht Club and Northumberland County Council.



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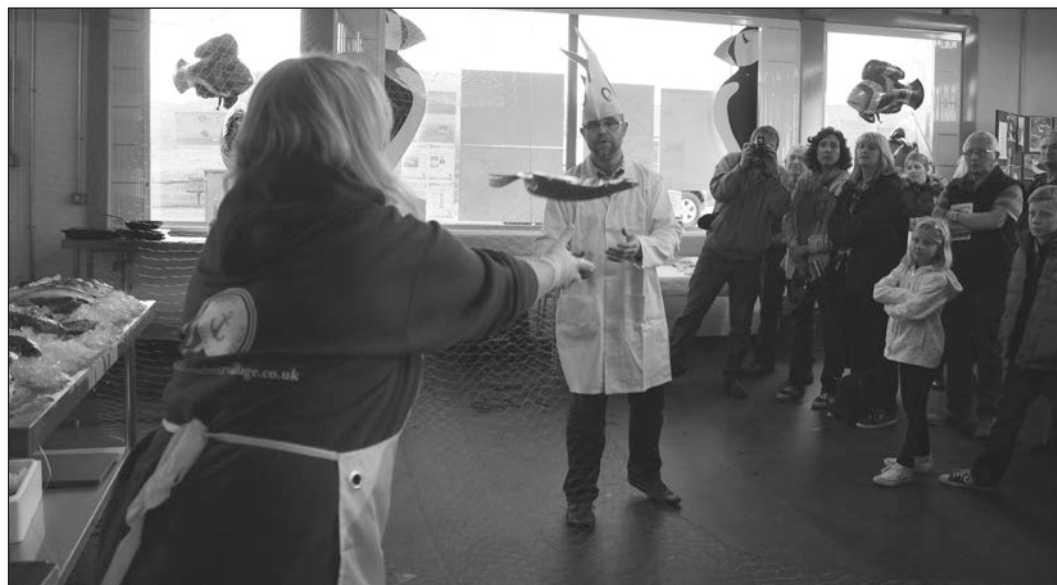
Fun, food and decisions to be made

The Puffin Festival has been and gone but there's still a feeling of fun at the harbour (p14, 15 & 16.) We have the prospect of an exciting summer, too with major Coquet Yacht Club involvement in the Northumberland Maritime Festival (p1), the Shorebase now in its new home on the Braid and making all sorts of kayaking and sailing available to the public (p17), and a number of upcoming activities publicised in What's On (p22).

Food is another major theme in Amble these days. The first fish auction at the new Seafood Centre went swimmingly and we will soon be able to sign up for the new Creel Fish Club and order a regular box of fish. (p2, 17 & 22). And Amble also features in a new food and walking guide (p10).

On the school front, we have a new interim Head at JCSC (p5) and the County Council has decided to consult again about the proposed educational reorganisation in Alnwick (p9). One decision that has been made, is the relocation of the police to Fourways 2, nearer the centre of town (p3). And on the Artograggi pages, perhaps we should note the concerns our young people and what their solutions would be.

Seafood Centre getting ready to open its doors



Fun at Northumberland Seafood Centre's first 'Flying Fish auction', held during the Puffin Festival

I'm sure by now many of you will have noticed the Seafood Centre building is now complete and the fencing is down. The aim of the Northumberland Seafood Centre is to supply wholesale, retail and individual customers with fresh, local seafood caught off the Northumberland coast. Regular seafood days will be held throughout the year where members of the public can come and buy seafood and a new 'creel fish club' is being set up.

Creel Fish Club operates similarly to a veg box scheme where individuals pay a monthly subscription and sign up to weekly, twice monthly or once monthly orders of quality, fresh, seasonal fish and seafood.

Members will have access to lots of different recipes and the opportunity to sign up to cookery demonstrations and fish preparation workshops.

The idea behind Creel Fish Club is to try and

take the strain off overfished stocks, introduce customers to new types of fish and seafood and help support our inshore fishing fleet.

The Northumberland Seafood Centre is big on freshness and what's on offer will depend on what's been caught by local fishermen.

Whilst fishermen set out on a daily basis to catch targeted species, they nearly always catch a percentage of additional, lesser-known species which are just as fresh, seasonal and tasty. By supporting the fishermen with a 'whole catch' ethos, the Northumberland Seafood Centre will be helping them remain sustainable.

To register your interest for Creel Fish Club go to www.creelfishclub.co.uk. You can also 'like' them on FB; www.facebook.com/creelfishclub and or follow them on Twitter @Creelfishclub.

We're having a second Northumberland Seafood Event with guest artisan food producers in the Seafood Centre in Amble on Friday 3rd July between 2pm and 6pm and Saturday 4th July between 10am and 4pm. An array of local, fresh, tasty Northumberland seafood will be for sale, we'll be dishing out mouth-watering recipes produced by local chefs and a professional filleter will be on site giving fish preparation tips and demonstrations. (See also p22)

Up to date information can be found on the Harbour Village website at www.ambleharbourvillage.co.uk.

Helen Spark, Northumberland Seafood
www.northumberlandseafood.co.uk



CREEL
FISH CLUB

Amble Police to relocate into Fourways 2

Neighbourhood officers in Amble are set to move to a new base which will see them remain in the heart of the community they serve.

The Neighbourhood Policing Team will relocate from Amble police station to an office in the Fourways 2 building, at 6 Dilston Terrace, in the main Amble shopping area later this summer.

Earlier this month, people from the community were asked to submit comments on the move when information outlining the proposal was displayed in the town.



The new Amble Police office is accessible via a ramp for those unable to use the steps

Amble police station is an old building which is expensive to maintain. The new base is within a modern office building and will give the force better value for money with lower running costs.

Fourways 2 includes a front office for the public to visit and will help make officers more accessible and put them closer to the main public areas in the town. The current station opening hours of 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, will continue at the new premises.

Commissioner Baird said: "This decision was taken after considering all the comments made by local residents. It was incredibly important that people were given the opportunity to put forward their views on the move and that I took them all on board before reaching a decision on this relocation.

"I was incredibly pleased to see that the majority of comments supported the move as people clearly acknowledge it bases officers further into the community.

"There will also be no change in the opening times for members of the public and the new office has full disabled access.



Fourways 2

Amble police station will be put up for sale following the relocation with proceeds from it put back into policing.

Neighbourhood Inspector Paul Truscott said: "Our team are looking forward to the move which will put us closer to the centre of our community. Our officers will ensure that Amble residents continue to receive the best policing service from their neighbourhood team."

To contact the Neighbourhood Policing Team call 101, extension 69191, or visit www.northumbria.police.uk

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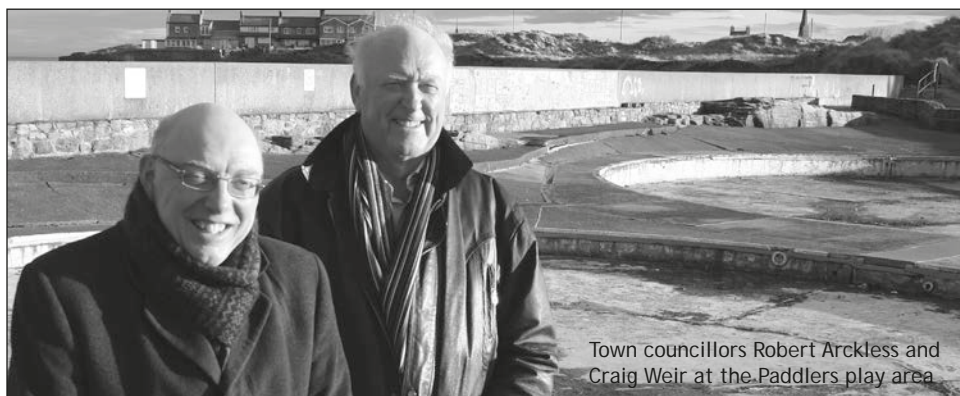
Dorothy Dobson of Dolphin Court celebrated her one hundredth birthday on 27 April.

Son Brian and his wife Marion had organised a celebration from their home in Australia but were unable to attend for health reasons.

Dorothy held open house for friends. Pictured here with Dorothy are her grandson Ross, granddaughter Jo and two of her great grandchildren, Georgia and Bridie.



Work to begin at Amble Paddlers



Town councillors Robert Arkless and Craig Weir at the Paddlers play area

Work is to begin on a revamp to the Paddlers' play area. A new water pump and cascade play feature will be installed in the place of the old disused paddling pools.

The area between Cliff House and Sea View, where the paddling pools used to be, has become an eyesore in recent years.

New landscaping and play features will be installed along with the water feature. Footpaths will be improved and outdoor fitness equipment will also be installed.

The work is jointly funded by Northumberland County Council, Amble

Town Council, contributions from the small grants scheme of Councillors Robert Arkless and Jeff Watson, as well as a grant from Northumberland County Council's Section 106 fund.

It follows consultation by Amble Town Council with Amble Community Team and to which all members of the public were invited to discuss the future of the site. It was unanimously agreed that a water play feature should be retained.

Work is to begin in June, and should take approximately ten weeks to complete.

Some areas will need to remain closed during the work, but the play area will remain open.

County and Town Councillor Robert Arkless commented 'I am absolutely delighted that work is about to start on the Paddlers Project. This would not have happened without really good partnership working between the Town and County Council.

I know how keen Amble is to see new life injected into this area and now it is actually happening'.



Save Druridge protest walk



Almost 100 people determined to maintain the beauty, peace and wildlife of a Northumberland beauty spot braved torrential rain and biting winds to show their support for the Save Druridge campaign on May 3.

Due to the large number of campaigners (families and dogs), Northumbria Police accompanied the walkers and closed the road to ensure the safety of everyone concerned.

