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Rise in thefts linked to scrap men

Concerns have been raised in recent months about the number of scrap men coming into gardens and looking over fences, sometimes even climbing over walls or fences to access people's property.

The Ambler contacted Northumbria Police to ask what was being done. Inspector Liz Hall gave us the following statement.

"Amble has seen a rise in the number of thefts linked to scrap collectors. There is nothing illegal in the process providing the collectors have the correct licences.

"We have had a number of incidents where persons have entered gardens and stolen items that clearly were not left to be taken.

"In addition there has been a number of thefts of lead flashing both in Amble and in Alnwick.

"A few years ago the price of metal was high which led to a high level of thefts but prices dropped and better enforcement on scrap dealers taking in metal reduced this. The price of metal has started to rise again and Northumbria police will be targeting this before the practice escalates again.

"I would encourage residents to secure their gardens and if you sight anything suspicious or see entry into yards and gardens that you feel goes beyond an acceptable check then please contact 101.

"If at all possible, without any confrontation, take a description of the vehicle and persons and registration for further enquiries.

"I would reassure residents that additional patrols are being put in place to carry out checks and deter criminal behaviour but their support and information helps us focus patrols into the right locations."

BBC crew in Coquet Island drama



Presenter Anita Rami talking with Amble fisherman Chris Armstrong
Photo Anna Williams



Above: Photo by Paul Morrison
Below: Photo by David Gray



Above: The Search and Rescue helicopter landed on Coquet Island to take the injured man to hospital. Photo by Maureen Barclay

The BBC Countryfile team were caught up in their own drama on Coquet Island, when a member of the crew was injured after a fall during filming. The man was attended first by the Amble lifeboats, then by the Coastguard's Search and Rescue helicopter from Prestwick, which landed on the island.

The man, we understand to be a sound recordist, was taken by helicopter to Cramlington hospital with a shoulder injury.

He had been filming with presenter Matt Baker when the accident occurred. The Countryfile teams were filming in various locations, including Amble, Hauxley and Coquet Island, for an episode due to be aired on BBC1 on Sunday 6 May.

Palm oil on beaches warning

Northumberland County Council is advising walkers to be on the lookout for palm oil on the beach after two incidents in the area.

The council say that small amounts were found at Newbiggin Bay and Druridge Bay beaches over recent days and there have been reports of oil found at other coastal locations around the country.

They say: "The palm oil may be seen in a variety of forms, from a scattering of pebble-sized lumps that are white and waxy in appearance, to small pea-sized pieces".

Although it is generally considered to be non-toxic and

is an edible fat, elsewhere in the country there have been reports of dogs becoming seriously ill after ingesting the substance.

Beach visitors are therefore encouraged to keep their eyes open for it and keep children and dogs away from any deposits.

To date there have been no reports of any animals falling ill in the county.

National advice is that if you come into contact with the substance, wash it off with soap or shower gel and wash your clothes.

If anyone finds deposits of palm oil they can contact the county council who will come and remove it.

If you are concerned that your dog has been in contact with palm oil, and are worried about its health, the council advises you to contact your vet as soon as possible.



Above: This lump of palm oil was found on Newbiggin Bay.
Photo by Graham Lumsdon



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Fibre broadband: luxury or necessity?



An apology: We mistakenly attributed a complaint about lack of fibre broadband at the new Persimmon site to the wrong person in the last Ambler. We should have said it was Carl Donaldson. Our apologies to all concerned.

In the meantime, given the recent graffiti at the entrance to the estate, (see photo) it seems the issue is still a source of irritation to new residents, who believe Persimmon and Openreach should come to an agreement to provide the option of superfast broadband to the estate. Persimmon refuse to provide a fibre cabinet, and Openreach say it is an issue for the developer. Northumberland County Council have told us that this is not the only example in the county, although in some towns, both parties have agreed a way forward.

Given the number of new houses planned for Amble, it might be a good idea to check if fibre broadband will be an option, should you be looking at a new home on a new estate. For 250 households on Coquet Grange, it seems the answer is a definite 'no.'

Remembering our friend Lou Pickering

We were very sad to hear that one of our long time friends and colleagues on the Ambler, Lou Pickering has died at the age of 93.

Her daughter, Anne Dawes, gave us some of the details of Lou's life before coming to Amble.

Lucienne was born in Ilford, Essex on 13 June 1924 to Marie Therese Hortense Palm and Herbert Spencer Palm. Her mother and father had met in Bailleul during the First World War, and Lou was always proud of her French heritage. Family summers were spent with her French grandmother. The English cousins had to learn French and the French cousins had to learn English. Lou always loved reading and was fluent from a young age.

Anne said "She liked to tell the tale of how a teacher was very disparaging of the fact that she had been to a nursery school until she was seven years old. The teacher asked if she had started reading. In great indignation Mum said that she was currently reading David Copperfield. This was greeted with stunned disbelief!"

In 1939 Lou was evacuated with the school and actually enjoyed the experience very much! Afterwards she came home to help her mother to look after her father who had been badly shell shocked in WW1, and went to work in Barclays Bank. In the evenings she was a member of the Civil Defence walking the streets of Ilford with her bucket of sand to put out fires caused by bombs. She laughed later about how ineffectual it sounded.

Anne said, "In our family she was the last of that resilient generation who survived the war years that abruptly ended their youth, with patriotism, belief and good humour."

In 1947, Lucienne married Ernest William "Pic" Pickering and started their family in a rented flat in Ilford. First born was Anne, then Jane and Richard. Lou worked in the evenings, with disadvantaged young people.

In 1959 Lucienne began teacher training. Then began a career teaching English and Drama, quickly interrupted by the birth of John, then Andy. Afterwards she trained to be a Catholic Marriage Guidance Counsellor and for over 20 years volunteered helping couples, mentoring alcoholics, acting as a tutor to the counsellors in her local area and doing sex and relationship education in schools.

In 1988, Lou was diagnosed and treated for cancer. With her usual resilience and good humour, she got through this and she and Pic decided to move nearer to Anne and Jane.

They came to Amble and settled very happily enjoying the location and making new friends and contributing to church life. She loved being near the sea and near the theatre in Newcastle. They loved the Northumbrian heritage of castles, Roman history and the Golden Age of Christianity.



Lucienne "Lou" Pickering

When Pic died in 2000, Lou was 76 years old but not at all ready for a quiet life. She became a valuable and much respected writer and team member of The Ambler. She carried on writing poetry and published a novel, *Step Into My World*, plus her autobiography.

Anne said "She also became a councillor for Amble Town Council. This always made her smile as she wondered what Dad would make of it!"

Lou continued with her church work, as Chair of the Justice and Peace group at Church, Secretary of Amble Churches Together and she helped to organise many liturgical celebrations.

Tragically, her daughter Jane passed away in 2015, and her eldest great-grandson Owen died in 2016.

Lou is survived by four children, eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Anna Williams and Norma Hinson

Another housing development brings total to 1500

Plans for a 200 home development on the outskirts of Amble have recently been unveiled. Persona homes, a brand of Home Group are proposing to build the houses on land west of Gloster Meadows/Robsons Way.

A week-long exhibition of the plans took place at Amble Library in March, but you can still see them online: www.georgefwhite.co.uk/our-services/planning-and-development/consultation-area/gloster-meadows/

This brings the total number of houses either planned or in the process of being built to 1227 since Sept 2016, or 1500 since 2014. That constitutes a 50% increase in the number of homes in Amble.

Comments on the Ambler's Facebook page mostly concerned the exasperation people felt at the possibility of even more housing, and the lack of infrastructure.

Questions were also raised about the location of the development site's proximity to a bypass proposed around 30 years ago. Some however, welcomed the news and saw it as a positive step in Amble's future.



Above: Housing developments begun, finished and proposed since 2014

See also Artograffi's page.

Some of your comments...

“ How many more are they gonna add to the town that doesn't have the infrastructure now. We needed some new houses but not this many all at once. It's just getting ridiculous. Just when you think they have proposed too many they propose more
Gemma Fairbairn ”

“ My understanding is that 'breathing space' meant that NO housing could be built, especially due to possible bypass, and the old open cast just west of the back road to Warkworth.
Katrina Cassidy ”

“ The junction at the Masons is going to be busy in the mornings all these people going to work.
Jason Stone ”

“ More fantastic news for Amble and it's future. Onwards and upwards.
Colin Smith ”

“ They're full up down south and starting on us now. Time to rebuild Hadrian's wall!
Anon ”

Housing proposals Sept 2016 - Apr 2018

DEVELOPMENT	NO.	STATUS
Gloster Hill	6	plans agreed Sept 2016
Gloster Hill Farmhouse	42	plans agreed Dec 2016
Acklington Rd	500	plans agreed Sept 2017
Enterprise Pk	51	plans withdrawn
Percy Drive	275	plans agreed Oct 2017
Hauxley View	190	plans agreed Nov 2017
St Cuthbert's school	14	plans agreed Oct 2017
West of Robson's Way	200	consultation Mar 2018

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Supermarkets must make changes

Some of you may have seen video footage of 40 anti-plastic campaigners in a Tesco store near Bristol. They bought their shopping then removed all of the plastic to demonstrate the amount of unnecessary packaging there is on fruit and veg.

