



# The Ambler

## Amble's Community Newspaper

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#### Walking with the wounded

A charity which supports wounded servicemen and women will be visiting Amble as part of their 'Walk of Britain' tour.

Walking with the Wounded raises funds for the re-education and re-training of wounded servicemen and women. Their patron, Prince Harry has accompanied them on previous challenges, which have included expeditions to the North Pole in 2011, Everest in 2012 and the South Pole in 2013.

Prince Harry described the Walk of Britain: "This 1000 mile challenge is to prove the extraordinary determination of our wounded, and connect the great British public with the extraordinary actions of extraordinary people."



The group will arrive in Amble Town Square on the afternoon of Tues 1 September. After a meal courtesy of the Old Boat House, and an overnight stay at the Sun Hotel in Warkworth, the walkers will resume their challenge the following morning.

"We will depart from the Town Square sometime after breakfast, we're hoping to walk past Brambles Childcare even if it's just a wave from the kids there and continue south on our way," said team member Matt Fisher.

"Thank you so much to all of you for your support with this, we are all very much looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible in Amble!"

### National cycle race puts Amble on map

photo: ARG, FLICKR



Our town is about to be put on the cycling map when the Tour de Britain passes through on September 9.

Route plans for the prestigious Aviva Tour of Britain cycle race include two exciting Northumberland stages.

The cyclists will pass Amble during Stage Four of the tour. That leg of the race starts in Scotland, then enters Northumberland heading along a route from Ford. It then heads to Wooler and Alnwick, before continuing down the coast, through Amble, finishing in Blyth.

The route past Amble will be the same route as that taken by the Olympic torch: from Warkworth, up the Wynd, along Albert Street and towards Radcliffe. (See map).

Road closures will affect the town between 13.25 and 14.55.

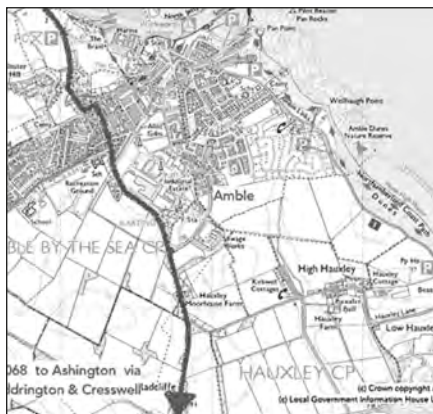
The tour re-starts the following morning from Prudhoe with Stage Five, from Haydon Bridge to Hadrian's Wall. The race will then head across the Pennines into Cumbria before ending in a summit finish on Hartside Fell.

The whole eight-stage race runs from 6-13 September.

Northumberland County Council has worked with Active Northumberland, sponsors Northumbrian Water and race organisers SweetSpot to bring the race to Northumberland.

Last year the UK's favourites Sir Bradley Wiggins and Mark Cavendish were both in the 120-rider starting line-up.

The tour will feature the biggest line-up of UCI WorldTeams to race in the UK this year.



Headlining the 20-team list are Team Cannondale Garmin, who won the 2014 Tour of Britain with Dylan Van Baarle and the Etixx Quick-Step team of Mark Cavendish and World Champion Michal Kwiatkowski. Top level British interests are represented by Team Sky. Some teams have been in action in the Tour de France.

David Hall, of Northumbrian Water said: "As the Tour of Britain passes through what we consider one of the best cycling counties in the UK, it will help to boost regional tourism and showcase Northumberland to the rest of the world."

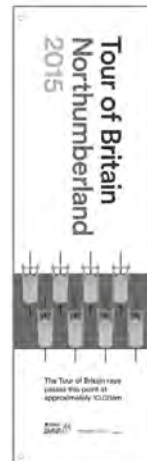
The Tour will be broadcast in over 166 countries, including live coverage on the ITV network, and will raise the profile of the county to an international audience.

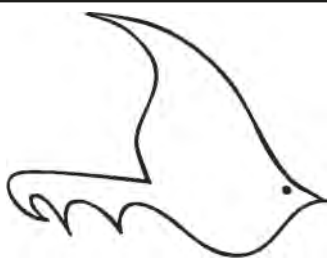
The race will go through 29 communities in Northumberland, covering approximately 112 miles (181kms) over two days of racing.

Full Northumberland route details can be found at [www.nlandtob.com](http://www.nlandtob.com)

Businesses and communities are being encouraged to decorate the route with red and yellow and decorated bikes.

For more information contact [tob@culturecreative.co.uk](mailto:tob@culturecreative.co.uk) or go to the NlandToB website: [www.nlandtob.com](http://www.nlandtob.com)





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## Cool like the Fonzie

The Friendliest Port is attracting a great deal of national attention these days. The Times listed us in their 'Top Ten Coolest Seaside Towns' and The Guardian raved about our cafes and restaurants (see page 6). We are honoured to be included in Walking with the Wounded's Walk of Britain, and thrilled to be a part of Aviva's Tour of Britain cycle race (see front page).

There's also a definite action-packed and nautical theme to this edition. Congratulations to Tamsin Green, double World Champion surf kayaker, and to the Amble boats who were placed first and third in the inaugural Northumberland Yachting Plate (see back page). Congratulations too to Jo Gascoigne-Owens who won a European gold medal (see p 4) in the Aquathon - a swim/run event.

You can read about ex-JCSC student Emily Runciman who learned to love her Tall Ship adventure (p8), and in the world of wildlife, we celebrate a brilliantly successful season for the roseate terns who continue to make Coquet Island their favourite UK breeding ground (p10).

Fun for all at the end of August, with a week of pirate fun at the Harbour Village, Yacht Club and Shorebase Trust, and of course our ever popular Lifeboat Day (p23). Aaayy!

## Two new Heads at James Calvert Spence College

A new Executive Head has been appointed at James Calvert Spence College. Neil Rodgers will take over the position as Head of the federation in September.

Cllr. Scott Dickinson Chair of Governors of James Calvert Spence College said:

"This is a fantastic appointment for our federation. I am excited to welcome Neil to our team so he can work with us to further excel the offer at James Calvert Spence College. As the College

continues to improve and deliver, Neil will be an experienced addition to the JCSC team. Mr Heath, our Interim Executive Head, remains with us through to September to ensure smooth hand over and ensure no disruption is caused during the start of term. I am sure I can count on a warm welcome to Neil from our local community."

Newly appointed Executive Headteacher Neil Rodgers said:

"I am delighted to be appointed as the Executive Headteacher of the federation and look forward to working with students, parents and the wider community to further improve the life chances of the young people served by James



Neil Rodgers is JCSC's new Executive Head

Calvert Spence College.

"I have already been hugely impressed by the friendly atmosphere of the schools and feel privileged and excited to have been given the opportunity to make a real difference."

Mr Rodgers is 43 and lives in Whitley Bay with his wife and two daughters.

"As a teacher of twenty years, I will bring all of my accrued knowledge and expertise coupled with a determination to ensure that all students leave the college

having maximised their potential achievement, and as well-rounded young people ready to contribute to society," he said.

Mr Rodgers' appointment comes after the departure in May of Executive Head Christine Graham who had been in post since 2010. Jonathan Heath was appointed Interim Head in June.

In 2010 three local schools were restructured into the Coquet Federation of schools. Druridge Bay Middle School, Amble Middle School and Coquet High School became known as James Calvert Spence College. The Druridge Bay School premises were closed in 2011.

## Acklington First joins the Federation

A new head has been appointed. Mrs Claire Cuthbert will be Head of School for Acklington First and South Avenue.

She is an experienced Senior Education Leader, coming from a school which caters for ages 3-16yrs.

Scott Dickinson, Chair of Governors at JCSC said "Mrs Cuthbert has a fantastic background and is keen to be joining James Calvert Spence College.

Mrs. Cuthbert said: "I am very proud and extremely excited at the opportunity to be part of leading this federation of schools to serve the needs of the students and the local community.

"I am genuinely looking forward to meeting parents and working in partnership with feeder first schools as we forge together for the greater good of the community of Amble and surrounding areas."

Scott Dickinson explained that Acklington First will remain with the same name although it will be 'Acklington First CofE at JCSC'.



Claire Cuthbert is the new Head of Acklington First and JCSC South Avenue

## As milk prices fall, Zombies rise

Farming has never been for the faint-hearted, but these days it's tougher than ever. And one enterprising farmer from Hauxley has now enlisted the help of the undead in order to resurrect his business.

Supermarkets demand more from farmers and offer less in return. They offer cut prices to the consumers, but in order to keep their profits stable, they reduce the amount they pay their suppliers. It's enough to curdle the milk.

Alan Conway runs a small dairy farm in High Hauxley with his father Peter. "Last year we would get between 33 and 34p per litre for our milk," he told *The Ambler*. "This year it's 19.5p per litre, which leaves a bit of a shortfall to say the least."

So how does a farmer stave off the prospect of the death of his family business? Well in this instance, the Conway family have rounded up a group of Zombies to help out.

"We were looking at diversification and we hope we might have come up with a fun way of doing it," said Alan. "We were looking at 'tough nutter' events with extreme obstacles and we decided to put on a Zombie run."

### Save us from a Zombie apocalypse

The challenge is for runners to complete a 5k course with obstacles, without being attacked by Zombies. Runners wear a velcro belt with three ribbons, which the Zombies will try to grab. Contestants try to complete the course without losing any ribbons.

The Running of the Zombies event will take place at Hauxley Farm on Saturday September 5th.



Farmer Alan Conway with Zombie Run course designer Matthew Currie and his 6 yr old twins Finn and Joe

"There will be round bale obstacles, crawl nets, wooden walls and of course a water hazard to make everyone wet!" said Alan.

So far there has been a good deal of interest, particularly with local Zombies, but Alan hopes adults and children will also seize the opportunity to help avoid a Zombie apocalypse in Northumberland.

"Adults have a 5k course, but there's a smaller 1.5k course for children over five (who must be accompanied by an adult). Bigger kids can go around the whole course if they want," said Alan.

Prices are £30 for adults and £15 for children. There's free infield

car parking and all participants will get a t-shirt and a medal.

### Milk vending machine

The enterprising Conway family are also looking at other means of diversification on their 200 acre dairy farm.

They have 130 cows and a new robotic milking system, which replaced their traditional milking machines. As a result, Alan and his father now offer courses to other farmers on the basics of robotic milking and use of the computer equipment.

