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Supermarket plans announced

Plans for a new edge of town retail park have been announced by development company Arch and supermarket Morrisons. The plans will comprise a 25,000 sqft Morrisons food store, alongside a number of other national retailers, a petrol filling station and a drive-through facility.

However questions have been asked over whether the land can actually be used for retail. The Ambler has been told by the County Council that the land is not currently classified for retail use, and so the draft Local Plan may have to be amended should the application be successful.

In a statement announcing the plans, Arch said: "This development will transform the southern gateway into Amble and provide a destination of choice. It will bring jobs to the local area and ensure Amble has the shopping experience it deserves."

"We are also keen to ensure there are retail units available for local traders and opportunities to sell local produce. With over £10m of funds already invested in the town, Amble represents a high priority for Arch."

James Smith of Morrisons



CGI of the new supermarket and retail development

told The Ambler, "This store will be the first of its kind in the North East. It's a neighbourhood store, it will be tailored to fit the requirements of the Amble area. It will still have a market street feel, and the focus will be on food with a modest non-food offering."

The store will consist of an instore bakery, it will sell fresh meat and fish, free-from and vegan products, and there will also be a barista coffee provision. The store will also sell products made by local producers.

There will be substantial

car parking to the tune of 352 places, bike parking, and electrical car charging points.

As well as the supermarket, there will be an additional c.35,000 sqft of other retail, split across six units. Improvements will be made to access into the site.

Michael Black, Head of Investments for Arch wouldn't be drawn on who the other retailers or the drive-through might be, although Costa was not ruled out. But he confirmed the new petrol station would be owned by Morrisons.

He said "This is substantial, additional, private investment in Amble. Arch owns the freehold, but there will be a series of tenure arrangements. Morrisons are committed to a long term investment in Amble."

"We want to encourage people to stay to do their shopping in Amble, and not have to drive to Alnwick or Ashington."

The planning application submission is targeted for late summer and subject to approval, work is anticipated to commence in early 2019.

Your comments



Almost everybody we spoke to at the public consultation was in favour of the plans. Some had reservations, such as doubts about increased employment opportunities, and possible harm to businesses in Queen Street, as people might have difficulty finding their way to the town centre.

Another concern was about the drive-through café, which would be close to the school, causing concerns about unhealthy eating.

One person worried about the impact on other petrol stations, although others

mentioned the petrol station was good news. Several said they hoped the price of petrol would drop. See also letters p6.

"It's definitely a positive for the town. We've needed a larger supermarket for a long time.
Chris Holden

Very good, this should have happened 20 years ago.
John Coxford

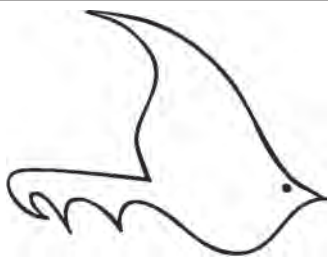
I think Morrisons will bring more of a range of foods to Amble. Stuff you can't get at the Co-op or Tesco's. I also think a

drive through is a good idea.
Keira Martin age 13

I think the high street shops will be OK. It's not a big walk to Queen Street.
Michael Pearce

It's parking in the town we need. What are they going to do about that?
Sharon Pearce

I think it will dilute trade and take everything away from the high street. I don't want to see the high street full of charity shops and bookies.
Dot McNeill



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Welcome to new businesses

After the loss of so many businesses just after Christmas, it is reassuring to see new ventures opening up in the town centre and Harbour Village. Welcome to Rossini's Italian Restaurant on High St, All Sorts, Hollywood Nails, The Galley sandwiches/deli (opening soon) and HospiceCare, all on Queen St, Pet Support on Church St, Radcliffes cafe bar on Coquet St, Sand Bar cafe on Leazes St, and Baliwood, Geordie Banger and Hot Potato pods in the Harbour Village.

These wonderful independent businesses need our support. They are investing their money and livelihoods in Amble. And wouldn't it be great if NCC could return the favour and finally sort out a

long term solution to our town centre parking?

One issue which came to the fore at the recent NCC Local Plan consultation (*thanks Sue!*) was that the land earmarked for the new edge of town retail development isn't actually zoned for retail development. The Ambler has been told that should the retail development be approved, NCC may then have to amend the draft Local Plan. I'm sure they all know what they're doing.

Finally, perhaps we needn't worry about 1500 new houses going up too soon. The land for the 500 house development on Acklington Rd is up for sale, as is a big chunk of the Percy Drive development land. Keep a'haad!

'Enough is enough' as further homes are approved

Plans to build a further 185 houses in Amble have been given the go-ahead, despite a plea from Councillor Watson who was speaking at a meeting of Northumberland County Council's strategic planning committee which was considering the application to build on land west of Gloster Meadows.

Speaking against the application he pointed out that almost 1,000 new homes were approved for Amble in the space of three months towards the end of last year. He said: "We're looking at more than 1,000 houses, maybe pushing on to 1,500, and we have to ask: 'Where do we stop here? How much do we develop in towns like Amble? It's too much, too quickly and developers are playing games – enough is enough.'"

The plans have been submitted by North East-based developers The Home Group and Mr I Forsyth. The proposed scheme, which will require a new access off Acklington Road, will feature a mix of house types and sizes, including 28 affordable homes – a mix of single and two-storey, one, two and three-bedroom homes for rent and for sale.

Speaking on behalf of the application, Stephanie Burrell: "The site is a central location making a logical and final development – it provides a firm and logical boundary – and there are only two objections from members of the public. We are one of the UK's largest providers of quality homes and this is not a speculative development but a landowner and developer looking to provide both market and



A map of recent housing developments around Amble since 2014. (#4 was withdrawn, all the rest approved). It brings the total number of new homes approved by planners to 1535.

affordable homes."

As part of the proposal, the applicants had agreed to a Section 106 agreement in which they would help to contribute to the funding of extra infrastructure in Amble which might be needed because of the development. That agreement included the provision of a minimum of 28 affordable in the development, coastal mitigation contribution of £600 per dwelling (£111,000 in total), an education contribution of £495,000 and a health contribution of £112,800.

Planning officer Raghu Sittambalam pointed out that although outline planning permission had been given for a large number of houses in Amble recently, there had been

very little housing development in the village in the earlier years of the 21st century. He also pointed out that there had been much more development in Alnwick up until recent years.

Councillors on the committee acknowledged that the number of recent housing developments in Amble was an understandable concern but pointed out that there were no grounds on which to refuse this application. The committee agreed the recommendation that the application be approved subject to a condition relating to archaeological obligations and that work should begin with two years.

Graeme Anderson,
Local Democracy Reporting
Service

New boat trips for wildlife and fishing expeditions

John Stewart and his son Carl have recently launched a new venture offering boat trips out of Amble. The trips are aimed at tourists and fishing parties, and they will take people as far as the Farne Islands to see the dolphins and wildlife.

John has had over 40 years fishing on various trawlers from Amble, and Carl works in the waste industry, having done two operation tours in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Iraq. Steve Marston is also on board. He's an inshore fisherman and knows the inland areas very well, enabling them to get closer into the shore to see the seals better. Carl's brother is also a fisherman and he keeps a lookout for any dolphins in the area.

Angling trips are also available with gear hired if needed. The tours are intended to be their main activity, with Coquet Island trips to see the wildlife and the seals. They take some food for the seals to encourage them to come closer to the boat. These are one hour trips and cost £10 per person.

The Farne Islands trip is priced at £30, and £20 for children, although Carl says that the children do get to feed the seals and have a chance at steering the boat. "It is on auto pilot so people won't be getting chucked about". This four hour trip travels close to the coast to take in the castles of Dunstanburgh and Bamburgh.

All trips leave from Amble, either from the dock steps or from the old diesel tank steps next to the Little Shore. The boat can take 12 people for sightseeing and a maximum of 10 for angling trips.

Find them on Facebook and Twitter under Libby 2 Charters, or call to book on 07955 823843.

Chris Packham's flying visit



Above: Chris Packham with artist Paul Henery (l) and RSPB Warden Paul Morrison (r)

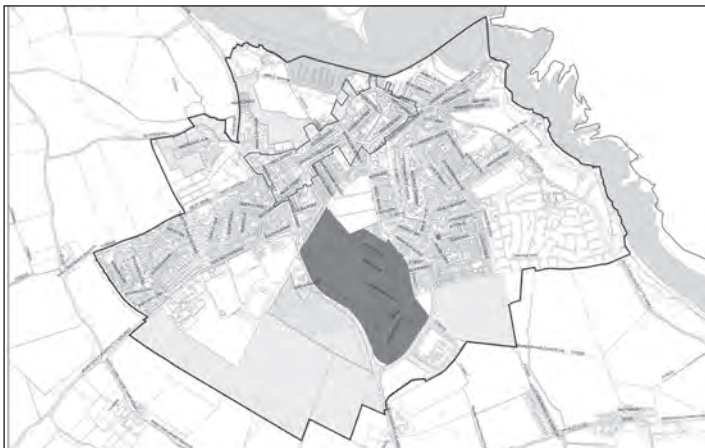
Above: TV naturalist and broadcaster Chris Packham made a flying visit to Amble and Coquet Island as part of his nationwide Bioblitz #WeWantWildlife campaign in July.

Taking a trip around Coquet Island with RSPB Warden Paul Morrison, Chris heard how this tiny island sanctuary is part of the Roseate Tern LIFE Recovery Project, and practically the only place in the UK where the endangered Roseate Terns breed.

Chris was also presented with a painting of Roseate Terns by local wildlife artist Paul Henery, artist in residence on Coquet Island and co-owner (with his daughter) of Niche Gallery. Paul said "I presented this watercolour to Chris on behalf of Niche Gallery, and the RSPB and Life Project who have sponsored our new exhibition The Coquet Road."

Niche Gallery are located at the Old Bath House, Broomhill.

Northumberland Local Plan considers housing, growth and jobs



Above: Amble's settlement boundary is marked with a black line

Northumberland County Council's new Local Plan has recently been on tour to 23 venues across the county.

NCC say the focus for Amble is on jobs and growth, with housing accepted as an oversaturated area. Despite that, an allowance of a further 540 houses has been calculated until 2036. Below is an outline of the plans for Amble.

About the town:

Amble is a key centre in the northern part of the South-East Delivery Area. It is Northumberland's most important fishing centre and has an important tourism role as a result of its location at

the southern approach to the Northumberland Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the establishment of a marina. It has a small catchment area that takes in villages such as Warkworth. There are strong functional links with the town of Ashington to the south and Alnwick to the north-west.