While it doesn't get rid of the problem, it sends out a message to big supermarkets that many people really do care about the environment. We are currently facing a crisis where there will be more plastic than fish in our oceans by 2050. Everyone is responsible, as it's not just littering which has caused this problem, but the way we have chosen to live as a society. Almost everything has changed to plastic, including tampon applicators, which are now routinely washing up on our local beaches. Not a pretty sight. We need to put pressure on big companies and supermarkets to help us change for a better future.

It won't be an easy task. When I recently tried to do a Plastic-Free shop in Sainsbury's, it quickly became clear it was virtually impossible. I came home with a frozen salmon wellington in cardboard. I left as much plastic at the till as I could, and I filled out a complaint card about the fact that loose fruit and veg were more expensive than the plastic wrapped ones. Where is the incentive to help the environment, if it's more expensive to buy loose items? I did not get a response to my complaint.

Until loose items are cheaper and more widely available, I'm choosing to do most of my shopping on Amble Queen Street. The greengrocers has a fantastic choice of items and an even better choice of herbs and spices than most supermarkets. The prices are good too. Amble Butchers will fill a box for



Above: Lynne and her son Archie

me without plastic trays and plastic bags. We've noticed a huge reduction in our household waste already, and we've noticed our mince actually browns in the frying pan, rather than boiling in its own water content! If you have the time, next time you shop, please think about how you could reduce the amount of plastic you take home. In true Tesco style 'Every Little Helps'.

Please support us and join us to help clean up our beaches, countryside and oceans.

We can be found on Facebook under LitterBugs or you can e-mail us on; litterbugsnorthumberland@gmail.com

Lynne Russell

Raising funds for War Memorial



The Little Shore Crochet Club has raised an astonishing grand total of £3,571 towards the Amble War Memorial Restoration project. Kathryn Baxter, Suzanne Gair, Dora Henderson, Jan Henderson, Jackie Wood, Josie Buddle, Elaine Scott, Christine Teasdale, Gillian Stewart and Eileen Potts held several events making and selling crochet hats and blankets. They presented a cheque for £1,560 to Mayor Jane Dargue. A fantastic achievement!

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Age of insecurity:

Lots of news, and lots of things to think about. People-free service in huge supermarkets, where all will be scanned, including customers. Penmanship in decline because of touch screens and limited development of finger muscles. Twitter and mental health issues, and not just for D J Trump. Drugs to boost exam performance. The reluctance of many of our young people to have face-to-face discussions, with a preference for contact through IT devices. These issues, and many others, are discussed in an atmosphere of pessimism.



Our young people are growing up in a world where many of the old certainties are changing. A world which produces so much Fake News is a minefield for those who are about to move into adult life. We hear of a suggestion that youngsters should have lessons in Resilience added to the curriculum. We already have a process that leads in that direction. We call it life!

I like the idea of lessons in Rhetoric (public speaking), although how schools will find time for it is not clear. I remember our school Debating Society at the Duke's School in the 1940s. We used to learn poetry too, and that seemed to add to our way with words.

News that schools are short of money isn't altogether unexpected. My sympathy, predictably enough, is for the dedicated teachers who have to implement the changes dictated by people who don't do the real job.

We need a system that helps our young people to be able to cope with life in the future, including the life of work. Of course, we must never forget that the development of potential doesn't just happen in school. At the same time we need a curriculum that encourages the fine balance between consistency and flexibility. Are we really looking for an education system that allows people of all ages to learn how to learn?

I meet quite a number of young people in our area. They appear to me to be smart in all sorts of ways, in the way they look, and in their general behaviour. Our young people need us and we need them. Many of us oldies are given to preaching. I know that I am and it's a difficult habit to break. Perhaps the answer is to think carefully about the issues we want to deal with, and to speak when we have something useful to say. I'd love to know more about how young people think about what's going on. Their opinions, like ours, may well change over the years.

Are we, as a society, striking the right balance in our public expenditure? What should we pay for, and how should we pay for it? Is education a public good to be paid for largely from the public purse?

Are we living in an era when "Unto he that hath, even more shall be given?" I'm in many minds over these issues. Fairness is an abstract concept that's hard to define. In my heart of hearts I know that there are nettles to be grasped and decisions to be made. Here's to the Future!

Harry McQuillen

Govt rejects opencast plans, Banks challenge decision

A controversial plan to create a surface mine at a local beauty spot has been rejected by the government.

Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government Sajid Javid rejected the plans by Banks Mining to extract up to 3 million tonnes of coal, sandstone and fireclay on a site alongside Druridge Bay.

The decision has been welcomed by campaigners from all political hues, but Banks have vowed to challenge the decision in the High Court.

Environmental campaigner and Green Party member Ivor Rackham told *The Ambler* "I am over the moon. A huge amount of work by a lot of people from across the political spectrum went into fighting this.

"It looks like all that hard work and the pressure put on our elected leaders paid off. Common sense prevails. Of course, some people will be disappointed because it means the prospects of employment have disappeared, especially in this difficult economic climate. But, a lot of jobs are saved in tourism. Perhaps there is another battle to be fought for greater investment in tourism and the renewables industry, which will bring jobs to the County."

Government decision

Plans for the surface mine on 250 hectares of farmland at Highborn between Widdrington Village and Cresswell had been approved by Northumberland County Council in August 2016, but the matter was passed to the Secretary of State by Conservative MP Anne-Marie Trevelyan.

In response to the government's decision, Anne-Marie said "This is the right decision for the local community and reflects years of hard work to ensure that we protect our outstanding local environment. Sajid Javid made clear in his decision that the development would affect the landscape and visual beauty of an area of substantial significance. This was one of the key points that I have made, alongside the local community, throughout our opposition to this development."

A three week public



Druridge Bay looking north from Cresswell

enquiry was held in May 2016, with arguments heard from environmentalists who challenged the government to honour its climate change targets, and Banks Mining, who claimed their plans would create up to 100 full time jobs.

The government's decision had been expected at the beginning of March but was delayed until 23 March. A spokesman for the Secretary of State said he had "considered all the evidence heard at the public inquiry, together with the recommendation of the planning inspector. His decision took account of all material considerations, including the potential environmental impacts of the scheme."

Northumberland County Councillor Scott Dickinson (Labour) told *The Ambler*: "This has been a long drawn out process which divided the local community, I am pleased it has finally reached a conclusion. It has obviously taken much time for considerations to be given to it and the Government have made the final decision. I am obviously concerned about the families that rely on employment with Banks Mining and the skilled workforce that exist with them. Hopefully, other employment can be sourced if required, or other opportunities at other sites can be found. I hope now the community can move on and divisions within will be healed."

Banks to challenge decision

Banks Mining have announced they will appeal the decision, and will take their case to the High Court. They criticised the Secretary of State,

declaring this was 'an absolutely perverse decision'.

In a statement, Managing Director Gavin Styles said: "We have been advised that we have strong legal grounds for registering this challenge and will be working to get a decision from the High Court as quickly as possible.

"The approach adopted by the Secretary of State in reaching his decision could have far-reaching, unintended consequences for all hydrocarbon extraction industries such as coal, gas and oil, including the shale gas industry, as well as other sectors of the minerals extractive industries and major infrastructure developments, such as road, rail and air projects, and could significantly impact on UK industry's competitiveness against overseas rivals.

"We fully recognise and accept that there needs to be a stable transition to a low carbon economy, and are already working successfully within the framework which is driving the phased reduction of coal from the electricity generating system,

but there will remain a clear and recognised need for coal during this phase out period.

"The Planning Inspector, after a detailed and lengthy inquiry, concluded that 'the national benefits of the proposal would clearly outweigh the likely adverse impacts,' which backs up the unanimous support we had for the Highborn scheme from an experienced, cross-party Northumberland County Council planning committee. The Secretary of State has erred in reaching a different conclusion to his Planning Inspector. His decision to ignore expert advice and deny the opportunity for major new investment and the creation of dozens of high quality jobs in North East England, both with a recognised responsible operator but also within the wider supply chain, demonstrates he believes Russian and American jobs are more important than those of hard-working North East people.



Gavin Styles, MD Banks Mining

"We have no wish to enter into a dispute with the government, but when such a perverse decision has been made, it is not only important for ourselves that we challenge this decision, but also for all the other UK industries who would be so badly affected by it."

Anna Williams

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WHAT YOU SAY...

Otterly amazing!



Above: Otter in Hauxley Discovery Centre lake. The recent snow and cold weather wasn't going to stop this chap having his morning dip. The photo was taken by Tim Mason one of Northumberland Wildlife Trust's volunteers who lives in Amble.

No shelter for X20 to Newcastle

I am writing to highlight the lack of bus shelters in Amble for the X20 route to Ashington and Newcastle.

I set off on a very cold, very windy and very wet morning in February, to catch the X20 to Newcastle. I know that there is no shelter at my nearest bus stop, so I went out armed with my umbrella. It turned inside out as soon as I stepped out of the door. No protection there then.

On the bus, as I travelled through the town I noted that there would be no point in looking for an alternative stop as there are none with shelters. A good soaking is not what you need when setting out for a day in Newcastle.

We are encouraged to use public transport for many good reasons, so would at least one option with a shelter in a town the size of Amble be too much to ask?

*Vivienne Dalgliesh
West Crescent, Amble*

Financial help for farmers

Many farmers are currently facing fodder shortages and flooding, serious problems that impact on their ability to feed animals and plant crops.

In some regions, persistent and heavy rains have followed on swiftly from extreme snowfalls – and to make matters worse, the current weather-related problems come whilst many are in the midst of lambing and calving.