The route took everyone adjacent to the site of the planned open cast that will be fully in view of the sand dunes and the popular tourist road leading from Cresswell to

Druridge. Although not a political rally, Julie Porksen, (Liberal Democrat) and Rachel Roberts, (Green Party) joined the walk.

Every one, including people from Newcastle, Alnwick and even Durham had one goal in mind and that is to protect the land around Druridge Bay.

There has been open cast mining here in this part of South East Northumberland for as long as anyone can remember and enough is enough.

The Druridge area is a step too far and I would like to thank all who came to the walk including our piper and the police for

keeping us safe.

Campaigner Sue Hurrell from Heaton, Newcastle explained that "Druridge is the first really wild and natural beach available to people living in Newcastle. It's beauty and wildness are a perfect antidote to urban living and it is valued by many people living in the city."

Max Tait who lives very close to the proposed site summed up everyone's feelings about the weather perfectly; "What's a little rain compared to the devastation that the opencast will cause?"

Keith Newman

Amble as scene from the bus

Waiting for a bus on Church Street is more interesting these days, since local artist Sarah Holt has painted a colourful mural on the back wall of the shelter, which includes many local scenes and features.

Sarah commented: "Painting the Amble mural is something I have enjoyed doing. It was a privilege to be able to do something for my home town."

"The mural is dedicated to my grandmother, Betty Kirby, who loved Amble and was actively involved in the community for nearly twenty years. She would have loved to see the way Amble has grown and thrived and so this mural is a fitting tribute to both her and the town".

The town council and Sarah have received positive responses to the painting.

A spokesperson for Amble Town Council said, "Last year a suggestion of a mural was made and that it would be an artistic interpretation of scenes and places, including the name, ranging from the historic to the modern day. The offer from a renowned local artist to work on this project in memory of her grandmother was accepted."

Changes were made on the spot to represent the public's comments as Sarah worked.

Amble Town Council now has responsibility for bus shelters and a programme of repair and renewal is being carried out.

Thanks to County Councillors Robert Arkless and Jeff Watson, contributing from their Members Small Grants Scheme, a new shelter has been placed on Acklington Road.

The Town Council will soon be replacing the shelter in High Street and work will also be carried out on the shelter outside JCSC.

The spokesperson said: "We apologise for any inconvenience to the travelling public while this work is in progress."

"We urge the community to keep this focal area for our town clear of graffiti or litter. Report problems to 101 ext. 69191 and you can be anonymous to the Police or Amble Town Council."



Top: Mayor Craig Weir with artist Sarah Holt
Above: the mural has brightened up the drab bus shelter on Church Street

Deer and ducklings take a swim in the Harbour

The Friendliest Port is used to its wonderful wildlife. Back in the day there was Freddie the dolphin of course, and last year we had a surfing seal. This summer we are pleased to welcome three swimming deer spotted at Amble Harbour and ducks who prefer a back garden to the river.

Fisherman Kevin Henderson photographed the deer swimming across the harbour mouth on the morning of Wednesday May 13.

"It was 7.55 in the morning," said Kevin. "They were swimming north outside Amble piers. They swam tight up below the north pier light, up to the boulders where I believe they got out. They were later seen walking along the north pier."

Aquatic deer are not uncommon in Amble. Last summer we printed a photo of a single deer paddling across the estuary at low tide. It is not known why they choose to negotiate the river mouth.

"I would say they were looking for the surf school!" joked Kevin.

And what about the ducks? They are usually seen on the water.

However, we've had a few sightings of



them walking or sitting on Queen Street and nearby, but two of the ducks decided that Ann and Tom Dawson's garden seemed quite comfortable. So they took over a corner of it.

Ann told us: "A couple of mallard ducks appeared in our back garden at the beginning of April. In spite of being chased away a few times they obviously decided it was a good place to settle. We discovered a nest with 16 eggs in it. I wondered what had happened to my daffodils, until I saw them lining the nest. I had some fern cuttings which the female seemed to accept, so the rest of my daffodils were safe from her raiding."

After about 28 days, the ducklings hatched out. Thanks to a good neighbour, who provided a cat box and Dr. Paul Morrison's efforts, we managed to release the mother duck and twelve ducklings into the

marina. They seemed quite happy there.

Unfortunately when we returned home, we found that two of the ducklings had made their way back to the nest, after dispersal in the garden. These two shivering ducklings were taken in a paper bag down to the marina and set free. They were last seen chasing after an adult pair of mallards, who didn't seem to want to know them.

Anna Williams and Norma Hinson

Left: Roe deer swimming in the harbour

Below: Mother Mallard and her ducklings in the Amble garden



New interim head teacher at JCSC

A new head teacher has been appointed on a temporary basis, following the sudden departure of James Calvert Spence College's Executive Head, Christine Graham.

Parents and carers of pupils at JCSC Federation have received a letter from the governors, informing them that Christine Graham, who has been Executive Head of James Calvert Spence College for the last four years, has made the decision to leave, with immediate effect.

In the letter, Scott Dickinson, chairman of governors, told parents that he had to make decisions about the leadership of the federation. He had worked with the local authority to find an executive headteacher, who could take over immediately, and Mr. Jonathan Heath had agreed to fill the role.

Scott Dickinson says of him: "He is a well-respected senior education leader who I

believe is just who we need in the college at this time to help us to continue to develop."

Of the departing head, he says: "Christine has made a valuable contribution to the success of both schools within the Federation and both the college and governing body wish her well for the future."

Jonathan Heath added this statement to the governors' letter: "I am absolutely delighted to have been given the opportunity to join the James Calvert Spence College team on an interim basis to support all the students and staff during this period of transition. It is clear that the college is moving in the right direction with an impressive vision for the future."

"I am confident that we can move towards the summer break with a clear focus on learning and support that will enable all students and staff to look forward to an

exciting new year at the college. I am very much looking forward to working with you all after half term."

Robert Arckless NCC Cabinet Member for Children's Services told The Ambler, "I am delighted to welcome Jonathan Heath to his new role and look forward to working with him."

"As a local member I take a keen interest in the schools in my area and JCSC has a very important part to play in helping to deliver the best possible education for the young people from our communities."

In the letter, parents were reassured that the college is in "a strong emerging position offering fantastic education by a well-trained and dedicated staff".

Applicants for JCSC's new Executive Head are being sought and the successful candidate will be announced in July.

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WHAT YOU SAY...

Fundraising for the lifeboats

A big 'Thank you' to all who supported ALF at our last Coffee Morning - £479 was raised. This was money - matched by Joanne Gregor from Barclays which means that we will receive the same again. Thank you Barclays and Joanne.

Foxton Golf Club organised a golf match in aid of the 'Shannon' appeal and raised £600. It was a great day and enjoyed by all.

Marks and Spencer in Morpeth have made us their Charity for the year and are working with us to raise money. A bag pack was held in store on May 22 and realised £521.52.

Volunteers attended the Druridge Bay 10k run on Bank Holiday Sunday, with the largest entry they have ever had - 486. The weather was kind and a good day was had by everyone. The bucket collection raised £308 and the 'Shannon' appeal will receive more later.

We are looking for volunteers to help out in any way they can - assist at events, bake a cake, hold a car boot sale etc. and as such we are looking to 'recruit' Friends of ALF. They may be able to help out a couple of times, help out for a couple of hours on Harbour Day or support other fundraising events. They won't be expected to attend committee meetings. If you feel you are able to do this, please provide your contact details to an ALF committee member or me, so we can call on you when help is needed.

The Jam Jar Army is marching ahead - we have now raised £750 - so please keep filling your jam jars/coffee jars/any kind of jars to help us raise more. Full jars can be left at Easyway Estate Agents, Rook Mathew Sayers and Amble Development Trust at Fourways. They can also be left at our coffee mornings, where more empty jars will be available.

The Brick Club at Red Row has come up trumps again. A cheque for £1,000 was received by Geoff Foster, on behalf of the 'Shannon' Appeal, at the Lifeboat Station this past weekend. Members of the Brick Club were shown around the station and the lifeboats. Our thanks again to everyone concerned.
Katrina Cassidy Chair, Amble Lifeboat Fundraisers

More chances to appear on television

"When Do You Get Off" is a new itvBe dating show, involving a man or woman visiting four different dates' workplaces in the hope of finding their perfect suitor. In this series, one lonely-heart will date four potential suitors at their workplace - be they a baker, dentist, banker or zoo keeper - to learn what they might be like as a partner and in the hope of finding love. After two days of dating on the job, the singleton will decide who they like best and meet them when they get off work. We're looking for contestants. We will be travelling the country for both auditions and for filming, so would love people in your local area to hear about this great opportunity. Contestants interested in applying can email ukcasting@keshet-tv.com

Prime Time TV Pilot: Twofour, the makers of 'Educating Yorkshire' and 'the fixer' are looking for a family who want help to tackle all their ailments and illnesses. Are you worried about the health of your family? Our doctor will seek to diagnose and treat your family and offer help and advice to help you have a happier, healthier lifestyle. If your family needs help we'd love to hear from you. Please give us a call on 01752 727665 or email us on doctor@twofour.co.uk

Emails and calls will be treated in confidence and there is no obligation to take part.

"The Home Show" Most of us dream of owning our own home but for a lot of first time-buyers it will stay a dream as soaring property prices makes getting onto the property ladder nearly impossible. Imagine being offered the chance to get your hands on £15,000. That's roughly half the average UK deposit. The £15,000 could be yours to use to get your very first home together.

We are looking for couples in the UK so if you're interested in being part of this TV property series and you are a couple who wants to buy your first home ... then please email thehomeshow@objectiveproductions.com with your names, mobile number and email address - we will soon be in touch.



