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Christmas-sea parade lights up the town

Thousands of people turned out to support Amble's ever popular Torchlight Procession and Christmas lights switch-on. This year's theme was Under the Sea. Community groups filled the

street, piled aboard festive floats, carrying hand made lanterns and banners, and cheering as the colourful Christmas lights sparkled against the darkness.

Organisers of the parade were

delighted at the turnout. "Thank you to all who took part, this has definitely been the biggest procession we've had, and we hope everyone had a great time," said a spokesperson.

The WI sang carols under the tree, and after the procession, there were performances in the town square from young people's dance group Dansformation, and tribal dancers Tribe Zuza.



Top: Amble Rowing Club's skiff Above: Young citizen Lily Henderson officially switched on the lights, with Kate Morrison and Mayor Craig Weir; Dansformation; Emelia Barclay and Hannah Mitchell with Santa; Below: lanterns and banners, Dansformation dancers, Angie's Tavern.

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Kevin and Pat Foster

Welfare award for enterprising farmer



Alan Conway outside his milk vending machine hut

An enterprising farmer has won an award for his dedication to animal welfare standards, and is also in the running for Dairy Farmer of the Year.

Alan Conway of Hauxley Dairy Farm told *The Ambler* he was thrilled to learn about the awards.

Hauxley Dairy Farm has won the Responsible Farming award from First Milk, in recognition of their dedication to improving

animal welfare and performance.

Much of the farm's milk is collected by First Milk, a farmer's co-operative. It is then turned into cheese at the Lake District Dairy Company and often ends up as Pilgrims Choice or Sainsbury's and Tesco's own brand cheddar.

Hearing he had also been nominated for Dairy Farmer of the Year in the Northern Farmer Awards was a bit of a shock. Alan said "I was balancing on

top of a 16 foot bale of hay trying to tie it down, when my mobile rang with the news. I thought 'What? Hold on, I'd better stop what I'm doing here!' I am pleased, of course, but a little bit daunted. We've won lots of milk quality awards, but I've never been nominated for Northern Farmer before. We're in the final three in the Dairy Farmer category. We have to go to a black tie event in Harrogate in February to find out who has won."

The dairy farm uses a robotic milking system for its 130 British Friesians, and has diversified in the last year, by launching a milk delivery service and installing a vending machine at the entrance to the farm. Both ventures have proved very popular, not least because they sell their milk in recyclable glass bottles.

"The vending machine is very popular," said Alan. "Some locals even prefer using it to having it delivered. We've got people coming up on a regular basis from Newcastle and one customer from Longhorsely."

Anna Williams

Universal Credit in Amble

Universal Credit Full Service is being rolled out by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) across Northumberland with residents in Amble, Alnwick, Bedlington, Blyth and Hexham due to be included in the scheme on 12 December.

Northumberland County Council Customer Services are offering digital support and Citizens Advice Northumberland are providing budgeting advice to residents who are affected by the change. To find out where your nearest help centre is, visit www.northumberland.gov.uk/UC or call 0345 600 6400

Councillor retires

Town Councillor and ex Mayor of Amble Ian Hinson, has retired from Amble Town Council after 42 years. Ian commented, "I'll miss it all, but without the necessary energy, it's time I stood aside and let an enthusiastic younger person have a go."

Bede Street vote invalid

Members club the Bede Street is no longer in administration.

A vote to wind up the club's affairs was held in August. But complaints were voiced from many members that they had not received ballot papers.

The Ambler understands that the ballot on the future of the club was then declared invalid due to an error by the liquidator.

A meeting will now be held on Sunday 9 December at 2pm, at the club in Bede Street. Members will vote on either managing the club as a going concern or closing it and liquidating its assets. Votes will be counted on the day.

Members unable to attend can vote by proxy. Contact Esmond Coulter 07767496491; Darrin Hindhaugh 07767831267; Keith Lee 07951576789; or George Nelson 01665 711236 for a form.

New gym opens

Apex Health and Fitness Gym is based in Coquet Enterprise Park opposite the car wash. It opened its doors on 17 November.

The gym manager is an ex royal marine. They are introducing classes for both men and women and want to create a friendly environment where everyone feels welcome.

They are also looking for potential instructors and people who want to use the gym to host their own PT services.

The enterprise has been aided by a government grant called LEADER. The funding is being made available through the Rural Development Programme for England, which is jointly funded by DEFRA and the European Union.

Public thanked for generosity after memorial bench vandalised

Fundraisers have raised over £800 to replace two memorial seats, one of which was vandalised for a second time.

The seat was one of two placed in Amble, after the tragic deaths of two local fishermen, Mark Arries and Edward Ide. The two young fishermen died from carbon monoxide poisoning in a poorly maintained vessel moored in Whitby harbour in January 2014. The owner of the boat was subsequently jailed for 15 months.

In 2014, the seats were placed by the two families, in memory of their sons. One is on the harbour near the Little Shore, the other along the estuary next to the Shorebase Trust. But sadly the seat at the estuary has needed to be repaired, not once, but twice.

John Arries, father of Mark Arries told *The Ambler*: "I came round here last week and it's like this again. It's pure vandalism. It's a mess. I feel awful."

He called for members of the public to help to repair the seat, admitting he couldn't afford to pay them. Shortly after the announcement, a member



John Arries with the broken memorial seat

of Eddie Ide's family set up a justgiving page, and the fund was inundated with support.

Discussions then took place with the families and Northumberland HMP, about the possibility of the prison making two replacement seats.

Jane Stilling told *The Ambler* "We have closed the Justgiving

page and we raised £810. We are so thankful to everyone who has donated. I am truly astonished with the support the community have given us. I am talking to the prison now, and we are in the process of designing two metal benches to replace the wood ones, so hopefully they can't be vandalized as easily."



Russia, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and China all seem to be behaving oddly, at least they all exhibit behaviour patterns that go against the grain of national and international conventions.

The great fear of draconian regimes is exposure, and that's difficult to control in an age of social media.

By the way, I didn't add the USA to my list of oddball regimes. It's a given that a country run by Mr. Trump and his cohort must behave in a way that doesn't conform to any sort of normality.

Recently we've seen a number of instances of dissent being silenced in several countries. I'm glad that I live in a country

where being pilloried in "Private Eye" is much more likely than imprisonment or elimination by the state.

"Do we know the difference between truth and falsehood?"

Nowadays we each have to edit the supposed information that comes our way. 'Fake news' is bound to appear on the same platforms as genuine fact and sensible comment. Could it just be that each of us overestimates his or her capacity to know the difference between truth and falsehood?

My security comes from living in a place I like, among a community I like and respect (some more than others!). We all

seem to rub along pretty well, and most of us have comfortable lives. However, when we look around more closely, we can see that many of us have problems. We don't have to look far to see somebody we can help in some way.

Winter is just around the corner, so I'll return to my constant theme: "If I can help somebody on the way through life, then my living will not be in vain".

Has anybody else become aware of the fact that the increase in the length of life of the average Brit has gone into reverse? Thoughts on a postcard please.

One of these days I'll aim for originality.
Harry

Former Headteacher fondly remembered

We were saddened to hear of the recent death of Robert (Bob) Fisk, who had been Headmaster of Coquet High School for many years.

Born in County Durham as a young man he joined Elswick Harriers and competed in the Great North Run, once finishing in less than one and a half hours

He came to the area as head of Druridge Bay County Secondary School and oversaw the change into Coquet High School which began its life on the Druridge Bay site.

Former pupil David Hall told us "Bob Fisk was an amazing head teacher he led the inaugural high school provision of comprehensive education. In particular he led a split site operation between Amble and Hadston whilst the new school was partially opened during construction. Only the library, 12 classrooms and main hall were built. The science area and sports hall came in the following two years."