The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (R.A.B.I) has been around since 1860 and is farming's oldest and largest welfare charity. In 2017, we gave out grants of close to £2 million to people of all ages in financial need.

We have welfare officers across England and Wales who understand the current difficulties. Our welfare officer for Northumberland and Durham, for example, recently reported that many people in his area had lost sheep in snow drifts and were dreading the prospect of lambing. Numbers are likely to be down, which will have a knock-on effect later in the year when they come to sell their stock. It's been a long, wet winter and the grass hasn't started to grow yet. That means there could be extra feed costs, an expense farmers wouldn't normally expect to have at this time of year.

We know from our welfare team on the ground that many in the industry – from different sectors and in various parts of the UK – are anxious about the effects of weather-related problems.

During a crisis, R.A.B.I can help those in financial hardship by providing grants for immediate domestic and household expenses. While we cannot help specifically with business costs, if the harsh winter has left you, or someone you know who works in farming, unable to pay household bills please call our confidential Freephone Helpline number 0808 281 9490.

*Paul Burrows
R.A.B.I Chief Executive*

News from Amble Youth Project

We would like to report that the Karting event we held as a fund raiser in January raised £820. Thanks to Northern Structures, The Mason Arms, and Amble Skips and Scaffolding for entering as teams.

We also had a Ladies Night on Tuesday 24 April as a fundraiser - held at the Bede Street Club. There was a pampering session and a Body Shop presentation.

*Lara Millar
Amble Youth Project*

Looking for info on my Dad

I don't know if you can help me, but I really hope that you can. I'm trying to find out about the death of an RAF aircraftsman first class, name of Lewis Smalley, in the sea off Amble on December 5th, 1942. He was my father, but there's nobody left alive to tell me anything. I was wondering if there are any newspaper reports that I can access? I would be very grateful if you could be of any assistance.

*Lois Smalley (nee Sutcliffe)
via email: number-please@talktalk.net*

The Ballantyne family

I am looking for some information about the Ballantyne family in Amble. My great Aunt lived in Amble and was called Florence (Florrie) Ballantyne - she married my Grandmother's brother - John Wilson. I believe there was a furniture shop in Amble and I have some photographs from the 1920's which I will email to you.

Any information would be gratefully received as I try to piece the family jigsaw together!

They lived in Wynd House, Amble. Is that still standing?

*Sheila Hammond
via email: Sheila.Hammond@me.com*



Above: Sheila's great-Uncle's shop on Queen Street, Amble

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Community theatre: is it for me?

What is Community Theatre would you say? Is it an attempt to reach communities who would not normally go to the theatre? Is it a professional company telling a story relevant to the community? Is it involving the community in exploring issues, making their voice heard? Perhaps it's trying to get a community to think in a different way about itself. Or is it giving a chance to actors and performers who are not seen so often?

It can be one or more or all of these things. In Amble we are served by Highlights Rural Touring Scheme and now by the Northumberland Theatre Company, which has recently moved into the Dovecote

Centre. Highlights puts on a couple of performances a year in the Parish Hall. I have seen them all since I came to live here. They have all been good. One was the best thing I have ever seen on any stage anywhere.

Who comes to these performances?

The majority of the audience are people like me who normally go to the theatre and would go out of their way to see something a bit different, but there are some who come because it is local and because they are curious.

They come for a good night out. It is like going to see a new live band who write their own songs, compared to

Photo by Bart Rippon



David McCarthy, Stewart Howson and Louis Roberts in NTC's "The disasters of Johnny Armstrong and other Daft Tales"

a covers band. I want to come out of a performance feeling differently from when I went in. This is because I have been stimulated either emotionally or intellectually. I might have learned something or I might just feel happier.

Why don't more people come?

I have asked people this question. Their answers range from 'I was settled in front of the TV' to 'I'm not interested.'

One man told me that he found live theatre 'amateurish' because he had been spoiled by the slick productions of TV and cinema. Some people are afraid - of the cost, they fear that they wouldn't fit in, they have nobody to go with or because they have

never been before.

But what would you gain?

A night out. Entertainment. Meeting new people. You might learn something new. You might see things differently. You might just have a good laugh. Now that's got to be good hasn't it? Go on. Give it a go. Support live stuff. Support actors and musicians. Support your local community.

The next Highlights production is Dan Walsh and Alistair Anderson, two of the most dynamic musicians in folk music appearing at Amble Parish Hall on Saturday 9 June at 7.30pm.

Chris Herzberg

Business Matters

A new column from Amble-based Small Business PR specialist Claire Shiels

What is Amble missing? Imagine that money is no object and you have the opportunity to start a brand new business in Amble. What will it be?

Bear in mind that as a business owner you need to have enough customers all the time, to make it a success. You should also consider issues such as price sensitivity, seasonality, competition, market saturation and satisfying both residents and tourists.

I'd love to hear your ideas but it should be clear that starting a business which continues to be successful over time is no mean feat! My advice, if you're thinking of becoming a business owner, is to firstly seek out any gaps in the market. Don't try and anticipate what people want - ask them! And ask lots of them.

Secondly, think ahead. In five or ten years, with the rapid expansion of the town, we may find ourselves with one or more supermarkets and big name stores. If you feel this would have a significant impact on your business, then a change of plan might be in order.

Finally, consider the impact that the internet and e-retail has had and will continue to have on shopping and services. Where once customers would always shop local, they now

have the world at their fingertips.

How will you ensure that the benefit of what you're offering will win over price and how will you keep those loyal customers coming back for more? Is customer experience the key? Remember that an office or a shop can be run from home, too. You'd be surprised about the number of businesses in Amble you don't know about - simply because they don't have a big store front.

Consider the stalwarts of Amble, the older businesses which seem to have been around forever - S&M Electrics, Lawrence's, Roland's, Leanne's. What is it about them which has enabled those shops to stand the test of time despite the weather, technology and competition? I'm hoping to interview many of our old favourites for future issues and who knows, we fellow business owners may learn something about sustainability!

Please do send in your thoughts, memories of the older shops and ideas for new ones - either to the Ambler team or post on my Facebook page, Claire Shiels Media.

Claire



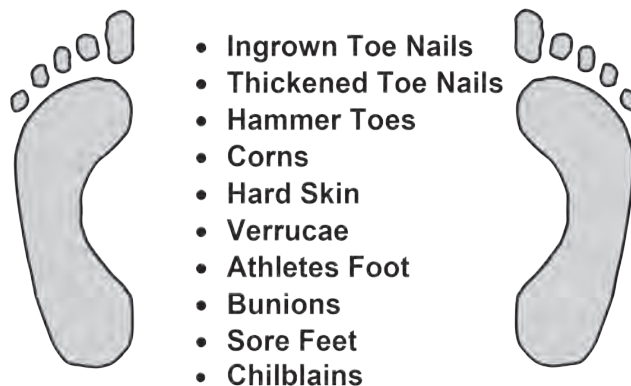
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Marmalade wins for the Mad Jam Woman

Perhaps best known for her super-hot preserves and award winning jams, Amble's Mad Jam Woman has now added to her collection of accolades, this time for her marmalades.

At the prestigious Dalemmain marmalade awards in Cumbria, she was awarded Silver, Bronze and Merit prizes, with another Bronze won by her assistant John.

Sandy Higson aka the Mad Jam Woman makes her infamous preserves at the old Fourways Centre in Amble. she was delighted at the results. "It's amazing," she told The Ambler. "I'm over the moon!"

Sandy was awarded a Silver certificate for her Seville marmalade, and a Bronze in the Artisan section, for her Seville and Hepple Gin marmalade.

"I'm really pleased about the Artisan award, because it's got Hepple gin in it. I like to use local products and ingredients. When I told Walter Riddell from Hepple gin, he said 'wonderful, very well done indeed'."

In the Campanologist section, Sandy was awarded



Above: Sandy and John with their certificates

a Merit for her St Clements marmalade. Her long time assistant John Donaldson entered his Three Fruits marmalade. It was the first time he had ever entered a competition and he was awarded a Bronze certificate.

John said "I feel great. It's the first marmalade I've made. I'm going to keep going."

You can buy Mad Jam Woman jams, marmalades and preserves at the old Fourways Centre and the Northumberland Seafood Centre in Amble, and at Taste of Northumbria in Alnwick.

Sandy can be contacted on madjamwoman275@btinternet.com or on 01665 711044.

Fish shop continues in the family



Sisters-in-law Kerry and Alane Bould

The wet fish shop on Amble's Queen Street has had a makeover and a takeover – albeit within the same family.

Previously run as J&J Seafoods, the shop has had a dramatic makeover, with a feature wall catching the eye as you walk in. A chilled display of fresh seafood salads is followed by a large counter filled to the brim with locally sourced sea fayre.

Sisters-in-law Kerry and Alane Bould have taken over the running of the newly renamed Endeavour Seafoods shop, while their husbands, fishermen Richard and Michael Bould continue to provide the crabs

North Shields fish market, while smoked fish comes from Craster.

As ever when there is fish involved, bureaucracy is not far behind. Despite being married to Amble fishermen, Aline and Kerry must still apply for a licence to buy fish directly from the Amble fleet.

Kerry said "Richard and Michael have been fishing for over 40 years. They started out with crab and lobster boats, and then had a trawler. But the regulations just got so much that they went back to the crab and lobster boats."

and lobsters from their boats Bold Endeavour and Bold Coquet.

Aline told The Ambler "Jan Henderson and Joan Bould retired, and we didn't want to see the shop close, so Kerry and I have gone into partnership and bought them out."