RVS Getabout Service

It looks like the RVS Getabout service may be coming to an end due to penny pinching by the County Council, not only did the service help those less able to get to appointments etc. it helped volunteers like myself have a purpose in life.

Several times a week, when needed, I took people out, they did pay towards this service, the council giving a grant to assist, however that grant is no more, so those who were helped will go back to the way they were before. Staying at home or using a taxi at a cost.

I know this letter will not change matters but I felt I had to have my say.

Peter Little via comments on our website

Note from Editor:

The Royal Voluntary Service Getabout volunteers across Northumberland helped and supported older people stay independent at home.

Thanks for the gift

I would like to say thank you to the person who left strawberries and cream on my doorstep on May 6. Having checked with some friends and relatives, I cannot solve this mystery. Please let me know so that I can thank you in person.

Joan Shepherd, Bisley Rd, Amble

Memorial Trees

With regard to the ongoing discussion regarding the "memorials" on the trees on Rotary Way, I am dismayed that the current school of thought seems to be that the only way to publically remember a loved one killed on the road is through faded, neglected, often dirty and generally dilapidated "memorials" left on a roadside.

Surely a more positive way of remembering would be to consider raising funds to set up a memorial trophy which can be won every year by a local sports club, football team or school? This would not only ensure that their name lives on forever but would also be an inspiration and motivation to young competitors.

Jennifer Dunn via email

Art Class resumes

I have been running a small art group in Trinity Methodist Church Hall, Percy Street, Amble and plan to re-launch it on Tuesday September 8 from 7pm to 8.30pm. The class is relaxed; I show participants how to put a painting together using watercolours and sometimes acrylics with basic brushes and paper. Occasionally it can get messy when we do a bit of stippling.

I demonstrate simple straight forward sketches and scenes and encourage individuality; at the end of the evening each member takes home a lovely painting and no two will be the same. At Christmas we will create cards and participants are encouraged to bring along their own ideas.

We enjoy a coffee break in the middle. Blue skies, colour and a cup of coffee, that's all it takes.

Pauline Thompson 01665 798978

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WHAT YOU SAY...

Memories of coble fishing

My husband, Dave Cant can remember going out fishing in the coble with Norman Henderson, when he was just a young lad of about 9 (around about 1957), memories brought back from watching Secret Britain on BBC. He used to stay in the caravan of his Auntie Millie Jacobsen (nee Cant) with his parents, Bill and Edith Cant on the seafront at Amble.

Pat Cant via comments on our website

Thank you for Leukaemia support

I would like to thank everyone for all their generous donations and kind support at a fundraising coffee morning held at the Parish Hall on Saturday 6th June. The total raised for Leukaemia Research was £800.

Kate Appleby District Nurse, Amble Health Centre

Book reprint helped Marie Curie



A very successful launch at Gray's raising £432 on the night. The author Ian Smith signed copies & chatted to guests while we enjoyed the refreshments kindly provided by Julie & Tim Mohon in their lovely shop. Gray's also generously donated 10% of their day's takings to Marie Curie.

Huge appreciation to everyone who supported the event.

The book is now on general sale in local shops in and around Warkworth and online from northern-heritage.co.uk and Amazon.

See our Warkworth page on Facebook.

Beryl Holmes book.holmes@gmail.com

Themed day at First School

The children at Amble Links First School enjoyed an American themed day that included a meal to which parents were invited.

The children came to school in costumes including Captain America, Wonder Woman, the Empire State Building, Abraham Lincoln, Mr T and spacemen. During the day they created totem poles, learnt about the states, line danced and enjoyed popcorn.

They welcomed Jill from Quorn Foods who supplied the burgers and made us Boston Beans and pink coleslaw. Our kitchen team added fries, onion rings and chocolate fudge cake with ice cream to create a veritable feast for just short of 200 people. A great day was had by all!

Paul Heeley
Headteacher Amble Links School



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Kids get fired up for pottery art

Lorna Watkinson from Warkworth took her redundancy after working for 17 years for Procter and Gamble in the media-advertising department to start her own business, Rainbow Pottery Painting in 2012

Her mobile pottery-painting studio goes wherever her customers need her and recently she has had success across schools in Newcastle, North Tyneside and Northumberland including her local primary school in Warkworth.

"My sessions are so much more than simply decorating a piece of pottery," she said. "Art projects are linked to the curriculum and every workshop is based on experiential learning. The pupils have a lot of fun creating their own masterpiece but they are also learning about textures, colour and the pottery process itself. Couple this with the educational content and each session becomes a complete learning experience for the youngsters."

Other examples of projects include creating painted plates and tiles that become lasting mementos of a child's time at the school. Lorna has even supplied unique father's day presents in the form of handprints by early years children.

"My work is very versatile, said Lorna. "Although this project was about art, I can cover any aspect of the curriculum including history and maths."

"The process for each workshop is very similar whether it's for a class of 30 or a whole school. For example, the history workshop gives the pupil the opportunity to create images on pottery from key points in the history curriculum such as World War 2. It's a fun way to learn and the experience helps the child to retain key information"

As well as working in schools, Lorna takes her unique workshops to local community groups, care homes and small businesses; her sessions at Amble Puffin Festival were very popular. She also works with corporate businesses to provide team building and staff development sessions.

Rainbow Pottery Painting can be found at <http://www.rainbowpotterypainting.co.uk>

Through the lens winners 2015



Above: some of the winners of this year's Through the Lens competition

Category: Town & City

Adults 1st Carol McKay, 2nd Amy Baston, 3rd David Burn
Highly Commended David Burn, Paul Dempster, Richard Poyer (2), Val Atkinson, David Bolam

10 & Under

1st Deborah Burn, 2nd Hope Vernon
Highly Commended Hope Vernon

11 to 18 1st Niamh Douglas, 2nd Martha Embleton

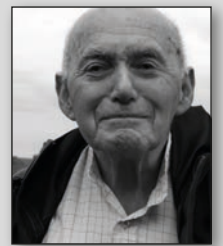
Highly Commended Niamh Douglas, Amber Brown, Spencer Newport

Category: Colours

Adults 1st Terry Vickers, 2nd David Bolam, 3rd Richard Poyer
Highly Commended Paul Dempster, Carol McKay, Richard Poyer, John Skinner, David Burn, Dennis Hall

Age of insecurity

Harry McQuillan



Health is the basis of an active life, but nobody beats the years. I'll admit to a regular routine of walking five times round the pier, the breakwater, the prom, and the Great Wall of Amble (about 3 miles) in 50 minutes, but I haven't been on the moors out of Wooler for months. A dodgy toe, failing eyesight, and other signs of old age ensure that I almost always come home to roost. .

It's cheaper that way, and I know what's in my own cooking. It's so easy in old age, or at any age to focus on one's own life and interests, but it's much more interesting and thought provoking to look at the thoughts and concerns of others.

Mind you, I prefer to hear these things from the horse's mouth rather than from social media. When you look somebody in the eye you have a lot more chance of knowing if they really mean what they say.

There's so much NEGATIVITY these days. We question the things said by politicians and other public figures. We often feel that so-called experts have a hidden (or not-so -hidden) agenda. Politics is a funny old business, or it would be if it wasn't so serious. Our recent general election is a perfect case in point.

Will the expression "to do a crosby" enter the Oxford English Dictionary next year? Cleverly the said Lynton Crosby managed to demonise both Labour and the SNP. The result would no doubt give him and his employers a great deal of satisfaction.

It's so easy to DIVIDE people, but much harder to UNITE them! Many of us remember the times when we had no Welfare State, or NHS, or decent infrastructure. I can see the viewpoints of different groups, but I can't help thinking that compromise and consensus have a lot to commend them.

Our Harbour Village is a great improvement on what was there before. Let's all give it time to bed in before we pronounce on its financial viability.

Many visitors have told me that they like the look of our town. That's a very good start. We must now have about 3330 businesses selling food to take out or eat in. That shows confidence in Amble. We can all help by being helpful to our visitors, by keeping our town tidy, and by taking a pride in our locality.

I've always liked Amble: Perhaps that's the natural prejudice of a native? Nobody knows what the future holds.

Let's all think POSITIVE thoughts. Here's to a lovely summer.

Harry McQuillan

10 & Under

1st Keira Martin, 2nd Finlay Douglas
Highly Commended Hope Vernon, Deborah Burn, Keira Martin, Ceara Douglas

11 to 18

1st Callie Martin 2nd Spencer Newport
Highly Commended Niamh Douglas, Amber Brown, Martha Embleton, Georgina Burn

Committee Prize

Amble Outreach Group

Peoples Choice 1st Dennis Hall, 2nd Stuart Martin

Peter Cordingley

Consultations continue on two-tier system for Alnwick schools

Further consultations will take place on proposals to introduce a more sustainable and coherent education system within the Alnwick Partnership.

Already over 50 meetings have been held including governors, head teachers, staff, parents, pupils and the wider community. More than 1,200 people attended.

A total of 6,930 letters were sent out asking for views and hundreds of written responses were received. People were invited to submit their own alternative models for consultation.

The governors of 12 of the 18 schools supported a new model including a single site high school for pupils aged 11-18 and converting First schools into primaries.

On June 18, the Council's cabinet decided a further consultation was necessary because some significant issues needed to be resolved. The proposals include the following:

- The Duchess's Community High School becoming an 11-18 single site secondary from 1 September 2017;
- Lindisfarne, Duke's, Seahouses and St Paul's RC Aided middle schools closing on 31 August 2017; these would not receive a Year 5 intake in September 2016;
- Hipsburn, Shilbottle, Swansfield Park, Swarland and Seahouses first schools becoming primaries from 1 September 2016;
- St Michael's CE, Longhoughton CE,



St Paul's RC Middle school is one of those affected by the proposals

Ellingham CE, Felton CE, Whittingham CE and St Paul's RC first schools becoming primaries from 1 September 2016;

- Embleton Vincent Edwards CE first school closing with effect from 31 August 2016;
- Branton first school closing with effect from 31 August 2017.