Bob had the responsibility of redeploying staff between the new High School and the resulting two Middle Schools. He also had to cater for pupils from the old selective

system and the new comprehensive system and the introduction of computers into schools

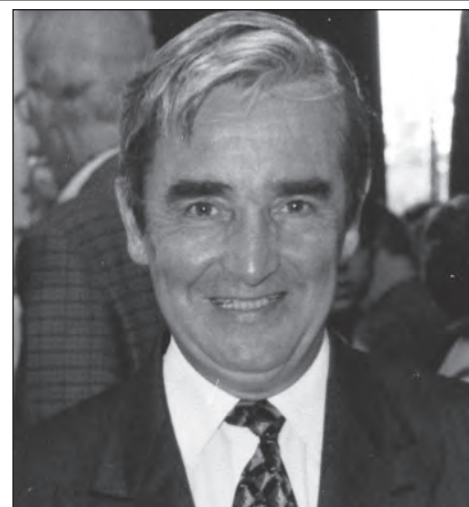
Former colleague and teacher Harry McQuillen said "He was a little dynamo. Few staff or former students will forget Bob Fisk, or the effect he had on their lives. He left a lasting impression on those he came in contact with."

Harry remembered one particular event; his stage performance in a production of 'Living in a Dustbin.' The show was eventually taken to the Edinburgh Festival.

"He introduced many diverse programmes to integrate people and keep things running smoothly, including the best tie competition. He had an element of training in his role and a number of his staff left to take on headships in other schools."

David Hall remembers "He recognised success and endeavour each year with a great awards night and indeed I still have my certificates."

Another colleague and teacher, Bill Mitchell commented, "He was a wonderful head. He treated everyone with respect



Robert (Bob) Fisk

and as a result he was himself respected.. His door was always open for anyone with problems, ideas and advice."

Later in his career Bob became President of the National Head Teachers Association which involved a lot of meetings and travelling.

Remembering him on Facebook, some past pupils made reference to corporal punishment, but Harry said: "As the head he was expected to maintain discipline. He did this in a sensible manner. He was fair"

Bob retired in 1995 and he and his wife Pat spent a lot of time travelling the world. In his home town of Rothbury he was an eminent member of the community. He and Pat had two sons and five grandchildren. He will be missed.

Vivienne Dalgliesh



Staff at Coquet High School in 1985, with Head Bob Fisk front row, centre

NEW BUS SHELTER

A new bus shelter will be installed on Church Street for the X20. Highways guidelines only allowed this particular type of shelter. The town council are also looking into having a designated coach drop off point so visitors on coaches can be dropped off and picked up near the centre of town without impacting on traffic flow.

Sponsored bike ride to Slovenia



Jeremy Davis reached his destination in Ljubljana in 61 days

In our last issue we reported on Jeremy Davis who cycled from Amble to Slovenia to raise money for the Cure Parkinson's Trust.

Jeremy successfully completed his trip, and raised over £7000- a huge sum of money which will be going towards a very good cause.

He wrote on his Facebook page: "Now back in Amble for the roundup of what was an extraordinary time with you all. Couldn't have done it without you (that's for sure), the people met along the way plus the fab weather. So a big thank you!

We have currently raised £6,067.53 + £1,145.50 Gift Aid - wow!

It shall be placed in the good hands of Cure Parkinson's Trust to support one of their worthwhile projects.

I left Amble on 19 August and arrived in Ljubljana on the 18 October amounting to 61 days. Pedalled over 1,800 miles in 50 days, with only nine hours of rain in total! Unbelievable."

If you would like to see Jeremy's Just Giving page, the link is: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/pedal4cure

Have a Hygge Christmas

I've been thinking about the waste we produce at Christmas. I was completely unaware until recently that most cheap wrapping paper is not recyclable. Many are plastic-based and are also contaminated with glitter and sellotape. I really want to reduce the obscene amount of rubbish I throw away on Christmas Day.

Here are 5 easy ways to reduce Christmas rubbish;

1. Shop local and take your own bags and tubs. We have a greengrocer, fishmonger, two butchers, a cheese pod and a coffee pod in Amble. Avoid the supermarket hard plastic tubs and plastic packaging. Buy only what you need.

2. Send plastic-free gifts to people. There are some tasty new gins out there, and we have fabulous beer from the Rigg & Furrow Brewery at Acklington Park Farm. Books make good gifts, as do theatre and cinema tickets, magazine subscriptions and workshop courses. There

are a wide range of eco-friendly toiletries too. Wrap them in brown or recyclable paper if you can. Avoid glitter.

3. Bake your own biscuits and mince pies. I was inspired by a friend who baked and decorated her own Halloween biscuits to give to children trick or treating. No plastic Haribo tubs and packaging there.

4. Make your own decorations. If you have children, gather some holly and pine cones and have a go at making a wreath. There are several workshops to create Christmas goodies at the Dry Water Arts Centre.

If you don't have time to make any, buy inexpensive wooden decorations.

5. On the Big Day, ditch plastic straws, crackers with cheap plastic toys (which inevitably end up in the bin), and as much other plastic as you can. And try 'Hygge' - quality time out with family and friends.

Lynne Russell
Litterbugs



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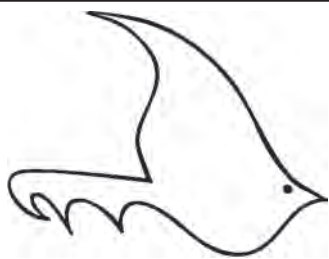
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Why we should all be proud of our town

Welcome to the Christmas and New Year edition of *The Ambler*. We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas lights and procession; certainly from the turnout, this magical event brings the whole community together.

Amble can rightly be proud of its community spirit - evident again at the Remembrance Day service and WW1 centenary fireworks, when so many people came to show their respects and support the commemoration events. Proud too, that we showed just what our little town can achieve, by

being shortlisted for the Great British High Street awards. Sadly we didn't win, but the judges gave us top marks in all four judging categories, so we can hold our heads high along with High Streets in towns much bigger than us. So with all that in mind, we wish you all a very merry Christmas, and here's to a happy, healthy and bright 2019.

By the way... We are looking for a new distributor from February onwards. If you are interested, please contact Anna: editor@theambler.co.uk or ring 01665 712929 for details

WHAT YOU SAY...

Tree removal concerns

I have just read the article on the tree removal next to Amble Inn (*Issue 113 p14*); I'm still not happy and some of my neighbours feel the same about a very similar situation that happened at the new coquet grange development.

Myself and others complained about the overgrown weeds next to the public path (which happened to be also next to my house), it took a very long time to get someone to take ownership between Persimmons and the Council; then when NCC recognised it was theirs, they came and cut down what we and the highway team could count, 25 trees. The highway team came to finish the job, which the other team started, they left a behind mess and stumps of the once healthy trees.



Above: trees at Coquet Grange, summer 2018
Below: the same view back in summer 2016



The person in charge of the highway team found out that the other team on the NCC had realised they had wrongfully cut down the trees but did not have the funds to replace.

Many neighbours were shocked by this, but because I lived next to it, I did miss these trees, they were big strong beautiful trees that also sheltered my home for many reasons, weather, privacy, noise from the road etc.

Such a shame that the developers and NCC can do this and then not even try to rectify any mistake made.

*Dawn Dunn,
via email*

The Ambler asked the county council for a comment. A spokesperson said: "This was a number of years ago now, and was work that was carried out in response to complaints about the condition of the verge area. Trees were not wrongfully cut down."

A touch of love 'saved my life'

I'd like to say a big thank you to Michael Anderson from A Touch of Love pod in the Harbour Village, who found my shoulder bag and contents on Saturday 17 November. A very big thank you Michael - you are a life saver! *Mary Gair, Hauxley Way*

Masons Arms Charity Day

The Masons Arms Charity Day raised £460, which was shared between Grainger Street Friends, who help the homeless, and Amble RNLI.

We are still collecting warm clothing, sleeping bags and toiletries. Any further donations will be gratefully received and can be left at the Masons Arms. We also run a domino card every Thursday at Quiz Night' which continues to add to the collections.