"We're looking at different ways, trying to make a bit of money. We might even be looking at putting a milk vending machine at the bottom of the drive," said Alan.

For more info on the Running of the Zombies, email Alan: [hauxleyfarm@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hauxleyfarm@yahoo.co.uk) or see [www.hauxfest.co.uk](http://www.hauxfest.co.uk) and [www.facebook.com/Runningofthezombies](http://www.facebook.com/Runningofthezombies)



The Conway's cows take themselves through the robotic milking system at Hauxley Farm.

## Fresh local fish straight to your plate

Fresh fish can now be bought from Amble's new Seafood Centre. The centre will be open three days a week to the public, selling fresh locally caught fish and seafood.

Opening times are:

**Thursdays and Fridays 12pm - 4pm**

**Saturdays 10am - 12pm.** Transactions are cash only for the time being.

In addition, Creel Fish Club, a subscription based fish box scheme is now also underway.

For more details see their Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/creelfishclub](http://www.facebook.com/creelfishclub) or Twitter: @CreelClub

Northumberland Seafood Centre also has a Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/pages/Northumberland-Seafood/](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Northumberland-Seafood/) 469374463236543?ref=ts and Twitter: @NlandSeafood

## Prizes presented for puffin paintings



TOMMY NODDY received a warm welcome from staff and children at Amble First School when he presented the prizes to the winners and runners up from the puffin painting competition held during the Puffin Festival.

The winners were: Lily Henderson, Fearnie Lillico, Corey Bell, Ria Kaur. Runners up were Lily-Mae Fraser, Sophie Grieves, Lyla Smith and Ruby Young.

Winners' prizes were donated by Amble Marina and runners up by 'Around a pound' shop, Queen Street. *Kate Morrison (Puffin Festival committee)*

## Dancers praised for exam success



Above: Dance Divas Dance School pupils, who took an examination in Disco Freestyle. Above right: Erin Handyside recently took part in Northern Counties Dance Teachers Freestyle / Street Scholarships. Teacher Carol Gray said: "Everyone performed amazingly, achieving an excellent standard and results throughout. Well done to all who took part."



## European Championship win

Jo Gascoigne-Owens, ex-Coquet High School student, has added European gold to her World Aquathlon gold, which she won in 2013.

Johanna described her achievement: "I travelled to Cologne in Germany to compete for the Great Britain age group team in the Aquathlon. Aquathlon is an exciting swim-run event and this race was no exception. I left the water in second place after the 1km swim in the River Rhine. Quickly taking over the leading lady at the start of the 5km run, I held this lead for the remainder of the race, finishing over 2 minutes ahead of my nearest rival and 3.5 minutes ahead of the closest competitor in my age-group."

"I'm delighted to be European Champion Bringing home the gold medal feels like a great way to thank everyone who has supported me along the way."

Jo is now looking ahead to competing for Team GB in the World Championships in Chicago this autumn. Congratulations and good luck in Chicago!

## 'Local Heroes' presented with awards



l-r Councillor Liz Simpson, deputy business chair, who presented the awards; Katrina Cassidy; Rob Angus; Andy Griffin; Andrea Hewitson; Tommy Boswell; Eleanor Cassidy

Local heroes at Amble have been honoured for the contribution they've made to their local communities.

The county-wide awards scheme, Northumberland Local Heroes, has highlighted how much good work is done by local people and groups for the benefit of neighbours and their local area.

Councillor Liz Simpson, deputy business chair at Northumberland County Council, presented awards to a group of residents who have been involved in work for the community.

This included Katrina Cassidy and Andrea Hewitson of the Amble Community Team, a group of volunteers who work tirelessly to improve the recreation area in the town.

Katrina is also chair of Amble Lifeboat Fundraisers, and along with vice chair Eleanor Cassidy, they received an award

for raising money for RNLI Amble – now on a mission to raise £200,000 for a new Lifeboat.

Tommy Boswell from Funworld Leisure received an award for the generous support his business gives to local events.

Also honoured were Rob Angus, who was nominated for his willingness to volunteer to help out with community activities and Andrew Griffin of Shilbottle for his work with Action on Hearing Loss and successfully campaigning to gain free lip reading classes across the county.

Councillor Simpson said: "We've had a fantastic response to the request for nominations, showing how much our heroes are appreciated for the effort they make for their communities."

"Amble is a great example of how local people contribute to their neighbourhood and the wider community."

"The nominations have highlighted how much good work is done by local people and groups for the benefit of their neighbours and local area."

"It's good to praise and acknowledge the excellent work being done by those people and we'd like to encourage more people to get involved."

The nominations were made in three categories; good neighbours, businesses supporting their community and community champions.

Heroes were nominated for lots of reasons – from small one-off acts of kindness to people or local businesses who regularly make a big impact in their neighbourhood.

Winners of the award receive a certificate and memento and their names will appear on the Council's website so people can see who they are and why they have won this recognition.

## Gemma is 'worth her weight in gold'



Gemma Little

Gemma Little from Amble, whose late mum Anne developed early onset dementia, has led a second charity walk to raise money for Alzheimer's research.

Gemma's 'Save the Memories' walk from Craster to Amble, took fundraisers

14 miles along the Northumberland coastal path on 18 July. This year's walk attracted twice as many participants, with 85 walkers and 10 dogs.

Gemma said "It's grown so much, next year going to have to expand my team with marshalls for check-in points and directions etc, as that's how much it has grown!!"

People found out about it in local media. So fantastic!! Everyone enjoyed it with most if not all saying they will return next year and many others along the way saying they would like to do it!

My finance even met Sir John Hall walking his dogs who put in a generous donation which was matched by Margaret Turvey at Topsey Turvey restaurant!



Some of the walkers at the end of the 14 mile coastal fundraiser

Last year with gift aid the walk raise just over 4K. I am hoping to smash that this year, and so far it is well on its way to doing that!"

The Newcastle-based Alzheimer's Society community fundraising officer, Rebecca Scott, paid tribute to Gemma.

"People like Gemma are worth their weight in gold to the Alzheimer's Society," Rebecca said. "Her support is vital to the work we are doing to make life better for people with dementia here and now and

to fund researchers seeking a cure for the condition like the scientists at Newcastle University.

"It's when I meet people like Gemma that I really feel that we are heading in the right direction in terms of curing dementia and also creating communities where people of all ages are more aware of the condition."

Gemma's sponsor me page: [www.sponsor.me.co.uk/gemmalittle/save-the-memories-coastal-walk.aspx](http://www.sponsor.me.co.uk/gemmalittle/save-the-memories-coastal-walk.aspx)

## Giant 'ipods' want your thoughts

Giant ipod-like devices have been installed in parts of Amble and the public are being asked to interact with them.

Newcastle University PhD student Ian Johnson has chosen Amble for a trial run of a new gadget, which collects public opinion about a geographical area. The information can then be used in local decision-making.

Ian is finishing his first year at Newcastle University's Open Lab, where he is studying Digital Civics. His research project is part of the Local Democracy programme.

"I've created an interactive map, where people can respond to questions about how they feel about different places and spaces in their community," said Ian.

The 'Viewpoint Devices', as they are called, use a heat map, and by touching the screen, information is collected and people can also see what others have selected.

The questions appear at the top of the screen, and a map of Amble appears below. For example one question is: What part of Amble would you most like to change? To answer, you press the relevant area on the map.

"Hopefully I'll get some interesting data that might show shared concern for a particular part of the town," said Ian.

"People may have pre-conceptions about different parts of the town. Because you can see what others have answered, that might challenge or confirm what people think."

Four devices have been placed around Amble: at Amble Development Trust, at the Harbour, in Amble Library and a roaming device situated in various cafes and pubs.

Ian's wider ambition is that the device creates data that people can use to get their concerns across to decision makers.

"You can use it to collect data, like with a petition. You can say 'look, this is not just my concern, here's the data to prove other people feel the same'," explained Ian.

Ian hopes people in Amble will interact with the devices, which will be trialled throughout August. Once the trial is over, he is happy to share data.

Email him: [i.g.johnson1@ncl.ac.uk](mailto:i.g.johnson1@ncl.ac.uk)



Ian and one of the Viewpoint devices

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Amble has friends in high places these days. According to The Times, we are listed number seven in their 'Top Ten coolest seaside towns'. And The Guardian swoons over food at The Old Boathouse, Spurreli and the Quayside chippy, putting Amble eateries at the top of their 'Best budget seafood restaurants and cafes in Northumberland'.

# WHAT YOU SAY...

## Big coffee morning

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

It is being held on Friday 25th September 2015 in St. Mark's Church Hall, Wellwood Street, Amble between 10am and 12 noon.

There will be the usual stalls, cake stall, tombola, and a raffle. Contributions for any of the stalls will be very welcome.

For further details please contact Irene or George Hall on 01665711010.

*George Hall via email*

## Shepherd's crook



A photograph taken at York Minster on the Ordination of Alison White as Bishop of Hull.

The Ceremonial Shepherd's Crook was commissioned by and presented on behalf of the Diocese of Newcastle and was made by Neville Straker, a lifelong Amble resident.  
*Neil G Straker via Facebook*

## Big fat gypsy wedding dress for Amble bride Rebecca

Rebecca Johnstone from Amble recently married traveller Joey Ward at Sacred Heart RC Church. A big crowd gathered to watch the wedding party and the horsedrawn carriage as it drove the couple to their reception at the Radcliffe Club. Rebecca's 'big fat gypsy wedding dress' was made by dressmaker Cherie Sim in South Shields.

The photos drew many comments and shares on our Facebook page, and Rebecca posted a message for all her wellwishers: "a big thank you to everyone who watched me getting married I had a fantastic day xxxx"

## No concessions for disabled

I went down to the Sunday market recently. On arriving home I found a parking ticket on my car, which is a disabled car.

When I contacted the commissioners I was informed that there are no concessions for the disabled as it is private land, and I have no right of appeal; I ask what has the world come to.

*Peter Little, Warkworth Via email*



Aerial view of Amble by John C



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## HMP Northumberland volunteer highly commended

A long-serving volunteer at HMP Northumberland has been commended by the North East Prison After Care Society (Nepacs). Christine Waters from Amble, was one of twelve volunteers who received a certificate of high commendation. Christine was recognised for her work as a Nepacs volunteer over many years at HMP Northumberland Visitors' Centre.