All the produce is locally sourced, the white fish is from the North Sea and North Atlantic, other fish is obtained from

The shop is open from Tuesday to Saturday. Customers are encouraged to come in and browse the counters and shelves, and the shop is dog-friendly, with a jar of complementary treats and sprats on the counter - although the latter appears to be an acquired taste.

To add to the produce on display the shop sells a range of sauces, dressings and drinks.

"We've just added a range of sauces and dressings, terrines and rillettes from Bay Tree" said Alane. "And we have our own branded lobster soup from Ballancort."



For prices and opening times see their website: www.endeavourseafoods.com The shop is also on Facebook.

Anna Williams



A NEW Bed and Breakfast establishment has opened on Leazes Street. Run by Michele Turrell, (pictured left,) Number Sixteen offers 3 double rooms (with king size beds) and 1 twin bed room, all with modern ensuite shower room facilities, smart TV and free WiFi.

See their website:
www.numbersixteenamble.co.uk



100th birthday celebration for Norah

Below: Well wishers spent a lovely afternoon at the Masonic Hall on 17 March, to celebrate the 100th birthday of Norah White. Norah is seen here with her daughter Val, her granddaughter and great grand children.

A table was festooned with photographs, cakes and cards, including congratulations from Her Majesty The Queen.

Rather than presents, Norah asked for donations towards her favourite charities. £440 was collected and was split between Amble RNLI and Marie Curie at the RVI.



left: Bootiful Amble! Image by Anthony Gregson

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Transgender – Fact or Fiction?

Okay, first off, dysphoria (the cause of transgenderism) is a real thing, and therefore being transgender is. (Note: dysphoria not necessarily needed to be transgender.)

This article is outlining what being transgender means, and different ways to be transgender. Transgender means “denoting or relating to a person whose sense of personal identity and gender does not correspond with their birth sex.” (via. Google). This means that as long as you identify outside of your birth sex (eg. Male/female) then you, technically, fall under the transgender umbrella.

‘Transgender’ can refer to many things. It can refer to a female bodied person who identifies as a male (ftm,

a good movie for this is About Ray/3 Generations, 2015, pink stripe), a male bodied person who identifies as female (mtf, blue stripe), or a male or female bodied person who identifies outside of the gender binary, called nonbinary (mtnb/ftnb).

While you may think that being transgender is a ‘fashion statement’, it isn’t.

Transphobia, meaning “dislike of or prejudice against transsexual or transgender people”, is the discrimination against transgender/transsexual (mtf/ftms) people on the basis of them being trans.

Don’t be a transphobe. Please.

By George-Anne Carnegie

Transmasculine/Trans guys
Transfeminine/Trans girls
Nonbinary/Neither male or female
Transfeminine/Trans girls
Transmasculine/Trans guys

More houses: fairytale or nightmare?



Lily, Amy and Ava checking out the new housing plans

Up to 200 houses are planned to be built by Persona who are owned by a company called Home Group. They would be built on the west side of Robson’s Way which is currently being used as farmland.

There are plans for a range of houses from small starter houses to large family homes to rent or buy. Although they are taking over farmland, they plan to not only keep existing trees, but plant new ones. They also plan to put up bird and bat boxes and plant vegetation to encourage wildlife to the area.

We don’t think we need any more houses because people will most likely send their children to JCSC South Avenue which is so full already that the Year 5s have to have their own yard and locker room which could previously fit 2 year groups. We also think we don’t need any more as there are already plans for 1350 other houses. We understand it would be good for money but I believe this once quiet town could become busy.

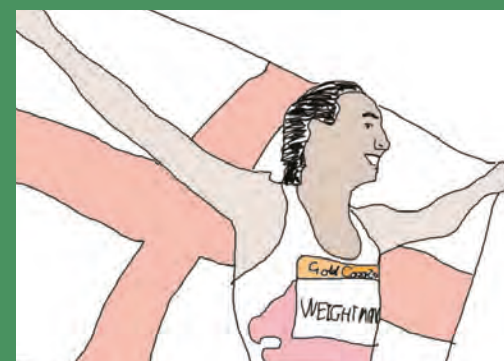
By Amy and Ava

Parkrun for parkfun!

Parkrun is a public run all over the world that many people attend. It is a 5kilometre run on Saturday mornings at 9am and the nearest one is at Druridge Bay Country Park.

You don’t actually have to run; everyone at Parkrun is welcoming and will support you no matter how fast you are. At Druridge Bay the most people we’ve had is 499 and the least is 65 (the weather was horrible).

If you think you need to start exercising more (especially with Easter not long ago!) Parkrun is a great way to start. To join in all you have to do is go on the Parkrun website and register- you will then have to print off a barcode which at the end of each run they will scan so your time will be on the website. If you don’t have a barcode you will not be able to have your time on the website.

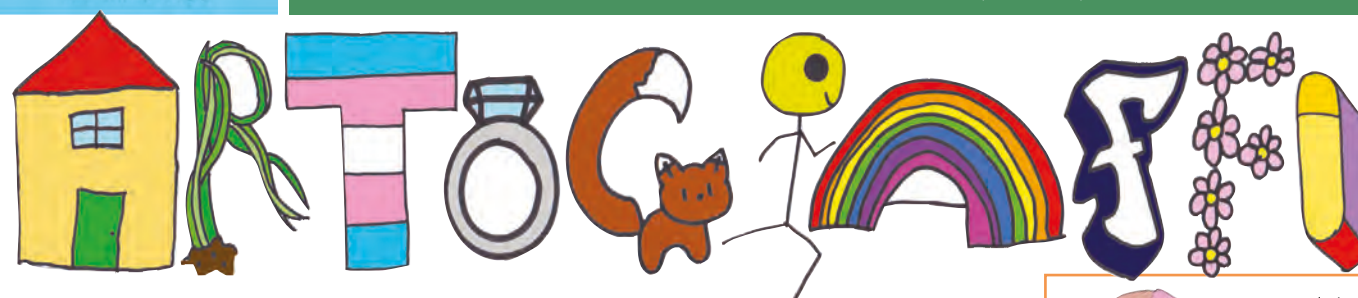


Laura Weightman is a local runner and has occasionally been to parkrun. She won a bronze medal at the recent Commonwealth games and made Britain proud. Her PB for 5k is 15:08.24 which is phenomenal!

All ages can participate.

It all began in 2004 when 13 runners got together in Teddington, UK and it continued on from there. My first Parkrun was in 2014 and this year I haven’t missed any.

By Ava



New story: Alec and Emily’s Rescue Centre

“Come on, Emily!” Alec called to his twin sister as they cycled along the path leading to the newsagents.

“Coming!” she shouted back, cycling a few meters behind. It was Saturday and that meant it was pocket money day, Emily’s mouth was already watering at the thought of all the chocolate bars she could buy. Alec couldn’t wait to get a new magazine.

They parked their bikes up outside the store and were about to go inside when a car beeped behind them, their mum rolled down the window.

“Come on! I’ve got something to show you!” “But mum!” whined Alec, “It’s pocket money day!”

But she wouldn’t take no for an answer. Soon they were bundled in the car and going off to who knows where.

Luckily it was only a short

trip before they reached a small car park just outside what appeared to be an animal rescue centre.

Despite the twins’ protests, their mum led them in to look around.

“It’s just opened,” She explained, “And my friend works here.”

However, Alec and Emily soon began to enjoy themselves, looking at the different animals. There were rabbits, hedgehogs, birds, ponies and loads more.

Alec loved feeding the goats and Emily thought the fox was cute, although she wasn’t sure why it had a strange mark on its neck. She asked one of the volunteers.

“It’s a cut from when she got stuck in a barbed wire fence,” she explained,

“All the animals here have had horrible pasts, we’ve adopted them all in, but

without the money to feed and keep them I’m not sure what’ll happen.”

Soon it was time to go, their mum promising to drop them off at the newsagents on the way back, but suddenly those sweets and magazines didn’t seem so appealing.

Looking at the animals, Alec and Emily realised there were more important things to spend their money on.

As they dropped their money into the donation jar, the volunteer looked stunned.

“Really? All that?” she smiled suddenly, “Tell you what, I know just how to thank you. Do you want to come and help out with the animals from time to time?”

The twins looked at each other, eyes shining, and said together. “Of course!”

By Lily

The diamond hero of Morrison’s



Above clockwise 1-r: Amy, Lily, Bethany, Ethan, Junior Lockety, Hunter Lockety

Living in Amble, 7 year old Junior Lockety on Valentine’s Day found a ring in the Morrison’s at Alnwick.

He found the three-diamond ring near the dog food aisle and was very surprised to find it. He then told his mum, Ami and she told him to pick it up. He said- “I wanted to do a good thing.”

They then continued to give it to the customer services lady who took it to a safe place. The next day the owner of the ring returned to receive it and asked for contact details but sadly Junior hadn’t left any. Not long

after Junior went back to Morrison’s and was given a card and mini eggs Easter egg as a reward. He said that he agrees that people should do more good deeds. His Mum says Junior has had a rough year but is still a good person.

A few weeks later the owner of the ring sent a card to his school containing £10 for a little treat. She said she’d owned the ring for 60 years and was very worried she would never see it again.

By Ava



Amble Puffin Festival 26-28 May



How teenagers are easily distract ..ed

Nowadays teens are easily distracted by everything and anything; we are constantly checking our phones or talking to our friends avoiding doing anything that consists of doing work or anything we don’t necessarily enjoy doing.