*Sarah Hedley,
Manager, The Masons Arms*

Pots are a danger to birds

This is for the attention of the public but specifically the local fishermen, as it's their lobster and crab pots which are unfortunately killing small birds.

The birds go into the pots looking for food (insects, fish etc) and can't find their way out again. If all fishermen left their pots open, as some do, it would save unnecessary suffering and death for these birds. I would appeal to the fishermen and public to check the pots when passing them. I do this and have saved quite a few birds.

Patrick Turvey via email

Remembering Amble stories from WW1

Louise Brook has been delving into the archives

Zeppelin over Coquet Island

In 2014, in commemoration of the centenary of the beginning of the First World War, the Amble GPX group created a video interview.

The video was with John Scott, a retired journalist, reflecting on the story his mother, Helen Scott, used to tell him about being stuck on Coquet Island when a Zeppelin flew over the lighthouse.

Helen's father worked on Coquet Lighthouse during WW1, and it seems on March 13th, 1918, a German Zeppelin got lost over the North Sea, potentially on the way to Hartlepool, and stopped over Coquet Island to gather its bearings.

As one of the people involved in the project, it seems appropriate to look back at it, especially as four years later we are commemorating the 100 year anniversary of the end to World War 1.



A captured German field gun was placed at the top of the Wynd. circa 1918 (Paul Morrison collection).

To think that just at Coquet Island, a Zeppelin once hovered over is unbelievable.

Helen's own version of events was told in Flash Magazine in 1988, where she explained that her father recognised the noise of the motors and told her to 'don't speak, just crouch', whereupon a man was lowered from the airship and then lifted back up.

You can watch the video on YouTube, by searching for 'Zeppelin Over Coquet Island'.

After the Armistice in 1918

The reaction to the end of the war in the whole of the country was very mixed.

In London there were parties, whereas in other areas of the country the mood was quite sombre. Rationing continued, although some restrictions were lifted, such as allowing street lamps to be lit throughout the dark evenings and nights.

Life in Northumberland soon changed after the war, and sadly, we did not fare well. Reparations

from Germany to England were made by sending us free coal, which had terrible repercussions on miners and their business.

Mining jobs were still a predominant employer in the North East, but the consistency of employment went downhill shortly after the war had ended.

WW1 also brought shipbuilding business to Amble, which eventually fizzled out after the war, and many people would be surprised to learn we used to build concrete ships here.

Most industries were affected mostly from 1920 onwards, as Britain struggled to compete with countries such as the US.

In 1925, the town memorial was unveiled, accompanied by a procession, wreath laying and prayers for the honoured dead. Now, the Clock Tower Memorial is protected by Historic England as a heritage site.

With thanks to Frank Swinhoe and Ian Mcmanus for their contributions.

Northumberland Sea Fisheries Committee in the First World War

The history of fishing along the Northumberland Coast goes back into the mists of time and it is part of our shared heritage.

Governments have also seen fit since the reign of Edward I to regulate fishing activity and make laws to govern what fishermen can and cannot do. Towards the end of Queen Victoria's reign, Sea Fisheries Committees were operating all around our coast. Northumberland's was established in 1890. These committees were subsequently replaced by the Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities in 2011.

At the Northumberland Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (NIFCA) office in Blyth, we have in our archive minute



books of the Sea Fisheries Committee dating back to the turn of the 20th century, and they contain fascinating insights into life along our coastline.

The Minute book for 1918 is a beautifully hand-written, bound volume (see above photo). The minutes for October

1918 contain some fascinating details. They reference illegal trawling by minesweepers, leading to communication with the Naval Authorities, but with further details sadly lacking. The Duke of Northumberland thanked the Committee for their congratulations upon his appointment as Lord Lieutenant of the County and their Resolution of Sympathy on the death of the late Duke.

The Clerk of the Committee reported on interviews with representatives of the Ministry of Labour regarding the prospects of Sea Fisheries as a career for ex-Officers, presumably with the end of the war being in sight.

The Finance Committee

approved an application from a Fishery Officer for a rubber coat and wellington boots, and the purchase of a bicycle for an Officer carrying out his duties along the Northumberland Coastline! The Watch Committee also recommended to the General Committee that proceedings be instituted against an individual for landing raw edible crab during the close season.

It is altogether, a compelling insight into what seems like a very distant age, but at the same time is familiar to those of us of a certain age from tales told by their grandparents.

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Local blacksmith is officially the best in the UK

The man who created Amble's peace sculpture has just been awarded the most prestigious prize in blacksmithing – for the second time.

Stephen Lunn was awarded the Tonypany cup by the Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths, just days before he completed work on the stunning new peace sculpture which has been placed in Amble's Memorial Gardens.

The sculpture was commissioned by Amble Town Council to mark the centenary of the end of WW1.

Stephen told The Ambler he was very honoured to have been invited to create the sculpture: "It's a terrific honour both because they had faith in my designs, and because this is my local town."

Amble's mayor Craig Weir said "The town council wanted to make a sculpture that was unique and to be synonymous with peace, and for those who are serving and who have served. Not a memorial to the dead. We chose Stephen because he's a local artist, and we've always admired his work."

Money for the sculpture,



Stephen Lunn (centre) with daughter Ashlee Donaldson and Paul Morrison

estimated to be around £25k, came from public contributions, Amble's two county councillors, and the town council.

Stephen said "They gave me the themes of peace and happiness around the world, and they wanted trees, doves and poppies involved."

The design chosen by the town council took six months to

complete, and included words and phrases chosen by the community in a vote. Stephen has hammered and hand forged each piece of mild steel in his workshop in Red Row, which was then galvanised. He said I'm over the moon with the finished piece."

The prestigious award from the Worshipful Company of

Blacksmiths is the second time Stephen has been honoured with the title.

In 2010 he won for his work on the Burial Ground gates at Alnwick Castle. This time his award was given for his work on the gates at Alnwick Garden.

The Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths has been in existence since medieval times, and supports young blacksmiths as well as recognising and awarding the work of skilled craftspeople.

Stephen said "I'm very happy to have won. It's brilliant. But I feel I'm accepting it on behalf of everyone who's trained me."

Craig Weir said, "I'm not surprised at all that Stephen has been awarded best blacksmith in the UK; his work is outstanding and we're very proud of him. The peace sculpture is stunning and we are delighted with it."

Stephen's daughter Ashlee Donaldson is following in her father's footsteps as she has completed a galvanised mild steel four seat memorial bench in Hadston, commissioned by Broomhill Detachment (W Company Northumbria ACF).

Anna Williams

Busy time for Amble Lifeboats

Recent shouts

• **7 October:** lifeboat Elizabeth and Leonard assisted a diving boat which was experiencing mechanical problems. The rigid inflatable boat was then towed into Seahouses harbour. The boat returned to base at Amble at 3pm. Later that afternoon at 5.25pm a

call came through to assist a yacht broken down at the "Pan Bush" area ½ a mile east of the harbour. The vessel was towed into Amble Marina and berthed alongside.

• **5 November:** both Amble and RNLI lifeboats launched to assist two boats. The Elizabeth and Leonard and the Mildred Holcroft

launched at 5.47pm, and towed the two vessels back to safety.

• **6 November:** a call came through at 8.30am to assist a lady with two dogs trapped by the tide at the estuary at Alnmouth. The Mildred Holcroft initially had difficulty entering the water in the estuary, but the lady was escorted

to safety by the Coastguards and the Police.

• **8 November,** the Mildred Holcroft launched at 9.33pm to assist a situation that had developed at the end of Amble's south pier. After a short time the situation was resolved and the lifeboat returned to station.

Claire Shiels'

Business Matters



Ever thought about becoming a freelancer? According to the Office for National Statistics, 15 percent of the UK's entire workforce was made up of self-employed people in 2017.

If you've been made redundant or you like the idea of working for yourself, then self-employment may be the answer. Less complicated than creating a limited company, all you need to do is inform HMRC, set up a separate bank account and you're good to go.

Almost all sectors lend

themselves to freelancing; from bookkeeping to interior design, construction to business consulting.