At an awards ceremony held at Lumley Castle, Chester -Le-Street, Probation/Community Rehabilitation Companies (CRCs), prison officers and others who work with offenders in the North East, were presented with awards for their efforts to support rehabilitation and reduce re-offending.

### Volunteers needed

Nepacs owns two caravans on the Northumberland coast (near Amble) and offers weekly holidays to families of prisoners. The aim is to give families a chance to relax in pleasant surroundings and spend valuable time together.



Christine Waters is presented with her commendation certificate

Kath Ogilvie, Nepacs trustee and coordinator of the caravan project, said: "Every year thousands of children and families experience the impact of imprisonment despite many never having being involved in or committed a crime.

From the moment of arrest, throughout the court process and prison sentence, families are at risk of social isolation and stigma which can affect their emotional, physical, financial and social wellbeing.

"We have operated the caravan project for many years and it really makes a difference to the families to have a holiday. Some have never experienced a holiday before and it gives them a well needed break."

Nepacs is looking for volunteers to help clean out the caravans and make them presentable for the next holiday makers each week, then welcome the families and introduce them to the site.

You will not be working alone, but with our experienced project leader. The project needs volunteers for a few hours every Wednesday 10.30am – 2.30pm approximately.

If you are interested in volunteering with the caravan project please get in touch with Nepacs on 0191 3757278 or email [volunteering@nepacs.co.uk](mailto:volunteering@nepacs.co.uk) Find out more about Nepacs at [www.nepacs.co.uk](http://www.nepacs.co.uk)

## Beryl - a romance on two wheels



St. Cuthbert's Parish Church is teaming up with the Highlights Rural Touring Scheme again this autumn to bring you more high quality live entertainment in the Parish Hall with "Beryl - a romance on two wheels", a play by Maxine Peake, performed by West Yorkshire Playhouse.

The play celebrates the life and sporting achievements of the champion cyclist Beryl Burton.

Beryl (pictured) was one of the most astonishing sports people ever to have lived, but with her down to earth, no-nonsense approach to life and to success, she remains a mystery.

The play will be performed on Friday 9 October at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Dovecote Street, Amble, NE65 0DX. Tickets are £8 for adults, £7 for concessions and £5 for children (under 15), and will be available from N & F Young, Amble or from Mike Dixon (01670 760007). You will also be able to book online at: <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/highlights/>

There will be a licensed bar at the event.

Mike Dixon

Highlights Local Promoter for Amble Parish Hall

## Raising money for Diabetes research

A grieving widow from South Broomhill has raised over £200 for diabetes research. Angela Henderson raised the money in memory of her husband Malcolm who died in June.

A collecting box was left in St John's church at Chevington and after less than a month, Angela was able to send off a cheque to Diabetes UK for £233.

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# Emily is riding the crest of a wave

An ex JCSC student has made the trip of a lifetime on board a Tall Ships yacht as an ambassador for the North Sea Tall Ships Regatta – Blyth 2016.

Emily Runciman aged 17, answered an advert for a bursary giving a young person a chance to join the crew of the Black Diamond of Durham as a volunteer sailing to the Tall Ships Belfast 2015 event.

The bursary, sponsored by Active Northumberland and the Port of Blyth, provided a 14-day taste of maritime adventure. Emily spent 10 days at sea on board the Class 'C' Tall Ship yacht, sailing from Hartlepool to Belfast via the Caledonian Canal and Loch Ness.

Emily, who grew up in Amble told The Ambler: "I had never sailed before so it was a jump in at the deep end for me, but I took the chance.

"Within the trip I've done practically everything there is to do on the yacht: helm, map navigation, cooking, being on watch during overnight sails, taking the sail up and down. There are so many things to do which kept me busy!



Emily has enjoyed her time on the Tall Ship Black Diamond

"Boarding the boat to leave for Belfast... It all hit me that I'm going away from home doing something madly out of my experience and comfort zone. The first few days weren't too bad as we were learning the ropes. Then we had to do a night sail which was awful. Four hours on and four hours off had to be the most exhausting thing ever. I just couldn't wait to get to Belfast as I was so tired!

"However as we went through the Caledonian Canal, we couldn't sail at night which meant we could have a bit of fun...at the pub!"

## Loneliness by Norman Clay

There's a darkness  
Hanging over me  
It's in the mind  
You cannot see

Loneliness is hard to take  
No family visits to ease my  
ache  
When my carer calls  
It makes my day  
She means more to me  
Than words can say

Alas it's time for her to go  
That's when my tears  
Begin to flow  
I am not ill  
I am not mad  
This loneliness  
Just makes me sad

The ship arrived in Belfast on 1 July, where the trainees enjoyed the fun, excitement, entertainment and activities of the Crew Parade, Crew Prize-giving and Crew Party before departing on 5 July.

Emily said: "The race from Belfast to Alesund was so nerve wracking. It took a lot of caffeine to get us there but it was worth it in the end. We came 4th in our category, which I think was great considering we were racing against loads of racing yachts which the Black Diamond isn't.

Emily said: "I have had a brilliant time on board the Black Diamond. It can be challenging at times but it's very rewarding in the end and has given me a real sense of achievement.

"I would highly recommend taking part in the Tall Ships training programme to anyone as it is an unforgettable experience. It encourages you to get involved in something new, and you learn new skills and how to work as part of a crew.

Bruce Ledger from Active Northumberland/Northumberland Sport said: "Emily is a fantastic ambassador for the county

## Age of insecurity Harry McQuillen



Sensory bombardment isn't an easy thing to handle. So many changes have taken place recently, both here and abroad.

My intention was to write a short article with themes like Magna Carta (read by me for the first time) democracy (what does it really mean?), improvements seen in our time, hopes for the future, and, of course, our need to work together.

In a very short time our minds have turned to terrorist atrocities, Greek debt and living conditions, and the effects of recent Budget announcements.

So many people live in fear, especially the fear of poverty. I've talked to people of all ages, and I've found that lots of them fear for their own futures, or the futures of their families and friends.

Management of change is the modern mantra. Rapid change makes all feel uncomfortable and insecure.

Apparently I'm not alone in fearing the break-up of the services we've come to rely on over the last 70 years or so.

Change creeps up on us in the most unexpected ways. Perhaps we've become complacent, accepting our low level of productivity and the apathy that seems to be widespread nowadays.

I suppose that I've been an unreconstructed liberal (of no political allegiance) all of my adult life. Perhaps I became one at the age of 12 when the Green Shoots of improvement began. Now, 70 years later, I can see everybody's point of view. I'm better off than I've ever been, in so many ways.

But when I look at the lives of my grandchildren, and of young people in poor health, I'm not so sure!

I know that a lot of people need a bit of a push to turn their lives round, but I also know that a lot of them need help, and so do their children. Society is all of us, and we all have to try to make it work.

A recent article in the "i" the other day reminded us all that "American levels of taxation and European levels of Services are incompatible.

As I've said many times, I like the changes in our town. I've heard very many positive comments by visitors, not least from members of groups that I took for history walks.

My hope is that people will be just as enthusiastic when they talk about Amble in another 70 years!!

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

# Pirates, fun and fundraising during Harbour week



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We've got a week (and a bit), of pirate themed fun and activities at the Harbour Village from Saturday 22nd August – Sunday 30th August.


As well as the 15 fantastic art, craft, gift, food and drink selling pods, we will have music, treasure hunts and crafts for the kids all week, a mini-craft market on the first weekend, a mini-food market on the second weekend, and offers through the town\*, linked to donating to the Lifeboat, who have their Harbour Day on Sunday 30th August.

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Through the week we will also be promoting and displaying some of the wonderful local businesses who provide water-based activities. The Coquet Shorebase Trust, North-side Surf, and Coquet Yacht Club will be offering lessons/tours/fun during Harbour Week but be sure to book to avoid disappointment.

Sarah Dunne, Amble Harbour Village Co-Ordinator

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## Mermaids and pirates wanted at Lifeboat Day

This year's Harbour Day takes place on Sunday 30 August and will feature all the family fun we love. In addition to the stalls, raffles, live music, food and the classic motorbikes along the quayside, this year there will be activities also on the Little Shore.

The main lifeboat display takes place in the estuary at 1.30pm and will be accompanied by a commentary from the Coastguards.

This year everyone is encouraged to don fancy dress! "We look forward to seeing the quayside awash with sea creatures, pirates, lobsters, and mermaids! Parents and adults are welcome to dress up too, join in with the Committee and crew in ensuring that we have a fun packed day raising money to meet the £200,000 target for a new Shannon Class Lifeboat" said organiser Katrina Cassidy.

More details on Harbour Day on page 23.

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*\*Will be run from other locations such as Coquet Shorebase Trust*



For more information visit [www.ambleharbourvillage.co.uk](http://www.ambleharbourvillage.co.uk)

## Coquet Island becomes Roseate Tern City

The 2015 season on Coquet Island has seen fabulous numbers of puffins, eiders and terns supported by plentiful supplies of sandeels and other small fish being brought in for hungry chicks.

However, the overall success of the breeding season has been tempered by the grim weather, with a combination of strong winds and heavy rain.

Many of the tern chicks have perished but the parents have been responding by laying second clutches.

This means a late season for the birds, before they can set off on their globetrotting flights for the winter.

The roseate terns have been stars this year – for the first time since the island became an RSPB reserve, the number of nesting roseate terns have topped the 100 pairs, all using the special nesting boxes provide by the



Coquet Island is home to the sole UK colony of the extremely rare Roseate Terns

wardens. Once more, Coquet is home to the sole UK colony of roseates and has bucked the trend of declines which are

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## Emma-Jane, fashion designer

11 year old Emma-Jane Gregory designs her own fashion and makes clothes for her dolls.

She said: “You should never judge a person by what they wear. Sometimes people think what I wear is funky or crazy.

“Sometimes I like to wear all black, all pink or all different colours. The styles that I like to wear are things from Sublevel or the fashion label Material Girl by Madonna.”

Emma-Jane said “People’s styles can sometimes tell you what they

like and what type of person they are.”

**What inspires her?**  
Emma says she has wanted to do this since she was about 7. She was inspired by a character from a film called Monster High and by one of her favourite singers called Madonna. She is also influenced by her sister’s designer friend and people’s crazy styles.

**What does fashion mean?**  
“Well, it means that you can express yourself through your clothes. You can have lots of styles like... Goth, geek-chic, emo, retro, boho, punk, nerdy, Pretty in Pink or cute as a kitten style, and labels



Emma with one of her doll dress designs such as Material Girl. ” said Emma.