Role as a main town

Amble will continue to act as a key hub for housing, employment, education, healthcare, retail, transport and tourism. It will be the main focus for development to underpin its social, economic, environmental and cultural regeneration. The Local Plan defines a settlement

limit for the town to cover the Plan period, with a view to containing the spread of development and maintaining the town as a sustainable settlement.

Housing

The proposed requirement for additional homes between April 2016 and March 2036 is around 540 over the plan period (27 per year). The plan does not propose new allocations as this requirement can be met through completions and commitments on sites with permission or minded to approve applications.

Employment

No additional employment land allocations are proposed over and above existing available land as the town has a good supply of already serviced employment land.

Town centre

Amble's town centre falls into the second level of the hierarchy of town centres, being a 'main town - smaller centre' with good local retail provision along with a reasonable range of town centre community facilities, serving the town itself and with a modest rural hinterland. This role along with its vitality and viability as a centre will be

protected through policy.

Some key issues:

- The closure of Northumberland Foods has had an impact upon the community and supply chains locally.
- Amble continues to be an important coastal community in social and economic terms, retaining connections with the sea for employment and commerce.
- It provides key opportunities as a visitor attraction at the southern end of the Northumberland Coast AONB.
- Access to waste recycling facilities is currently poor which the Local Plan seeks to improve.
- Amble is close to a number of international nature conservation protections running along the coastal and estuary areas, which could constrain some forms of development.

Your views

To see the full plans visit: www.northumberland.gov.uk/localplan. Comments should be made by 5pm 15 August 2018. You can email your comments: PlanningStrategy@northumberland.gov.uk or post to Planning Policy, Northumberland County Council, County Hall, Morpeth, NE61 2EE.

Filming Vera in the Friendliest Port



Filming for ITV's popular Vera series took place in Amble last June. TV crews filmed around the harbour, quayside, Braid and Northside, and gathering a lot of interest from locals. Star Brenda Blethyn was happy to pose for photographs in between takes.

Amble surfer Jon Nolan (pictured above with Brenda Blethyn) told *The Ambler* what it was like being part of the filming.

"It's long winded with take after take, but it's an experience and you get well fed, also refreshments on tap. Beats the office anyway!"

"They asked me if I could round up a group of local surfers to film at Northside, so I did," he said.

The surfers filmed for two days for the episode, which *The Ambler* understands will be aired as episode 2 in series 9, to be broadcast in January 2019.

He enjoyed the whole experience, and was full of praise for Brenda. "She's great. [We had a] bit chit chat here 'n' there."

Bystander Lorraine Kurti shared two photos of her daughters meeting Brenda and her co-star Kenny Doughty.

"She was filming near the fish shack and saw the girls, waved to them, then when she had finished filming she came over and asked if they had a nice day at school, and also commented on Elise being head girl with her badge on her cardigan," said Lorraine.

While out for a dog walk, Claire Mather was delighted when Brenda came over to pat Cassie the Labradoodle and her friend's Labrador Alfie. Claire told us: "She absolutely loves dogs, and loves labradoodles the most. She's been up twice to see Cassie when she's been on her walks."

See all the photos on our website: www.theambler.co.uk

Anna Williams

Litterbugs win LOVE Northumberland award



l-r: The Duchess with Lynne Russell, Nell McGrath, Lindsey Hogg and Suzanne Kennedy

When one of Amble's councillors suggested our group should apply for the LOVE Northumberland Awards, we thought it was a joke. When we realised there was £250 prize money up for grabs, we had to apply. The next thing we knew, we had been shortlisted and invited to Alnwick Gardens for the award ceremony.

When the ceremony began, we were gobsmacked by the high standard of all entrants, in particular the school children from Corbridge Middle School and Prudhoe Community High School, who were doing great work in raising awareness of plastic and recycling.

When we won our category as Best New Project, we were even more gobsmacked. We met Carol Malia and the Duchess of Northumberland and we received £250 in addition to some much needed litter picking equipment.

We just want to say thank you to all the people who have helped us get this far. The people who have turned out, even in rain,

to help clean our beaches. The people who have donated old sacks. The people who have helped us raise awareness on social media.

We want to keep the momentum going, as this plastic crisis isn't going away and will only get worse until those in power are willing to change.

We hope to spend some of our prize money on setting up a website, so if there are any budding IT people out there who have some spare time, please contact us.

We also hope to get schools more interested in Green Flag and Eco status. We can now support any group who wants to do a litter picking activity, by providing equipment and advice.

Once again, Thank you!

Please support us and join us to help clean up our beaches, countryside and oceans. We're on Facebook under LitterBugs or you can e-mail us on; litterbugsnorthumberland@gmail.com

Lynne Russell

Age of insecurity:

Once again plagiarism reigns. I've often wondered whether any of us ever has an original thought.



A recent radio talk on Nudge Theory caught my imagination. It appears that it's possible to nudge people into a particular direction by dropping hints. I recall a book I read well over half a century ago by Vance Packard. He called it 'The Hidden Persuaders'. Latest thinking about the power of a suitable nudge or two stated that we can help people to do all sorts of things.

Of course social media in all its diversity came into the frame. Nudge can be the WD40 of a policy world, leading any of us to pay our taxes on time, to accept (or reject) retirement, to take out a pension or look for work. The Employment Service instruction which forced claimants to apply for a large number of jobs has been superseded by the sensible view that one is much more likely to find a job that seems suitable to the claimant. Nudge can be based on our natural bias towards optimism, or our aversion to the prospect of losing something.

Working with the grain of human nature, suitable text messages can motivate study habits, including attendance at school or lectures. Organ donation rates go up with gentle reminders.

In India the use of public toilets rises considerably with suitable reminders. Food can be made to sound more attractive by using descriptions like 'Porridge of the Gods.' That's a description with personal appeal. When 'Bean Soup' becomes 'Tuscan Bean Soup' then sales go up.

Assumed consent is a feature of many organisations. When a bank asks if you want to lose the protection that you've had until now, be very wary. Not that banks are worse than anybody else. I remember when I had to pay bank charges and I realised they have to make money somehow.

We all look with suspicion at all sorts of things, often feeling that they are out to do us down. Fortunately we live in a (fairly) law abiding democracy. That should continue however Brexit works out.

While we're on the topic, I fear both sides of the debate used both positive and negative nudges to bring us to our present state. I'm not a worrier and I'm not going to become one!

Most of us have reasonable lives. What we all need is the capacity to see what we've got and to help other people to find a bit of security. A bit of humility is a good start, and I'm the first to admit that I frequently find clear evidence that I'm not as clever as I like to think I am. A bit of *mea culpa* never did any harm to any of us. Here's to resignations!

Harry McQuillen

Bronze Age treasure hoard discovered near Amble

A local detectorist has discovered a Bronze Age hoard in a field near Amble. The collection of 56 individual pieces including spearheads and axeheads has been verified by the British Museum and will now be returned to the region.

The detectorist, who didn't wish to be named, told The Ambler he discovered the haul while using his metal detector in February 2016. "It was very cold that day. I dug out two axeheads and then I realised how much more there was. I contacted the county archaeologist, and they removed the rest. It took a while to get it all out."

Sadly a bowl was damaged as it was removed, but the items were carefully taken away to be assessed by experts at the British Museum. It has taken two years, but now the hoard has been designated officially as treasure, and The Ambler understands will likely be acquired by the Hancock Museum in Newcastle.

When artifacts like these are discovered by metal detectorists, any reward must be shared with the landowner. And even though they were valuable to the Bronze Age person who buried them, their monetary value today is considerably less. "What would probably have been worth a BMW in today's value, is now likely to be the equivalent of a second hand Robin Reliant," said the detectorist.

Although our coastline has a history of Bronze Age burial cysts and finds, there has been no other similar discovery of that age in the area*. There are many hypotheses as to why, nearly three thousand years ago, a trove of weapons was buried by someone who, for whatever

reason, never dug them back up. Were they buried complete with handles or fixings? Or was it just the metalwork which was important to the Bronze Age hoarder.

Archaeologist Clive Waddington who led the recent excavations at Low Hauxley told The Ambler: "It is very doubtful that the axes and spears would have been intact. Usually they are tightly bagged together. They could as likely be the hoard of a metalsmith, keeping metal for melting down into new tools/weapons, as a hoard of 'treasure'/valuables."

The objects date from 950-750BC and consist of fragments of copper alloy swords, spearheads, and a bowl/cup or ladle. The items have endured millennia of hunting, farming, mining and general life going on all around, surviving ever deeper ploughing techniques, especially in recent times.

The detectorist was amazed and delighted at his discovery. "This hoard was found between eight and 17 inches from the surface, so the plough has just missed it every year. It's quite remarkable."

You can see the full list of items in the hoard here: <https://finds.org.uk/database/artefacts/record/id/768085>
Anna Williams

*A hoard of 128 silver coins was recently discovered at Warkworth. These have been dated to between 1464 and 1509.

Top right: The detectorist holding the sword in the field where it was found

Right: The Bronze Age axe heads and sword fragments.



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Living next to a building site

This is a salutary reminder to Amble people of what it means to live next to a building site on a former green field site.

Planning permission was given for the development at Gloster Hill, despite council officers acknowledging there was a serious problem with access to the site by heavy machinery up a narrow road with a 90 degree bend, its impact on wildlife and endangered species, problems with sewage and flooding, noise pollution, safety etc.

Whoever sold this land for building made no attempt to inform or consult local people, who would be seriously affected by this development. We feel we have been treated with contempt and are now having to deal with noise, dust, fumes from bulldozers etc. For some of us our health is being compromised.

Our houses vibrate because of the proximity of heavy machinery. We have no idea how long this will go on. We will be affected by light pollution and species such as deer, barn owls, heron, foxes and hares which lived in the field are now effectively cleansed. We have called the site the 'Amble Alps.' It would have made a good dry ski slope. It feels like Amble's very own opencast site.

We know we cannot halt the development but would like to bring to local people's attention exactly what it might mean if they live next to sites in Amble where hundreds of houses are about to be built.

John Bird, Mariners View, Amble

Arch approach 'unimaginative'

The Arch proposal is a very simple approach to developing the former food factory site – pre-let to a supermarket which brings in a petrol station, other retail units and of course car parking.