Councillor Robert Arckless, Cabinet Member for Children's Services, said: "This is not about cost cutting, nor is it about driving through a particular educational structure.

"With the construction of the new Duchess High School, schools and the local authority have a unique opportunity to take a serious look at the sustainability of schools and explore all potential options to ensure

the system stays viable.

"As there are 18 schools in the partnership, it is understandable that complete agreement is unlikely to be achieved on the way ahead. However there seems to be some broad consensus around what we are putting forward in Alnwick, although there is still a significant further discussion to be had regarding Seahouses and the more rural schools.

"It's important to stress no decisions were taken on closing schools today – this is about agreeing more consultation around a preferred model.

"If the local authority do not fulfil their duty to bring continuity to the system then there is a real danger that individual schools go their own way and this could inadvertently disadvantage children, parents and schools in other parts of the partnership."

The outcomes of the consultation and recommendations were agreed by the Council's Family and Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee before the Cabinet meeting. This is a cross party committee that studied the recommendations and cross examined the reasoning behind them.

Further consultation will now take place on the recommendations, the results of which will be reported back to Cabinet in late 2015.

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Charting tasty landmarks for walkers

Amble features in a new food and walking guide, which is set to put a spring in the step and a rumble in the stomach of anyone who fancies enjoying a scenic walk and some great Northumbrian food.

The 'Taste of South East and Mid Northumberland Leaflet' includes a handy map of popular walking routes, attractions and the locations of nearby shops, cafes and restaurants selling local produce.

Councillor

Val Tyler, Cabinet member for Arts, Leisure and Culture at NCC, said: "This is a guide for lovers of fine local food and for people who fancy getting out and about to enjoy our parks and trails. It highlights some of the great walks



Amble eateries on the map: The Old Boat House, Zecca, The Old Storehouse and Sea Salt are all listed in the new guide

in the area and some of the excellent places in the county for delicious Northumbrian produce."

Eileen Cartie, Blyth County Councillor, said: "All of the businesses listed serve local food and drink and we now have a very exciting range of producers and outlets across Northumberland. The 'Taste of' leaflet connects these up with heritage attractions and offers a delicious incentive to people to go out for a walk and make a lovely day of it."

The pocket sized leaflet features several Amble eateries, including the Old Boat House, Zecca, The Old Storehouse and Sea Salt.

Leaflets are available from Tourist Information Centres, leisure centres, libraries and businesses around the region. People can also join one of Active Northumberland's free health walks.

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If I were Prime Minister...

Ben HD

On the subject of money and work, I would make everyone work less and earn more. We will replace the companies' loss of money by taking big amounts of money from huge companies with lots of spare money. All extras will be used to give homeless people homes and helping pay towards medication and treatment. I would make sure young people get fully educated and exercised



Niamh

I would pay scientists to try to find cures for things. I would help parents/carers by offering jobs and council houses for the poor and childcare cheaper. I would have a national sports/exercise day.

Hope

To help the environment, I would ask people or builders to keep land for horses and save the green belt. I would make sure young people would know useful life hacks for school and outside of school. If I were PM I would get people to pick up dog poo, help poor sick people and abandoned animals



Gracie

I would make childcare less expensive. More litter bins and smarten my town up. People should participate in science fairs to raise money for Science and Technology. I would make sure people have a fair share of money.

Nat

My school could do with less bullies. I would help older people by giving them more wheelchairs. I would give more pills to make sick people better.



Above: Tommy Noddy with winners of the puffin painting competition at Amble First School

Lily

My school could do with better behaved pupils and teachers who stay longer. A lot of my teachers have left since year 5. I would provide more caring care homes that aren't frightening to old people and a service to provide quick nurse help for them. I would help support Art and Entertainment by making more clubs for all sorts of hobbies



Freya

My town needs more colour and a lollypop lady. I would help parents by washing the dishes and eating all your dinner. If I were Prime Minister, I would get more schools and hospitals.

Gabriella

On the subject of health, I think everyone over 18 should go to the gym and 3 PE lessons a week as well as 5 a day. The government should raise the taxes so there is more money to spend. I would help older people by giving them all the equipment they need and all the appointments for free such as dentists and doctors.



Will

I would increase the taxes of rich people and decrease the taxes and loans of younger people. To help the environment, I would shut down all fossil fuel plants and replace them with eco-friendly power sources such as wind and solar power. If I were PM I would make sure young people don't have to pay for University. It should be free but only select students should be allowed. Meals etc will have to be bought though. I would largely increase the prices of cigarettes and other tobacco products so people have an incentive to stop smoking, but also gets more money for the government.

Dog wins Britain's Got Talent

Dog trainer Jules O'Dwyer and her dog Matisse have won Britain's Got Talent 2015. "I can't believe that we've just won Britain's Got Talent," Jules told the BBC. They will perform in this year's Royal Variety Performance and take home a cash prize of £250,000.

At the finals they did a story of Matisse stealing sausages for a 3 legged dog. Jules said after the victory that Matisse would get lots of treats. "I'm going to get all my dogs lots of gifts and treats and toys and everything else. Hopefully the Queen



will enjoy Matisse's performance and we will see what happens in the future. By Hope V

New "Spectacular" Cancer Breakthrough

Scientists in the UK and the US are all hailing immunotherapy, a new treatment to help combat cancer. Immunotherapy is when the body's own defence system is used to attack the cancerous cells and overcome the cancer's defence mechanism that defends it from our natural defences. A British led trial was done on 945 cancer patients with advanced Melanoma and over half of the patients saw their tumours shrink and be brought under control.

Scientists say that this breakthrough is the "start of a new era" for cancer treatment and Professor Roy Herbst, chief

of medical oncology at Yale cancer centre, said, "I think we are seeing a paradigm shift in the way oncology is being treated" and said immunotherapy could replace chemotherapy as the standard cancer treatment within the next 5 years.

Scientists also say that the potential for long-term survival, effective cure, is definitely there. Research showed that 58% of people used in the trials saw that the treatment caused their tumours to shrink and stopped the advancement of the cancer for almost a year; averaging at 11.5 months. This compared to ipilimumab, a previous cancer treatment

which only say 19% of its patient's tumours shrink and become stable; this new method seems really successful and Dr Alan Worsley, Cancer Research UK's senior science information officer said that combining these treatments could provide a "powerful one-two punch" to defeating cancer amidst worries that this could cause unseen side effects.

So we have now taken another major step on our path to beating cancer and we should expect this "spectacular" new method to be our standard cancer treatment within the next 5 years. By Will H-D



THE OLDEST PERSON TO RUN A MARATHON

An American 92 year old lady called Harriete Thompson ran in San Diego. She is the oldest person recorded to ever finish a marathon at this age. She finished this marathon in 7 hours, 24 minutes and 36 seconds! Aged 92 years and 65 days, Thompson took the record of 92 years and 19 days set by Gladys Burrill in the Honolulu Marathon in 2010.

The marathon that she ran in was called the 'Rock 'n' Roll Marathon'. Harriet crossed the finished line with her 56-year-old son, Benny. Amazingly she had also survived cancer.

By Niamh Shiels

Harry Potter monster wasp

There were 139 new species found in South Asia, it took 1 year to find them all. There are 90 plants, 23 reptiles, 16 amphibians, 9 fish and 1 mammal. One of them is the Ampulex "Dementor" wasp. It was named after a Harry Potter monster. It has got its name because it paralyzes its pray by stinging it before sucking their soul out.

By Benjamin Alexander James Hayter-Dalgliesh.



HERE ARE SOME IDEAS FOR SUMMER OUTFITS

- 1: graphic tank top flannel denim shorts, black converse or vans
- 2: plain casual dress and cardigan if chilly, high top converse frilly socks
- 3: sleeveless top with light wash denim shorts and sandals.
- 4: play suit with hat or flower crown and sandals.
- 5: sundress with sandals and rings

By Hope and Emma-Jane



Binky's Midsummer Midnight Celebration

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

Binky was very excited, but a little nervous too! After the success of the Easter parade, he had been asked to decide the theme of the midsummer midnight celebration; one of the most important celebrations in the panda year!

However, Binky had no idea what the theme should be! Bunnies were too Easterly, snow was too Christmassy and ghosts were too halloweeny. Flowers, bamboo, parrots and jungle beasts had been done, as had fancy dress, beauty ball, rock'n'roll and country fun. All the good ideas had been taken.

One morning, Binky decided to go out; it was a very sunny day.

He strolled down the path, along and along and along until he reached the beach. The blue waves splashed against white sand and smooth pebbles and coconuts hung on green palm trees hanging overhead. Binky sighed happily at the environment around him... then bolted upright! Of course!

The midsummer midnight celebration had never been away from the bamboo forest, but the pandas were happy to move it! All night long pandas danced in hula-hula skirts and drank coconut milk. Everyone agreed it was the best midsummer night ever! By Lily





Big fun at the Puffin Festival

It was a week of fun and games, mostly sunshine, local music, crafts, talks and community spirit in abundance.

Organisers have hailed the third Amble Puffin Festival a great success.

Starting with a weekend mini beer festival and kite display, the festival proper kicked off on Bank Holiday Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th with craft stalls, music, dancing and fun in the Town Square; glorious sunshine adding to the festival atmosphere.

Children's sports on the Braid, a football tournament at the Welfare, and a funday at the Radcliffe Club, all made for a fun-packed start to the half term holiday.