## Top ten children’s books borrowed from Amble library

I went to the local library and asked them what were the top young children’s books borrowed and a few days later got a letter back informing me. I thought it would be interesting to see what other young people, who love books like me, liked to read.

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| 1. Winnie’s Pirate Adventure           | A few summer reads I would recommend are:             |
| 2. George’s Dragon at the Fire Station | 1. A School for Good and Evil                         |
| 3. Eric! ...The Hero?                  | 2. A School for Good and Evil-A World Without Princes |
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| 8. Poppy the Pirate Dog’s New Shipmate |   |
| 9. Grendel                             |   |
| 10. Off to Market                      |   |

By Lily



## Good Young Citizens praised for their good deeds

Ava Tibbitts, an 8 year old pupil of Warkworth First School, has won the annual Amble Good Citizens Award.

This competition was created by CSO Darin Fawcett, who believes that naughty people get given treats much more than good ones. The prizes, including trophies, vouchers, a lifetime supply of chocolate (10 packets and a massive tub of Haribo!) and a bike for the overall winner, are supplied by local places – such as Spurreli’s.

The ceremony was held in Fourways2 (home of Artograffi) and consisted of a speech for each of the nominees, Ava, Abby Coulter and Amber Lewins, the prize giving and then some of the special cake. Another of the prizes for the winner was the honour of getting to turn on the Christmas Lights, well done Ava – this is a prize worth winning!

I asked Ava why she thought she had won. She said “Because I raised money for Ulgham Nature Sanctuary and other charities including for Nepal.”

I asked what she thought were the qualities of a Good Citizen. “Honesty, loyalty, generosity, kindness and laughter” (sounds a lot like My Little Pony!)

She looked dumbfounded when she heard she was the overall winner.

By Lily



(clockwise l-r) Hannah Jobson from Spurreli, CSO Darin Fawcett, Inspector Paul Truscott of Northumbria Police, Prof John Hobrough, Chair of Governors of Warkworth First School, Amber Lewins (9) from Amble Links First School, Ava Tibbitts from Warkworth First School and Abby Coulter (9) from Edwin Street School

Amber was nominated because she always perseveres. She won the best homework award, she is part of the school council and she has helped raise funds for charities. Abby was nominated because she supports other pupils and helps to keep them safe and happy in the playground. She helps the RNLI and helps in the school garden.

8 year old Ava won the 2015 Good Citizen’s Award for raising money for the Ulgham nature sanctuary.

She and her sister Lily raised over £200 by making and selling loom bands at school and doing a sponsored triathlon. For the triathlon Ava had to do a 200m swim a 1200m run and a 2km bike ride.

At the good citizen’s award there were 3 people nominated Ava, Abby Coulter and Amber Lewins. Ava won a bright pink bike! “I felt dazzled and speechless when I was nominated but then I won!!!” said Ava.

We asked her mum what she thought: “Ava really deserved it and I’m very proud. The event was very well run and had lots of great support. Ava works very hard and deserves it.”

We asked CSO Darin Fawcett “Why did you create the Good Citizens Award?”

He said “Too many times nowadays you see children get rewarded for bad behaviour - some might get trips away and things like that. I thought it was about time children were rewarded for their hard work and outstanding behaviour at school and in the community. It’s not an award for those who are the best at certain subjects, it’s for those who try hard each day.

“When did you come up with the idea?”

“It was six years ago. I went round to local businesses, schools and the Amble community and asked what they thought. They were very supportive. Our first awards were in July 2009 and I’m hoping to keep it running for as long as I can.”

We also talked to Hannah from Spurreli and asked her why they gave the bike. She replied “because it helps the community and helps recognise the good children.”

Ava says “This is a really good thing that the police notice good behaviour”



## Cat gets stuck on an interesting flight

A cat who decided to stowaway and take a nap in the wing of a plane got a nasty surprise when she unwittingly became an accidental passenger during a flight. The feline guest wasn’t the only one shocked one the pilot’s reaction when he spots the poor animal clinging on while they’re airborne is quite shocking.

The short flight from Ultra Léger Motorisé aeronautics club in French Guiana proved far more eventful than anyone was expecting but, luckily, the cat managed to stay stowed in the overhead compartment until the aircraft came to a complete stop when they landed one of the pilots got her out and she ran off.

They still don’t know if it got in after the pre-flight check or if I missed it. The cat is doing well, she is still their mascot. I think from now on it wont sleep on flight things.

The cat has the same kind of markings as my kitten who probably would also go on that flight, since he is a naughty cat.

By Hope



## Binky’s Beach Day

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

Binky collected his bucket and spade and put on his swimming trunks. Today, he and his friends were going to the beach for a fun summer day! He went and got Bazzle, Petal, Cedmro, Mink, Spike and finally Blossom and they went down to the shore.

The seven of them made sandcastles, played ball and collected shells until Blossom laughed and jumped into the sea. Then everyone swam out as far as they could, but when Binky did, he got caught by a riptide!

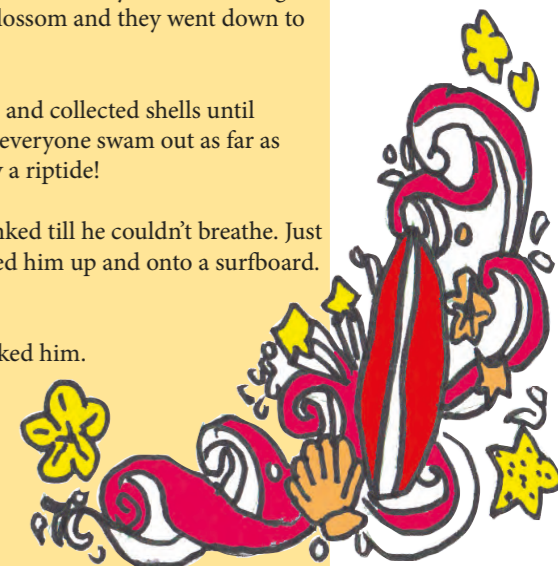
The poor panda got pulled and thrashed and dunked till he couldn’t breathe. Just when he thought he was done for, a flipper yanked him up and onto a surfboard. It was a turtle!

He surfed them back to shore where Binky thanked him.

“No worries, dude,” smiled the turtle, turning to go, “but be careful out there!”

He was and it turned out to be the best beach day ever!

By Lily



## What’s your favourite flavour?

I really like ice cream so I asked Hannah from Spurreli’s what is their top 10 selling ice creams.

1. Sweetie pie
2. Bubblegum
3. Sticky toffee
4. Vanilla
5. Chocolate
6. Mint
7. Strawberry cheesecake
8. Cherry vanilla
9. Pistachio
10. Rum and raisin

By Ava

## Castles and Islands race June 2015



I-r) Martyn Calkin, Richard Morgan, Duncan Bates of Charisma

Yacht Charisma was the overall winner in the 2015 Castles and Islands race, which took place on June 28 and 29.

Organised each year by Coquet Yacht Club, the race is a 24 hour marathon.

Competitors use sail and leg power, with 52 miles of sailing along the coast past Dunstanburgh, Bamburgh and Lindisfarne castles, and running 26 miles, taking in Alnwick and Warkworth castles and set runs at Newton Haven and Seahouses harbour.

The last leg is by sail back to Amble.

Right: Runners coming in to Amble

Below: Arrow leaving Amble Marina



## Return of photo competition for popular visitor guide

The Northumberland Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Partnership is holding a photography competition this summer to find a cover-shot for their 2016 Northumberland Coast Visitor Guide.

Cllr John Woodman, Chair of the AONB Partnership, who helped to judge last year's competition said "It was really interesting to look through the entries and such a difficult job to choose a winner. First impressions count, so

it is really important to have a stunning front cover that will encourage visitors to pick up a copy and read it."

The winner will not only have their photograph on the front of forty-thousand Visitor Guides, they will also receive £150 worth of vouchers to spend at Stait Photo of Morpeth and Hexham. Stait Photo has kindly provided prizes for highly commended entries.

Photos submitted can be of virtually anything, but to be eligible, the photo must

have been taken within the Northumberland Coast AONB in 2015.

*(Please note: the AONB boundary stops on the north side of the Coquet Estuary. Amble itself is not within the AONB)*

Images need to be submitted in an electronic format and be of a high enough resolution to be used on the cover of the guide.

The closing date for entries is 1st October 2015. More advice and rules are on the AONB website: [www.northumberlandcoastaonb.org](http://www.northumberlandcoastaonb.org)

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## Ambler volunteer at Duchess's garden party

I was delighted when Ambler editor suggested that I represent The Ambler in her place at the Lord Lieutenant's Garden Party for Volunteers and Carers, as sadly, she was unable to attend.

Even though the day turned out sunny but cold everyone, looked very smart for the occasion.

In spite of the cold we had a lovely day meeting people, old friends and new, listening to the Band, having tea and of course chatting to the Duchess who worked very hard meeting and chatting to everyone there.

It was also quite a humbling experience for me meeting some REAL Volunteers.

My work as a volunteer with The Ambler is fun and very satisfying. It's lovely to be able to help on such a good magazine especially for Amble, a place and people I think are well worth it.

However, meeting women who are Foster Mothers and Carers, working 24/365 under stress and yet still looking cheerful and pretty made me feel quite small and privileged to be at the same party.



Above: The Duchess of Northumberland and Joan Robinson  
Left: Ambler volunteer Cath Teasdale Far left: Musician Kathryn Tickell, Deputy Lieutenant supported the Duchess

It made me feel very pleased that this was a day in the year when people who work so hard are made to feel that they are truly appreciated and thanked.

*Cath Teasdale*



## Bowling club presentation

Amble Bowling Club president George Dixon (pictured right) presented Trevor Colbourne of the Amble Christmas Lights committee with a cheque for £150.

The donation was raised on the annual Presidents' Day social bowls day. Each year the club run this fundraiser and it is the President who chooses the charity to support.

This year because of the tremendous support of local businesses to erect advertising boards around the bowling green, George thought this was some way of repaying the local support.



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# COQUET YACHT CLUB

**News update**



## BRINGING HOME THE SILVER!

JULY AND EARLY AUGUST was another busy time for CYC. The social side along with the membership keeps growing, with lots of positive comments from visitors who are turning into members whether they are sailors, powerboaters, walkers, canoeists or just want to enjoy the view and atmosphere.