There are downsides, of course. Should you take time off through illness or just simply a holiday, there's no sickness or holiday pay to see you through. Remember too that you're responsible for paying your own income tax and National Insurance.

"Having control over the way you work can be life changing"

Having control over the way you work can be life changing, however. Whether you want to spend more time with the family, reduce your workload, take up a new hobby or simply achieve a better work-life balance, freelancing could be the key.

I'm currently looking for a freelance PA (Personal Assistant) to work alongside me in my PR business at Fourways2. Working 10am – 2pm, Monday to Thursday, you'd be taking calls, handling emails, organising my diary and helping

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Claire

Claire Shiels is an Amble-based small business PR specialist

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How to Celebrate the Winter Solstice



What even is the winter solstice? Why should we care about it? We hear your cries, dear reader, and all shall be explained.

The winter solstice, also known as midwinter, marks the longest night of the year, happening when one of the Earth's poles is at its maximum tilt away from the Sun. But why does this matter?

The winter solstice has many connotations with rebirth and new beginnings and is a tradition in many religions and cultures.

Iranian people celebrate 'Yalda night' and the entire family gather together to eat, drink and read poems. Some pagans celebrate a 12 day holiday known as Yule.

Many modern Christmas traditions, such as the Christmas tree, holly wreath and yule log, originate from this celebration.

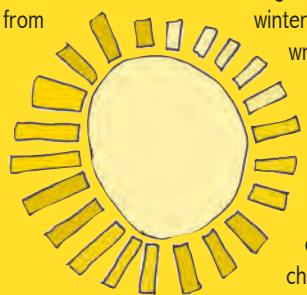
This holiday isn't as well-known as Christmas, which comes just a few days after, but it's still a good time for feasting, festivals and spending time with loved ones.

Some good ways to celebrate the winter solstice are making a yule wreath out of twigs, pine, ivy and whatever else you want!

If you have a sweet tooth, you could also make a delicious yule log with chocolate and cream.

This midwinter festival lands on Friday 21 December- only four days from Christmas - but whether you remember it or not, at least we can all celebrate the fact that the days are getting longer again!

By Lily



CHRISTMAS IN AUSTRIA



Have you ever wondered what Christmas is like in a different country? Well, I will tell you what Christmas is like in Austria!

1) Forget Santa, because in Austria we don't have Santa, we have the "Christkind!" She's a bit like an angel

2) Have you ever been too impatient to open your Christmas gifts? In Austria, we open our presents on Christmas Eve!

3) Before, I told you there was NO Santa

- but there is, he doesn't give you presents like on Christmas, he gives you chocolates! Instead of calling him Santa, the Austrians call him St. Nicholas.

4) Austria has a much higher snow rate, and that means that there is five times more snow in Austria than in England. There was a lot of snow last year!

5) Ice skating and skiing are both very popular sports in Austria, especially since Austria is home to the Alps.
By Grace



HAMILTON, an AMERICAN MUSICAL

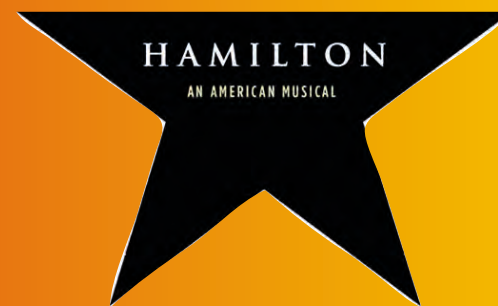


You've probably heard of Hamilton, the musical, and not to be dramatic, (although it is theatre) but Hamilton is amazing and definitely worth giving it a listen.

The first time I heard about it, I was sort of confused, since it does sound rather crazy. That's the thing about Hamilton, it's just crazy enough to work, and after listening to it for the first time, I was blown away by the story told through its awesome music.

Hamilton is an American musical about the founding fathers of America, music and lyrics written by Lin Manuel Miranda, who also played the lead role of Hamilton himself. Using genres such as hip-hop, R&B, soul and pop, Alexander Hamilton's story is told, going through his major life events.

The musical begins with Hamilton's departure from the Caribbean and his arrival in New York: The first song, which is so powerful and exciting,



due to the amazing vocals from the cast and beautiful lyrics such as, "He put a pencil to his temple, connected it to his brain and he wrote his first refrain, a testament to his pain." Many of the other events in his life are explored, from the heart-warming first encounter between him and his future wife, Eliza Schuyler, to fighting in the American Revolutionary war in 1781, with his comrades and as George Washington's right hand man.

However, one of the best things about Hamilton is that it not only tells of his triumphs and happiness but his regrets and sadness, too. I won't spoil too much, but this musical is an emotional roller-

coaster. I'd have a box of tissues on hand, just in case. The result of mixing both joy and tragedy together is that it allows you to see all of these historical figures as human, and breathes life into them. It's this kind of whimsical characterisation that makes listening and learning about them so insanely fun.

So, now you know what Hamilton is, you might be wondering why you should give it a listen yourself. Well, this musical serves as a great introduction to learning more about American history as well as an opportunity to experience some incredibly heartfelt music and storytelling.

Hamilton is a musical about determination. About not giving away your shot. It's about the rise and fall, about hope and legacy. So, if you have not yet listened to Hamilton, what are you waiting for?

By Katie Wilson

Hamilton is showing at the Victoria Palace Theatre, London from 22 December until 30 March 2019. Alternatively you can listen to the soundtrack on YouTube.



Hello, and welcome to Artograffi's Christmas edition! Hallo, und willkommen zu Artograffi's Weihnachtsauflage! This edition is brought to you by: Lily, Ava, George-Anne, Jess, Katie, Grace and Bethany.



PARKRUN IS FUN



Parkrun is the local run event that hundreds of people turn up to weekly.

This number dwindles as Christmas nears due to the cold weather; however it is a great idea if you want to be healthy this Christmas.

All abilities and ages are welcome. It takes place at 9am on Saturday mornings, our



most local event is Druridge Bay but there is also Newbiggin or Rising Sun. If you don't feel like running you can volunteer to marshal, this means cheering people on and telling them where to go.

Taking part in Parkrun is fun and easy so everyone should get involved by printing off a barcode from the Parkrun website and simply coming along and running/walking.

By Ava

PARADE ADVENTURE

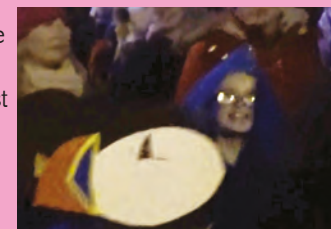


This year's light festival was on the 18 November. The theme was based on Under the Sea.

My parade adventure.

I took part in the parade with Puffin Theatre Club (that's me in the photo with a blue cloth wrapped around my head), and as I walked through the crowd, I saw glimmering bodies of fish, jellyfish and whales. People waved pompoms and lanterns frantically. When the centre of Amble is lit up, it looks like a Christmas miracle. Everyone was having an amazing time, just like me.

By Grace



Channelling our inner Kim-Joy



Finalist of GBB0 Kim-Joy has become famous for her cute, detailed gingerbread people/animals. Recently we at Artograffi channelled our inner Kim-Joy and made a video (check it



out on Artograffi's Facebook page) where we decorated gingerbread men. They were kindly made by Jessica who has given us her recipe:

Ingredients:
300g self-raising flour
Pinch of salt
3 tsp ground ginger
100g caster sugar
50g margarine
3 tbsp golden syrup
4 tbsp milk

Method:

1. Heat oven to 160c and grease a baking tray

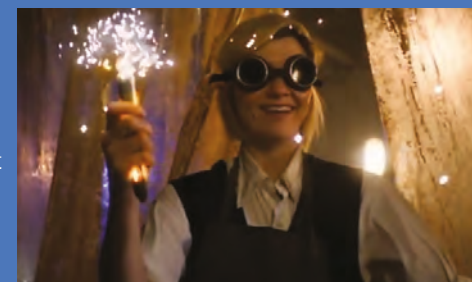


2. Place the flour salt and ginger in a bowl.
3. Warm the sugar fat and syrup together and add the dry ingredients. Mix well.
4. Add the milk and mix to a firm consistency knead lightly with hands.
5. Roll out and cut out shapes or bodies arms legs and head place on a baking tray cook for about 10-15 minutes or until golden brown and cooked through.
6. Cool on a wire rack then decorate however you wish.
By Jessica and Ava

The Doctor Makes Her Return - In Style!