I personally can never get off my phone I’m always checking to see if Louis has posted or if any of my other favourite artists or influencers I follow through YouTube, Instagram, twitter and other social media platforms.

By Bethany

Serious messages through fun cartoon!

In 2013, Rebecca Sugar released the pilot of her show “Steven Universe” on her Dad’s Youtube channel, after working on the super popular show “Adventure Time”.

It quickly became a Cartoon Network hit and is still popular to this day. Not only does it have catchy songs, brilliant artwork and super talented voice actors, it also touches on some sensitive issues such as anxiety, loss and same-sex relationships.

I think this is important for a show aimed at kids because if they understand it when they are young



they will be more open minded and understand that it is normal to feel the way they do. Steven is based on Rebecca’s brother, Steven Sugar who she grew up with in Maryland.

You can watch Steven Universe on Amazon Prime Video, YouTube, Cartoon Network and on some websites.

Rebecca Sugar is a real inspiration as a songwriter, artist and writer. I really recommend watching Steven Universe, you won’t regret it!

By Amy

Thirty years of expertise and creativity now in the heart of Amble

A creative gem is nestling in the middle of Amble, in the form of a glass conservation business. Started in 1986 by husband and wife Chris and Sarah Chesney, the company now employs 8 people, including two apprentices.

On the site of the former police station, Iona Art Glass provides expertise in mending, restoring and helping to conserve old glass windows. Mostly they come from churches or civic buildings around the North East, Cumbria and the Borders, and the team carefully removes damaged windows, bringing them back to the workshops where they are lovingly cleaned, reglazed and releaded, then repositioned, sometimes with added protective glazing.

Sarah's background is in glass restoration painting, and Chris previously worked in construction. He explained how Iona Art Glass began.

"Sarah had trained with Patrick Martin, the head restoration painter at John Hardman, a large Victorian



Alison Milligan and Chris Chesney with one of the stained glass panes

stained glass company in Birmingham. I saw only three stained glass companies in the phone book, so we embarked on glass restoration and new windows."

The workshops were in Chris and Sarah's garage in Warkworth until very recently - handy for their five years of work on Warkworth Church. Bill Read and Alison Milligan joined the team in the 1990s, and gradually everyone's roles developed.

"Bill started by giving me

a hand in the workshop. Now he does most of the site work; taking things down, putting them back and putting in specialist protective glazing systems. Alison came to us from Edinburgh College of Art. 20 years later she's still here! She's a real expert."

Alison's work comprises everything for the workshop, paint, leading, soldering, cutting glass.

"My role has changed over the years," said Chris. "There's

more consultation and assessing jobs for lottery bids, as well as getting the work in. Sarah is probably the best glass artist in the country."

A £50,000 grant from Northumberland Coast and Lowlands LEADER programme meant that the company could move to better premises, and the old police station in Amble provided the perfect place. "We really needed the space, and the money was used to refit the building, build specialist furniture and buy a new kiln. We've also got two apprentices, Dylan Ferries and Natasha Carr, both from Amble."

Some of the projects they're most proud of include windows made by Morris and Co, Reed Millican of Newcastle, Harry Clarke, and a huge window by J. Edgar Mitchell, which had been lying in storage for 50 years, and is now in pride of place on the staircase in the Laing art gallery.

"No-one else has the level of expertise we've got here," said Chris.

Anna Williams



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Husband sent packing on his bike to help MS charity

An Amble based travel expert who specialises in making travel accessible everywhere and inclusive to everyone is telling her husband to get on his bike to support a national MS charity.

Lizzie Adamson-Brown has pledged to raise funds for Morpeth based charity, MS Research and Relief Fund (MSRRF) and she's putting her travel planning and organisational skills to good use by sending her husband Colin on a gruelling cycle ride.

In May, Colin will be cycling the famous Coast To Coast route from Workington in Cumbria to Tynemouth and will cover more than 130 miles in just three days.

Lizzie runs her own travel business as part of leading independent travel company Travel Counsellors. As well as mainstream holiday bookings, she has developed a wealth of expertise in arranging travel for people with health conditions or disabilities. She cares about helping people have the holiday they want no matter what physical restrictions they may have and after seeing the work



Above: Colin (on bike) Lizzie and Dan Photo by Highlights PR

of MSRRF at close hand, she decided to help the charity.

Dan Nelson, Fundraising Manager from MSRRF said, "People like Colin and Lizzie getting behind our work here is invaluable. We support people affected by Multiple Sclerosis and their carers by providing facilities for complementary therapies and equipment for exercise sessions. It's great to have them both supporting us."

The charity helps people with MS all over the UK by giving

grants for aids and adaptations, equipment and respite care. For those who are within travelling distance of Morpeth, the facilities include exercise classes and state of the art gym equipment with qualified trainers on hand to ensure that the best advice and support is given. For more info on the charity see: www.msrrf.org.uk

To support Colin on his fundraising ride, visit: www.justgiving.com/ColinbongoBrown

Grant given to Community Bank

Northumberland County Council has approved a grant of £50,000 towards the Northumberland Community Bank capital reserve.

Northumberland Community Bank (NCB) offer secure saving and loan facilities to people who work or live in Northumberland as an alternative to high street banks.

The grant will provide NCB with greater funds to help the people and communities within Northumberland to access loans.

Members' savings also help to build funds, enabling NCB to lend to other members.

Northumberland Community Bank are keen to provide loans to anyone needing financial assistance and will work with applicants to ensure they can set up affordable repayment schemes, helping those more vulnerable to avoid using high cost credit and loan sharks. NCB also offer Payroll Deduction schemes making saving easier for those in employment.



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A vision for the Coquet estuary

The Coquet Estuary Vision project is a partnership between Northumberland Rivers Trust and Northumberland Coastal Group.

It aims to provide cleaner, healthier inter-tidal waters, increased biodiversity, restored priority habitats and encourage public and business involvement; engaging with communities to ensure a lasting legacy of care.

The Coquet is classified as a heavily modified water body that is unlikely to improve its status due to a series of weirs. These weirs are causing a barrier to certain types of habitat and species, resulting in a lower diversity than could be realised.

There have been many changes to the Coquet estuary during Amble's time as a coal port and since the end of the coal industry it is considered among the 20% most deprived areas in the country lacking in natural habitat due to its industrial and maritime past.

Currently, the harbour at Amble is preventing natural coastal habitat development, which is very unlikely to change.

In 1764, heavy rain caused changes in the course of the Coquet, resulting in a new channel being formed.

The 4shores Project which ran from 2005-11, delivered coastal saltmarsh and scrapes and intertidal habitat through breaching the Castle Dike flood embankment.

There are a number of areas around the estuary where there is a potential to improve biodiversity. This includes ambitions to create wetlands at Gloster Hill and de-silting at 'The Gut' watercourses.

The habitat around the Coquet is unlikely to improve without stakeholder involvement and a cooperative approach.

Previous work undertaken by the Environment Agency in the area has been a huge success and can inform any planned works in the Coquet estuary.

For a more detailed account visit www.northumberlandriverstrust.co.uk/rtsite/

Steve Lowe
Northumberland Rivers Trust

Local craft beer straight from the brewery



Credence Brewing based in Coquet Enterprise Park, Amble, is now selling its popular beer in bottles available to buy straight from the brewery.

Until now Credence beers have only been available in cask and keg distributed to pubs across the UK.

The bottled range will include a core selection of light and dark beers, along with seasonal specials meticulously crafted from locally sourced malts along with more exotic hops from around the World.

Founder and Head Brewer

Michael Graham said 'This is an exciting development for Credence, bottling our beers and selling them straight from the brewery enables beer lovers to enjoy locally made, brewery fresh, craft beer at home'

The new bottled range will also be available in selected restaurants, delis and bars throughout the region.

Beers are available to buy during brewery opening hours, 9-5 Monday to Friday.

For more information see their Facebook page or call the brewery on 714855.

Good luck to the Old Boat House



L-r: Head Chef Darryl Duffy and The Old Boat House Food Group Founder Martin Charlton

Good luck to The Old Boat House team who have yet again been nominated for the prestigious title of 'Coastal Fish Restaurant of the Year' in the Fishing News Awards, having scooped the prize in both 2016 and 2017.

The awards celebrate outstanding achievements, expertise and innovation in the coastal and fishing industries.

Last year the restaurant was commended for its use of local produce and friendly service, and the owners are hoping to win the 2018 prize so they can continue to raise Amble's profile and see its coastal community thrive.

For more info visit boathousefoodgroup.co.uk

Results will be announced on the evening of Thursday 24th May.

Coquet Medical Group news

Staff changes

We would like to welcome Dr. Julia Barnes who joined us at the beginning of February as our new GP Registrar and Dr. Joanne Jackson who joined us on April 4 as our F2 doctor. Dr. Barnes will be with us for 6 months and Dr. Jackson will be with us for 4 months.

We were very sorry to say goodbye to Dr. James Dekauwe. He has been a much valued member of our team and we wish him the best of luck for his future career.

Online services

If you wish to, you can now use the internet to book appointments with a GP, request repeat prescriptions for any medications you take regularly and look at your medical record online.

Being able to see your medical record online might help you to manage your medical conditions. It also means you can access it from anywhere in the world should you require medical treatment. If you would like to be given login details please ask at reception. Your details will then be posted out to you.