July saw the inaugural Northumberland Yacht Race between Royal Northumberland Yacht Club (Blyth) and Coquet Yacht Club.

The weekend started with an excellent BBQ Buffet at CYC's club at Amble with the race starting early Saturday morning. 24 yachts had entered but due to very high winds only 12 made it to the start line - but what a race.

With winds in excess of 30 kts (35 mph) there was an "active" start and a fast race down to Blyth. The first three yachts over the line were from CYC; after handicaps were calculated, Medmerry II (CYC) came first and Spurreli (CYC) came third.

This gave the winning boat and club trophy to Coquet Yacht Club. Next year the race will start at Blyth and finish at Amble and we hope to win it again.

The club continues to underpin its aim of being a destination club for people who want to enjoy themselves and book functions for wedding receptions, choirs, retirement parties, etc.

The view is the main attraction underpinned with a great atmosphere. Local "Amblers" have joined as social members who have never sailed before and yet they have crewed on yachts in our regatta and lived to tell the tale!

Our sailing regatta was a great success with Jondela taking the first prize.

Visitors are very welcome to visit the club. If you visit the club more than six times then you are invited to become a member.

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Once we know how long this work will take we can work on cash flow to see if we can pace the housing and welfare refurbishment together. To be prepared we have dusted down the welfare plans and are revisiting them for costings. Again once we know how much drainage will cost we will be able to see where that leaves us with the overall budget. Unfortunately we haven't been able to do any of this work prior to receiving the money as there were and are too many variables involved to try to guess budget and timescales.

But we now have things moving.

### Fresh fish and a range of events

Another success has been getting a telephone line and broadband into the Seafood Centre. I don't know if you've had the somewhat dubious 'pleasure' of trying to communicate with a communications company but I can tell you from our experience it isn't easy. From a telephone menu that goes around in

circles until it cuts you off to a 'back office' that loses orders then tells you to re-order and start the process again.....it has been very frustrating.

But we can put those frustrations aside now and look forward to making the most of our new facility.

Working with Sarah the Harbour Village Co-ordinator Andrew and Helen (Seafood Brokers) have a range of events organised and opening hours have been confirmed for the centre, so fresh fish will be on the menu very soon.

### Cool publicity

I'm not sure how many of you will have seen a recent copy of the Times newspaper where Amble was voted 7th out of the top ten coolest seaside towns to reside, but the story was repeated in the Gazette the following week – as I keep saying we must be doing something right!

This sort of publicity can only be positive in attracting investment that will hopefully create more employment. You can write strategies and business plans to entice businesses to move to the town but ultimately they will base a decision on demographics and ability to make a profit as well as a range of other circumstances. Hopefully those decision makers read the Times and decide the time is right for them!

### Fourways tenants

At the time of writing Northumbria Police are still to name a date for moving in to Fourways 2, but given the number of changes they have to implement over the whole force area they have a lot to organise. We will welcome them whenever that moves takes place, and that will more or less be Fourways 2 full, as David Smailes and Richard Sullivan are both taking additional space for their expanding businesses – congratulations to you both.

### Parking feedback

The one way system trial period will be coming to an end soon and everyone will have the opportunity to have their say on whether the one way system has been a success, should be implemented permanently or perhaps changed. Feedback would indicate that it has been successful – what do you think?

**And finally** - Torchlight Procession meetings begin next week, so if anyone would like to be involved, has ideas or would like to volunteer in anyway please get in touch. Enjoy the sunshine when it manages to peep through the clouds!

Julia

[julia@ambledevelopmenttrust.org.uk](mailto:julia@ambledevelopmenttrust.org.uk)

## Through the lens 2016

The annual photography competition is going ahead next year with the categories being "Water" & "Movement" The usual classes will apply; adult, up to 10 years, and 11- 18 years. The closing date for entries will be 31 March 2016.

## Women's workshop grand opening

Sat 22 and Sun 23 August sees activities and fun for all to mark the opening of the Women's Workshop on Amble Industrial Estate. Build a bird box, recycled crafts and other fun environmental activities on Sat. Women's footie skills, pop -up cafe and more on Sun. Deets: [hala@fourthaction.org](mailto:hala@fourthaction.org) or see their Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/fourth-action/](https://www.facebook.com/fourth-action/) /430487493726030

## We can fix your broken tech

Help is here for all those who drop their phones; for those who stand on their ipads, or sit on their laptops; for hair straighteners which have curled up and died, or toasters which are now toast. People of Amble, despair no longer, help is at hand.

Creotech is a new enterprise from Amble surveyor Kris Burnett and self-confessed gadget tinkerer Chris Wilkinson.

"It evolved after I had an accident with my phone and smashed it" said Kris. "I thought I was insured, but I had to pay a large excess. I voiced my frustration to Chris, who said 'I could have fixed that'. It set me away thinking and I came up with the idea for Creotech."

Creotech will fix broken mobile phones, tablets, consoles and computers. They will replace batteries and do some repairs while you wait. Their office is in KB Surveying's premises on Bridge Street, Amble.

"We did some market research and saw there was a lot of demand for this sort of service in the local area. We'll have a look at anything electronic – even hair straighteners," said Kris.

Creotech are also interested in donations of broken or obsolete technology. Ring 07825 577 866 or email [info@creotech.co.uk](mailto:info@creotech.co.uk)

## Rotary notes



Above: Serena Coulter receiving her award from Chris Ward

The Rotary Club of Amble and Warkworth presented a Paul Harris Fellowship Award to Serena Coulter of Warkworth at the club's meeting on June 23rd.

This is only the second time that the club has given this award to a non-rotarian, and in his speech, Rotary Club President Chris Ward listed Serena's many voluntary tasks which she has undertaken for the benefit of the community.

These include a spell on the Parish Council, Trustee of the Memorial Hall, Chairman of the Christmas Lights committee, President of the Womens' Institute and a member of the Warkworth in Bloom Committee which has seen the village pick up the Best Large Village award every year for the past 13 years.

The Paul Harris Fellowship is the highest award that Rotary can bestow and it is named after the founder of Rotary. The only other non-rotarian recipient in the area is Audrey Jones who received the award last year.



## Hauxley Parish Council

**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 14th September 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 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 at the end of September, check the Hauxley Village Facebook page and noticeboards for updates on this. Litter picking equipment will be provided by Northumberland County Council and tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided by the Parish Council. We hope to see many turning up.

**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.

**Inconsiderate parking** – This issue of inconsiderate parking in Low Hauxley been raised at the past two Parish Council meetings, whilst all residents of Hauxley have a right to park in the Village Square, inconsiderate parking by few is blocking vehicular access points. Parking next to the slip way is also causing problems with refuse collections and deliveries in Low Hauxley.

The Village Hall Committee has confirmed that they remind the users of the Hall to be considerate when using the facilities.

**Next Meeting** – The next meeting of the Parish Council is 6.30pm on Monday 14th September 2015 in the Village Hall, Low Hauxley.

Contact details: Parish Clerk:  
Miss Elaine Brown

Address: 4 Simonside Crescent  
Hadston, Morpeth NE65 9YB  
Telephone: 07588659600 Email:  
hauxleyipc@hotmail.co.uk

## Foundation bale is placed at Hauxley's eco visitor centre

The first straw bale has been placed in the foundations of the new eco visitor centre at Hauxley Nature Reserve.

Chris Mullin, President of Northumberland Wildlife Trust, and Mike Pratt, Chief Exec of Northumberland Wildlife Trust placed the first straw bale, part of the eco-friendly walls at Hauxley Nature Reserve's new Wildlife Discovery visitor centre.

The new eco building was designed by architect Henry Amos of Brightblue Studio in North Shields and utilises environmentally sustainable construction methods and materials.

Stone gabions and straw bales will form part of the walls, while large wooden framed windows will afford breathtaking views over the Hauxley ponds and offer uninterrupted views of the abundant bird and wildlife.

Chris Mullin, author, journalist and former MP for Sunderland South (1987 – 2010) is also Chair of the Heritage Lottery Fund's North East Committee. He and Mike Pratt lifted the first straw bale and placed it on hand crafted wooden stakes, fastened into the building's foundations. The innovative modern building replaces the main hide and office which was devastated by arson in 2010.

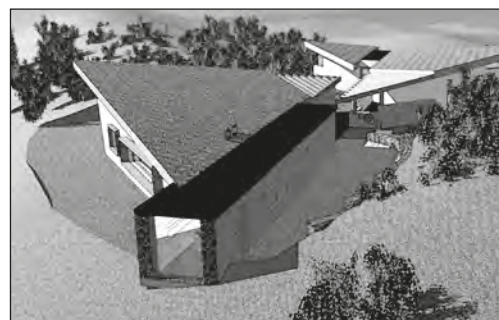
Northumberland Wildlife Trust intend the new visitor centre to host an exciting programme of recreational, educational and volunteering activities designed to re-connect people with nature and the wider landscape.



(l- r) Volunteer builder Christine Hall; NWT Chief Exec Mike Pratt; Architect Henry Amos; NWT President Chris Mullin

You can follow the build and see the volunteers' and experts' progress via [www.facebook.com/HauxleyNatureReserve](http://www.facebook.com/HauxleyNatureReserve)

Hauxley Nature Reserve will be closed until summer 2016 when the Wildlife Discovery visitor centre should be complete.



Design for Hauxley Nature Reserve's visitor centre

## Don't miss this traditional event

*Hauxley Funday on Bank Holiday Monday 31st August*

Preparations are already underway for this traditional event held in Low Hauxley.

Lots of great stalls offering, Bric a brac, tombola, raffle draw with money prizes, delicious hot food, real ale and wine, and also teas/coffees and cake.

Our popular Target Football competition is making a welcome return along with the

Sand Castle competition, face painting, or why not visit our Fortune Teller.

Have a go at the Feat of Strength or try the new exciting Wheel of Fortune and lots lots more. Our resident live band will be there as always to keep you entertained throughout the day.

We would welcome any donations for the Bric a Brac

stall. Please bring these to Hauxley Village Hall in between the 22nd - 28th August.

Come and join us for this great day out for all the family which starts at 11am, finishing at approximately 3pm.

We look forward to seeing you there!