As we all know, BBC's hit TV show Doctor Who



returned to our screens on 7 October. This season, however, had one outstanding feature from the last twelve reincarnations of our favourite time traveller - for the first time in history, the Doctor is a woman.

Jodie Whittaker starres as the Thirteenth Doctor in the eleventh season of Doctor Who. So far, as of 5 November, five episodes have aired and we LOVE THEM. For those of us who have been waiting for something like this, a woman as a lead role in a hit TV show, this is a breath of fresh air.

By George-Anne

THREE - THE MAGIC NUMBER!



Our new journalist at Artograffi is Grace, and she is a triplet! We decided to ask her a few questions about life as a triplet.

Grace and Hannah look similar but William does not because he is a boy. If Hannah had longer hair and glasses they would look nearly the same. Hannah and Grace also share clothes and a room. William has a room to himself however all three share other things like birthday parties and select Christmas gifts.

In true sibling fashion, they do often finish each other's sentences however they all have different hobbies and talents. They don't argue often, they get along swimmingly.
By Ava



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Okay the bad news first; there has been more vandalism at the welfare. For four weekends running there have been seats broken and wire strapping pulled off the Multi User Games Area (MUGA) fence.

Two seats were so badly damaged they have had to be removed. The strapping on the MUGA is part of the structure and if damaged further, could easily compromise the whole of the games area. If that were to happen then it is doubtful it could be replaced. While we are sure we know who is doing this damage, they need to be caught in the act – so be careful, because the cameras are now working!

Obviously it's the minority spoiling things for the majority,

but if caught they will be charged, and where possible made to pay for any damage done. Parents be aware, the bill could end up on your doormat.

The antisocial behaviour the town is currently experiencing needs to be nipped in the bud. Plus, money would be better spent on new facilities rather than replacing or repairing vandalised equipment.

But let's not dwell on the 'ne'er do wells' and move on to the good news. The hotel is now hiring, which is good news on the jobs front.

As you know Amble was a finalist in the Great British High Street awards. In November, Ann Burke (chair of Amble Business Club) and I attended

the awards ceremony in London.

Sadly this time we didn't win, but after speaking to the judges of our 'patch' they were as disappointed as we were saying they loved the town and were promoting it to everyone they met, and would be returning.

We do know that we received the highest score that could be given to any town so the winners must have had more social media votes.

While disappointing we now have three new town advocates, who loved being here and vowed to return.

A town centre car park still remains elusive, but we live in hope, especially after hearing about the other works on car parks around the county.

I distinctly remember the Conservative manifesto stating they would ensure all our towns would get the parking they deserved to keep them viable and vibrant. So on that basis it has to be our turn soon?!

And again on a positive note, we have just had confirmation that we have been selected to progress to Round 2 of the Coastal Community Fund, for our application for a National Bird Sculpture Trail.

As this is the last Ambler before Christmas, the Trust team bid you all a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous new year
Julia and all Trust staff

Youth Project is full of activity

It has been a full but exciting couple of months for The Amble Youth Project.

We have a new website: www.ambleyouthproject.org and I encourage everyone to regularly connect with us through that, or our Facebook pages: www.facebook.com/AmbleYouthProjectAppeals and on www.facebook.com/MyAYP

We also have a lottery that you can join. By signing up for us on The Weather Lottery you could win up to £25,000 each week, and by doing so you will be helping the Amble Youth Project. See our website for more details.

Our "Friday Night Alive" activity held in the Sports Hall at JCSC is an active hour a week that leaves us all exhausted but buzzing with the excitement of the session. It's great seeing so many children enjoy basic pleasures of team games and sporting themed activities.

Our children from the After School Club held in Dilston Terrace were very busy creating fishes and alike for our participation in the Torchlight Procession

It was a great honour to work with other groups in the town that provide a service and support for young people at our "Here for YOU" event in the town square in September. Special thanks again to the Cadets and Hybrid Kickboxing Team. We look forward to future partnerships working to achieve more for the young people of our community.

That day we had a special guest, the High Sheriff of Northumberland, who officially opened our newly renovated Drop In centre and its café style environment. We are hoping these changes will provide a friendly, cosy place for young people to come and meet up with their friends. We are open on a Monday and Friday night 6-8pm for you to



The High Sheriff opened the new cafe in the Youth Project building

come and feel you have a place to meet up and enjoy.

As we reflect over this year, we are grateful to everyone in

our community who has helped the Amble Youth project support our younger generation. We thank everyone who has given money, time as volunteers, their services, skills, resources and attended events. Your support has contributed to helping us achieve what we have so far.

Our project is concerned for our young people; we have a great interest in seeing more support provided, more activities to enjoy and more of our young people to have access to what is available.

We ask you to keep in touch and consider joining us to support the younger members of our community, to demonstrate your interest in, and concern for, them.

Feel free to contact me direct: lara@ambleyouthproject.org

Merry Christmas and Happy new Year to you all from the Amble Youth Project.

*Lara Miller
Amble Youth Project*

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You don't need to be able to read music.

The choir is fully inclusive and accepting of all comers.

Proposed changes to St Cuthbert's Parish Church



Rev McDermott with an artist's impression of the new font

St Cuthbert's Church, Amble will be 150 years old in 2020. To celebrate this anniversary the PCC has sought permission to bring some much needed changes to the back of the church building.

This includes the installation of a toilet (with access for disabled people), a servery to offer light refreshments and storage cupboard for furniture. These items will be designed to fit in with the current church furnishing. The intention is to make the church fit for the 21st century. The church in

1870 was built from a desire of Amble people to have their own church. St Cuthbert's continues to draw people both visitors and locals and these new facilities will make it much easier for everyone.

In order to facilitate these installations, the old font will be removed and stored in a void under the floor and a new smaller font installed. There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for the old font when people connected with St Cuthbert's will be invited to attend a time of saying thanks

and farewell to the font where so many locals have been baptised. We shall also have the new font and new works blessed as we look forward to the next phase of the church's ministry.

In order for these works to be completed we need help from the local community to raise funds. The total cost will be in the region of £60,000 and members of the church PCC have themselves already pledged to give £5,500. Other church goers have committed to this project. We hope Amble folk too will be able to assist us in this task. If you have any questions about the works or about fundraising please see the Church Wardens or the Vicar.

It is our intention to bring about the completion of this project in time for our 2020 celebrations. We trust this will be considered a valuable enhancement to the church for years to come. It is our intention to make all people feel welcome and comfortable in their parish church. Please help us make the church fit for the future.

John McDermott

To read the full article go to www.theambler.co.uk/2018/10/09/amble-church-wants-your-views-on-much-needed-improvements/

Amble woman wins conservation award



Left to right: John Parkin, Amanda Crowley, Lynne Russell, Raine Doelberg and Carol de Brikasaan, photo Anna Chouler

The Marsh Volunteer Award for Marine Conservation is normally awarded to one outstanding volunteer, but this year the judges at Northumberland Coast Care project felt that all five nominees were worthy winners.