There are already two supermarkets in Amble, two filling stations very close to this site and a High Street with a wide range of independent retailers. The convenience retail 'offer' is outstanding but the threat to the High Street from the edge-of-town Arch proposal should not be underestimated.

The benefits of living and working in this part of the North East, apart from the obvious beaches and castles, are access to Alnmouth Railway station (travel to work catchments for Edinburgh and Tyneside) and Amble's outstanding High Street.

Edge-of-town retailing is known to damage town centres and Amble will not escape if this unimaginative project is pushed through. Arch should stand back and see what development can have long-term benefits for the town, some sort of unique 'offer' that boosts visitor numbers that benefits the town as a whole.

The Arch retail park is a very ordinary proposal which could result in great harm to the town.

J C Dobson, Warkworth

Christmas Lights donations



Amble Christmas lights Committee would like to thank the following businesses for their generous donations:- Northern Structures, Edson Electrics, D.P. Builders, Brambles, Lindisfarne Timber, Coquet Interiors, Brierly Scaffolding, Quest UAV Ltd., Mocha Mondo coffee, Amble Bowling Club, Amble and Warkworth Inner Wheel. Thanks for their continued support.

Susan Young, Amble Christmas Lights

A great night at the Bede

We held a cancer fundraiser at the Bede on 1 June. It was a great night. Percy and the Piglets entertained us and the crowd loved it.

I would like everyone to know we did well. We raised £388 for Breast Cancer Now, and thank Coquet Tea Rooms for the buffet and all who helped and gave a donation.

Judith Hardisty, Amble

Thanks for helping mum

Just want to say thank you to all the stallholders at Amble Market on Sunday 22 July who kindly came to help my 86 yr old mum who had a bad angina attack.

It was only 10am but it was already very hot. People came from every direction with seats, support and a bottle of water.

Mum's a lot better now and has been enjoying her holiday. She's been eating well and said Amble has the nicest fish, best Swede from the market, lovely Border Reiver pies and kindest people.

Thank you from Martha Elizabeth Bagley, Joanne Bagley and Cookie the dog, via email

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New banner unfurled for Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union Branch in Amble has acquired a beautiful, bright and splendid new banner. This wonderful work of art was designed and made solely by Linda Bell our very talented MU member.

The banner depicts a "through a window" glimpse of Coquet Island and its surroundings. The whole colourful scene conjures up the magic of Amble! On the reverse of the banner in incredible stitching is a brief description of important Amble events in 2017 – the Commissioning of the new Lifeboat, the arrival of our new

Vicar Rev'd John McDermott and the opening of the Hauxley Nature Reserve. Even our own little Cuddie ducks are featured.

All MU Branches have a banner, which not only states the name but gives some insight into the area, so they are very important and have to be acknowledged in the area and in the church.

Our Banner was duly commissioned by Rev'd Jane Scott, the MU Diocesan Chaplain on June 13 at the Deanery Festival Service at St. Michael's, Alnwick and then it

was welcomed into our Parish Church, St. Cuthbert's, on the following Sunday by the Vicar, Rev'd John McDermott. John included the Blessing of the banner as part of the Offertory and so Linda carried it to the altar, following the Offerings of Bread, Wine, Water and Donations.

We are so very proud of our beautiful new banner and so very grateful to Linda.

*Jan Slinn
Amble Mothers' Union*

Right: Linda Bell with the banner



Business Matters: Could your teen be the next great entrepreneur?

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

What was your first ever job? I started off earning money by babysitting, before becoming a waitress at The Marina.

My 14 year old daughter is currently looking for a job as she wants to earn her own money, rather than simply being given an allowance every week. It's an attitude which her dad and I fully endorse.

There's nothing more positive and beneficial for a youngster to want to make their own way in life, rather than expect to be given handouts.

Ambition, drive, determination are all necessary ingredients for financial success later in life, and we believe that they need to be encouraged and supported.

Unfortunately, the government in its infinite wisdom has made it very difficult for teens under 16 to find work.

Where once under-16s would be happily taken on as waitresses, kitchen staff and other non-skilled jobs, many employers now find the red tape and

limitations involved simply aren't worth it.

So what's a teen to do to earn money?

Happily, developing technology means that there is another way for your child to learn valuable business and marketing skills which will last them a lifetime.

I have worked with dozens of entrepreneurs who started their first business before they turned 21, with some beginning as young as 13. One example is Nathan Winch, a pharmaceutical student who launched his own hand sanitiser company recently whilst at university, using money borrowed from friends and family. Soon after, he won an NHS contract and last year, his company (now one of many in his portfolio) was bought for £70,000.

So what sort of company can your child start from the comfort and security of their own bedroom? Blogging and podcasting can offer many opportunities but of course, it is vital that you monitor their

activity and ensure that they stay safe – no posting of personal details for example.

I recently spent four days at an exclusive entrepreneur's retreat in Hereford, gaining advice from the likes of BBC's Kate Silverton and the founder of the Ultimo bra, Baroness Michelle Mone. One of the other guests was the inspirational Irene Santi, whose 13 year old son has his own podcasting business. She had this to say:

"It has never been easier to make money online and you don't have to be a university graduate to take advantage. Our teenager son runs his own YouTube channel, has his own podcast (Young Achievers) and is just starting an e-commerce business, harnessing the power of Instagram.

The key is to find something they are passionate about such as pets or makeup. Many brands have affiliate programmes so your child could join those; promoting their products through providing great content on a social media platform.



The brands will pay commission on every sale that is attached to their affiliate link".

Of course, success is unlikely to happen overnight and whilst your son or daughter may be experts on Instagram or YouTube, they may need to develop their writing, marketing, photography and business skills.

Anna at The Ambler who also runs the Amble Media Hub recently put on a range of free workshops in some of these areas. Keep a look out for future sessions.

The world truly is their oyster.

Claire Shiels

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Party to celebrate Amble WI



Amble WI originally started in 1918, and although it closed for a few years, they re-opened in 2016, so they held a party to celebrate. Some of the WI ladies dressed as Suffragettes to mark the centenary of the first women getting the vote. Above l-r: Lorraine Duquemin, Romy Lazzari, Hilary Robson, Craig Weir, Ann Day and Carmel Adamson.



Above: Some of the ladies who were members of Amble WI before it closed in 2007 were also invited to the party.
Top row: Joy Taylor, ?, Gwen Brinklow, Eileen Murray, Audrey Addis, Isobel Smailes, Margaret Gair, Brenda Rollo
Seated: Mary Rowell, Edith Hunter, Cath Adamson, Norah White.

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Amble Business Club Report

Amble Business Club met to discuss the recent press release with regard to the Retail Park on Amble Industrial Estate. County Councillor Richard Wearmouth, Chair of Arch and cabinet member for economic regeneration attended the meeting and Councillor Craig Weir, Chair of Amble Town Council also attended.

Everyone agrees that Amble needs a better food offering than is currently in place, but there is concern from the current businesses that a supermarket and another 38k square feet of retail, plus 220 space car park will have a detrimental effect without the long asked for Town Centre car park being put in place.

Richard Wearmouth was asked if it was a fair playing field that one store gets 220 parking places, while 50 businesses only have 40 one hour spaces, and 40 temporary 4hr spaces. Councillor Wearmouth thought it was ridiculous one store having 220 spaces and thought this should be reduced.

After years of businesses asking, and a 3000 name petition from the community, hours of meetings with Northumberland County Council, we still have parking problems and the need for a commitment from the County Council to commit to financing a town centre car park.

Retail in Amble has suffered for years because of parking and traffic wardens. In the current

downturn of High Street retail, Amble is having to rely on tourist trade which is being turned away because of parking.

We are currently looking at applications for 1500 houses in Amble. The people that are considering buying these houses are looking to move to Amble because it does have the independent retail they would like to use. If the supermarket is built without a town centre car park being put in place, will Amble retail survive?

The Business Club were not given any hope from Councillor Wearmouth that anything was going to be put in place in the near future.

Business Club were offered a car park in the North East corner

of the industrial estate, but this was felt a waste of time and money.

Business Club hoped that Councillor Wearmouth would take away the feelings of the meeting and do something positive about the parking problem in the town instead of making flippant negative remarks.

*Ann Burke
Chair, Amble Business Club*

Ed: The Ambler asked Cllr Richard Wearmouth for a comment, or to offer a statement from the County Council on their strategy for long term parking in Amble town centre, but we have not yet received a response.



Why Laurie chose not to go to Uni

Not everyone can or wants to go to university. Here's one young Amble woman who explains why finding an apprenticeship has been the best option for her

I chose to do an apprenticeship as opposed to university for two main reasons, one being the fact that I felt it represented a better opportunity to get more practical experience and a qualification while earning money rather than remaining in a traditional learning environment.

Another reason is that I have always been a family orientated person so the idea of having to

travel long distances or live in student accommodation never appealed to me.

I had always hoped for a job that would allow me to express my creativity as I feel that is my strength, so when the opportunity to work at Amble Pin Cushion full time while working on an NVQ in Customer service arose I applied.

I have now been at Amble Pin Cushion for two years and

in that time, I have achieved so much and had so many fantastic opportunities which, being a shy person, have pushed me out of my comfort zone and allowed me to achieve things I never thought I could. Such as independently teaching a needle felting course and planning and leading the Brownies on a project to design and decorate their own tote bag.

Laurie Murray

More memories of RAF tragedy

The article, 'Memorial to Harbour Tragedy', in the last issue, has inspired one reader to add his story to the memories.

Mr. R. Bramham of Mariners Court told us about his father's involvement:

"My father, Eric Bramham, was a professional diver and lived in Warkworth in 1969. He had a company called Shark Group at Broomhill.

"He and another diver, Mr. J. B. Sample, were called out when an RAF search and rescue craft

overturned while approaching Amble harbour.

"The weather was stormy, the boat overturned and was swept onto the rocks near to Cliff House. Two of the crew were swept out to sea. Unfortunately three were trapped in the upturned boat.

"The divers couldn't help them, but the navy divers were able to cut a hole in the hull and one of the men was brought out. The other two couldn't be reached. For his efforts my father



received awards from the RNLI and the RAF.

"He died in 2006 and after his death we found the awards put away in a drawer. I knew the story and would have been at the memorial service but I wasn't invited".

Norma Hinson

Do you have a family or personal memory to add to this tragic story? Let us know: editor@theambler.co.uk

Drop off in donations to Amble Foodbank

There were nine food parcels given out during June.

Donations were received in kind response to our food request.

There seems to have been a drop off in donations for some reason over the past few weeks.