*Hauxley Village Hall Cttee*

### HAUXLEY PARISH COUNCIL - DRAFT ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2015

Opening Bank Balance Brought Forward

£ 4,954

#### INCOME

Precept on County Council

£ 3,432

Other income

£ 282

**TOTAL INCOME**

**£ 3,714**

#### EXPENSES

Salaries & Wages (Inc Employers NIC)

£ 926

Parish expenses

£ 1,286

Earmarked funds

£ 1,026

**TOTAL EXPENSES**

**£ 3,237**

**TOTAL INCOME LESS EXPENSES**

**£ 477**

Bank Balance at 31st March 2015 - Carried Forward

**£ 5,430**

The above account indicates an excess of income over expenditure for 2014-15 of £477. This is a result of building earmarked funds.

The Balance is designated for congratual requirements such as legal advice as well as fund for projects including a Village Plan, commemorating WW1, replacements bins/seats, and stones for the village square

## Walks for ambling Amblers

### *A walk to Morwick from Amble*



Harry McQuillen

1. Walk past Amble West Cemetery on the track that heads West to New Hall Farm.
2. Turn right along the road for about 30 yards, then left through the gate.
3. Follow the track through a field and a gate, down a grassy track, then up a Stony track, crossing the road that leads to New Barns farm.
4. Continue on the farmer's road (newly gravelled) until you reach Morwick Road.
5. Turn right along Morwick Road PAST the entrance to Morwick Ice Cream Parlour.
6. A couple of hundred yards further on you'll see the well-surfaced road that leads to the entrance to Morwick Hall. At the gateposts to the Hall follow the grass to left of the gates until you reach the road to Old Morwick.
7. Turn left past the cottages at Old Morwick, down the hill until you see a wooden Fingerpost on the right saying "Warkworth 1/4 via fords"! Don't worry, this is NOT A WET FEET JOB.
8. Now it's time to do a bit of fossicking about. Walk down to a lovely bit of our River Coquet.

Have a good look at everything in sight, including Jack's Rock (from a distance).

When you've seen all that you want to see, it's time to get back home. I usually go back the way I came! Another octogenarian and I did this walk in just over two hours.

## A place worth visiting!

Gallery 45 is situated in Felton and is housed inside the former Stag's Head pub. In days gone by, it was a Victorian pub on the village main street. It had been a thriving place over the years but changed hands several times and had been for sale for well over a year.

Two local ladies, Mary and Jane, both primary school teachers, took over the building in September 2013 and a period of intense renovation followed.

Friends and villagers stopped by to offer a hand and in November 2013 the gallery and gift shop opened, providing a dedicated gallery space in which the work of

predominately North East artists is exhibited as well as gifts, vintage antiques and crafts sourced locally.

Since then, the business has developed and evolved. There are now eight artists and crafts people in residence, working with a variety of materials including acrylics, glass, leather, watercolour, print and,

lately, a lady who produces the most beautiful handmade cakes.

Frequent open studio events allow the public to see the artists at work.

They have a programme of exhibitions. Alongside the retail space and gallery they have established themselves as a provider of workshops, offering full or half day classes.



In addition they offer the workshop room, huge 'Long Room' upstairs or gallery as a meeting space.

As a new business they are also very aware of their responsibility to be 'green' and have installed both an electric car charging point and biomass heating at the gallery. Website: [www.feltongallery45.co.uk](http://www.feltongallery45.co.uk)

## REPORTS FROM OUR

### New beginnings at JCSC

I was delighted to join guests at the annual exhibition of craft design and technology students work at James Calvert Spence College. The standard of the work on show was impressive. The campus was a blaze of colour with work on display. Student's portfolios showed the progression made. I was especially pleased to talk to students about their work and see their enthusiasm. Proud family members were much in evidence and it was good to hear the comments about our talented young people.

I met the new Executive Head Teacher, Neil Rodgers who had taken the opportunity to meet students and their families' just days after his appointment.

Mr Rodgers has an impressive CV with a range of experience at senior management levels in a variety of schools.

I stressed how important I felt JCSC is to the communities it serves and how crucial it is to give all our youngsters the best possible start in life.

I am encouraged that there is a spirit of co-operation involving all schools in the Coquet Partnership and this was reflected by involving First School representatives in the interview for the new Executive Head. I was very pleased that the Director of Education took time from his very busy schedule to take part in the appointment process.

As local Councillor and the Cabinet Member for Children's Services in Northumberland I take a keen interest in all our local schools. I want the best for all young people so that they have the chance to reach their full potential, whatever that might be.

Schools are increasingly autonomous but I believe strongly in a family of schools with the Local Education Authority providing support and challenge as appropriate. I would like to record my thanks to the staff teams in all the Amble partnership schools for their hard work. The support of Governing bodies is also increasingly important as their duties become more onerous; as a Governor myself for many years I know how committed they are.

Robert Arkless [Robert.arkless99@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:Robert.arkless99@northumberland.gov.uk)  
Telephone 01665 711938

## County Councillors

Amble continues to develop as a destination point for tourism and has definitely got a pleasant buzz about it. Several people from outside the town have said to me that Amble has finally found its place on the tourism map of Northumberland.

I am really pleased at the jobs and business it has brought to the town whilst at the same time making it a more interesting and vibrant community for those that live here.

An awful lot of work from a lot of people has gone into the traffic management schemes for Amble and before too long a consultation will take place with residents to see if they feel it can be improved or altered to make it work even more effectively. The bigger issue of parking still looms over our heads; I believe it will be some time before a solution (if there is one, acceptable to the community) can be found.

The new play development at the old Paddlers site should be open by late August and will be a very special place for our little ones to play. Before anyone complains about the date of opening at the end of the school holidays, let me just say that the project was commenced as soon as we got grant money and could not have been ready any earlier.

Finally, I am sure you will have noticed how local volunteers have made a difference to our environment with coal tubs and cultivation of green spaces if you have a pride in your town why not get involved?

I am available on

07802385367

Email [jeffrey.watson@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:jeffrey.watson@northumberland.gov.uk)

Enjoy the Summer!!!

Jeff Watson



# Amble Town COUNCIL

Meetings 6pm unless stated otherwise- please note new time

Town: 10th September, 8th October

Amenities Committee: 24th September

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

## TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

IT WILL SOON BE TIME for the public consultation about the temporary one way system operating at the bottom of Queen Street, through Leazes Street, Lawson Street and George Street. At present this is an experimental order to try and alleviate traffic congestion, aid traffic movement and perhaps help, in a very small way, to alleviate some parking issues.

There were lots of 'teething problems' which NCC have tried hard to ease but it must be remembered that some issues have arisen because there can be no measures taken to make it seem as though this is permanent until after the experimental period and consultation are concluded and a definite decision taken- hence the likes of the temporary barriers at the Newburgh St end of Leazes St. This consultation will be open to the whole town so please take time to respond whatever your opinion may be.

Another aspect of traffic management is parking which has been a problem for the town for many years. The central part of Amble was built up a long time before motor transport became so popular and subsequently it is proving extremely difficult to find a long term solution for parking. There are very few spaces within the main area of the town or even derelict buildings to demolish to create space.

A temporary area has been reopened behind Tesco's store in a joint initiative between NCC, your NCC Councillors and the Town Council to try and help whilst other avenues are being investigated by the group tasked with this thorny problem.

## MAYOR'S MUSINGS

NEXT YEAR it will be 42 years since the first Mayor of Amble was elected. Those of you who were around then will remember the first one- Councillor T Straffen- who was honoured when Straffen Court was built.

The title of Mayor is normally given to Towns with a certain population and with the consent of the community. In Amble's case the Mayor is also the Chair of the Council – these are not two separate roles. Some of the duties are to represent the Town of Amble during civic events and to be the representative for County wide events. These could vary from Remembrance Day Parades, and to functions which commemorate achievements of other Towns and Villages.

For example in the past year the Mayor has attended functions for V.E. Day, Alnwick Xmas Carol Service, Warkworth Magna Carta and others of a minor but equally important nature.

This does not mean that the Mayor is exempt from events in Amble as seen by taking part in School presentations, opening ceremonies, Good Citizen Awards, Garden Awards and many others on behalf of the Town. Future functions are the Reception at R.A.F. Boulmer for their Battle of Britain Anniversary, V.J. Day, Remembrance Sunday and many more- so a full diary.

When you see the Mayor taking part in events and getting a photograph in the papers, remember it is for you, the community of Amble, raising the town's profile and making sure others are aware of what a great place Amble is to live.

Mayor Craig Weir

## PADDLERS NEW NAME

51 PEOPLE VOTED for their choice from four names and the winner was Paddlers Park by 45 votes.

It is hoped the name will be incorporated in a welcome sign being produced by H.M.P. Northumberland as part of a community partnership.

This will be placed at the Gordon Villas' entrance near a floral display set in a truck symbolising those used to carry stone from the quarry which was originally at this site. The anticipated completion date is the end of August and provided that happens, there will be an opening event on Saturday 29th from 2pm- 4.30pm

This will be a family occasion for all to see and use the new features and participate in some family fun, activities, games and refreshments.

Do come and join in.

## ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS

WITH THE TYPICAL British changeable weather, grass seems to be growing at alarming rates and so the season has extended beyond April and September.

This means even longer grass to cut when the cutting season begins and so it seems to take 3-4 cuts to distribute the extra grass and have everywhere looking better.

Council have agreed to pay NCC for extra grass cuts along the main routes into the town so that they will not become so unattractive over the winter and early Spring.

When the public realms work began at the end of Lawson Street, the Coal Planter floral display was temporarily removed and Warkworth Harbour Commissioners (WHC) kindly allowed it to be placed on their land at the top of Broomhill Street back lane.

Now the work is completed, it was felt that the area did not lend itself to the reinstatement of the coal truck and so Council have gifted it to WHC who will leave it in place and take responsibility for it in the future.

Council have accepted the donation from Pride in Amble of another truck made by H.M.P. Northumberland; this will be placed at the entrance, at Gordon Villas, to the revitalised play area.

Council are currently in talks with Sodexo about H.M.P. Northumberland raising plants in their facility for our floral displays.

This initiative should mean that plug plants can be bought thus reducing costs per plant and increasing the amount purchased so displays can be bigger and better in the future.

## COUNCIL VACANCY

OUR THANKS GO to Katherine Bennett who has resigned from the council leaving a West ward vacancy- roughly High Street to Acklington Road westwards. Following this, and as 10 people had not requested an election, Council co-opted Katrina Cassidy to the position.