Later in the week there were seafood cookery demonstrations by local chefs at the Harbour Village, the guided walks and local history talks were very well attended, as were puffin-themed crafts activities. Watersports tasters were available from Northside Surf, Coquet Shorebase Trust and Amble Coastal Rowing Club.

To add to the eclectic fun, this year the festival was pleased to welcome 007 baddie Jaws lookalike Gary Tiplady, who as well as being an actor, is also a talented artist and who brought some of his wire sculptures for the week. Something of a regular event now, the delightful exhibition of fishermen's ganseys were displayed at the Harbour Village.

And of course Puffin Cruises were busy taking boatloads of visitors out around Coquet Island, to see the famous puffs themselves.

Festival organisers were pleased with this year's event, citing large numbers of visitors and well-attended events.

Julia Aston said "The feedback has been very positive, very encouraging. Businesses recorded increased footfall and visitor spend. Everybody seemed to have a really good time!"

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Elaine Brown agreed: "This year's festival was incredibly well attended, the town was thriving with activities that both residents and visitors enjoyed."

She was also pleased with the Colony music event on Saturday 30th. "The Colony once again rocked and proved to be very popular, with local bands freely giving their time to perform. People of all ages were singing and dancing and spirits were high," she said.

The festival ended on Sunday 31st, with a dog show organised by PARRT, and a regatta of local skiffs who raced up the Coquet estuary to Warkworth.

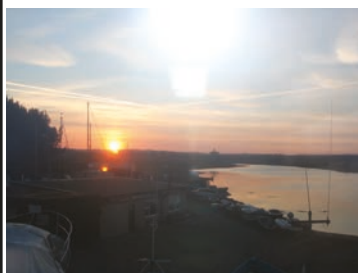
Next year's event will be May 28 – June 5, 2016. Hope to see you there!
more on p16 >>

Far left: Tommy Noddy the Puffin met youngsters joining in the fun; wildlife photography cruise; 'Jaws' attacking Mayor Craig Weir
This page: dancing at The Colony, crafts, Skiff racing and Ben Burville's evening talk. Photos: Bart Rippon, Anna Williams, Steve Emberton and Jim Donnelly. More photos on our website



COQUET YACHT CLUB

News update



Well we've had a busy time at the Yacht Club with the off-shore racing season well under way, many new members joining (we are now up to 199, which is about 380 people) and our first beer festival, during the Puffin Festival, which lasted the full 3 days and was a great success. We hope to have raised £1,500 for the new Amble Lifeboat with some "coffers" for the club.

We are VERY close to getting our RYA Teaching recognition.

The new balcony is coming into its own on warm sunny days and we looking forward to lots of these! We've got some work to do to finish the building development. Getting people on site is not easy but we hope to get the work finished over the next 3 months.

Our new power boat Armorer is proving to be an excellent purchase and we are close to putting out some semi-permanent race markers which will make it much easier for the off-shore race organisers. In general we are pleased with our progress and our biggest achievement was getting Derrick the landlord of the Schooner down to the club, he said "I've lived here for

46 years and never been to this part of Amble!"

The Club's prestigious event "Castles and Islands Challenge" took place June 20 and 21. This event involved runners and sailors taking in the Castles of Alnwick, Warkworth, Holy Island, Farne Islands, Bamburgh, Dunstanburgh then back to Amble. Competitors had to complete the 39 miles running and sailing in 24 hours. A great event finished off with a great night in the club house. Coquet Yacht Club and The Royal Northumberland Yacht Club will be hosting the first Northumberland Plate Yacht race (see enclosed leaflet) which will be starting at 9am Saturday 18 July with the start line just off the Amble Harbour entrance. Like the Olympics, spectators will be able to watch 30 to 50 yachts start the race from Amble quayside.

For more information about membership, the club or information about having your function (weddings, birthday, christening parties etc) by the river with fabulous views contact Phil Derry on 01665 712990 phil.derry@coquetyachtclub.org.uk.

Puffin fun continued



Above: The Range played to the usual happy crowds at the Little Shore on Saturday May 30. The Colony festival also included The Panama Limited, Nightrain, First Born Son, Pelf, Lindsay Manion, Jonathan May, Brian English and Amber Brown.

Right: Despite the rain, this year's PARRT's dog show again proved popular, and saw good numbers of contestants on Sun 31st. The judges were Westway Vets, who also put on a 'well dog' health tent. Pictured here is Minstrel a five year old cocker spaniel, who won the Most Handsome Dog category. Minstrel is pictured with owner Jill Snaith from Harbottle.



Medieval revelry: Magna Carta weekend at Warkworth

Drama re-enactments, crafts and general revelry were the order of the day at Warkworth's Magna Carta 800 celebrations.

"We had a really wonderful weekend of activities," said Diana Webber, one of the organisers. She praised the community groups who had all worked together.

A Magna Carta party kicked off celebrations on Friday June 12, and on the Saturday there were historical re-enactments and medieval crafts on display.

Local children from Warkworth and Amble first schools had produced written and drawn work based on Magna

Carta, and there was an historical guided walk around Warkworth, and live music. An evening concert hosted by Fred Calvert and the Rotary Club, rounded off events on the Saturday.

On Sunday afternoon, a Service of Thanksgiving concluded the festivities, with Sir Alan Beith giving the address. This was attended by civic heads and the mayors of Amble and Alnwick.



Above l-r: Kath Nisbet, Civic Head at NCC; Cllr Jeff Watson; Margaret Richardson, Consort to Civic Head; Rev Mike Dent; Craig Weir, Mayor of Amble; Rev Joan Grindrod-Helms; Sir Alan Beith; Bill Grisdale, Mayor of Alnwick with the Magna Carta facsimile. Photos by Bart Rippon. More photos on our website



"St Lawrence's Church was packed with at least 200 people of all denominations and none, to join in a celebration of human rights," said Diana.

"Candles were lit by sixteen village members, young and old, to match sixteen rights which were read out in turn.

"The church choir and the village choir led us in rousing hymns and a hauntingly beautiful anthem 'Like a candle flame'. The children's 'Fairer World

Magna Carta' (photo far right) was read out. Large quantities of cake were then consumed with tea!"

Warkworth's link to Magna Carta fame, lies in the person of John Fitzrobert, Lord of Warkworth, who was one of the barons who forced King John to sign the 'Great Charter', the western world's first bill of rights, in June 1215.

A facsimile of Magna Carta is now on display in St Lawrence's church.

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It's arrived at long last! You can take your choice of the Harbour Village or the good weather but either way we're happy to welcome both.

The Seafood Centre along with the public realm works on Leazes Street have been handed over into NCC ownership which allowed our first fish auction to take place in the centre during Puffin Festival week. Staff will be moving in as soon as telephone and broadband connections have been installed.

We know fish sales have been eagerly awaited and with the added attraction of the Flying Fish auction there were crowds waiting to see what the spectacle was about.

Fish for sale included: cod, plaice, haddock, herring, hake, mackerel, brill, lobster, monkfish, turbot, lemon sole, halibut, prawns and crabs.

And I am happy to report that most of the fish sold on the day, with people queueing to buy local sustainably sourced fresh fish; testament to the quality of the product. Our next auction is planned for Friday July 3 and we have restaurants waiting to purchase from us as well.

As reported in the last Ambler issue, all pods at the Harbour Village are now taken and Sarah has a waiting list of prospective future tenants, perhaps we need to think about looking for Site B.

The atmosphere in the village on Bank



Looking at the wide variety of fish at the Seafood Centre

Holiday Saturday was wonderful. Sarah had organised a Caribbean steel band, the sun was shining and everyone was in fine spirits, wandering or sitting with their refreshments and having a lovely time and of course spending their money in the town.

On the Persimmon front, and I know many of you are waiting to hear what is happening with the S106 money, sadly there is no update. At the time of writing we are still waiting for NCC to receive the funds. Our trustees along with a county council representative have written and phoned the Planning Officer who is currently chasing the outstanding payment. So still we wait!

I understand the frustration of having to wait so long, but after eight years I feel positive that it will happen soon.

We understand the Town Council will be putting out to tender the work on the paddlers soon, which is another positive step

towards another major project starting and providing a great amenity for the community.

After Northumbria Police confirmed they would be making the move to Fourways 2, work began to create the space they require within the building.

I know comments have been made about parking, but spaces have been allocated behind the building. Not everyone knows the spaces are there but were part of the new construction. There are also cycle racks, just in case the police decide to get on their bikes!

Although a moving in date hasn't been confirmed we understand it will take place sometime in the summer.

Another positive to report are the comments we have received from a few residents of Leazes Street saying how much better the one way system is for them and they believe it to be working well.

And finally the Puffin Festival – what a fantastic week, full of activities, games and entertainment. The whole town was buzzing with happy people enjoying everything Amble has to offer.

So a big thank you to everyone who volunteered, helped and participated in anyway, your input is greatly appreciated and ...roll on the Torchlight Procession!

In the meantime enjoy the sunshine.

Julia

julia@ambledevelopmenttrust.org.uk

Local charity seeks new volunteers to work with families of prisoners at HMP Northumberland

Nepacs, a long standing north east charity, which runs the Visitors' Centre at HMP Northumberland (a category "C" establishment that caters for male adults over the age of 21) is seeking new volunteers to help support families and children of prisoners.

Nepacs helps to support a positive future for prisoners and their families. Staff and volunteers provide a number of services including prison visitors' centres and tea bars, play sessions for prisoners' children, family visits, listening support, a youth project, and a caravan project based in Northumberland.

According to Ministry of Justice figures prisoners are

39% less likely to reoffend if they have had visits throughout their prison sentence. That's a strong argument for keeping families together.