Improving access

Evening and weekend appointments are now available. Patients who are registered at this practice can now book an appointment to see a GP or nurse on weekday evenings (after 6.30 pm) or at weekends (on Saturday and Sunday). Appointments will either take place at

this practice or at another NHS setting nearby. Talk to the practice receptionist to find out more or to book an appointment.

By March 2019 everyone in England will benefit from access to general practice appointments in the evenings and weekends at a time that is most convenient to them. This is part of a national drive to help improve access to general practice and get the best possible outcomes for patients. Further information is available at www.england.nhs.uk/gpaccess

If you need medical help fast

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During normal practice opening hours, the practice remains your first point of contact for all routine requests.

Patient Survey

Thank you to all our patients who completed a questionnaire. Your opinions really matters to us as they help us to continue to improve our services.

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REPORTS FROM OUR

County Councillors

Keep the footpath rhyme going

Many thanks to all who contacted me personally and attended my surgery on pavement trip hazards/footpaths, just to mention a few that are a concern...

High St - Albert St - Edwin St - Percy St - Newburgh St - Ladbroke St.

Falls are a major threat to all especially our community's older generation. Trip hazards on pavements are a key concern at all times, half of all falls occur in outdoor environments resulting in either moderate or major injury this leading to anxiety about falling again. Defects on pavements should be reported to the Council or myself and the problem will be dealt with as efficiently as possible. You can report any of the following:

- uneven paving (above 20mm)
 - loose paving slabs or pavement
 - broken slabs or pavement holes
 - missing paving slabs
 - pavement trip hazards (above 20mm)
 - stolen pavement material
 - removing weeds
- (please report all hazards and defects)

Wheels have been put in motion for a complete new footpath along Middleton St. Also Bede St will be undertaking repairs, still a lot more work needs to be carried out to bring Amble's footpaths up to a decent standard. Footpaths are important and need to be in a safe condition for all going about their everyday business.

Cllr Terry Clark.

Terry.Clark@northumberland.gov.uk



Cheviot Holdings Director Maurice Sewell is seen presenting the keys to a Beach Hut on the little shore at Amble to Amble Youth Project Chair Jeff Watson.

Cheviot Holdings have sponsored this facility for use by local charities and it is to be administered by AYP. Interested local charities can contact Tracey on 07488337699 for availability.

Cheviot Homes are the developers of two housing projects in the Town and Maurice said how pleased he was to be able to help the youth project and local young people.

Jeff Watson commented "Cheviot Homes are making some excellent contributions to the infrastructure of Amble and are working closely with interested parties, it is great to work with a responsible developer."

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Rotary notes



Above: The annual President's Night at the Cook & Barker. John Geggie (centre) with Rotarian Stewart Atkin (left) who is President (elect) of Rotary District 1030 and Graham Cock (Right) from Acklington, who was the guest speaker.

Since our last report, the Rotary Club has enjoyed a talk by Tim Mason from Amble. Tim showed slides of wildlife from a recent trip he made to

Eastern Europe. Secretary, Alan Davies gave an illustrated talk, which featured the National Trust property "Old Moseley Hall", near Wolverhampton in



John Geggie, President, with members of Alnwick Cricket Club under 13's and Alnwick Harriers under 13's who jointly won the award for the best junior team of 2017 in the Alnwick District Sports Awards.

Staffordshire, famous for King Charles and the oak tree.

It was decided that monies from the Christmas collections should go to the Inner Wheel Club, Interact Club, and Acklington and Widdrington Community Groups, as they provided collectors. The remainder distributed to the

following charities and good causes, North Northumberland Hospice; Alnwick & District Mencap; Elpha Lodge; Royal British Legion; The Ambler; The Pelican; The Puffin Lounge; Amble Lifeboat; Amble Youth Project; Amble Food Bank and the JCSC for the "Most Improved Scholar Award".

Hauxley Parish Council



• We have now filled the Councillor vacancies and would like to welcome Councillor Phil Nichols and Councillor Dickon Howell to Hauxley Parish Council.

• The next meeting of the parish council will be held on Monday 14th May at 6:30pm in the Village Hall, Low Hauxley.

• Residents are invited to write to the clerk, Jade Reynolds, if they would like to raise any issues at the bi-monthly Parish meetings.

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Amble Town

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STAFF CHANGES

THE NEW financial year brings changes to our staffing arrangements. The town is much busier from Easter to October so we have increased the manual workforce over that period by employing a seasonal operative; however we want to continue to improve the appearance of the town throughout the year.

In April we took out a 4 year Service Level Agreement with NCC. We believe by working together we will bring about the improvements we all want. Our environmental operative has been transferred to the county workforce and another person has been employed to take his place. Like all new ventures, we expect a few 'teething' problems but we will monitor the work and will ensure that all we want is achieved.

We would ask that if you spot any areas of concern as you go about the town, you will report them to our office or NCC so they can be logged and acted upon.

TRAFFIC MOVEMENT

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT continues to be 'tweaked.' Following reports of vehicles using the cut from lower Queen Street to George Street to avoid the one way system, this is to become a No Entry point which will ensure greater pedestrian safety.

The Sustrans Cycle Route is still under review but the NCC Area Committee agreed that the contraflow system along Leazes/Coquet Street should be changed; we await their report and also news on improvements to the cycle routes in general.

The petition to change the waiting time in Queen Street was delegated back to Town Council who have recommended no change to NCC. We continue to lobby NCC to finance a town centre car park and we are dismayed to find funding being considered for parking in Alnwick, Morpeth, Blyth and Hexham who already have substantial central parking. Officers are very willing to talk and look at sites but the bottom line is money: to buy the land needed and then money to develop it; but we will battle on.

COUNCILLOR'S CORNER

HOW HISTORY repeats itself. Regardless of your personal views about the plans for many more houses to be built in Amble over the next 10-15 years, the outcries being voiced now over the large scale housing developments' effect upon the town's schools, health facilities, leisure and recreational needs, were all being said in the town when plans were put forward to move Radcliffe residents here and for Gloster Park and Gloster Meadows estates. Yet these areas are very much a part of our town and the people there an integral part of our community. The national policy is more and more houses are needed so we can do little to fight that; what we can do is lobby for help to lessen the effects on our town and increase the benefit by asking for smaller properties to help our young or single people have their own homes and thus encourage them to remain here and be part of our future.

Cllr Helen Lewis

CCTV

CCTV is now in place and operational in the centre of town; it will be expanding soon to Percy Street/Newburgh Street and Acklington Road thanks to our NCC Cllrs' Small Schemes donations. There are annual running and maintenance costs and future replacement finance to budget for, but Northumbria Police have asked us to look at the A1068 south roundabout and the High Street/Albert Street areas next. Hopefully this will deter anti-social behaviour and monitor all the main entry/exit points of the town.

While the council have paid for the system to be installed and are responsible for its maintenance, the screens can only be viewed by Northumbria Police or similar agencies relating to emergency and law enforcement. There are notices in place so be aware that the recordings will be used to help ensure our townspeople are as safe as possible and the town itself is well kept.

INFRASTRUCTURE HELP

NCC has listened to concerns about the town's infrastructure and determined that money should be available to help our schools, medical facilities and recreational needs. The council has been talking with Amble's schools and encouraging NCC to start thinking and talking to them about the future effects of our expanding population.

Health resources are controlled nationally and while our Health Centre is aware of our support, there is a country wide shortage of trained doctors. We have had a meeting with the development officer for Active Northumberland, who was consulted about using recreational money. It is hoped that a small community group can meet with them to determine how to use the money to the town's best advantage.

WAR MEMORIAL IMPROVEMENTS

AT LAST, work has started on our War Memorial. External and internal scaffolding was needed for access, for the work to replace the entire roof and to create an access panel for any maintenance work in future. New floors are being installed where the damp had made the old ones unsafe and a new ladder will be put in place. All this needs to be done before the clock workings can be re-installed and started again!

As this is a listed building, all work and materials have to be of specific standards which adds to the cost and is the reason why we have been able to secure some financial assistance from the War Memorials Trust. The council must provide substantial funds to this as the grant is a percentage funding. This grant could be reduced by any amounts raised so to make best use of the generous donations and funds voluntarily raised by townspeople, which is magnificent, their money will be used primarily to fund improvements such as the pointing of the steps and new electricals in the tower before being applied to the larger project.

We hope this refurbishment will last for many years and we now have a CCTV camera focused on the area to deter anti-social behaviour which caused the damage which necessitated these repairs.

GARDEN AWARDS

WHAT a cold wet start we've had to the gardening season! However we hope for some improvement and that work can begin for those magnificent displays we see throughout the town.

Remember in late June/early July, councillors will be walking through the town to put forward short-lists for judging around the first week of July.

They can only view the publically seen areas of your gardens but you can enter your 'secret' gardens; those normally hidden at the rear of your house- for the chance of an award too.

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Tel: 01665 712342

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Office hours: 10.30am-12noon & 1.30-3p.m. Monday to Friday Vicki Smith, Town Clerk Minutes available to view in Office or online

Spring has sprung and brought more snow with it, but we managed to survive the series of beasts sent from Siberia, proving once again how resilient we are.

Will our high street fair the same, one wonders. Change is definitely in the air with a number of businesses changing hands and the retail offer changing with it.

We have been fortunate for many years to have a full street, so the speed of change brings some cause for concern.

However we have to live with the times and adapt as Amble has done many times over the years.

The town has undergone so many changes; from beginning as a group of small farm buildings, through mining and export port to fishing and now as a tourism destination.