She has attended a number of meetings and is settling in to her new role. We hope she will become an active Member of the Council and we are sure she, like all of your Councillors, will be available to do the best they can to try and help all residents.

### EAST WARD:

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37 Anne Crescent,  
Amble NE65 0QZ  
Tel: 01665 711938

Helen Lewis,  
5 Meadowburn,  
Amble NE65 0PH  
Tel: 07751 229 739

Craig Weir (Chair/Mayor)  
76 Priory Park,  
Amble NE65 0HY  
Tel: 01665 712342

### WEST WARD:

Ian Hinson,  
11 Eastgarth Avenue,  
Amble. NE65 0LW  
Tel: 01665 710583

Jeff Watson  
Thimbles, 60 Robsons Way  
Amble. NE65 0GA  
Tel 07802 385367

### CENTRAL WARD:

Kate Morrison,  
3 Island View,  
Amble NE65 0SE  
Tel: 01665 711191

Jane Dargue  
10 Sylvia's Close,  
Amble NE65 0GB  
Tel: 07795360513

Peter Robinson  
7 West Court,  
Amble NE65 0JG  
Tel 01665 711687

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Office hours: 10-11.30a.m. & 1.30-3p.m. Monday to Friday Elaine Brown Town Clerk Minutes available to view in Office or online



## ALLOTMENTS

WHAT A DIFFERENCE 18 months can make! The raised bed site has gone from an almost derelict, overgrown, weed infested area to one well cultivated and producing some good crops of vegetables and fruit.

If you would like to 'grow your own' but would find a full allotment too much, then put your name down for a bed. It's amazing just how much one large bed can hold with careful planting- potatoes, peas, beans, cabbage, onions, brussel sprouts, leeks as here or maybe you prefer radishes, broccoli, cauliflower, kale, herbs, strawberries- the choice is yours! Yes it takes a bit of effort- but it's worth it to taste your own fresh food

## PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

COUNCIL HAVE RECENTLY been involved in Planning consultations on 3 draft documents designed to help Councillors approaching planning applications under the new NCC decision structure. They concerned major developments, pre-planning protocols and S106 agreements- 'planning gains'. It is hoped that these will result in greater participation between developers, NCC officers and your community; those coming forward with large applications for housing or commercial developments are to be encouraged to approach Councils, and sometimes the community, for comments before a full application is made.

An example of this was the new housing development at Dandsfield Square which resulted in some changes being made, such as to the layout, before the final plans were drawn up. In this way, NCC hope the full application process will be quicker without impacting on the community's right to comment.

There will also be greater consultation with towns and villages in any planning gain attached to developments so that they more accurately reflect community needs.

## GARDEN AWARDS

THIS WELL ATTENDED event was held in mid July and the results announced so that you could go and see the gardens whilst they were still in full bloom.

The new category of 'Secret Garden' received very few entries this year as many were not aware of the criteria. As said before this is to 'showcase' the many wonderful gardens hidden from the public eye as they are only accessible by entering the property. With more publicity earlier next year, we hope to see many more entries.

We are currently reviewing the format etc. and will announce the changes in the Autumn- in plenty of time for sorting your plants for next year!

## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

RECENTLY ARRIVA have suggested that in the future they may change the route of the X20 to incorporate Percy Drive- however without showing a plan. Whilst welcoming this in principle, we need clarification of the possible new route as we are unsure what other parts of the town could be affected by any change.

When Council had meetings with NCC officers and Arriva officials some time ago- when it was first proposed to delete the 'Links Estate' from the X20 route- we did ask for future consideration to be given to this rerouting.

We suggested the bus turning at the Mason's Arms to go along Albert Street and down Percy Drive to Church Street as we felt the number of residences in this area would make it a more economically viable prospect.

However this may not be what they are considering so we have asked for clarification.

They are also suggesting that Alnmouth Station is added to the X20 instead of the X18 so that it is easier for people from this area to connect with the trains.

### AMBLE TOWN COUNCIL - DRAFT ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2015

Opening Bank Balance Brought Forward		£ 198,954
<b>INCOME</b>		
Precept on County Council	£ 106,300	
Town Income	£ 7,240	
Amenities (Including Cemetery)	£ 38,426	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	£ 151,966	
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Salaries & Wages (Inc Employers NIC)	£ 45,344	
Amalgamated funds	£ 12,862	
Amenities	£ 43,659	
Town	£ 9,983	
Advertising & Publicity	£ 1,050	
Earmarked funds	£ 26,989	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	£ 139,887	
<b>TOTAL INCOME LESS EXPENSES</b>		£ 12,079
Bank Balance at 31st March 2015 - Carried Forward		£ 211,033

The above account indicates an excess of income over expenditure for 2014-15 of £12079. This is a result of building earmarked funds.

The Balance is designated for items such as contractual obligations including training and development costs, elections, WW1 commemorations 2015-2018, West Cemetery Development, administration, a contribution to the Paddlers Project, a contribution towards the lease of land for additional car parking.

## NASTRO: what is a lunar eclipse?

Northumberland Astronomical Society was founded in 2000 by local amateur astronomers. The club is also known as NASTRO. During the autumn, with darker evenings returning, the club is planning a number of events for beginners.

Some of them will be tied into notable astronomical events such as the lunar eclipse in September (more about that in a moment) whilst other sessions will deal with practical astronomy – choosing and using telescopes.

A number of lectures, suitable for anyone with an interest in astronomy will be announced in due course and will take in topics such as Stars and Constellations, New Horizons and Pluto, The Milky Way, Meteors and Comets, Life in the Universe and Cosmology. We meet at The Trap Inn, Broomhill from 7.30pm on the second and last Thursday of each month.

Back to that lunar eclipse! Total lunar eclipses occur when the full moon passes completely into the shadow of the Earth. The full moon darkens to a deep orange or red because not all the sunlight is blocked: some passes through our atmosphere and is reddened and scattered onto the moon. This lunar eclipse will be visible from Northumberland in the early hours of September 28th. The shadow will appear to cross the moon around 2am and the moon will be totally eclipsed from 3.10am until 4.23am.

Find out more about NASTRO events by visiting [nastro.org.uk](http://nastro.org.uk). You can also find us on Facebook and Twitter.



## Newcastle and its buildings

Please note that the course announced in issue 93 'War and Social Change in Europe' has had to be postponed.

However, another course will take its place:

'Newcastle and its buildings', with Peter Regan

8 Thursdays, starting September 17 ends Nov 19. (No classes on October 1 and November 5). Includes a trip to look at some of Newcastle's buildings.

at Trinity Methodist Church, Percy Street, 10am till noon.

## Watersports fun for youngsters

Activities for juniors age 8 – 16 at Druridge Bay Country Park  
From 18 - 27 August 10:00am – 12:30pm - 1:00 – 3:30.

Cost: half day: £25, full day: £40.

Tuesdays - Canoeing/kayaking- am and pm August 18 and 25

Wednesdays: - Windsurfing - August 19 am/pm and 26 (pm only)

Thursdays – Sailing - August 20 am/pm and August 27 (am only)

Friday:- Sailing – August 21am/pm

From Coquet Shorebase Trust, The Braid, Amble

Wednesday - Coquet Estuary Exploration by kayak - August 26  
1pm-4pm - (not for compete beginners: must be able to paddle a reasonable distance)

Thursday – Pirateering - August 27 1pm-3pm £20 per person

For more information, booking and other enquiries for group activities or boat hire: Telephone 01665 710367 (mornings) or email [info@coquetshorebase.org.uk](mailto:info@coquetshorebase.org.uk)

## Dance the night away

After a summer break the highly successful Warkworth Ceilidh Nights at the Memorial Hall will resume on Tuesday 8th September and then continuing monthly into the New Year.

Make a date in your diary to join Sandra Kerr and the Reel Northumbria Ceilidh Band at 7.30pm with their caller Elaine Carter for some lively dances (no experience required) and engaging entertainment. Tickets priced at £5 each may be bought from the Post Office or by contacting Pete Burnham at [peter.burnham@gmail.com](mailto:peter.burnham@gmail.com) or 01665711388

## Summer flower festivals

• **St Cuthberts Parish Church** is holding a flower festival from 14 to 16 August. Friday: 10am to 5pm Saturday: 10am to 5pm Sunday: 12 noon to 4pm Entrance fee: £2.00

Proceeds in aid of St Cuthberts Church "Access for All" appeal.

• **144th Warkworth Show** on Sat 22nd August 10am – 4.45pm Held in the grounds of Warkworth Castle. Stalls, produce, entertainment, fun dog events, craft demonstrations, fancy dress, 2.5k fun run, live music, refreshments... and more

Adults: £6.50; Concessions: £5.50; Children 5 to 16: £3.50;

Under 5s: free; Family ticket: £16.00.

## Hauxley Chapel services

Sun Sept 6 Miss Val Mace.

Sun Sept 13 Rev. David Collinson, Racial Justice Sunday

Sun Sept 20 3pm Amble Churches Together Festival Service.

Sun Sept 27 Rev Diane Westmoreland (Holy Communion).

Sun Oct 4 Mrs Lillian Dixon.

Sun Oct 11 Rev. Lynda Coulthard, Holy Communion.

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

## Dementia friendly town

Amble Dementia friendly group are working with the Alzheimer's Society Northumberland to develop the town as a "Dementia friendly community"

We will therefore be running a series of "Dementia friends information sessions" locally. These interactive sessions last no more than one hour and are free of charge. All welcome!

Session dates - Tuesday 15 September 5.30 at the Radcliffe Club and September 17 at St Marks Church (Wellwood Street) at 2.00pm

Dementia friendly information sessions will be given by Susan Swanston.

## East Coquet Local History Society

September 17 Coquet Island: Paul Morrison

October 15 Archaeology: S. Speak

St. Mark's URC Hall, Wellwood St. At 7.30pm

## Warkworth Golf Club

Warkworth golf course is renowned for its ability to remain playable after heavy rain. This came to the rescue on the occasion of Captain Pete Holleran's day. Thunder, lightning and rain drenched the region but Warkworth shrugged it all off and play started on time. Steve Lamb held off Roy Wilson to take the prize with 'Hauxley beach bum' Les Graves taking third slot. Dave Arkley won the past Captain's Cup.