We need the following items but any other donations are gratefully accepted: toilet rolls, shampoo, milk, tinned carrots, tinned sweet corn, tinned green beans, tinned rice pudding and tinned tomatoes. Any donations are always gratefully accepted.

We continue to collect weekly from Morrisons in Alnwick. On this subject we are looking at utilising this for those in need through volunteers preparing soup in Amble somewhere. A lot of organising is needed for this as well as

premises and volunteers.

Please can any donations of food be dropped at the Co-op on Queen Street and the Co-op on Newburgh Street.

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Amble Food Bank

Celebrating our outstanding young citizens

These three outstanding young citizens have been praised by schools, local police and the community.

Kelsie Ramsay from Amble Links School, Jasmine Conway from Warkworth C of E First School and Lily Henderson from Amble First School were all nominated for the annual award, given to reward outstanding behaviour in school, at home and in the community.

Lily Henderson was the overall winner in a very close contest. Chief Inspector Helena Barron presented Lily with her prize. She said "What a fantastic achievement from these three girls."

All the children received a trophy and a goodie bag filled with treats donated by local businesses. Lily was awarded the big prize: a bike donated by Spurreli.

How did she feel? "Good!" And how about the bike? "I think it's awesome!" said Lily, who had just learned to ride last year.

CSO Darin Fawcett who began the event nine years ago



I-r: Julia Aston, Amble Development Trust; Kelsie Ramsay, runner up; Katie Spurr, Spurreli; Mayor Craig Weir, Amble Town Council, Lily Henderson, overall winner; CSO Darin Fawcett Northumbria Police; Jasmine Conway, runner up; CI Helena Barron, Northumbria Police

said "This year was the closest ever". He explained that the

awards are not for academic achievement, but for honesty,

being caring, respectful, responsible and being courageous. All the young people had met those criteria.

Kelsie said "I'm proud and amazed" and said she had been shocked to have been nominated.

Jasmine was also very happy "It's really good. I'm proud too." She said she was going to share some of the chocolate in the goodie bag with her friends.

All the businesses and organisations who contributed were thanked for their generosity and support of the awards event, which has now been running for nine years.

Chief Inspector Barron said "It is inspiring to see these young people giving so much to their communities and families."

Anna Williams

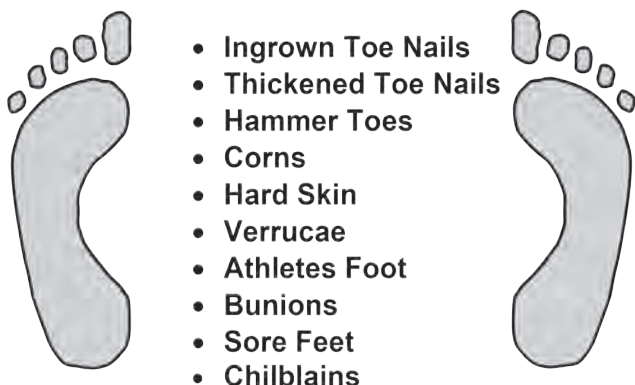
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Amble enters Great British High St awards

Amble has entered a prestigious national competition to promote its high street shopping experience.

The Friendliest Port won Best Coastal High Street in 2015 in the Great British High Street awards. This year they are going for the Champion High Street category.



Julia Aston, director of Amble Development Trust who nominated Amble in the competition said. "We're very proud of our independent shops and want to spread the word of just how good Amble's town centre shopping experience is."

Ann Burke, chair of Amble Business Club said "I think it's great, and I hope we go on to win, as we did in 2015. It would be lovely to see our busy little high street win."

Knit 'n' natter helping the underprivileged

Amble Pin Cushion thanks local knitters and crocheters for their latest donations: 24 blankets, 5 sweaters, 11 cardigans, 19 baby hat sets, 3 baby bonnets, 13 scarves, 7 hat/scarf/mitt sets, 44 baby hats, 50 teen / adult hats.

We have been very privileged to have students from Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre in Tanzania, one of the countries the knitwear is sent to, collecting the items on this occasion. Unfortunately, there were also 13 fish and chip jumpers handed in, which the Bright Charity no longer want.

I recently attended a celebration of 70 years of the NHS to thank APC for being a collection point. Please enquire about the 10% off charity yarn voucher if you are a local knitter producing items for the Bright Charity.

Brenda Longstaff, head of charity and international partnerships at Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, said: "Knit 'n' Natter is one of the many community groups across Northumberland which we support to lovingly



l-r: Charlene Fernandes a student from Tanzania, Laurie Murray from Amble Pin Cushion and Margery White who runs the knitting group

craft garments for people less fortunate than ourselves living overseas.

"We're indebted to them for the many hours they spend crafting these beautiful garments and would like to thank everybody involved.

"It is fantastic to watch our NHS volunteers give these out in our link hospital in Tanzania, and other developing countries, and see the sheer joy

and appreciation on the faces of those who gratefully receive them – it really is something special.

"We're pleased that the medical students from Tanzania were able to take this opportunity to meet members of the group while spending time in our trust."

Norma Arthur
Amble Pin Cushion

Local coffee business embraces environmental concerns

Coffee lovers with a taste for nature will be delighted that Amble's Mocha Mondo Coffee is reviewing its use of plastic in a bid to help the planet.

"We want to get more 'seriously good coffee' into the cups of Northumberland' We also want to be environmentally responsible while we do this," said owner Martin Homer. "So wherever possible, we try to reduce the negative environmental impact of our business."

Mocha Mondo is using biodegradable straws and paper cups, wooden stirrers, unbleached coffee machine filters and fully compostable office coffee sachets. Hot drink cups are made from biodegradable sources treated and suitable for high heat use, but which will compost down, and the lids are made from renewable sources such as corn starch or sugarcane.

"We also are very happy to make our drinks in customers' own reusable cups and although

it is a new initiative from water companies, Mocha Mondo have always and will continue to top up water bottles for free!" said Martin.

He added that the water they use to brew their coffee, is reverse-osmosis processed - which means it contains no limescale or chlorine.

The company which has a pod in Amble's Harbour Village and a roastery on the Industrial Estate, has been busy this last year, building up its mail

order, wholesale, training, and workshops.

Mocha Mondo now supplies wholesale to various local holiday lets, B&Bs, cafes and restaurants.

This summer they launched a 'filter coffee for the workplace' solution aimed at small businesses who have customers/staff that consume around 8-15 cups of coffee in an average day.

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SUMMER READING RECOMMENDATIONS

Adults often tell children to stop looking at a screen and to pick up a book but sometimes it is hard to know where to start. Luckily, we at Artograffi have read a lot of books and have compiled an easy guide of great summer reads.

Lorien Legacies: This is a series about nine teenage aliens that were sent to earth as toddlers from their home planet. They are protected by a spell meaning they can only be killed in order. The first book follows Number 4 after 1,2 and 3 have been killed. The whole series is an amazing



read and contains 6 books. It is unlikely you will finish them all in one summer but they are also good school books for September. They are a recommended 12+ but we think it could be around a 10+ if your parents say it is okay.

The Mortal Instruments: This series follows Clary Fray, a teenager who loves art and partying with her best-friend Simon. One night, she discovers 3 people, Shadowhunters. Little did she know, this would change her life forever! This series appeals to fans of action, romance and fantasy. It is recommended to 12+ but some people say it should be

for 15+. We agree 12+ is a suitable age to read this.

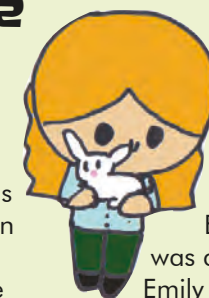
Jacqueline Wilson: Not a book but an author in particular. Most of her books are 7+ but some of her books are more suited to older readers than others. She often tackles real problems children face in her books but does it in a way that the novels are still light-hearted and humorous. My personal favourite book by her is her modern interpretation of the classic book "What Katy Did" which I also enjoyed. Lily's favourite is "Cookie", another great read.

By Amy

STORY: ALEC AND EMILY'S RESCUE CENTRE: EMILY'S MISTAKE

It was the start of Alec and Emily's second week at the Rescue Centre, but Emily was too upset to celebrate. She knew that now her mum had dropped her off, she was going to go back home and look in the kitchen...

"What's up Emily?" asked Sue, the volunteer at the Rescue Centre, as Emily tried to smile. "It's nothing." Sue looked unconvinced but didn't ask anything else as they walked to a small hutch by the house. Emily gasped in delight as she saw the bunny inside. "Let's get cleaning out the cage," Sue



said cheerily.

"How did she get here?" asked Alec as they began to scrub at the floor.

"Her owner bought her for Easter, but quickly realised it was a mistake."

Emily frowned, remembering her own mistake. "But why was it a mistake, did they do something wrong?"

"They didn't really know how to look after a rabbit," Sue explained, "But they fixed their error by bringing her to us.

We managed to help her, otherwise she

might have died."

Emily was silent for a minute. "Do you think everyone can fix their mistakes?" Sue smiled. "Of course."

Thinking of back home, Emily remembered her own mistake. She'd been trying to bake something and had accidentally spilt sugar all over the floor, but maybe she could fix it. She could apologise and clean up the mess.

"It's okay to make mistakes," Alec said.

"Just as long as you try to fix them," agreed Emily.

By Lily



WE ARE YOUNG

On Saturday 8th of September in Amble town square, a brand new youth festival has been announced, planning to hold stalls, entertainment and activities aimed at 8-18 year olds.

The Amble Youth Project have arranged it to advertise their new youth activity for 13-16 year olds, the changes being made to their building, making it into a café style area and to fundraise for their upcoming events. They also want to celebrate young people in the area and bring together those who are offering to help them.

'The youth festival is very much about bringing people together.' Says Lara, the Youth Project's fundraiser. She explained that the AYP

aimed to help young people into adulthood and support their growth and development by providing activities, give positive messages and help find where they fit in. They try to help everyone and this festival plans to do just that.

However, they are low on funding and need some more young people to show their talents.

Already the cadets are marching and the High Sheriff is opening it, but anybody else with a stall, tombola, something they want to sell or a talent to display can get in touch with Lara through email (lara.ambleyouthproject@gmail.com) or phone her (07713 884861). It promises to be a fun and inspiring event!

By Lily



THEATRE COMPANY'S EXCITING PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The NTC (Northumberland Theatre Company) are a touring theatre company who have recently taken over the Dovecote Centre, after leaving the Playhouse in Alnwick. They have been putting on shows for 40 years. They are planning on renting out the studio and another room to local groups/classes.