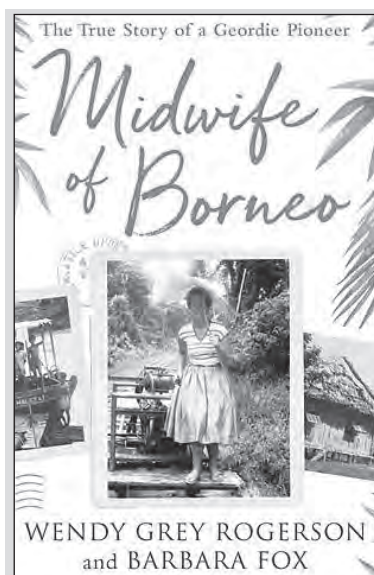
The award and its £1,500

prize has been split between the following:

Amanda Crowley, volunteer Site Warden at Beadnell; Carol De Brikasaan, volunteer at Berwick; John Parkin, volunteer at Bamburgh Castle; Lynne Russell from Amble, who cleans her local beach and has set up a

group called "Litterbugs" with local school children, and Raine Doelberg, who keeps the beach clean at Spittal.

Anybody wishing to know more about volunteering opportunities with Coast Care should contact: anna.chouler@northwt.org.uk



Amble author: *The Midwife of Borneo*

Wendy Rogerson spent her childhood in Amble, where her father, Rev Maurice Grey, was vicar. During the war years, the family were joined in the large vicarage by three young evacuees and their teacher, an Army officer, her grandmother and her aunt, glamorous Aunt Rhoda who shocked the locals by wearing trousers – not the norm for women then!

At the age of 18 Wendy left the north east to train as a nurse in London. Ten years later, she was enjoying her job as a health visitor in Newcastle when she attended a talk at the City Hall about missionary work overseas. It was a talk that would change her life. In September 1959 she sailed to the island of Borneo, to run a clinic in the heart of the jungle.

I am a north-east writer, and have helped Wendy (now aged 88), a friend of my parents, to turn her Borneo diaries into a book. *Midwife of Borneo* (SPCK, £9.99) tells of the joys and sorrows of her three-year stay: living in a rat and snake-ridden hut, struggling in the tropical heat, treating patients who had no concept of Western medicine. Sometimes – as the sole medical practitioner in an area covering hundreds of square miles – Wendy had to operate on her patients, or if a doctor was essential, accompany them by canoe to the nearest hospital, five days downriver.

The book is the realisation of a dream Wendy has had ever since her return from the island, 56 years ago. *Barbara Fox*

The book is available online via spckpublishing.co.uk/midwife-of-borneo-376



Reports from our *County Councillors*



N.C.C. is committed to taking part in the Government's Syrian vulnerable persons relocation scheme first announced by then Prime Minister David Cameron in September 2015, under this scheme N.C.C. is committed to support families in this

region. In the last two years N.C.C. has successfully resettled families in Cramlington and Blyth which they now regard as their new home.

We welcome four families from Syria for their first Christmas in Amble, these families have been through horrific, traumatic, experiences back in Syria with years of conflict not to mention what the children may have witnessed. Now these families have a chance to fulfil their dreams raising their children and living in a peaceful environment.

Amble as a whole has welcomed all four families into our community by rallying around collecting everything from clothing for the children to paintings, pictures and ornaments to make their houses more homely, on my street my wife and I have been welcomed into their home with a cup of Syrian tea and as the children pass by our house they always have a smile and a cheery hello.

This Christmas may we open our hearts to all people, and share love and blessings, health and happiness and good tidings too.

I wish to you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Cllr Terry Clark

Terry.Clark@northumberland.gov.uk

I am writing this the day after Remembrance Day and I just must say what a memorable day it was. I have attended many armistice services in Amble but this one was absolutely outstanding as befits the 100 year anniversary.

Amble can be proud of this day. The amount of people who attended the morning service and the number of wreaths that were placed was the most I have ever seen. You could have heard a pin drop in the two minute silence and residents took full part in the service.

The Peace memorial was absolutely lovely and was appreciated by everyone that I spoke to, I am delighted to have been able to help with its erection.

If that wasn't enough the afternoon event the band, beacon and fireworks were amazing. All in all, I say well done Amble and many thanks to Amble Town Council and all those that helped make it such a success.

To finish with information, the CCTV is now live at the Welfare Park.

I am available on 07802385367 and at Jeffrey.watson@northumberland.gov.uk

Cllr Jeffrey Watson

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East End Juniors' celebrations

Ambles East End Juniors Under 7s have two reasons to celebrate, after a stunning win in their very first cup final, and their coach Josh Rutherford being declared a grassroots hero!

Amble East End Juniors Under 7s defeated Red House Farm Under 7s in a thrilling cup final to lift the Newcastle Elite Academy Youth Football Development League Cup.

Head Coach Josh Rutherford said 'Quite a remarkable achievement from these youngsters, the club is only a year old and competing in their first ever season which is two months old and to win a trophy is amazing, I'm unbelievably proud of my players'.

GRASSROOTS HERO

In other news, Josh Rutherford has been awarded £200 of training equipment for Amble East End Juniors after being declared winner of Stadia Sports' Grassroots Hero competition.

Josh was nominated for the award by parents, players, and even the Mayor, Craig Weir.

Amble East End Juniors Development Squad new Mitre Delta Hoodies were sponsored by Quest UAV Ltd. The Juniors Under 7s new Mitre Delta Hoodies have been sponsored by Premier Queen Street Convenience Store, and the Juniors Under 8s new Mitre Delta Hoodies have been sponsored by hotholidays.co.uk amble! Thank you to all.

Recently, children at Tiny Woods Football Academy were given an introduction to the game Futsal, participating in Futsal drills, learning the role of playing the pivot which is a centre forward in football.

Playing 2v2 tournaments, small-sided games is one of the best ways to develop players as it uses a small field and maximises players' touches. It also helps players to develop their tactical awareness and game management.

On the final day of the camp, the High Sheriff of Northumberland came along to see the work the Academy does and even presented the medals and trophies to the children.



Raising the cup. Amble East End Juniors and coach Josh Rutherford celebrating their Newcastle Elite Academy Cup win

Anyone wanting to join Tiny Woods Academy or Amble East End Juniors contact Josh Rutherford on 07714862292

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and your families, hope your 2018 has been as successful as ours and hope 2019 is even better! Come along and support the club!

CHRISTMAS EVENT

Amble East End Juniors will be hosting a Christmas Fun Day at the Radcliffe Club, Amble on Sunday 9 December, 2pm to 5pm. Tombola, Jumble Sale, Face Painting, Bouncy Castle and various activities, refreshments will be available as well.

Hauxley Parish Council



- The planned village consultation has been postponed to the 19th January. More details will follow on the Village noticeboards, Facebook and the Ambler online.

- New bins are being arranged for the Hauxley Links car park.
- Finally, we wish all residents of Hauxley a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Contact details: Parish Clerk: Mrs J Reynolds

Address: 14 Oswald St, Amble, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 0EG Tel: 07786 255 649

Email: hauxley@hotmail.co.uk

Website: www.theambler.co.uk/category/local-councils/hauxley-parish-council/



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 Amenities: 20th November, 31st Jan

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ONGOING AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

There is almost nothing which can be done to refuse the residential plans which have come forward and continue to be brought out as government policy is to allow these to go ahead unless there are strong planning reasons to object. Being aware of this, Council has recently been talking to some of the residential (and retail) developers to try and gain benefits for the town. Some of these discussions are taking place before the plans go in and this has led to changes to some details within their schemes; others are after permission is granted but there is sometimes room for 'tweaks'. We still endeavour to get funds towards education and health centre expansion and are trying to encourage them to think about parking and walkway/cycle way improvements for the town. Council would like to see a network throughout the town and to the coast so people who wish to can take leisurely walks or cycle rides away from busy traffic areas. In this modern age, there is a large volume of cars on our streets and whilst we desperately need a town centre and/or longer stay car park for those who use this method, we would like to encourage a more 'Active Amble.'

WEST CEMETERY

Memorials in the cemetery will be checked over the next few months and owners notified if they require attention. A 4-5 year programme ensures that they are all checked within that timeframe. Please update your contact details as without these if your memorial is unstable it will be laid down for safety. If you are contacted but fail to carry out remedial work then the memorial will also be laid down. The small displaced pieces do not usually affect the integrity of the memorial but sadly materials and joints do deteriorate and/or crumble mainly due to the weather. Many find it strange that the oldest memorials are still standing; it is thought this is because these heavier ones have deeper foundations. Memorial Masons who have installed recent memorials guarantee their workmanship, so you can contact them to ask if this is the case. Small shrubs are now in place along the newly fenced spoil area and in the Natural Burial section- hopefully they will thrive despite the winter weather.