What is pleasing is how quickly the empty properties have changed hands. There obviously remains a strong interest in the town.

A number of trees and bushes have been planted at the welfare. Some of them very small so will take a while to make an impact but will eventually form a nice hedge along the boundary between the park and Middle School land.

The hotel is progressing and as far as we know is still on track to be opened in October.



Above: Countryfile presenter Anita Rani cut a lobster shaped cake to celebrate the opening of the Northumberland Lobster Hatchery. The cake was made by Amble's Farm Bakery. Anita is pictured here with Julia Aston and Hatchery Manager Andrew Gooding.
Photo by Bart Rippon

We understand plans for the old factory site are nearing completion, so will see what is proposed.

Many are not happy with the number of proposed housing developments but the positive impact of this is the larger the size of the community the more likely the town is to attract attention from investors, such as a supermarket, which is what residents have been asking for, for a long time.

We have been reassured whatever it is will complement our high street rather than compete – fingers crossed

We also have Northumberland Theatre Company in the town now. They will be hosting a range of activities and plays over the coming months and plan a pantomime in time for Christmas (sorry for mentioning it). This brings an added and welcome dimension to the range of activities we have on our doorstep.

Parking

Discussions continue with some positive progress being made. While the Business Club, Town Council and ourselves are pushing for something to happen quickly, these things rarely do.

We had hoped to have something definite sorted prior to the tourist season starting, which with Easter now here isn't going to happen. But after meeting for five years a few more months to achieve our goal isn't too much to ask.

We just need to keep our fingers crossed something actually happens.

Enjoy the longer days and long weekends – and remember the Puffin Festival at the end of May.

*Julia and all trust staff
julia@ambledevelopmenttrust.org.uk*

Amble club signs Newcastle star John Beresford



Amble East End Walking Football head coach Josh Rutherford signs up former Newcastle United star John Beresford

Amble East End Juniors hosted An Evening with Former Newcastle United star John Beresford at the Radcliffe Club. Head Coach Josh Rutherford said 'It was a brilliant night for the club, everyone who came along had a great time, a massive thanks to John Beresford and Steve Wraith of Newcastle Legends for their entertainment and generosity'.

Tiny Woods Academy received another award from the High Sheriff of Northumberland in recognition of their services to the community!

This is the fourth successive year Tiny Woods Academy have won this award. Thanks to those who have continued to support us! It's very much valued and appreciated!

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Local Royal British Legion events

Forthcoming meetings and events:

Wednesday, 23 May at 7pm -Speaker: Professor John Derry
From Crisis to Victory 1918

Wednesday, 18 July at 7pm - Speaker: Nick Lewis
Update on the restoration of Lindisfarne Castle

A centenary exhibition on the later stages of WW1, the Armistice and the Peace is planned for Saturday, 25 August 2018 in collaboration with Warkworth Women's Institute. The exhibition will also include the history of Women's Suffrage to mark the centenary of votes for women aged thirty and over in 1918.

We are eager to find evidence on how the residents of Warkworth and the surrounding area were affected by these events for our exhibition. Photographs, medals, newspaper cuttings, returning prisoner of war items etc. all gratefully accepted. We would like to display items specific to this area and connected to Northumberland regiments.

If you would like to share your family story with us on the day and/or contribute items for display, please contact (RBL) Jeff Watson or (W.I.) Serena Coulter.

Admission to the event will be free. Refreshments will be available. Profit will be for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

The Hound of the Basketcases

Warkworth Drama Group announce up coming productions:

June 14, 15 and 16 "The Hound of the Basketcases"
Penned by our own Dave Stockwin, Hound of the Basketcases gets the Warkworth treatment - what could possibly go wrong?!

Warkworth Show:

The Drama Group will be taking part in the Warkworth Show - Saturday 18 August with a mini play which will be performed throughout the day's events. The play is based on the actual siege of Warkworth in 1327, if you would like to take part, keep a look out for casting events.

Lifeboat coffee mornings

Amble RNLI – Lifeboat station

Please come and join us at our coffee mornings from 10.00am to 1.00pm on Sunday May 20 and Sunday June.17

Kayak fun with Shorebase Trust

There is now new tarmac all the way from the main car park up to our gates. The extra parking space is for general use. Many thanks to NCC for the work.

The Shorebase welcomes all visitors on May 13. Come and see how YOU can get afloat - from a gentle paddle up the river to sailing on the sea or training to handle powerboats. Something for everyone, whatever your age, ability or experience. You'll find us just upstream of the Yacht Club and the Boat Club at the Braid.

How about paddling with eider ducklings? Or for the more adventurous: hire sit-on-top kayaks on the lake at Druridge Bay Country Park and explore it on your own.

Look out for our annual kayak race around the island on June 10. There'll be a mass start at 11am, and the winners will be back about 40 minutes later.

Remember the Coquet Canoe Club meets on Sundays at 10am at the Shorebase and welcomes new paddlers; the Coquet Windsurfing Club meets at the Country Park (by the Visitor Centre) on Saturday mornings, and the Coquet Sailing Club also meets at the lake.

Contact us on 01665 710367 or by info@coquetshorebase.org.uk or go to the webpage coquetshorebase.org.uk

Events at Radcliffe Club

May 4 Robbie Williams Tribute £5 Ticket 7pm

May 7 Family Fun Day 12-4pm wristbands £4 for slide and bouncy castle

May 11 Suzanne Gill Psychic Night 7pm £12 entry

May 26 Quiz Night teams of 6 £4pp 7pm

May 28 Family Fun Day 12-4pm wristbands £4 for slide and bouncy castle

June 3 Tiny Woods Coffee Morning 10am-1pm

Amble Pin Cushion workshops

April 28 - Get to know your overlocker

May 2 - Crochet for improvers

May 12 - Free learn to knit in an hour session for Yarn Shop Day, plus special offers.

May 18 - Knit and Natter (Drop-in knitting group)

May 19 - Beginners millinery : Make a fascinator

May 23 - Stitch and Bitch (Drop-in sewing group)

May 29- Laminated seaside child's apron

June 15 - Knit and Natter (Drop-in knitting group)

June 16- Dog neckerchief / bandana

June 27 - TBC Stitch and Bitch (Drop-in sewing group)

Please contact the shop to book your place by paying your deposit.

Further details at www.amblepin Cushion.co.uk

More courses will be announced as they are arranged. Please ask to be added to the mailing list to receive quarterly newsletter.

Harbour Lights at the Sage

On Sunday May 20 at 6.30pm Amble's Harbour Lights Choir is joining with the combined choirs from Alnwick District to sing 'Ahoy! Sing for the Mary Rose', a brilliantly inventive fusion of Tudor music and sea shanties recounting the launch, fighting career and sinking of Henry VIII's iconic flagship. Children from Swansfield Park School and mezzo-soprano Hanna-Liisa Kerchin also feature in Alexander L'Estrange's suite.

The second part of the programme features John Rutter's 'Magnificat' a poetic outpouring of praise and joy in a delightful interpretation of St. Luke's tribute to the Virgin Mary. The musical accompaniment will be provided by local musicians.

Tickets are only available from the Sage. Concessions and family tickets are available. If in doubt about transport options, speak to a choir.

Amble Variety Show

A fundraiser for Christian Aid.

Saturday May 12 at 7.30pm. At St Mark's Church, Wellwood Street. Free Entry with donations taken on the night.

Breast cancer charity evening

Raising funds for Breast Cancer Now

Friday June 1 8pm – midnight. At The Bede, Amble

Entry fee £2.50 includes buffet and entertainment from Percy and the Piglets, a north east band playing rockin "Porkabilly" tunes

Buffet supplied by Coquet Tea Rooms

Druridge Bay 10k Run

The 12th annual 10K run, Druridge Bay Country Park

Sunday, May 27 starting at 10.30am. Entry £20.

The route goes through the country park on a mix of gravel paths, bridleways and a long section of beach.

www.druridgebay10k.org.uk Online entries available via www.sientries.co.uk

WI raise money for local causes

At our February meeting Jane Dargue, the Mayor of Amble, was presented with a cheque for £100 towards the Clock Tower Restoration Fund by Sarah Littlefear with Carmel Adamson and Wendy Boyd. Julie Frost from HospiceCare was presented with a cheque for £100 by Pam Milburn and Sarah Littlefear, Secretary and President of Amble WI. Money raised for these two charities amounts to £455 for the year.

Amble WI now has over 50 members and meets on the second Monday of the month at the Masonic Hall in Amble. New members are always welcome. Our new programme is hot off the press:

Monday May 14: Resolutions and Bingo

Monday June 11: Flower Arranging Workshop with Marion Hinchley

Monday July 9: Beekeeping in Northumberland by the Alnwick Beekeepers

You can turn up at a meeting to see if it is for you. If you decide to join the WI then you pay to become a member on your second visit. Contact the Committee: amblewomensinstitute@gmail.com Find us on Facebook by searching for 'Amble Womens Institute'

Women's Weeds project

A new project exploring the links between native medicinal plants and how women have traditionally used them for health and well-being, is being run in Amble.

Fourth Action has been awarded £4,000 to 'bring people together through activities that connect their community and celebrate UK native wild flowers, plants and/or fungi'.

The project runs until September and is based at the Women's Workshop on Coquet Enterprise Park. The aim is to engage with local women of all ages and ethnic backgrounds, together with their families and friends.