After being shown around, we agree it is a great opportunity for people



NTC held an open evening for people to share their views on what the spaces could be used for

seeking a space for classes, exhibition space, parties and much more. They have already got some brilliant ideas as to how to use the space such as a cinema which is starting the 14th of Sept,

hopefully a pantomime at Christmas time and children's puppet show on the 7th of Oct. NTC's next show will be Heartspur, a version of Henry IV part 1 set in Newcastle with songs by girl bands from the 1960s. The staff described it as, "Hippy Hippy Shakespeare" and it will be performed on 12th of Sept and 2nd of Oct.

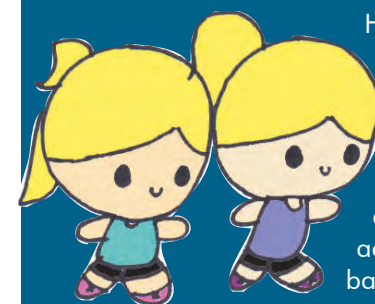
If you have got any ideas for what these rooms can be used for, please contact admin@northumberlandtheatre.co.uk .

By Amy

Run wild in Newcastle

Last year Lily and I ran through the streets of Newcastle, cheered on by hundreds of strangers. What was this strange event?

On the 9th of September the Great North Run takes place in Newcastle. It is a 13.1 mile (half marathon) run that lots of people do to raise money for charities.



However the adults don't get all the fun. There is a junior 4km or 1.5km on the 8th that is phenomenal! Lots of people gather at the Newcastle side of the river and then follow the course across the Swing Bridge and back to receive the fun-filled goody bags, a shirt and a

medal. Along the way hundreds of people come along to support and a steel band play as you pass. As it is a big event lots of businesses come and have stalls where lots of treats are available.

Lily and I are participating in the event and we are looking forward to it. Unfortunately there are no places left. However the entries for next year open shortly after the run. It is a highly enjoyable run so I would definitely recommend it for anyone who would like to get out and about.

By Ava T



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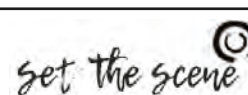
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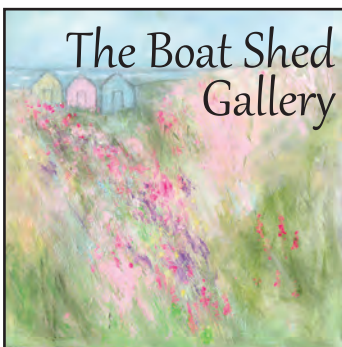
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REPORTS FROM OUR *County Councillors*



Over the last month there have been reports of fly-tipping along the links road and on the Lord Mayor's field. Residents need to think twice about who they hand their bulky waste

to. People are legally obliged to know where their waste has gone, but if someone offers to take away your waste on the cheap the chances are it's too good to be true and will end up being dumped illegally. Always check the credentials of those offering to carry out removal work before agreeing to do so.

N.C.C. provides a service for waste management collecting bulky waste items. Please check web site - Northumberland.gov.uk/waste

(Hope the weather keeps up, enjoy your summer)

Terry Clark

Terry.Clark@northumberland.gov.uk

At a recent meeting the central planning committee of N.C.C. made up of County Councillors of all groups unanimously decided to approve another 180 houses on the North side of Acklington Road just beyond Robsons Way. This approval was granted even though I presented what I thought was a strong case for turning it down on the grounds of overdevelopment based on the previous applications for housing being granted

The Town Council had voiced its concerns previously but at the planning meeting I was the only objector who spoke against it and as in similar applications my objection was overruled as it was stated that there were no planning grounds for refusal. I think that only when the new housing strategy is finally agreed for Northumberland will we be able to exercise more control over developments.

However, all is not bad news. As a result of imposed conditions on the new development a large amount of money will be given by the developers to assist with school places, health facilities and other improvements to the infrastructure of the Town.

I must say I still think that these houses are an overdevelopment at this time but we will have to accept the decision and do the best we can

with existing and future plans to cope with the inevitable influx of new residents to Amble.

I am pleased to see that the C.C.T.V. cameras that I helped to fund with grants available from my Councillors small schemes funds have been erected on Acklington Road and other places in Amble and despite some incorrect comments being made locally these cameras are up and runningso beware vandals, dog pooh leavers and speeders.

Finally, every Summer the Amble Youth Project which I have been involved with for many years carries out a supervised programme of events for our young people. This project is totally funded by grants and local support from local business and Charities. If you think you can help either with donations or assistance or indeed if your child would like to participate, please feel free to call at the drop-in on Dilston Terrace, times of opening are displayed outside.

I am contactable on 07802385367
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Jeff Watson



Public path opens up coastline

Natural England opened the latest stretch of the England Coast Path, giving walkers uninterrupted access to 44 miles of beautiful coastline between South Bents and Amble and providing a boost for the local economy.

Visitors and locals will find access and signposting along the route to allow them to enjoy towns, villages and historic sites such as North Shields, Whitley Bay and Druridge Bay. Walkers will also be able to access 11 bathing waters, eight of which are rated as 'excellent.'

This stretch is the tenth section of Natural England's flagship England Coast Path project to open and offers local shops, pubs and hotels the opportunity to benefit from the

£381 million spent each year by visitors to English coastal paths.

Rural Minister Lord Gardiner, who attended the event at Souter Lighthouse, said: "England's stunning coastline is a national treasure. The England Coast Path is already playing a significant role in opening up access to our most spectacular sites, ensuring sensitivity to the environment while making a valuable contribution to our rural economy".

Natural England Chairman Andrew Sells said: "The England Coast Path brings people closer to our magnificent wildlife, landscapes and seascapes. I am delighted that it has now reached Northumberland – one of our most beautiful and unspoiled counties".



The new path takes account of the area's important coastal habitats, and was designed to complement the existing trails and management in place, providing a clear, well maintained and high quality route, whilst ensuring that the area's important bird species

are safeguarded. An example of this is on the north bank of the river Blyth where the route was designed to avoid sensitive roost areas.

Natural England is working to establish a 2,700-mile path around the entire English coastline and work is now under way on all of the route. When completed, it will be the longest continuous coastal walking route in the world. It will also become a National Trail – the nation's finest and most popular long-distance paths.

The England Coast Path plays a vital role in helping the government fulfil its aim to connect more people with the environment and nature, as outlined in the 25 Year Environment Plan.

Hauxley Parish Council



1. The Parish Council are looking to replace the bins in the Hauxley Links car park and also to repair the planters in the village.

2. There have been a number of reported fly tipping incidents around the village and the Parish Council are addressing this issue.

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Time to think of pedestrians

An elderly lady recently contacted The Ambler as she is concerned about the speed of vehicles along Percy Drive. The resident of Hauxley Way who is in her 80s says she is worried about crossing the road these days, as there is no pedestrian crossing, and the volume of traffic has increased in recent months. She has called for a speed check on traffic along Percy Drive, and has asked whether it is possible to have a pedestrian crossing.

The lady, who didn't wish to be named, told The Ambler, "I am registered with impaired sight, and I also walk with a stick. The traffic along Percy Drive gathers speed after 4 o'clock and it's a bit scary trying to cross the road. I think they should check the speeds people are driving.



Some parts of the footpath along Percy Drive are very uneven

"I've got two dogs and I take them for a walk around the Industrial Estate, and I tend to cross near the allotments. It would make sense to have a

crossing there. Also, it's a school route. Some children are on bikes and scooters, and mums are going to Brambles."

The Ambler contacted both County Councillors and the Town Council asking if there was a history of problems with speeding vehicles along Percy Drive.

"I have had many complaints from elderly residents crossing roads from Aidan Road, Bede Street, Newburgh Street, and I will report the speeding issue along Percy Street," said County Councillor Terry Clark.

"I will also check with highways if it is possible to put a pedestrian crossing along this road. They may want me to part fund one like my new footpath along Middleton St, but don't hold your breath. I will certainly look into it."

Vice Chair of Amble Town Council Helen Lewis told us: "Amble Town Council share residents' concerns about speeding on Percy Drive; many times these have been passed to NCC. While Robert Arkless was the County Councillor for that ward, speed calming measures were suggested but unfortunately were not able to be progressed due to opposition from adjacent residents."

This was confirmed by Robert Arkless, who retired from local politics last year. "I was involved in getting a detailed scheme drawn up at least twice, the last one around 2008. It went out to full public consultation and was supported, but sadly not enough. People



Percy Drive is a busy road for pedestrians to negotiate

have accepted there's a speeding issue on Percy Drive, the problem is getting a solution that people would support. There's a huge amount of traffic compared to what there used to be."

However more data is needed to prove that speeding is indeed a problem. The Town Council have asked if the mobile speed camera could be placed there occasionally to check speeds.

Uneven pavements

The elderly resident was also concerned at the bumpy pavements from Dolphin Court to the Health Centre, after an uneven pavement elsewhere in Amble caused a nasty fall in the past. She is trying to be active and as independent as she can be, but her confidence is waning.

"I'm really scared of cracked pavements," she said. "I fell near the Methodist Church once and cracked my head on the pavement. It's easier to see large ledges; it's the little ones which are difficult to see. I lost my

sight suddenly a year and a half ago and I haven't been able to drive."

Terry Clark explained to The Ambler that cracks and edges have to be deeper than 20mm before the county council will renew or fix them. He said "I have reported certain stretches on numerous occasions and the council will not fix because it's under the 20mm.

"Our elderly residents should not be afraid to walk along any footpaths in Amble. I'll also report the paths near the health centre."

And the Town Council are asking concerned members of the public to contact Terry Clark who is compiling a report on deteriorating footpaths in the town, to present to NCC.

Cllr Lewis said "At a time when we are trying to encourage everyone to be more active, it is frustrating that some footpaths are in such terrible condition."

Cllr Clark can be contacted via email: Terry.Clark@northumberland.gov.uk

New team and new sponsorship announced



Left: The new Amble Mason's team

Below: FC Amble U10s has a new sponsor: Robbs Autos



Amble Masons is a new team playing in the north Northumberland league. Most of these lads have come through

FC Amble Juniors and we are very proud to be able to take them on to the next level after grassroots.

Amble Masons have very kindly offered to sponsor these lads and do our match day hospitality.

Gary and Ronnie are looking forward to the season starting.