COUNCILLOR'S CORNER

I was involved in producing the booklet, 'In Memory of The Fallen,' which remembered those from our area who served and died in the Great War. The research touched me deeply and gave lasting impressions of those names on our memorials and of those who gave so much, yet have no inscription. This year the town honoured those men and women again, and celebrated the anniversary of the end of the war with community gatherings, and the erection of a memorial.

In June 1919 Amble held a celebration to honour those who fought in the war. When you recall our recent gatherings and fireworks, reflect on the words spoken over 100 years ago but still relevant: 'Those years...looking backwards seem to be a nightmare but to the soldiers who had taken part in the war, they were a terrible reality.... We look to them with gratitude for the deeds they have done... those who had laid down their lives and to those who had come home. We wish continued happiness as a memorial to the rising generation and we beg all to keep alive the recollection of the great deeds done for their benefit.'

Cllr Jane Dargue

REMEMBRANCE WEEKEND 2018

Amble's commemoration weekend culminated in the fireworks celebration. Thanks to all the people who helped, especially by making poppies, and those who came on Saturday and Sunday to take part, to place crosses or wreaths or just to stand reverently. There have been many comments about the new Memorial- a lasting tribute for generations to come. There are countless people from families who have served in the two world wars and conflicts since- but no rolls of honour to acknowledge them; however what they held in common was the hope that their efforts and sacrifice would help to bring peace. This memorial symbolises stepping towards a peaceful future through an archway topped with doves but incorporates the past conflicts with poppies of remembrance at the base which stretch skywards with intertwined wording referring to Service and Peace- again linking together past and present commitment by all those involved in helping their countries in conflicts with the desire to see a peaceful world. It is hoped that those who look at this memorial will reflect on the past and contemplate more peaceful times ahead.

BUDGET FOR 2019-2020

Council is currently discussing the next financial year's budget so the precept request- the money collected for the town by NCC through the Council Tax- can be ready for January. Like all budgets, inflation and rises have to be factored in as well as savings towards future costs such as employee costs, contractors fees, office rent, administration equipment, professional subscriptions, cemetery and premises maintenance and town furniture. Only then can new projects/items be thought about. What can be done to improve the town; how much will it cost; can we afford it or do we need to save over a few years or look for help through grants- or do we look to see if another 'group' could get what we want. Have any other organisations in the town approached us with future schemes which they would like help with; how much can we set aside for those coming with new ideas. It is not an easy task thinking almost 4 months ahead for the funds needed to last for another 12 months.



FAREWELL

Members at the November meeting said farewell to long serving Councillor Ian Hinson. Ian has worked voluntarily for the community for 42 years, a fantastic commitment, starting with Amble Urban Council before Amble Town Council came into existence in 1974. Over the years, Ian shared his knowledge on aspects affecting the town, and his experience of local government procedures, whilst trying to get the best for Amble. The Mayor made a presentation and extended best wishes to Ian in his retirement.

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All welcome to join arts workshops

The Dry Water team (Frances Anderson and Paula Turner) have hosted an array of arts workshops, established a programme of regular yoga classes, increased the number of people attending the dementia positive programme, launched a falls prevention dance programme, but most importantly have MADE new connections, MOVED with the community and MET with so many interesting and creative people.

We would like to thank everyone who has and is supporting our vision of making the Dry Water Arts Centre a vibrant, creative community space for Amble.

The new year promises to be equally exciting with workshops, courses and events from yoga to printmaking, textiles, jewellery, dancing and mindfulness - something for everyone. And if there is something you would like to see happening please get in touch and we will see what we can do!

Workshops:

13 Dec 1.30pm – 4.30pm Virtual Christmas Cards Workshop - Stop Motion Animation £35

22 Dec 12.30pm – 2.30pm Outdoor Lanterns Workshop £20

19 Jan 10.00am – 1.00pm Silver Clay Jewellery Workshop £65

See more on the workshops and projects at www.drywaterarts.uk

Entertainment at the Wellwood Arms

Fridays: Friday Night Live, entertainment from 8.30pm
7 December : Kirsti McDonagh
14 December : Berry Burgess
21 December : Sam Rea
28 December : Lauren Doyle

Sundays: Carvery 12-7pm
Tuesdays: Quiz night from 8.30pm
Wednesdays: (every fortnight)
Buskers' night from 8.30pm
Thursdays: Steak & Grape 12-9pm
See ad on page2

Poppy appeal thanks

A huge thank you to all the local residents, businesses, house to house collectors, the Drama Group and Warkworth W.I. to name a few who supported us with our annual RBL Poppy Appeal this year. Congratulations on a fantastic effort! It is fitting in this WW1 centenary year, that we remember the enormity of the task faced by charities set up to provide compassion and support for the veterans who returned, many mentally and physically scarred for life.

This work continues today with the Royal British Legion and other charities. A very happy Xmas and New Year to everyone!

2019 Meetings: Presentation by historian Dr Stephen Moore on The Road to Victory WW2. Wed 23 January 2019 at 7pm.

WEA: American Civil War

Starts 11 January 10am -12 noon on Thursdays for 11 weeks
Methodist Church Hall, Percy Street

Tutor: John Sadler

The course will look at causes, events and consequences of the American Civil War, 1861-1865, a formative and traumatic event in US history; the first modern or industrial war.

More info from: N. Hinson, 710583

Workshops at Amble Pin Cushion

Sat 1 Dec 9.30am - 4pm SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY EVENT FREE
Wed 5 Dec 6-8pm Crochet for Improvers - Christmas Bunting £20
Thurs 13 Dec 9.45am - 12.45pm Quilting for Beginners 3 - project TBC £35
Mon 17 Dec Stitch & Bitch (Drop in sewing group) 1.30pm - 3.30pm £4.50
Fri 21 Dec Knit and Natter (Drop in knitting group) 10am - midday £4.50
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Northumberland Wildlife Trust Events

Introduction to owls and owl pellets, Hauxley Wildlife Discovery Centre, Sat 01 Dec, 10.00am-2.00pm

In Focus, Hauxley Wildlife Discovery Centre, Sun 09 Dec 10.00am-4.00pm

Make a Winter Bird Feeder, Hauxley Wildlife Discovery Centre, Sat, 22 Dec and 23 Dec - 11.00am - 2.00pm £3 per child

Visit www.northwt.org.uk for more information

All events and bookings are available online <http://www.nwt.org.uk/whats-on>. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

NTC Pantomime at the Dovecote Centre

21 December – Sleeping Beauty Pantomime – 6.30pm

22/23 December – Sleeping Beauty Pantomime – 2pm and 6pm

24 December – Sleeping Beauty Pantomime – 1.30pm

28/29/30 December – Sleeping Beauty Pantomime – 2pm and 6pm

31 December – Sleeping Beauty Pantomime – 1.30pm

Angels of the North

Notable Women of the North East

To mark the centenary of the year that (some) women in Britain were allowed the vote, Warkworth authors Baroness Joyce Quinn and Moira Kilkenny will be exploring the remarkable lives of some of the women of the North East at Amble Library on **Friday 7 December, 7.00 -8.30 p.m. Tickets £4 inc refreshments.**

Taken from their book *Angels of the North: Notable Women of the North East*, Joyce and Moira will focus on some of the women who fought for women's right and suffrage before switching attention to the First World War and the varied roles of women in this conflict.

Signed copies of 'Angels of the North' will be available to purchase on the night. Tickets are available from Eventbrite - www.eventbrite.co.uk and search for Northumberland Libraries.