Activities include identifying, growing and cooking 'safe' native medicinal plants. There will also be crafts and creative activities using natural materials, and events to learn more about the history, botany and uses of medicinal plants with a focus on spring (leaves), summer (flowers) and autumn (roots).

Sessions are held on most Tuesday early evenings through the spring and summer. For more information, email info@womensworkshop.net or ring 07775 817544.

Dan Walsh and Alistair Anderson

Saturday June 9 at 7:30pm. At the Parish Hall. Two dynamic musicians in folk music; Repertoire ranges from Bluegrass to Northumbrian rants; Jazzy ballads to Old Time reels.

Alistair Anderson (Concertina & Northumbrian Pipes) has been playing music of Northumberland for close on five decades; Dan Walsh (Banjo, Guitar and Vocals) a fine young performer.

Tickets: Adults £8, Concessions £7, Children £5 Available from N&F Young 8 Queen Street, Amble and online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/boxoffice/select/xvqnPpOAUUU

Give us a try: Amble Bowling Club

The 90th anniversary season for the club opened on Saturday 14 April. Anyone interested in joining us please come along and give it a try, all equipment is available free of charge and refreshments served on the day. Membership fees have been fixed at £60 per member for the season.

The 2017 season was very successful. The club was crowned Men's North Northumberland League Champions.

Many in house projects have been completed with a new patio and viewing area, external refurbishment of the clubhouse and changing rooms finished to make the club look splendid again.

We now have a qualified coach to help new bowlers and lots of second hand bowls for sale to minimise costs for new members.

The clubhouse is on High Street, Amble between Zecca and the dentist's. Any enquiries please contact President Maisie Donkin 01665 710662, Secretary Carol Nelson 01665 711236 or phone the club direct on 07543012137.

Round the island swimming race

On May 24 (weather permitting) channel swimmer Frances Anderson from Amble, and marathon and ice swimmer Jane Hardy from Little Mill, will swim from Coquet Island to Amble Links to mark the start of the 2018 Puffin Festival.

Amble has a fascinating swimming history, with swimmers from Amble and Chevington Drift Swimming Clubs regularly competing in swimming galas at the Little Shore, and the round Coquet Island race in the early 1900s.

In 1917 there was a report of a swim to the island as "an unprecedented feat by two Amble Ladies". This swim we believe inspired the club championship race. Other women followed and in 1923 the club championship was won for the first time by a woman - Georgina Rollo, when swimming was seen as a pursuit for boys and men. The original swim started at the Dolphin, out of the harbour and around the island and back. Jane and Frances are trying this initial swim to learn about the currents and potential routes with the intention of a full round island swim in the future.

This sort of swimming is not to be attempted without support. Frances and Jane are both experienced open water swimmers. Frances completed both solo English Channel and Gibraltar Strait swims. Jane has swum in shark infested waters on a Robben island swim, and competed in international ice swimming championships.

This is an ongoing research and swim project and they would welcome any photos memories and historical information relating to the swimming club and swims held in Amble. These can be emailed to info@drywater.org



Above: Round the island swimming competitions were held regularly last century



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Puffin Festival fun: the events so far...

For times and more information on these activities, please check www.amblepuffinfest.co.uk
You can find us on Twitter @AmblePuffinFest and Facebook: www.facebook.com/AmblePuffinFestival. More activities will be announced in the run up to the Festival. During the Festival, there will be daily updates in the Town Square, Harbour Village and on the puffin boards around town. *Events and times may be subject to change.*

26 - 28
May

Saturday 26 May

Kite display on the Braid

Fair in the Square. Craft + food stalls and children's amusements in the Town Square

Puffins ahoy! Video footage of puffins on Coquet Island. In the Town Square

Morning nature walk: Birds and Flowers of the estuary. With Atholl Swanston. Meet at Town Sq 10am

Morning beach art. Paint a puffin stone or make some beach art. At the Little Shore. With Sarah Dunne. £1. Children must be accompanied by an adult

Children's Storytelling with Stephen Finlay. Interactive storytelling for 4 - 12yrs. At old TIC. Free

Puffintastic Crafts. Puffin-themed crafts. With Sheila Cartright. At the Seafood Centre. £2. Children must be accompanied by an adult

Stand up Paddleboard taster sessions. Sessions last 30mins. Under 14s must be accompanied by an adult + must sign permission form. Ring Jon 0794 439 9115

Come and Try: Have a go at kayaking with Coquet Shorebase Trust. At Little Shore

Maypole dancing performance with Dansformation. Town Sq 11-11.30am

Puffin Theatre Club performance of Puffin Peter. Town Sq 12-12.30pm

Afternoon history walk: Harry's ramble around Amble. With Harry McQuillen. Meet at Town Sq 2pm

Afternoon talk: The railway ran through the middle of the house. With Bartle Rippon. Downstairs at Coquet Club opp Town Sq £3pp*

Evening event: The Cloudberrys - local singer songwriter duo. Philip and Madeline Stuckey. Venue TBC £3pp*

Sunday 27 May

Kite display on the Braid

Fair in the Square. Craft + food stalls and children's amusements in the Town Square

Puffins ahoy! Video footage of puffins on Coquet Island. In the Town Square

Nature walk around Hauxley Discovery Centre. With Tim Mason. Booking essential. Ring 0777 151 5469. Meet at Hauxley 10am



Walking football event. Come and have a go! With Tiny Woods Academy. At running track pitch (Welfare). 10-3pm Free

Morning beach art. Paint a puffin stone or make some beach art. At the Little Shore. With Sarah Dunne. £1. Children must be accompanied by an adult

Stand up Paddleboard taster sessions. Sessions last 30mins. Under 14s must be accompanied by an adult + must sign permission form. Ring Jon 0794 439 9115

Children's Storytelling with Stephen Finlay. Interactive storytelling for 4 - 12yrs. At old TIC. Free

Puffintastic Crafts. Puffin-themed crafts. With Sheila Cartright. At the Seafood Centre. £2. Children must be accompanied by an adult

Guided kayak/canoe tour of the upper Coquet Estuary and river. No experience necessary. Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult. Booking essential. 01665 710367

Lunchtime talk: Spot the Dolphin; the highs and lows of marine wildlife photography. With Martin Kitching. Downstairs at Coquet Club opp Town Sq £3pp*

Afternoon history walk: Harry's ramble around Amble. With Harry McQuillen. Meet at Town Sq 2pm

Afternoon talk: From coal buckets to lobster creels: With Bartle Rippon Downstairs at Coquet Club opp Town Sq £3pp*

Evening event: Plastic in the oceans, the footprint of modern society (Upstairs at Coquet Club. Sorry no disabled access) £3pp*

Bank Holiday Monday 28 May

Kite display on the Braid

Community day in the Square. Stalls. children's amusements in the Town Square

Puffins ahoy! Video footage of puffins on Coquet Island. In the Town Square

Morning nature walk: Flowers of the dunes. With Atholl Swanston. Meet at Town Sq 10am

Morning beach art. Paint a puffin stone or make some beach art. At the Little Shore. With Sarah Dunne. £1. Children must be accompanied by an adult

Children's Storytelling with Stephen Finlay. Interactive storytelling for 4 - 12yrs. At old TIC. Free

Puffintastic Crafts. Puffin-themed crafts. With Sheila Cartright. At the Seafood Centre. £2. Children must be accompanied by an adult

Live entertainment. Dancing, singing and fun throughout the afternoon. In the Town Sq

Stand up Paddleboard taster sessions. Sessions last 30mins. Under 14s must be accompanied by an adult + must sign permission form. Ring Jon 0794 439 9115

Cadet climbing wall. Next to Town Square

Kick Start Sports. Throwing, catching, kicking, running and jumping! On the Braid. Free

PARRT dog show. On the Braid, by the beacon. Registration from 11am. Show starts at 1pm

Pottery Painting at 42 Queen St. Suitable for all ages. 1-4pm

Afternoon history walk: Harry's ramble around Amble. With Harry McQuillen. Meet at Town Sq 2pm

Guided kayak/canoe tour of the upper Coquet Estuary and river. No experience necessary. Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult. Booking essential. 01665 710367

Afternoon talk: A personal peek at the Coquet Puffins. With RSPB warden Paul Morrison. Upstairs at Fourways2. £3pp*

BBQ and mini beer fest at Coquet Yacht Club

Evening event: Talk on the history of the Amble Lifeboat. With John Young and Rodney Burge (Upstairs at Coquet Club. Sorry no disabled access) £3pp*



EVERYDAY

To see the puffins, and thousands of other seabirds, take a Puffin Cruise from the Harbour (weather permitting). Booking essential. Ring 01665 711975 or 07752 861914. See ad above.

- 'Arty Visits Amble' book sale - available from various outlets. Email helmick72@sky.com or ring 07751 229739.
- Look out for Tommy Noddy the giant puffin
- Photography competition. See www.facebook.com/groups/PuffinPhoto/
- Children's puffin artwork displays in various shop windows

Tickets for events marked * are available from N & F Young (8 Queen St), and Fourways2, Dilston Terr. Tickets for talks are also available on the door.

FRINGE EVENTS

- Tues 29 1-4pm Pottery painting. At 42 Queen St
1.30-3.30pm Make a puffin pinny. At Amble Pin Cushion
Estuary tours with Coquet Shorebase Trust. 01665 710367
- Wed 30 1-4pm Pottery painting. At 42 Queen St
Estuary tours with Coquet Shorebase Trust. 01665 710367
- Thurs 31 - Sun 2
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