Sharon Chambers

What a wonderful way to begin this Trust Life, by celebrating all that is good with our Young Citizens. The annual award, organised by Darin Fawcett Northumbria Police CPSO, with prizes donated by local businesses and organisations, was held on Friday 13 July.

Trying to choose a winner was harder this year than ever before, with three fantastic nominations from the local first schools. However a winner there must be and this year the winner was Lily Henderson from Amble First School (Edwin Street). Lily has overcome a range of problems but still managed to achieve a lot as well as raising funds.

Well done to everyone who was nominated as well as their families who support them, and the businesses who donate fantastic prizes each year.

Once again the Colony music festival proved to be a great hit, even against the competition of the World Cup. So we pass on our thanks to everyone who made the event possible: from those willing volunteers who raised funds through the Puffin Festival and collections to the bands who gave their time freely. Negative comments on Facebook about the collecting bucket have not been well received, there are only a few members of the events committee (everyone/anyone else is more than welcome to

join) who try to do as much as possible with very little funding. Next year it might be worth those who have made the negative comments considering how the likes of the portable toilets are paid for – or perhaps we could just pass the bucket!

Vera came and went, with lots of interesting activity. From house fires, dead bodies, chip shop fires (not sure that one was intended!) beach parties – Amble had it all. Following on from filming Countryfile perhaps we are becoming the Hollywood of the North!!

A town centre car park still remains elusive, but never daunted we keep on at NCC and Arch who are looking at a couple of options, hopefully one

of which will prove financially possible.

Speaking of Arch, they held their consultation meeting for the Industrial Estate in July. So we now have a clearer idea of what their proposals are for the site – (see front page) - more next time.

At the time of writing we are still waiting to hear if our Expression of Interest to the Coastal Communities Fund has been successful so still sitting with fingers crossed.

Hopefully the sun will carry on shining and we can all enjoy a great summer.

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

Dressed to impress at JCSC's Prom



Year 11 held their Prom on 28 June. The students arrived in all their finery and enjoyed a wonderful evening celebrating the end of exams



Photos by Andrew Mounsey





Amble Town

COUNCIL

All meetings at 6pm unless stated otherwise
Town: 9 August, 13 September, 11 October
Amenities: 27 September

EAST WARD:	Helen Lewis, Ian Parks, 33 Warkworth Avenue, Warkworth. NE65 0TP	Craig Weir (Chair/Mayor) 76 Priory Park, Amble NE65 0PH 07751 229 739 01665 712342	WEST WARD:	Jeff Watson Ian Hinson, 11 Eastgarth Avenue, Amble. NE65 0LW 01665 710583	Friarsgate 14 Magdalene Fields Warkworth NE65 0UF 07802 385367	Tracey Hinton, 13 George Street, Amble NE65 0RZ	CENTRAL WARD:	Jane Dargue 10 Sylvia's Close, Amble NE65 0GB 07795360513 01665 711191	Martin Horn 22 Mariners View Amble NE65 0JH 01665 712836
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WEST CEMETERY

BEHIND THE SCENES clearing up work has been going on here for the past few months, but we are now making some more visible changes. The area at the top of the drive where we have previously unsuccessfully tried to create a wild flower area, will now be partly screened, so spoil can be stored there to decompose and be reused in the future. The development works at Gloster Hill have made an impression on the visual outlook from the cemetery. Whilst we appreciate the site foreman's order to cease work during a funeral, the heras fencing and earthworks can be distressing to those visiting their loved one's final resting place. The developers have agreed to now put in place the close boarded fence which would have been there when the development was finished. This will have shrubs planted in front in the autumn. We apologise for the inconvenience whilst these works take place.

PARKING

WE CONTINUE to meet with NCC to press for a town centre car park which Amble desperately needs, but unfortunately we cannot wave a magic wand and produce available land which meets all NCC requirements. Meanwhile if plans for parking space at the Industrial Estate do go ahead, we have asked that there is clear signage to direct people to the town itself- we know it is a short distance if you know the right route, but we need to encourage people to use this and not just shop there and leave. Our town has some wonderful independent shops, fantastic eateries, lovely harbour and sandy beaches to give everyone a great day out.

COUNCILLOR'S CORNER

WITH THE weather showing no signs of cooling, this is a good time to talk gardens. One of the highlights of the Town Council year is the annual awards and garden competition. This year I was privileged to spend time with fellow councillor Martin Horn guiding the official judge from Alnwick Gardens. We were very impressed with the standard this year; a huge well done to the resident gardeners of Amble and other organisations, including businesses, churches and schools too many to mention individually.

On a personal note, I would like to thank friends and colleagues for the kind words of support myself and my wife, Rachel have received in recent weeks during her illness. This has culminated in my sponsored head shave for Macmillan. Over £700 but money is still coming in! Over the past few weeks we have witnessed the NHS at its best, and I would like to add a very happy 70th birthday to this real national treasure.

Councillor Ian Parks

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2018

PLANS ARE well underway for Remembrance Day. The Sunday will also be the last of Amble's commemorative events for the WW1 Centenary. Within the service, the clock tower memorial, restored with the help of our community and a grant from the War Memorials Trust, will be rededicated. The new Peace memorial will be dedicated as a lasting monument combining thanks for all those who served in our many conflicts but looking towards the peace they hoped to bring about. The day before, as at the start of the WW1 Centenary, wooden crosses with the names of those on the memorials will be placed in the grass and poppies made by the community will be draped alongside. The evening will be reminiscent of the end of WW1 celebrations with music and fireworks. At 6.15pm Ellington Colliery Band will march and play from Dovecote St, along Church St, Cross St and North St on their way to the Braid, where they will entertain the gathered crowds. The beacon, along with all those nationally, will be lit at 7pm followed by an orchestrated fireworks display with sound broadcasting freely provided by Red Row Productions. Coquet Yacht Club will be open for facilities and refreshments. The event is free but there will be a collection by Amble and Warkworth Royal British Legion and the Rotary Club so please give generously to these worthy causes.

PADDLERS PARK

LIKE EVERYONE else we are disappointed by the failures at this new play area. NCC, County Councillors and ATC spent a lot of money to renovate this area to include a water feature and fitness equipment so that all ages could enjoy activities there. Under Health and Safety regulations a paddling pool would have had to be enclosed and continually manned which was uneconomical so a water feature was designed instead. Similar environmental rules mean sea water cannot be used unless it is filtered and treated regularly- hence fresh treated water is incorporated to keep children safe. Sadly there have been problems from the start with the water pump and the fitness items- all of which came highly recommended as suitable for our seaside location. We have met with NCC as they were the project managers and we are working together to try and rectify the faults as soon as possible.

CIVIC AWARDS 2018

THIS YEAR'S Junior award was won by The Interact Club of Coquet and Aln (Warkworth Branch). These students at JCSC have worked hard to raise funds for many different causes both here and abroad with various activities including a sponsored walk. The Adult award was given to an individual - Mary Davison - who works tirelessly in the community helping others. She is a valuable church member, helps with Dementia support, the Youth Project, the Puffin Theatre Group and LGBT to name a few. Council are pleased to publicly recognise the contributions made to our community by these people.

PEACE SCULPTURE

THANK YOU to all who took part in our community poll - voting, collection points and counting - to decide the wording to be intertwined in the arch sides of the structure which will be approx. 3 metres high and 2.5 metres wide. By a large majority in both cases: The 'Service' side will be inscribed with: Courage: Dedication: The freedom we all know and enjoy is thanks to those who served: Sacrifice: Remembrance whilst the 'Peace' side will have: Hope: Trust: When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace: Unity: Friendship. Planning permission has been granted and Stephen Lunn has already begun to work on the arches.

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Tiny Woods celebrates fifth birthday



Amble East End Walking Football, and Amble East End Juniors together with Jeannie Kielty from Banks Community Fund (centre)

The Academy was delighted to welcome Jeannie Kielty from Banks Community Fund ahead of the Academy's 5th birthday celebrations.

Tiny Woods Academy began on July 4 2013 by Josh Rutherford and Jamie Dixon when they were both students at Newcastle College. Since then the Academy has been on a wonderful journey giving children a platform to progress into grassroots football.

In the five years, Tiny Woods Academy have managed to attract former professional stars and current up and coming stars such as Nolberto Solano, Olivier Bernard, Kevin Ball, Julio Arca, Gary Bennett, Kieron Brady, Callum Williams and Yasin Ben El-Mhanni, as special guests to inspire young budding footballers.

Banks Community Fund were generous to fund Tiny Woods Academy with much needed equipment which FA Licensed Coach Josh Rutherford used as an initiative to form two clubs, Amble East End Juniors and Amble East End Walking Football Club.

Josh said "We are very grateful to Banks Community Fund for helping the Academy to form two clubs which inspires both the younger and older generation".

Amble East End Juniors have two teams at Under 7 and Under 8 Level, as well as a Development Squad, which will compete in the Pinpoint Recruitment Junior League come September.

Josh was delighted to announce that both teams have new sponsors for the new season's strips: Matt Fuels have sponsored the Under 7s away kit, and Marmaris Turkish Barbers have sponsored the under 8s kit.

The home strips for both teams have been sponsored by Best One.

Amble East End Walking Football Club have competed in friendlies and tournaments since November 2017 and managed to win their very own Walking Football Tournament in May as part of the Amble Puffin Festival.

Anyone wanting to join the club either the Junior Section or the Walking Football Club can contact Josh Rutherford on 07714862292.

Oral history project

Is anyone interested in joining an oral history project in Amble and district, to capture the memories of the elderly e.g. the railway, fishing, farming, but also matters affecting women such as maternity arrangements.

I have been involved in a similar project in Berwick, where we were trained in interview techniques and use of digital hand held recorders to conduct our interviews.

If we get some good responses from potential interviewers and interviewees, we could go ahead, with a view to starting properly in September. If you are interested, please email amblepincushion@gmail.com

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Free EGH Radio Festival



Stephen and Anne Lambert of Amble, (pictured above,) devote much of their spare time to unsigned music, helping artists get their music out to a wider audience. They are hosting a free festival to celebrate EGH Radio, its family of unsigned artists and friends.

The all-day event at The Cluny 2, Ouseburn, Newcastle, will feature artists from the local area, UK and even North Carolina in the USA. Performing at the festival are Twister, Erica, Red Light Revival, Floodhounds, Apollo Junction, Panda Lasagne, Anchor Detail, The Clarions, Bitter Enemies, League of Souls, Logoz and Niki Tyler.