The Northumberland Visitors' Centre team are looking for people who have a few hours to spare each week or fortnight to volunteer in the visitors' centre, tea bar or play area. The Centre is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, and Saturday and Sunday mornings and afternoons.

No previous experience is required, but if you would like to help out in the play area it would suit someone who has training in childcare. References and security clearance will be required.

If you are interested in volunteering with the Northumberland team please get in touch with the Manager Adrienne Ruddock for an informal chat, by telephone on 01670 383736 or email aruddock@nepacs.co.uk

Shorebase sitting pretty on the Braid

It's 23 years since the Coquet Shorebase Trust was formed to make sure that the Nautical Studies base could continue to provide training and opportunities for everyone in the community to get afloat easily and safely.

We finally moved in to our new premises on the Braid in late April, and we are still getting things sorted out. Visitors are always welcome for a chat and a look around.

The Coquet Canoe Club runs sessions every Sunday from 10am and they also meet around 6pm on Wednesday evenings - just to go paddling. New members of all ages and abilities are very welcome - everything can be hired for a small fee.

The Coquet Sailing Club go sailing on Sundays - out to sea in catamarans if the weather is suitable. We are also running RYA Powerboat Level 2 courses, guided canoe tours of the estuary (get closer to the ducklings), and open to anything else water-based people would like to do.

We operate a base at Druridge Bay Country Park - where we can do basic instruction in canoeing, sailing and windsurfing on the Lake.

We've unearthed some of our archives during the move, but we are missing a lot of old Nautical Studies records which were lent to the Middle School some years ago for a display and they kept the material. We would like to have a copy of this, but we haven't been able to track it down. If anyone out there knows where it is, or has their own photographs of earlier days that we could copy, we'd love to have them.

Come and see us and see how you can get involved.

Vic Brown, Manager, Coquet Shorebase Trust info@coquetshorebase.org.uk





Hauxley Parish Council

Annual Meeting of the Council

At the annual meeting of the Council, Councillor Rita Callender was re-elected as Chair, with Councillor Ken Graham being elected as Vice Chair.

Heather Wilkinson stood down from the Council after 9 years of committed service; she was thanked for her valuable contribution over this time and wished well for the future.

Council Vacancy

Notice is hereby given that a vacancy has occurred among the members of Hauxley Parish Council.

Any person willing to fill this vacancy should apply in writing to the Clerk, applications will be considered for co-option at the meeting of the Council held on 13th July 2015.

The applicant's name must appear on the current register of Voters List or the applicant should during the whole of the twelve months preceding the relevant date have resided in or within three miles of the parish or the applicant's only place of work during the whole twelve months preceding the relevant date is in the parish.

The applicant must not be debarred from Standing as a Councillor.

Litter pick

A litter pick is planned to be held in August prior to the Village Fun Day, check the Hauxley Village Facebook page and noticeboards for updates on this.

Additional grass cutting of verges

Concern has been raised regarding the additional cutting of verges – effects on wildlife and wildflowers, it is intended that this will be discussed in an upcoming community consultation day.

Public Question Time

There is 15 minutes of public question time at the start of every Parish Council meeting. Members of the Public are very welcome to attend, ask questions or just see how the parish council works.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council is 6.30pm on Monday 13th July 2015 in the Village Hall, Low Hauxley

Contact details: Parish Clerk:
Miss Elaine Brown

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Hadston, Morpeth NE65 9YB
Telephone: 07588659600 Email:
hauxleypc@hotmail.co.uk

Nature reserve is closed, and wildlife is making the most of it



Willow warbler at Hauxley, photo Tim Mason

Whilst members of the public may be disappointed that Northumberland Wildlife Trust's Hauxley nature reserve on Druridge Bay is closed until next summer, wildlife on the reserve is thriving, thanks to the peace and quiet.

Since the 1980s, a team of volunteers has recorded the number of birds visiting Hauxley reserve every weekday, and last year, a total of 165 different species of bird visited the reserve (compared to 163 in 2013) which, in itself is great news.

Already, however, volunteers have noticed an increase in the number of birds venturing into the public areas of the reserve, not to mention a willow warbler nesting 3ft away from the path, a wren nesting in one of the bird hides and moorhens nesting on the edge of the car park.

Red squirrels are frequent visitors and otters can often be seen out of the water - all since the reserve closed nine weeks ago.

Recently a tawny owl flew up one of the reserve's main paths causing great excitement for Jimmy Alexander, who had never seen one on the reserve in his 15 years as a bird recording volunteer.

The appearance of so many birds on the site only goes to reinforce the Trust's constant message that wildlife is easily disturbed by humans and dogs and that dog owners must not allow their animals to run around unsupervised on its reserves and, likewise humans.

The Trust will be hosting an open day on the reserve on Sunday 14 June, for visitors to come and try to spot some wildlife, or check out progress on the new building.

Winners of the Lifeboat raffle held during Puffin week

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| 1. Darryn Wade photo print | – Carol |
| 2. Norman Gray painting | – J. Shoemaker |
| 3. Tina Wood oil painting on canvass | – Anna Bell |
| 4. Ruby's voucher | – J. Smailes |
| 5. Naked Nunn voucher | – K. Rochester |
| 6. The Old Store House voucher | – S. Bailey |
| 7. The Blue Bell voucher | – Scott Robertson |
| 8. Necklace from Lady Millie's | – D. Shoemaker |
| 9. Grays voucher | – L. Corner |
| 10. Voucher for Old Post Office, Warkworth | – Hardy |
| 11. Giant Cuddly Toy | – S. Maddison |
| 12. Chef's chopping board | – S. Heed |
| 13. Safari Whitney the Pooch | – Les |
| 14. Dancing singing eyh'or | – Common |
| 15. Bottle of wine | – Lewis |
| 16. Bottle of vodka courtesy the Dock Hotel | – K. McDonald |
| 17. Bottle of wine | – Lillie |
| 18. Puffin coasters from Harbourside Studio | – Pat Keen |
| 19. Wii game from XIT computers | – Betty Barclay |
| 20. Gift set from Coquet Cosmetics | – Rick Smith |
| 21. Voucher for Turnbull's Butcher | – May Henderson |
| 22. Souvenir mug from Paws in Durham | – Jasmin |
| 23. Puffin Festival Themed fruit cake | – Helen Crosby |



A raffle run on behalf of Amble's Lifeboat funds during Puffin Week raised just over £300.

Thanks to Katt Barclay (R) for her tireless efforts and Helen Crosby (L) for donating several prizes including this photo print from Darryn Wade for the first prize.

Walks for ambling Amblers

The best bits of Holy Island



Harry McQuillen

- Collect a 477 timetable from a Tourist Information Centre.
- Use our X18 or 472 to Alnwick, X15 to Beal, and 477 to Holy Island.
- Walk East past the Castle to find the best lime kilns I know.
- Have a good look at the kilns, then head North along the marked path. Look for Scar Jockey, Broad Stones, Bridle Hole, Emmanuel Point. With luck you'll find an old limestone quarry.
- Head West on the beach, seeing Castlehead Rocks, and Snipe Point.
- Continue West over the dunes to find Snook House.
- Walk back over the dunes to meet the marked path.
- Turn right and walk towards the main car park.
- Back in the village there's all the bits the tourists usually look for. You can save your money and look at the Priory and the Castle from the outside!
- Don't miss the Harbour with its upturned boats, the Church, and St. Cuthbert's Island.
- The walk along to Snook House. It is a fair distance, so you might like to miss it out!
- There's lots more on Holy Island, especially if you want to spend money. I love the atmosphere of the quiet bits of the island.
- Make sure that you don't miss the only bus, or the crossing time if in a car!

VE Day commemoration



photo: Justin Cooper

To commemorate VE Day on Friday 8 May, wreaths were laid at Amble and Radcliffe war memorials, and a 2 minute silence was held.

Below: Brambles' children at Amble memorial, Radcliffe war memorial



photos: Bart Rippon

REPORTS FROM OUR

Foster care thank you

I recently took part in an event at Alnwick Castle to celebrate the work of foster carers. Awards were presented by the Duchess of Northumberland and nominations made by young people in care. The commitment of foster carers was acknowledged; one lady had given 29 years as a carer.

It is always sad when, for whatever reason, it isn't possible for a young person to stay with their birth family. There are a number of options in such cases including foster care and adoption.

Foster carers and adopters can be singletons or couples and they reflect every aspect of our society. It is no easy task and rightly the process of selection is rigorous. There is a shortage of foster carers in Northumberland.

The foster carers awards highlight the important work done by special people. The County Council welcomes enquiries and details can be found on the council website.

Paddlers partnership success

Work to bring new life to the paddlers play area is now underway. It has been a long and sometimes frustrating process to reach this stage. It has happened because of the hard work and persistence of Town and County Councillors and officers in partnership with community groups. Recent developments such as the harbour village demonstrate what can be done even in the toughest financial climate.

Amble has a proud record over twenty years and more now of community led development. I am proud to have played my part and I hope the reputation of our community for working together to make a difference will help us when other opportunities come forward.

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County Councillors

A week end of celebrations to mark the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta has just concluded, as part of the celebrations it was noted that in 1215 Amble was in the parish of Warkworth and it was fitting that Amble Town Council cooperated with the Parish Council in this successful event.

I believe that a strong bond already exists between the two towns and that the different offers they make to tourism are mutually beneficial to both places, so I hope we can continue to work together.

We are all watching with bated breath to see what the result is of the latest information regarding the sale of the proposed Tesco site. I hope the public understand by now that neither the Town Council or the County Council can make supermarkets/developers do anything or tell them where must go (although they can try to influence decisions) and that in the end they will base their decisions on purely business principles.

The move of County Hall has been delayed by the County Council as it appears that not all of the access issues have been sorted out.