Amble resident Joe Lewis was a founder member of the Club's senior section and the trophy in his memory is one the 'majors' played. The gross scorer becomes Senior Champion with the nett winner taking the Cup. Ken Park scored a nett 68 to win the Cup with the 81 gross of Bob Thompson being good enough to be crowned Champion.

Two membership offers are available. Anyone joining from 1 October will pay £322 with nothing more to pay until January 2017. Members of other clubs who want winter golf played on summer greens and like to see their ball bounce on landing rather than stop dead in its own pitch mark can become members from 1 October to mid March for just £125.

Full details of these offers and anything else about the Club on [www.warkworthgolfclub.co.uk](http://www.warkworthgolfclub.co.uk)

## Holiday ideas for nature lovers

**Sat 15 Aug** 10:00am - 3:00pm

Discovering the Birds of Druridge Bay,

**Tue 18 Aug** - 10:30am - 12:30pm

Wild flowers and small mammals at East Chevington,

**Sat 29 Aug** - 8:00pm - 10:00pm

Night rockpooling, Cresswell Shore.

**Fri 04 Aug** - 4:00pm - 7:00pm

Guide in the Hide, Linton Lane.

**Sun 13 Aug** - 10:00am - 4:00pm In Focus, Hauxley Nature Reserve. An opportunity to try out a range of binoculars, telescopes and other optical equipment.

**Sun 13 Aug** - 10:30am - 3:30pm

Hauxley Reserve Open Day. Staff will be on hand to provide information on the works that are being carried out and answer any questions.

**Sat 19 Aug** - 12:00pm - 2:00pm NWT - Living Seas: MSC

Beach Watch Weekend, Cresswell,

Most of these events require booking, so for further details go to [www.nwt.org.uk](http://www.nwt.org.uk)

**Sat 26 Aug** - starts 7:00am

St Oswald's Ultra Race Series, Northumberland, A 50km, 100km or a challenging 100 mile run/walk for charity.

Starting at Lindisfarne Priory. The route follows the St Oswald's Way before heading inland, finishing in the village of Chollerford. For more info and to register go to: [www.stoswaldsultra.com/run-for-charity](http://www.stoswaldsultra.com/run-for-charity)

## Royal British Legion coming events

• **Friday 4 Sept** 7pm at The Trap Inn, Broomhill.

Pipes & Drums Band Concert with supper £5 pp.

Optional Quiz £2.50 pp. Cash prizes.

Teams of four in aid of Poppy Appeal.

• **Sunday, 6 Sept** at Legion Room, Warkworth.

Family history workshop 1pm-5pm, Learn how to navigate the internet research sites to build your family tree. Lots of help to break down those brick walls. Limited to 20 people. In aid of Poppy Appeal. £5 pp to include refreshments.

Speaker: June Watson

To book events please Tel: 07785 753100

• **Meeting - Weds 16 Sept** at 7pm, Legion Room

Speaker: Officers from RAF Boulmer giving a talk on the role of the base.

Members of the public welcome at meetings. Suggested donation £2.50 with supper.

• **Remembrance Sunday, 8 November.** If you wish to order Poppy Wreaths, crosses or pin badges please call local Poppy Organiser on 07785 753100.

*Volunteers wanted to help with local Poppy Appeal.*

## Wercasfolk's wonderful weekend

Popular and award winning choir, Wercasfolk, directed by Sandra Kerr, celebrates their 20th Anniversary on 18-20 September. Join them for a wonderful weekend of singing activities in Warkworth.

Events include: warm up and sing supper, song workshop, singing walks by river, town and sea shore, a grand concert in St. Lawrence Church, songs of Friendship and Farewell (with coffee and cakes). More details: [www.wercasfolkat20.info](http://www.wercasfolkat20.info). Tickets for the concert only, will be available on line and from Warkworth Village shop from 1 September.

## Warkworth village choir

Meets Mondays in the Memorial Hall 7.30 to 9.30pm Just turn up and enjoy it you will love it. We sing all sorts of songs, hymns and ballads. There is something for everyone. Contact Christine 01665 711015

## Harbour Day family fun

Harbour Day takes place on Sunday 30 August. The service starts at 10am. Lesley Falkous and her seven year old son Evan will open the event. They have been raising money for the Shannon Appeal by running everything from 5k to full marathons.

This is a fun day out for all the family. There will be the usual stalls and a Grand Raffle; first prize is a painting by local artist Jimmy Thompson, plus many other prizes. There is also a NUFC raffle in conjunction with Marks and Spencer, Morpeth and a variety of signed memorabilia to be won - this will be drawn at our October event at The Radcliffe Club.

There will be children's games and a Frozen themed sponge throw, as well as a Fun Fair on the Little Shore, and a display of Birds of Prey. Amble Fire Service will be in attendance. Other attractions include the Army Cadet Climbing Wall - the Cadets will try to climb the equivalent of Cheviot.

Have your photograph taken with some classic motorcycles or with the RNLI mascot Stormy Stan. Music during the day will be provided by the Northumbria Army Cadet

Cassino Band.

The main RNLI display exercise will take place around 1.30pm with a commentary provided by one of the Coastguards. In the morning Northside Surf will give a small display and in the afternoon will do another by the quay.

There will be a children's fancy dress competition in conjunction with the Harbour Villages' week of activities based on 'By the Sea', to be judged at 3pm. Age groups are under 8, under 12 and under 16, so we look forward to seeing the quayside awash with sea creatures, pirates, lobsters, and mermaids! Parents and adults are welcome to dress up too, join in with the Committee and crew in ensuring that we have a fun packed day raising money to meet the £200,000 target for a new Shannon Class Lifeboat.

Donations of items to sell i.e. books, tombola prizes, Bric a Brac (no electrical items) can be dropped off at Premier Store, Queen Street or from Wednesday 26 at the RNLI Boathouse. Any home baked goods can be dropped off at the station on Saturday 29 throughout the day.

Come and have a great day out.  
*Amble Lifeboat Fundraisers*



**NORTHUMBERLAND**  
COUNTY COUNCIL

**County Councillor Robert Arkless**

*will be holding surgeries on*

Friday 25 September

at 6pm - 6.45pm in Hauxley Village Hall  
and

Saturday 26 September

from 10am-11am in Amble Library

*All Constituents Welcome*



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## Double World first for Amble surf kayaker



Tamsin celebrates her World Championship. Photo by Peter Blenkinsop

Amble's Tamsin Green is now on top of the world, in every sense, having won the Women's World Surf Kayak Championships in Galicia, Northern Spain.

She did this in both classes, the Short and Long boat, having borrowed a long boat to compete as she normally paddles a short boat.

"I am the only person ever to achieve this," she said.

She has now won every event in the sport of surf kayaking and is the only woman ever to regain a title, having won the Short boat World title in 2011 in the USA.

Tamsin won all but one of her heats, achieving a heat score

in the top 10 of the entire competition, including the men.

There were 120 competitors from all over the world, including Australia, Brazil, Europe, Costa Rica and Peru.

She also paddled for England in the team competition, helping them to second place, scoring first place in all her Short boat heats and winning both heats in the team final.

Her husband Dan also had a



photo by Rachel Wall

good competition, finishing with a World ranking of 9th in the individual competition.

## Indoor football scheme to start in September

Tiny Woods Academy came up trumps again raising sponsorship for The Stephen Carey Fund by hosting two family based charity matches one at Stobswood Welfare and one at Amble Welfare.

The matches were well attended and supported. The magnificent efforts put in by our coaches, volunteers, children and parents meant that over £600 was raised, which is a fantastic achievement for such a worthy cause.

The Stephen Carey Fund do a brilliant job providing defibrillator training and handing out medical kits in grassroots football, senior football and around the community.

In celebration of our second anniversary, Tiny Woods Academy hosted a football tournament for local first schools and the



event was hailed a success by children, parents and school teachers.

Acklington C of E First School, Amble First School, Amble Links First School, Broomhill First School, Grange View First School, Red Row First School

and Tritlington C of E First School all accepted the Academy's invitation to play in the tournament.

Winners of the Key Stage 1 Category was Tritlington C of E First School, beating Broomhill First School in the final. Grange View First School were the winners of the Key Stage 2 Category, beating Broomhill First School in the final.

Finally, we are delighted to announce a new scheme, 'Futsal' starting in September. Futsal is an exciting, fast paced, small sided indoor football game that is widely played across the world.

Sessions will take place every Wednesday from 9 September for both boys and girls between the age of 4 to 13, at JCSC Acklington Road gym, 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Josh Rutherford, Tiny Woods Academy

## Amble yachts storm to victory



l-r: Spurreli, Monkey Business, Schuuper taking the lead

The inaugural Northumberland Yachting Plate saw Amble yachts take first and third position in a fast and furious race from the harbour mouth down to Blyth. This result gave the winning boat and club trophy to Coquet Yacht Club.

Winning yacht was *Medmerry II*, skippered by Allen Brunton, who described the event for The Ambler:

"*Medmerry II* was one of the group of four big yachts, and last round Coquet Island. We were so busy fixing an extra reef in the mainsail that we did not notice the start and so were very much last of the eleven boats to start.

"By the North East Coquet buoy we passed all the smaller boats, and had a tremendous effort to chase down the other three big boats.

"*Medmerry II* is well suited to strong weather, and we were gaining very slowly on the others and deep into Blyth Bay before we passed Peter Lowery in *Schuuper* and Nick Spurr in *Spurreli* only passing John Dixon in *Monkey Business* after rounding the offshore radio mast heading into Blyth.

"20 miles and about three hours of racing very closely boat to boat, some of the best sailing that you could find anywhere; a crew of 10 very happy people.

"It is a race for a mixed fleet of yachts, from 24 to 41 feet long. The prize is calculated by applying a 'handicap' correcting factor to the time that each boat takes to sail the course.

"On a day with plenty of wind (over 30 knots) the big boats will usually outperform the smaller ones; it is much tougher for them but they still have a chance on handicap.

"*Medmerry II* was first over the

### Northumberland Yachting Plate 2015

Saturday 18 July

1st *Medmerry II* - Alan Brunton  
2nd *Schuuper* - Peter Lowrie  
3rd *Spurreli* - Nick Spurr

Sunday race: Blyth - Amble

1st *Spurreli* - Nick Spurr  
2nd *Starlight* - Tony Freeth  
3rd *Albany Express* - Brian & Peter Lowrie

line, but we had to wait for all the yachts to finish and the results to be calculated before we were declared winners."



Allen Brunton raises the winner's trophy