EGH Radio is a platform for unsigned and emerging artists to showcase their music. It plays the best unsigned artists music there is along with interviews and interactive chat 24 hours a day. Why unsigned? Apart from loving all the unsigned music that is rarely played on mainstream radio, we know how hard it is to get your music to a wider audience. With free artist pages and promotion EGH is more than just an internet radio station.

THE CLUNY 2, Newcastle

18 August 12pm – 11pm Free entry.

Contact Stephen Lambert stephen@eghraio.com 07748771981

Women's workshop summer events

Wed. 15 August 10 – 4pm at the Women's Workshop

Join us at the Women's Workshop for fun, crafts and practical activities, just for girls and young women!

Upcycling – furniture, frames, anything you would like to smarten up. DIY skills – electrics, making and hanging a shelf.

Wild Women doll-making from scrap material.

Geocaching – explore how to find and plant a cache using GPS

Practical astronomy session – making a spectroscope to show what stars are made of.

Pop-up café.

For further information: info@womensworkshop.net

07775 817544 or Register at <https://goo.gl/FaMqJT>

Summer projects

Over the summer our Women's Weeds project will continue.

In September we plan a weekend at the Sill, with workshops and overnight stay at the YHA.

Volunteering sessions

We are also organising some early evening volunteering sessions to help on a range of practical tasks to keep the project moving forward.

To get involved and for more information, contact Carol 07711 837492 or email info@womensworkshop.net or register on Facebook [@womensworkshop.net](https://www.facebook.com/womensworkshop.net)

The Women's Workshop is situated on Coquet Enterprise Park, Amble, between Lionheart Car wash and Northern Structures.

Open evening for Army cadets

Amble Army Cadets are holding an Open Evening on Tuesday September 11 from 19.00-21.00 for any young people aged 12-18 who are interested in finding out what the Army Cadets can offer.

Do you want to make new friends? learn new skills, participate in National Sporting Events, gain confidence, and team work? The Cadets can offer all this and more, Duke of Edinburgh, BTEC and First Aid Training, all locally.

Amble Detachment based in the Old Drill Hall in Scott Street (at the end) parades Tuesday and Thursdays throughout the year and offers young people opportunities and experiences beyond the X Box and PS4.

Feel free to pop in on the night and speak to other cadets who are already benefitting from what the ACF can offer.

Detachments run throughout the County including those within W Company at Broomhill, Amble, Alnwick, Rothbury, Bellingham, Belford and Berwick.

<https://armycadets.com/county/northumbria-acf/>

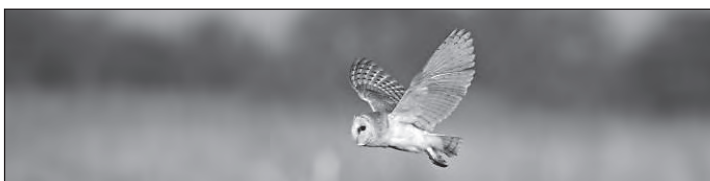
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Warkworth Show

Saturday 18 August 10am-4pm at Warkworth Castle. Exhibits, vintage cars, bands, clowns, sword fighting, climbing wall, dog show, fun run, children's fancy dress competition.

www.warkworthshow.co.uk

Summer fun at Hauxley NWT



Owl Pellet Dissection, 17,22,24,29,31Aug 11:00am – 12:00pm

Fancy something a bit different to entertain the kids this summer holiday? Have a go at dissecting an owl pellet and find out what our barn owls had for lunch. 1 hour sessions. Suitable for ages 5-12. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Adults are free but please book places. £3 per child. No dogs please

Summer Holiday Wildlife Fun, 15,17,22,24,29, 31Aug, 1-2pm

Join us this summer holiday for outdoor, wildlife fun. We have lots of great activities to get children aged 5-12 up close and involved with nature, including mini beast hunts, small mammal walks, bird bingo and much more. 1 hour sessions. Activity on the day will vary depending on weather conditions and recent wildlife activity/sightings. Suitable for ages 5-12. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Adults are free but please book places - please limit to 2 adults per child. £3 per child. No dogs please.

Harp for Beginners, Mon 20 Aug, 10:00am – 12:00pm NEW

Try something new this summer and have a go at playing the harp in this family orientated workshop for complete beginners. Suitable for ages 5-17 (all under 18's must be accompanied by an adult). Always great fun, and surprising how quickly you'll make music! Harps provided, please bring your own lunch or purchase from the Lookout Cafe on the day. £10 per child in advance, booking essential. To book or find out more, please contact qualified tutor Amanda Munday on 01686 669908 or email amandajanemunday@gmail.com.

September events at Hauxley Discovery Centre including print making, poetry reading and bird identification see: <http://www.nwt.org.uk/whats-on>

Junior watersports activities

Coquet Shorebase Trust will be running their Junior Watersports Activities at Druridge Bay Country Park throughout the summer holidays.

Half days (£25) and full days (£40) in windsurfing / sailing and paddlesports for ages 8 - 16 and all abilities.

Also there are kayak/canoe tours up the river from Amble to Warkworth and back (all done with the benefit of the tide) running every week - if you haven't seen Warkworth from the river, you don't know what you have missed!

No previous experience is needed.

More details on sailing, canoeing, powerboat courses, raft building and windsurfing at www.coquetshorebase.org.uk

Puffin lounge support for dementia

The Puffin Lounge continues to meet every other Thursday afternoon in St. Mark's Church Hall, Wellwood Street.

We chat, play and sing music, (we have just written our first song...all about Amble!!), play table top games, knit, and generally support each other in all sorts of ways. And, we always have cake, with tea and coffee.

You are welcome to come along and see what all the fuss is about - drop in any time between 2-4pm Thursdays; Aug 16,30, Sept 13,27, Oct 11,25, Nov 8,22, Dec 06, 20.

Further details from Sue Swanston (01665 711177)

East Coquet Local History

September 20: "Old A1 in picture postcards" From Scotch Corner to Lamberton Toll. by George Nairn

October 18: Old Mills of the North East by Duncan Hutt
St. Mark's URC hall at 7.30pm

WEA course

Influence of Classical Literature, Art, Culture and Thinking
Tutor: Moyra Riseborough

What effects can we trace from classical texts on literature and the world we live in today?

11 Thursdays from September 13 at 10am-12noon

Trinity Methodist church, Percy Str.

Info from: Hilga Peacock 711156. Norma Hinson 710583

Kite champion wins at Druridge Bay



Josh Mitcheson

The final rounds of the UK Stack championships took place at Druridge Bay Country Park in July and were attended by kite flyers from around the country.

Local interest was focused on 20 year old Josh Mitcheson from Ashington, who has been flying kites since he was 12 years old, Josh was defending the title he has won for the last four years and did not let Northumberland down.

He won the Multi Line Individual, Multi Line Pairs and Multi Line Team championships.

The competition has various elements to it including technical, and Ballet, a bit like figure skating, flying set patterns and then freestyle set to music, the scores are then added together to find the winner.

The Country Park hosts kite events throughout the year and it is hoped that it will become the home of the northern rounds of the UK championships in future years.

Celebrating 90 years of bowls



Left to right: Betty Fender, Dave Beaty, and Marion Guy.

Ninety years ago, I am told, this area was a Tennis Court. The transformation you would now see if you came to have a look, is amazing, especially as it has been maintained all that time by volunteers.

On a day when there is a competition and everyone is in their club colours, the setting is as beautiful a country scene as you are likely to see anywhere in the UK, especially on a sunny day the likes of which we have been having recently.

In the autumn we hope to celebrate this special anniversary. Watch this space

Once you have taken up bowling and enjoyed the excitement of the game you are unlikely to give up until you have to. Evidence of this is portrayed by the three longest serving members who are still playing, shown in the photo. Betty Fender, Dave Beaty, and Marion Guy. Betty has been a member for 46yrs and both Dave and Marion for 36yrs.

Age restrictions are only limited by one's ability to hold a bowl securely in your hand and deliver it reasonably accurately towards the smaller white ball called the jack utilising the bias built into the bowl to good effect. Come and give it a go, any weekday at about one pm there is usually someone around to give advice. We supply everything you need for a roll up at £2 a session, advice and tuition are free.

I have been asked by the club to be their Press Officer but my service with the club only extends to three and a half months. Therefore I have very little background information about the club, so if there is anyone who is still with us and a hundred years old and has first hand knowledge of the clubs beginning it would be great to hear from you, otherwise interesting anecdotal stories from existing or past club members would be appreciated for our 90th anniversary celebrations.

If you can, email me, my address is bryanjcook6@gmail.com otherwise please send any communication to the Club House or pass it on to a club member in writing. Thank you.

Bryan Cook

Amble Media Hub: WordPress workshop

Advice on creating a blog or setting up a website using WordPress. Plus tips on raising your profile using social media, and writing for the web. Free! Perfect for small businesses or individuals.

With Adrian Mahoney. At Fourways2 (Top Floor) August 15th 7-8.30pm. Just turn up or book via Eventbrite. More info via Anna Williams 01665 712929 anna@ambledevelopmenttrust.org.uk

Amble Media Hub: digital drop-in

Confused about how to use your smart phone or tablet? Need some support with digital skills? Pop in to a free drop-in session for anyone wanting help or advice with digital skills. This is a perfect opportunity if you just need a helping hand with using your smartphone or tablet. Representatives from Northumberland County Council's digital inclusion team will be available to give basic one-on-one advice, or offer suggestions for further help.

Call in to Fourways2 (Top Floor) on 22 August between 10am and midday. Got a question? Contact the event organiser Nathan Fuller on 01670 620185/ Nathan.Fuller@northumberland.gov.uk

Amble Media Hub: Make a digital book

Make a digital book using archive material from Woodhorn Museum, use pens and glue, and finish it all off using Scratch.

For 9-13 year olds. Tuesday 30 August. 10-4pm. At Fourways2. Free! Limited places, so please book via Anna Williams 01665 712929/ anna@ambledevelopmenttrust.org.uk or Nathan Fuller 01670 620185/ Nathan.Fuller@northumberland.gov.uk

Alnmouth Art Show

Members of the Old Chapel Art Group, in Alnmouth are holding an exhibition of their work on Sunday 9 September, 10am to 5 pm. In the Methodist Chapel, Church Lane, Alnmouth.

Please come along and see a display of our diverse art works.

Harbour Day

Amble RNLI Harbour Day is on Sunday 26th August on Radcliffe Quay in front of the Lifeboat Station. The day kicks off at 10am with the Opening Service by Rev. John McDermott.