The planning applications for the Gloster Hill/Mariners View area are not scheduled to be heard as I write this report and it would seem that both applications have serious issues that the planners are not happy with.

I have persuaded NCC to adopt and look after an area of grass in Robsons Way which has been rather unsightly for a while, residents will know where I mean, if locals had some time to weed the border it would help.

As ever I am available on
07802385367

And by email at jeffrey.watson@northumberland.gov.uk
Jeff Watson



Amble Town COUNCIL

Meetings 6pm unless stated otherwise- **please note new time**

Town: June 11, July 9, August 13 Youth Forum: July 16

Amenities Committee: July 30

Garden Judging: Week commencing June 29 Garden Awards: Trinity Church, Percy St., July 17

Please note meetings are now held on the top floor in Fourways 2

PUFFIN FESTIVAL

SO LOVELY to see happy smiling people in the town during this event, which was featured in the national Sunday newspapers with comments on Amble being a great place to visit! Each year more items are added to the programme, making it a busy time for the small group of organisers. It is wonderful to have community groups coming forward and putting on events during this time and also to see businesses decorating their windows, taking part in the Sweet and Puffin trail or displaying children's pictures. This, like the Christmas Lights Parade, is a community event run by volunteers for the whole community to enjoy with activities for all ages. However more individuals are urgently needed. Even one hour of your time would benefit, as that's enough time to erect a gazebo, give out information/leaflets, man a game - a small amount of time, but so essential for the festival's success. If you can help at future events, please leave your details with the Clerk.



COUNCILLOR'S CORNER

WE HAVE been remembering the V.E. celebrations - much thought and planning have gone into them. To see the looks on the faces of the people who actually remembered 'that night' when, from what I can gather, everybody but everybody, danced and sang, kissed friends and neighbours. It must have been tremendous after all those years of war to be told 'the lads' will be coming home - it is over. The relief the people must have felt we cannot imagine. They were a very brave proud generation. Would we survive the same now or would we spend our time bemoaning the fact we have not got this or that. How would we go on without email - let alone food rationing - it makes me wonder. I just would like to take this opportunity to say to all the survivors of that generation, a big thank you for all the hardships you suffered at home, let alone the soldiers suffered, but for the women left at home working miracles with very little, keeping the kids safe, fed, clothed, and looking after each other. Britain is proud of you - thank you.

Councillor Peter Robinson

ALLOTMENTS

MANY ALLOTMENTS have recently been reallocated but there is still a waiting list for tenancies. Those who have had allotments for a long time are being encouraged to reduce the number of structures they have as many have become intrusive and detract from the main purpose of an allotment. New tenants are removing old huts etc. which have deteriorated over the years and erecting new storage for their tools after getting permission from the committee. This has been introduced as tenants should use a minimum of 75% of the allotment for cultivation of fruit and vegetables and also that no permanent structures are erected. It is very encouraging to see families spending time working together and growing their own produce.

PADDLERS

AT LAST, after almost 2 years of negotiating and planning, work has started to transform the old paddling pool area into a new 'park'. The concept drawings can still be seen in the Council office. There will be a water feature for the youngsters to enjoy, surface games, a table tennis table, varied height rocks to climb and some fitness equipment in the grass areas for the more energetic young people/adults to use. There will be places to sit and the footpaths will be upgraded. Refurbishing this area is costing over £200,000 so thoughts on other changes for the wider area are having to wait until more money is available. Funding is from various sources including £50,000 from this Council and County Councillors but the largest amount has come from Northumberland County Council. Work is expected to take 4 months during which time the old pool area will be fenced off for safety. Once completed, it needs a name; We'd like the community to help by voting for their favourite name from the options given below with the result announced in the next Ambler.

Coquet Park ☐

Puffin Park ☐

Paddlers Park ☐

Quarry Park ☐

Please tick the box and hand your choice into Council Office, Queen Street Post Office or Percy Street Post Office by July 24.

GARDEN AWARDS

SOON members will go round their wards looking at gardens visible to the passing public. These, and nominations from the community, are shortlisted for the judge from Alnwick Gardens to visit on 29 June. Each ward receives a runner up and 1st prize, with the 3 ward winners competing for the Cup. Amble Allotment Holders Society Committee will nominate a first prize in each of the 2 allotment areas, as well as an overall Most Improved plot. There are also wonderful gardens hidden from view, so we are introducing the 'Best Secret Garden' award. To enter, submit a photo of your secret garden and its location as an attachment by email to admin@amble.gov.uk by July 3; the winner must agree to the public viewing the garden on a weekend in August which will be announced when arrangements are made.

COMMEMORATIONS

ON SATURDAY August 15, following a 2 minutes silence at 11am, wreaths will be laid on both war memorials in the Town Square, to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the end of World War 2 and Victory in Japan (VJ) Day. Wreaths will be laid by the Council on behalf of the people; the Far East Prisoners of War and the Royal British Legion. All are welcome. The plaque dedicated to these has been moved from a seat in Lawson Stand placed in the Memorial Gardens on a newly commissioned seat.

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Peter Robinson
7 West Court,
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'My carer is mint' awards

Over 70 foster carers and officers of Northumberland County Council attended a celebration event at the beginning of June, to acknowledge the work of foster carers in the county.

The Northumberland Fostering Awards 2105, organised by Northumberland County Council's Family Placement Service saw foster carers gather at Alnwick Castle to receive awards from children in their care for the extraordinary work they do to support the child/young person; there was also awards for special achievements recognised in training and long service.



The Duchess of Northumberland with some of the carers

The event was led by young people who were or currently living in foster care. Her Grace, the Duchess of Northumberland presented the awards to individual foster carers. Over 55 nominations were sent in by children and supporting workers.

Her Grace, the Duchess of Northumberland said, "It is a great privilege to celebrate foster care fortnight with Northumberland foster carers. I am very aware of the care and work they do to offer the very best care to some of our county's most vulnerable children and young people; they are to be congratulated."

Rotary notes

The new Rotary Club President, Dave Shoemaker, recently announced the club's plans for the new Rotary year which begins on 1st July.

At the annual club assembly Dave said that the club would try to raise funds to support the "End Polio Now" campaign, Shelter Box and Water Aid, as part of Rotary's international work.

At home we will continue to support the community by carrying out regular litter-picks along Rotary Way, helping with car parking at Warkworth Show and The Puffin Festival and raising funds for local good causes such as Christmas Lights, The Tiny Woods Football Academy, RNLI Amble, Daft as a Brush Charity and Amble Community Group in addition to organising the annual Senior Citizens Outing.

With regard to membership Dave said that there was a need to attract younger members to join the club and he announced the appointment of a new Membership Officer, Alan Davies from Amble.

Alan said that anyone who is interested in joining Rotary should look at the club's new website (address below), but anyone would be welcome to attend one of our meetings at The Old Storehouse, Amble any Tuesday evening (except following a Bank Holiday) at 7pm for 7.30pm.

The Club Officers and Committee Chairmen for 2015/16 are:

Senior Vice President and Secretary – Stephen Kerry Treasurer – John Geggie
Club Service Committee Chairman – Tim Mason
Community Service Committee Chairman – Mike Frisch
International Committee Chairman – Derek Conway
Membership Committee Chairman – Alan Davies Public Relations – Fred Calvert
www.ambleandwarkworthrotary.org



Pictured receiving a cheque for £100 from Rotary Club Vice President Dave Shoemaker is Craig Weir for Pride in Amble. This donation was made possible thanks to the generosity of those who gave to Rotary during the annual Christmas collection in December.

County hall decision moved

Proposals for the future of County Hall will now be discussed by the council later in the year – as further detailed work is to be undertaken.

The ambitious scheme was due to be considered by the full County Council on July 1 but this is now likely to take place in the autumn.

Plans for a new headquarters in Ashington, the re-development of council land and facilities in Morpeth and the proposed wider property programme are key pillars of the council's new economic strategy.

Both projects form part of an integrated suite of investment being led or supported by the Council and which will transform town centres, attract new jobs, and accelerate the development of new infrastructure and quality housing.

Independent consultants calculated that the move would bring a positive economic impact worth £52.8 million to Ashington.

At the same time, releasing the current County Hall site for development would give Morpeth a positive economic impact worth £56 million.

Council Chief Executive Steven Mason said: "We want to ensure that every aspect of these ambitious proposals has been taken as far as it can before we bring it before the full council.

"Our officers still need to carry out some further technical work around parking provision at the Ashington site.

"Although all other aspects of these proposals are ready for consideration it is in the best interests of everyone to consider these proposals in their entirety slightly later in the year."

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Hauxley Fun Day

Bank Holiday Monday, August 31 at 11.00am 'til about 3.00pm
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real ale and wine, refreshments, tombola, bric-a-brac stalls, sand
castle competition, face painting, fortune teller, feat of strength,
target football competition, traditional games, pet show
Aand much, much more.....

If you would like to donate bric-a-brac or tombola prizes, please
leave at Hauxley Village Hall after 6pm Sunday 23 and before 6pm
August 28.

Get online at the library

Digital Champion sessions.

Learn how to get online for the first time at Amble library.

One-to-one sessions are free of charge to clients, and you can attend
a one-off or come for several sessions, with our Digital Champion
volunteer Pam Milburn.

Learn what you can do on the Internet – how you can save
money and time online, find useful information, research your family
history, keep in touch with your friends and much more. You can
learn about whatever it is you want to know, whether it's sending an
email, using Facebook, shopping online, booking holidays, paying
bills, finding a job... the list goes on!

To book a session contact the library on 01665 710419.

A community service for those who want to gain the confidence
to use a computer.