Brambles children having fun



Brambles Renovated Outdoor Space

A huge thank you to all of the gentlemen at the Rotary Club Amble who have created a wonderful outdoor space that was in much need of attention and a big thank you to the students at James Calvert Spence College for helping to paint the wendy house. The children are loving the new area.

Brambles also run two hour Holiday Fun Club Sessions, these run 9.30-11.30 and 1.30-3.30 everyday throughout the School holidays. Many of these sessions are special themed workshops and spaces are limited so please look out for future events well in advance to avoid disappointment.

See more at www.brambleschildcare.co.uk

Warkworth Drama Group panto

This year's Pantomime is Cinderella. 13, 14 and 15 December at Memorial Hall. More details warkworthdrama.org.uk

Rotary notes

The Rotary Club of Amble and Warkworth held their annual golf competition recently at Alnmouth Golf Club (Foxton). The trophy, known as the Brown Salver has been competed for ever since it was presented in 1951.



Pictured receiving the salver from Rotary Club President Tim Mason from Amble, is this year's winner Rotarian Fred Calvert (Left).

Fred Calvert was recently installed as the new Chairman of Warkworth Probus Club. He is pictured here being congratulated by the outgoing Chairman, Ian Clapham. The Probus Club provides retired business and professional men with the opportunity to meet once a month for lunch and to listen to an interesting speaker. The club meets in The Hermitage Inn, Warkworth

Santa's visits with Rotary

All timings below are 5.30pm to 7.45pm unless otherwise stated.
13 December Amble West, 14 December Amble Central, 17 December Amble East, 19 December Amble South, 20 December Warkworth South, 21 December Amble Wynd and Warkworth North, 22 December Amble Queen Street (9.30am - 1.30pm)

Puffin Theatre Club pantomime

This year sees Puffin Theatre Club's first ever pantomime. The group began last February and has gone from strength to strength. There are currently over 30 members aged between 5 and 12 years.

"The Greatest Pantomime That Ever There Was", is a tale which includes all the Panto favourites, from Robin Hood to Aladdin, Sleeping Beauty and Tinkerbell. Tickets are (£6 adults, £4 under 16s).

Shows at 1pm and 4.30pm on Sunday 16 Dec at St Cuthbert's Parish Hall in Amble, can be bought at the door or via email or Facebook. Interested new members are invited to join the club from January and can get in touch at puffintheatreclub@gmail.com

Radcliffe Club festive activities

8 December, 12-3pm Kids Xmas Party, £5 per ticket (includes food bag and gift from Santa)

9 December, 2-5pm Amble East End Juniors Xmas Fayre

14 December, 7pm onwards Xmas Party with 3 course meal and entertainment from singer/comedian Brenda Collins £20

23 December, 1-3pm Sleeping Beauty Panto, £5 adult, £3 child

31 December, 7pm-late Poptastic New Years Eve Party £6 ticket (includes buffet)

1 January, Doors open at 12pm bingo and artist 7pm £2

Women's workshop winter party

Friday 7 December 7pm – 9.30pm. Women's Workshop Winter Party, with food, music, raffle and opportunities to buy gifts made by local women. More info at <https://womensworkshopwinterparty.eventbrite.co.uk>

SPOTLIGHT ON CLUBS & GROUPS

Amble Netball Team

When and where do you meet?

Thursdays during term time at JCSC gym (Acklington Rd) 6.30-7.30pm Juniors 7.30-9.30pm Adults

What do you do in your club?

Thursdays is netball practice but for those wanting to go further, some of us also compete in the Northumberland Netball League.

Is there an age range?

Juniors (8-13yrs), Adults (14+)

Is there a charge?

£1.50 juniors, £3 adults. First session free.

How long has it been running?

We've been running for over 30 years.

Who might be interested in joining your club?



Members of Amble Netball Team

It's exercise in disguise! We've got mothers and daughters, work colleagues. Anyone (female or male) is welcome and it's open to all levels of fitness. We're a really sociable club. You do need trainers and sports wear.

Why netball is good for you:

- *High intensity aerobic fitness
- *Improve coordination skills
- *Make new friends
- *Learn to work as a team
- *Reduce stress
- *Boost self confidence

*Learn to be focused

What's the best thing about your club?

"I just love it," said Joanne Stone, one of the club organisers. "I've played netball since school. It's not just a fitness class, we all love playing netball together. It's a really friendly club."

Often you hear people say, 'Oh I loved playing netball at school!' I say to them: 'So come along - it's still the same sport!' And you don't need to get your fitness sorted first.

"We have a buddy scheme when you first start to ensure new people feel included."

How do I contact the club?

Please contact us via our Facebook page; search for Amble Netball Club

How to spot a scam - advice from Northumbria Police

Never allow unknown workmen into your home. • Always ask to see ID. • Never allow yourself to be taken to a cashpoint or Bank to pay workmen, or pay cash up front.

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SAFE ACCOUNT. • Stating that there has been a SECURITY BREACH on your bank account and you need to give your bank, PIN, and 3 digit security number to a courier or taxi driver sent to your address to collect it. • Asking you to ring them back to verify them. ALWAYS USE ANOTHER PHONE and not the phone they have

called you on, as they will keep the phone line open and you will only be talking to the fraudsters again pretending to be who they say they are. • NEVER GIVE OUT your PIN number to anyone. THE POLICE OR YOUR BANK WILL NEVER ASK OR REQUIRE THESE DETAILS, but fraudsters need them. • Emails or

phone calls from HMRC saying you owe them money or are due money. HMRC only contact people via postal mail. • COMPUTER SCAMS. Usually via phone call to say there is a problem with your router, viruses on your computer, or that they are from Microsoft - who will never contact you personally about your computer.

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We will remember them

A magnificent firework display on the Braid brought Amble's WW1 commemorations to an end. See also p8 and our website. Photos Andrew Mounsey

The people of Amble proudly paid tribute to the fallen of WW1, and honoured all those who have given their lives in armed conflict, with a series of poignant commemorative events, culminating in a fantastic firework display on the Braid.

Amble Town Council were heaped with praise for the events, which included the rededication of the clock memorial, the installation of a peace sculpture in the Town Square, and for the Remembrance Day service and

firework display which drew huge crowds.

This year marked the centenary of the end of WW1, and many tributes had been organised. Hundreds of poppies were knitted, children made their own wreaths, and the community turned out in their hundreds, to honour the fallen, and to reflect on the importance of peace between nations.

A spokesperson for Amble Town Council said: "What a fitting end to Amble's events commemorating the 100 year

anniversary of WW1. A full weekend for the community to come together to remember but also to look to the future. So many from our town and beyond joining together in peaceful reflection. Hundreds in the Town Square and Memorial Gardens to take part in the service and to see the Poppy Cascades, Poppy Crosses and the Peace Memorial—still more coming each day. A spectacular fireworks display with so much poignant music and 'images' in the sky. All only made possible with the help of

volunteers and professionals who went far beyond expectations. A weekend which will be part of Amble's heritage for years to come."

The £4000 firework and war-related music display, organised by a professional firework display company, was met with almost unanimous public approval.

A specially written song was performed by Amanda Winn at the clock rededication, and on the Sunday, Ellington Colliery band played in the Dovecote Centre and on the Braid.

Your comments

« Absolutely fantastic event. Amazing fireworks and a very emotional atmosphere. Thank you. *Ciara Tibbitts*

The brass band, the lighting of the beacon, the fireworks, the music, the symbolism, the respect for the fallen and the community spirit

made this one of the best displays I have been to. I was proud to take my 4 year old daughter to this. Well done to all those involved in the organisation and delivery. Fantastic! *Louise Skirving*

Really was a sentiment to how such a small town in rural

Northumberland took great pride in remembering all who had fallen. *Mark Phillips*

Brilliant. What a day of Remembrance from beginning to end. A very moving Act of Remembrance in the Town Square, the new Peace Sculpture and the

poppies, the church service and then this well crafted fabulous display with music. Well done all involved and a great community event. *Mary Davidson*

Amazing display, with an emotional ending, thank you and well done Amble. *Kathleen Braithwaite* »