This is a fun day out for all the family. Youngsters can test their footballing skills at a penalty shoot-out. Have your photograph taken with some classic Harley Davidson motorcycles. Look out for the RNLI mascot Stormy Stan. Brian English, our local singer songwriter, will entertain us with some of his songs. Meet the Queens Own Yeomanry. Watch the crew on a lifeboat exercise in the harbour (tide permitting). There will be lots of stalls and a Grand Raffle; first prize is a painting by local artist Jimmy Thompson, plus many other prizes. Teas, coffees and delicious sweet and savoury home-made treats will be served upstairs in the boathouse.

The day will be rounded off with a 'Blessing of the Fleet' Service by The Fishermans Mission from North Shields.

Watch out for details on how to bid for a fantastic wooden bench (featuring a lighthouse and seal) carved and donated by Steve the Wood Carver.

Please can you help us with:- 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 22 August at the RNLI Boathouse. *Calling all bakers!* Your home baked goods can be dropped off at the station on Saturday 25th throughout the day.

Helpers are needed on the day to man stalls and help with refreshments

All donations and offers of help are very much appreciated. Please contact Jill on 0773 181345 / email jill.faulconbridge@gmail.com or Linda on 07950940950.

Hauxley Fun Day is fast approaching

This year Hauxley Fun Day is on Bank Holiday Monday 27 August starting at 11am in the Village Square at Low Hauxley. Bric a brac, tombola, raffles, sandcastle competition on the beach, kids art competition. Live music, local beer, wine, tea, BBQ, ice cream and don't forget a slice of cake or scone! Feat of Strength, fortune teller, plate smashing stand, face painting and coconut shy. And don't forget to bring your pets for the pet show. It's a great day out for all the family.

Help needed

Every year you help us with bric a brac, raffle and tombola prizes and we hope we can rely on your kindness and generosity this year as well. We are happy to collect items - call us on 712143 and leave a message if we are not in. Or items can be left in Hauxley Village Hall which will be open from Sunday August 19th. Thank you once again for your help and support and we hope to see you on the day.

Hauxley Village Hall Committee

Amble Pin Cushion workshops

At 20-22 Queen Street. NE65 0BZ
15 August Get to know your Overlocker 9.45am – 12.45am £35
17 August Knit and Natter (Drop in knitting group) 10am – mid-day £4.50

18 August APC stand at Warkworth Show 10am – 16.30 Ticketed
22 August Stitch and Bitch (Drop in sewing group) 1.30pm – 3.30pm £4.50

5 Sept Beginner's Sewing – Envelope Cushion 10am – 4pm £45

12 Sept Crochet for Improvers 6-8pm £20

21 Sept Knit and Natter (Drop in knitting group) 10am – mid-day £4.50

26 Sept Stitch and Bitch (Drop in sewing group) 1.30pm – 3.30pm £4.50

Please contact the shop to book your place by paying your deposit
Tel. 01665 714584

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WW1 1918 centenary exhibition

Saturday, 25 August 10.30am -5pm Saturday, 25 August 2018
Exhibition: The Memory of War. The last battle, the Armistice, the Peace, demobilisation, and Women's Suffrage, in Warkworth War Memorial Hall. In collaboration with Warkworth and Amble District Royal British Legion and Warkworth Women's Institute.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission will provide a free look up service on graves during the day, we have The Seatones female group of singers with their renditions of all the wartime songs, artefacts to examine from Fusilier Museum at Alnmouth Castle, and a military display from Discovery Museum at Newcastle.

Refreshments available and raffle in support of Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Free admission

We are eager to find evidence on how the residents of Warkworth and the surrounding area were affected by these events. 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 would like to invite local residents to submit any interesting items connected with 1918 for our exhibition. Photographs, medals, newspaper cuttings, returning prisoner of war items etc. would be extremely useful. We would like to display items specifically 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, we would love to hear from you. Please contact (RBL) Jeff Watson or (W.I.) Serena Coulter to discuss.

Enquiries: 01665 710850 and 07785 753100

Next meeting of the Royal British Legion:

Weds, 26 September, 2018

Speaker June Watson, The Anzacs

Rotary notes



Pictured (L to R) are : Lisa Douglas and Tracy Hinton from the Youth Project and Heaven Bajwa and Emily Grimsey from Interact.

Because of England's success in the World Cup it was necessary to cancel the club's meeting on Tuesday 3rd July so that Rotarians could watch England defeat Sweden 2- 0 in the Quarter Finals. The only Rotarian who may have been disappointed in the result was Werner Dobrowsky who was born in Sweden.

The club's speaker on 10th July was Liz Clark from the Northumbrian Hedgehog Rescue Trust Centre which is located in Longframlington. Liz spoke passionately about the work of the Trust and Rotarians were shocked to learn that in the 1950s it was estimated that there was a hedgehog population of 30 million in the UK, but that now the numbers have shrunk to only 1 million. For details about the work of the Trust and what you can do to help, please see www.hedgehogs-northumbria.org.uk

England's success in the World Cup did not delay our Interact Club from the James Calvert Spence College presenting a cheque for £250 to the Amble Youth Project.

The Rotary Club's latest member is Jane Dargue, former Mayor of Amble. Tim Mason commented that it was a pleasure to induct a new member as his first official duty.

Two other new members have transferred from the Alnwick Rotary Club, Rotarians Terry and Marion Long. Terry is a past District Governor of our Rotary District and so will bring a wealth of experience to the club.

Kickboxers' 11 medal haul

Three members of Hybrid Kickboxing Amble travelled down to Barnsley at the end of July, to represent England at the WKO World Open Kickboxing Championships.

The three returned with an amazing 11 medals in total. Instructor Adam White returned with 3 silver and 1 bronze, Jack Brown returned with an extremely hard fought 2 Bronze (Jack was in the biggest category of the weekend)

The surprise of the weekend however was heavy weight Brad Sansom returning with a magnificent 3 gold, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze in only his second major competition. Another bonus for the club was Asst Coach Allan White being called to officiate in his first world competition.

Instructor Adam White said "This has been an outstanding achievement for the club up against top class competitors from 16 countries, and to have world class competitors and officials in the club can only help us to grow and look forward to the future."

Hybrid would like to thank sponsors TDL motors, Calibrate Energy, Elemental Tatoos, Park Leisure (Amble Links), Hotspur Residential and a special thanks to Mr Donald White of Blyth Fencing and to Steven White for supplying all extra funding required.

Anyone interested in taking up kickboxing call at the club (Amble old boys club) any Tuesday or Thursday evening or find us on Facebook (Hybrid Kickboxing Amble)

Adam White

Coble Stories from Amble

The Coble and Keelboat Society is searching for details of cobbles and their crews right back to the early days of fishing in Amble and right up to date. Amble was justifiably one of the premier ports for the building of cobbles with the late Hector Handyside being one of the top coble builders along the 'Coble Coast'. The 'Coble Coast' stretches from Berwick upon Tweed to the Humber with more than 30 'fishing stations' or harbours along that coast.

The Society is building an archive of material relating to the history and culture of fishing communities who use\used cobbles in the inshore fishing industry. Names of boats, the fishermen who owned and worked them and if possible the dates of building and ownership.

The long history of cobbles on the coast is not that well recorded and it is hoped to draw together and permanently record the hard and dangerous lives that fishermen and their families lived.

Information can be sent to Colin Robson at ckscr48@gmail.com or left at the Amble Development Trust office.

The Coble and Keelboat Society was founded in 1987 and has 90 members in the UK and abroad, new members are always welcome. Further information is available from the above email address.



An evening with Supermac

An evening with NUFC legend Malcolm Macdonald (Supermac) at the Bede, Amble

Fri 31 August 8-11pm. Tickets £8 includes buffet. Doors open 6.30pm

Auction for signed shirt and football also photographs. Raffle for Breast Cancer Now.

Tickets available from the Bede: 01665 710213 or J Hardisty: 07749 453196

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A last minute panic, but what a day

Organisers of the Colony music festival had a last minute panic as England's achievements during the World Cup meant they would be playing their quarter final during the popular event. "We realised people would still like to see bands and football, so we solved it by having a couple of screen areas which worked great," said organiser Charlene Allan.

"The zones proved popular with football fans and kids and the atmosphere afterwards was incredible when everyone sang 'It's coming home'".

Organiser Ed, who is also bass player of The Range said it had been a perfect day. On Facebook he thanked the sponsors and organisers and especially the hundreds of people of Amble who turned out to see the musicians.

"Well what a day that was!! Thank you to everyone involved for putting together the perfect day. This festival wouldn't happen if it was for the hard work from the Radcliffe Club, the lads from The Range, as well as Craig Robertson and Mick Robertson.

"This festival is run on a shoestring budget so many thanks for the donations from Castle North Plumbing & Heating and the Little Shore Crochet Club, as well as people at PRS PPL Ltd for



Above: Crowds thoroughly enjoyed the music, football and sun at Amble's Little Shore

granting a free music licence, Les Baston for use of his trailer and Amble Events Committee for their support, and thanks to the bands/artists who played, as they gave up their time for free. Without this we wouldn't be able to put on a show.

"So thank you to Jonathan May, Brian English, Stoneleaf, Wagjammer, Cold Night for Crocodiles, Corporal Bones, The Range & Dirty Hearts.

"Also thanks to Ben at Red Row Productions for proving his expertise and one the best PA

systems around, making the whole event sound awesome. And finally thanks to you Amble, you never disappoint, you were an awesome crowd."

Wendy Young, from Wagjammer told The Ambler that the band relished performing, despite the distraction of the quarter final World Cup match.

She said "The whole 'its coming home' was super poignant for me in particular as it was a bit of a homecoming gig for me as I was brought up in Amble and my folks still live there, the lads

were thrilled to be playing, and only regret is that we should have learned the Three Lions song for the day!

"It was pretty mad when England scored as everyone started running around cheering, people seemed to be in great fettle, we had it all, music, sun, football win, family and friends, what more could you ask for!"

You can see The Range and some of the other musicians at Warkfest on 22 Sept. Tickets £10 available from Warkworth Village Shop.



*I-r: Top row Wendy Young (Wagjammer); Johnny May, Stoneleaf, Corporal Bones
Second row: Brian English, Julie Nicholson, Kerry Kendall, Maureen Barclay, footballer Paul Patterson.
Bottom row: Daniel Exley, Cold Night for Crocodiles, dancing queens, England supporter Mark Goodall.*

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