Nicola Tervit, Librarian, Amble Library

Amble Business Club

At the last meeting it was again stressed that Amble is in need of
a long stay car park suitable for the size of the town. An update
was given by the Chairman on the Harbour Village Development
and linked works. Businesses were pleased to report it had been a
successful Puffin Festival.

The lack of town signage was discussed, ideas were put forward
for some temporary signage for the summer months.

The Chairman had attended a meeting for the organisation
of the Northumberland Plate Yacht Race, and stressed the retail
opportunities in welcoming the race to Amble. Plans for the event
were discussed.

An update was given on helping Amble become a Dementia
friendly town. The Business Club are very supportive of this project.

A member of the Business Club has been organising hanging
baskets for Queen Street and these are all blooming now. They have
all been sponsored by members of the business community. Support
will be given to any other businesses in the town that would like to
put up hanging baskets.

A short discussion was held on the subject of the Christmas lights
weekend. The Business Club meets 3rd Tuesday of each month
@ 5.30pm in the Radcliffe Club, anyone with a business is very
welcome.

Ann Burke, Chair, Amble Business Club

Lifeboat fundraisers

Our big event of the year will be Harbour Day (August 30). Tombola
prizes, bric-a-brac will be gratefully received, as would help with the
baking of cakes, scones etc. If you are able to help in any way, please
let us know.

Future Coffee Morning dates are:

July 19; August 16; August 30 (Harbour Day)

East Amble Community Action Group

Activities in your local community.

Monthly family cinema at The Radcliffe Club - usually 3rd Friday of
the month.

Family Craft activities - during school holidays

Parent Drop In, focusing on crafts using recycled materials -

Tuesdays at Sure Start room at Links school 1-3pm. Creche
available.

Summer family trips. Youth activities 14-18yrs

See our Facebook page: East Amble Community Action Group for
news of what's happening in your area.

For more information contact Hala:

Email: hala@nnwn.org Mobile/text: 0770 8064656

Northumberland Seafood Special Event

Friday 3 July 2pm - 6pm and Saturday 4 July 10am - 4pm

- Fresh local seafood available to buy
 - Seafood cookery displays by local chefs
- Plus - Special Event: artisan foods, cheese,
preserves, vegetables, charcuterie, chocolates,
puddings and more!

at The Seafood Centre, Leazes St, Amble

Everyone welcome. Free Entry

Find out more at www.ambleharbourvillage.co.uk See also page 2.



Hauxley Chapel services

Sunday June 28 Rev. Diane Westmoreland,
Holy Communion.

Sunday July 5 Mr Eric Brook.

Sunday July 12 Rev. Nina Fulford.

Sunday July 19 Area Service.

10am Blyth Central Methodist Church.

Preacher Rev. Steve Wild, President of the Methodist Conference.

Ticket only service. Please contact Alan Watson (e-mail watsalan@googlemail.com or tel: 01670 352420) by July 4 to reserve tickets.

Sunday July 26 Rev. Diane Westmoreland,
Holy Communion.

Sunday August 2 Rev. Ian Farnsworth,
Holy Communion.

Sunday August 9 Rev Jim Magee.

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.

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

Warkworth Golf Club

June to September is the height of the golfing season and
greenkeeper Alan Dalby and assistant Ian Bruce are kept busy
presenting the course at its best. The club has received very positive
feedback from both members and visitors over the excellent condition
of the greens, fairways and tee-boxes.

New Lady Captain, Joan Gray, drove into office on June 6
watched by a large crowd of well-wishers. Next on the calendar is
Captain's Day on July 4.

Complementary coaching from a PGA professional for juniors
takes place on Monday evenings. Junior membership is just £10.

Membership remains open. Full membership from July 1 to
the end of the year is now just £162. Application forms can be
downloaded from the Club website www.warkworthgolfclub.co.uk
which is also the first port of call for anything to do with the Club.

Royal British Legion events

The 70th anniversary of VJ Day on 15 August 2015 commemorates Japan's surrender to the Allies in WW2. Let us not forget those servicemen and women known as "the Forgotten Army" many who became Far East Prisoners of War and suffered so much for their country. We remember them in Warkworth and Amble on Remembrance Sunday every year.

Do you have a family member who was a prisoner of war in the Far East? We would like to hear from you with any information relating to their service. Please contact our Secretary on 07785 753100.

The branch meets every two months on Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the Legion Room, Warkworth Memorial Hall. Visitors are most welcome. There is a speaker at every meeting with refreshments and a chance to meet local members. We raise money throughout the year to support the Poppy Appeal. You do not have to be ex service to be a member and you can attend as a visitor at our meetings to find out more about what we do. Membership is only £16 per year

They are holding a Pipe Band Concert on Friday 4 Sept 2015 with Pie and Pea supper and Quiz to commemorate end of WW2 and also VJ day at The Trap, Broomhill.

To book contact Warkworth & Amble Royal British Legion Tel: 07785 753100 or

The Trap Inn Tel: 01670 761672

Next meeting Weds 1 July 2015 at 7pm Speaker June Watson – A slide show and talk on the five New Zealand men who were "shot at dawn" WW1. Slide show and talk on the work of New Zealand WW1 pioneer plastic surgeons Sir Harold Gillies and Henry Pickerill relevant to casualty Corporal Robert Bruce Fowler.

Also a slide show of the Returned Services Association club at Warkworth, New Zealand.

WEA: Amble and Warkworth Branch

War and social change in Europe.

An 11 week course, with tutor Tony Barrow.

How much did the impact of two hugely destructive wars effect the changes in the lives of all people of Europe? The course will look at how historians have various explanations.

Thursdays starting September 17, 10am - noon Methodist Church, Percy Street, Amble

Enrol at first or second session.

Further information from N. Hinson, 01665 710583

Harbour Lights Choir



Harbour Lights have recently completed another successful year as Amble's Community Choir.

During the past twelve months the choir has been the 'go-to' singing support for community events performing at a number of different events.

At Christmas the choir performed at the opening of the Christmas Lights singing a selection of traditional and new Christmas pieces. Harbour Lights also provided musical support for a commemoration by Hospice Northumberland for bereaved relatives at the Parish Hall.

The choir hosted their own "Musical Evening" in April which proved to be as popular as ever singing a range of pieces and sharing them with a large audience.

Later they sang at the opening of the Pods at the Harbour Village providing a sea song based programme including a very popular piece by the Unthanks, "The Cullercoats Fish Lass."

During the summer the choir provided musical support to the Town Council's World War 1 concert by being the Suffragette Chorus for the evening, dressing in appropriate costumes, and finished off their busy and interesting year by singing at the opening of the Puffin Festival.

The Choir will meet again on

Thursday September 10 from 7.30-9.30pm at St Cuthbert's Parish Hall in Dovecote Street.

The choir is directed by Flora Smith who is an experienced choir maestro!

Do come and join us; it's fun and there is no need for previous experience, you don't even need to be able to read music as Flora will sing the piece and we sing it back to her.

We want to make people feel good through singing and have the opportunity to perform at Amble based events.

The cost is £5:00 per evening, £4:50 concessions. Your first night is free, so why not come along on September 10 and give us a try!

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NORTHUMBERLAND
COUNTY COUNCIL

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and**

Friday 31 July

at 6pm - 6.45pm in Hauxley Village Hall

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Tiny Woods Academy

Tiny Woods Academy hosted a Football Tournament on Bank Holiday Monday as part of the Amble Puffin Festival celebrations and it was a huge success!



Well done to all the children who participated, they had lots of fun and the standard of football was brilliant!

Victory Shield Winners - Warkworth First School
Champions Shield Winners -

Broomhill First School

Thanks to the Harbour Fish Bar and Angie's Tavern for sponsoring the shields!

Also thanks to the businesses on Amble Queen Street for their kind donations towards raffle and tombola prizes, we raised £250 and this will benefit us moving forward in terms of purchasing equipment.

We would like to thank Amble



Community Team for providing refreshments inside the pavilion on the day and The Stephen Carey Fund for delivering Defibrillator training to the public.

We plan to host a Football Tournament as part of the Puffin Festival celebrations on a yearly basis.



Warkworth First School won the Victory Shield



Broomhill First School won the Champions Shield

Druridge Bay 10K winners

451 runners took part in this year's 10k charity run at Druridge Bay at the end of May.

1st male and winner Karl Taylor Morpeth Harriers time 33.41

1st female Johanna Gascoigne - Owens time 39.17 Alnwick Harriers (both pictured below)



Karl Taylor of Amble led the race from the start. Photos by Bart Rippon

Veteran male (over 50) Philip Hemsley Alnwick Harriers time 37.22

Veteran female (over 50) Diane Weightman Alnwick Harriers 46.12

Under 16 male Ben Kelly Alnwick Harriers 38.10

Under 16 female Kate Mcphee unattached 49.37

Team prize male Alnwick Harriers Philip Hemsley, Ben Kelly, Daniel Leng

Team prize female Alnwick Harriers Jo Gascoigne -Owens, Diane Weightman and Lesley Miller

Oldest participant on the day Geoff Litterick who was 70

Over £5000 has so far been raised for this year's charity, Amble Lifeboats' Shannon Appeal.



JCSC sports

Students from James Calvert Spence College have been experiencing Sports with professional Rugby League players and an England basketball player.

Year 9 and 10 boys rugby had a great day out playing on the Newcastle falcons pitch and being coached by rugby league professionals. They also played three games, drawing two of them. This was the first time the boys had played rugby league, so it's a great achievement.

Drew Sullivan an England basketball player came in to school to do an assembly and tutor group 5JAR had a basketball lesson with him, doing passing and dribbling drills which they all enjoyed. Drew also worked with 20 Year 7 pupils for a morning, where they did dribbling and shooting drills and they all got a t shirt from Sky Sports.

Mrs S Bell PE Teacher JCSC

