



The Ambler

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JCSC to receive multi million pound investment

Only a few weeks ago, Northumberland County Council announced a huge investment of money for James Calvert Spence College.

Now plans and ideas are being made for what to do with this investment.

Executive headteacher Neil Rodgers explained what he knew; "We met with people from the county council last week who told us that they had earmarked around £12 million, which is great news.

"It means that we can start to really think about what we want our school to look like in the future. It's an amount of money that will allow us to refurbish and extend the high school site and hopefully get both the high school and middle school onto one site."

This money coming to the school has raised doubts in some people's minds, after a similar investment was promised two years ago which didn't end up going ahead.

Neil said "We've been assured by the people at the council that they have the money earmarked for us."

Lily Tibbitts

Read the full interview online

Flying high with bird sculpture trail



Andrew Gooding and Julia Aston from Amble Development Trust who initiated the Bord Waalk sculpture trail

Amble is celebrating being awarded a £396,000 grant to develop a coastal bird sculpture trail.

The project known as Bord Waalk was initiated by Amble Development Trust, and aims to create several artist-developed sculptures and installations at points along the coastline between Hauxley Nature Reserve, around Amble and along the river to Warkworth.

The project was awarded the grant from the Coastal Communities Fund, and is one of only 26 other projects in England to receive funding.

Julia Aston, director of Amble Development Trust said "This is fantastic news. It will aid the continuing regeneration of the town and build upon what has been achieved so far. We are aiming for this to be a unique experience and become a trail of national significance, and we will be inviting artists to submit designs and concepts in the near future.

"We are hoping Bord Waalk will enhance visitors', walkers' and bird enthusiasts' experience of the Amble area. There is planning permission for 22 sites, but not all will be physical

sculptures. Some will be virtual reality, some might be audio, it really all depends on the artists and the ideas we get back."

Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP for Berwick, who had supported the bid said "I am so thrilled that the Amble bid for funding from the Coastal Communities Fund to set up the Bord Waalk has been successful. I can't wait to see it all come to life!"

Estimates are that the project will create 45 full time equivalent jobs and training opportunities, and 10 rehabilitation roles, as well as redesigning public realm spaces.

Oliver's army turn out in support

Hundreds of kind hearted people turned out to support little Oliver Shanks at a fundraiser in March.

Organiser Julie Baxter told The Ambler: "It was absolutely amazing. Hundreds turned up and we were overwhelmed with the amount of people. The

cadets helped us out, they were brilliant".

A car from JT Autos in Hadston was one of the many prizes kindly donated by local people and businesses. Julie had even created a special pie and entered it into a competition run by Jus Roll, in the hope of donating the first prize to Oliver's cause. She was the regional winner, but sadly didn't win the main prize.

Julie was thrilled at the

turnout and thanked people for their generosity. She said, "We have not got a total yet as money is still coming in, but a local gentleman came and gave me a £1000 cheque today. How kind is that?"

Four year old Oliver, who lives in North Broomhill, is severely disabled and needs specialised equipment to help him. You can still donate to his GoFundMe page: <https://bit.ly/2KXe6zl>



Oliver Shanks with (l-r) fundraiser Julie Baxter, Grandma Alyson Quennell, and Mum Alex Quennell

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Popular pub reopens after makeover

The Wellwood Arms has reopened after undergoing an intensive refurbishment, with full redecoration of the bar, toilets, restaurant and bedrooms, plus new signage and lighting. Manager Mark Rea said "We've been stowed off from the moment we re-opened. Amble Mayor Craig Weir came to open it on the Thursday, and from lunchtime on the Saturday onwards, there was a continuous stream of people."

The building has seen a £185k investment by independent pub operators, Punch, and offers a fantastic drinks range and a high quality, all-day food menu featuring all the pub classics. Customers will be pleased to know that the infamous Sunday Carvery is here to stay!

Situated in the heart of Amble, the Wellwood Arms boasts a full what's on weekly diary, and is much loved by everyone in the community.

The venue is the perfect location for a break away, offering bed and breakfast for guests staying in their four double, family rooms. The pub is also very popular with walkers, and customers are welcome to bring their four-legged friends when visiting. They even have their own dedicated doggie stations.

Mark said "I'm looking forward to Easter, and hopefully we'll have a lovely summer, so people can enjoy our improved outside seating area."

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Joanne's new career leads to a familiar view

An Amble woman has changed her career, and opened her new business in the very building where she grew up.

Joanne Penrose left a 28 year career of nursing to open up a dog grooming salon and says she is loving every minute. Paw Perfection, on the corner of Church Street and Wellwood Street, opened in December, and the business has already seen over 250 customers in the first three months.

"I qualified as an auxiliary nurse in Alnwick Infirmary in 2001, and was a nurse for 28 years before this," she told The Ambler, "so it's a bit of a change! Last year I was working in elderly care, which I enjoyed, but I decided I wanted a change."

Joanne gained her City & Guilds in Dog Grooming at Kirkley Hall, and then found that the building in which she had grown up – and which had previously been run as a dog grooming salon – was up for rent. She set up Paw Perfection straight away, and co-worker Michelle Pitcher joined her part time.

"My family owned this building between 1980 and 2004. My bedroom was right above the shop. I went to school in Amble, to the First



Joanne with Millie the Westie

school, Middle school, and then Coquet High. It's quite funny to think I'm now looking at the same view as I did during my schooldays."

The view from the window may not have changed much, but Joanne is relishing her change of career. "I love the job; I'm passionate about dogs, and enthusiastic about my work. I just love coming to work! The dogs get kisses, cuddles and

treats; it's important to get them to settle and relax."

Paw Perfection is open Monday – Saturday 9-5pm. They also sell accessories including blankets, bowls, brushes, treats and toys. They also run a loyalty card scheme.

Paw Perfection, 2a Church St, Amble NE65 0DZ Ring 07850 540 773. You can also find them on Facebook.

Anna Williams

Hauxley: the Great War Remembered

A booklet has been produced by Hauxley Parish Council commemorating those from Hauxley who fought, were injured and lost their lives in WW1.

This charming little booklet was created with information and

photographs from local people, the Commonwealth War Graves commission, Northumberland Fusiliers and staff at the records office at Woodhorn.

It followed a WW1 exhibition in Low Hauxley by Francis Irene

Liddle in 2014.

The booklet is priced at £4.50 and is available from The Ambler office in Fourways2, Amble NE65 0DT, or by contacting Hauxley Parish Council: hauxleyipc@hotmail.co.uk

Amble's first lifeboat is up for sale. Owner John Krejsa passed away at Christmas and his widow Anne is no longer able to maintain the vessel. The boat is berthed in Robertson's boatyard, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Frederick and Emma operated in Amble from 1939 – 1950, where she launched 34 times, saving 57 lives, including the rescue of captain and crew of the SS Empire Breeze, when it became stranded on the Bondicarr rocks on its maiden voyage in 1941.

You can read all about her in Rodney Burge's RNLi Amble and Hauxley Lifeboat Station book.

The vessel is now listed for sale on www.nelsonsboats.co.uk



Above: Frederick and Emma in full sail. The vessel is now named Stadats

Congratulations

... to Susan Nicholson who won our competition for a meal for four at the Amble Inn.

Susan told us "I'd forgotten all about it, so it was a big surprise! I'm over the moon! I've been before and it's lovely. I'll be taking my husband and I'll have a think about who else!"

... to Alan Conway of Hauxley Dairy Farm who came in the top three in the Dairy Farmer of the year category, at the Northern Farmer of the year awards.

The awards ceremony was held at the Pavilion in Harrogate. Alan told The Ambler: "We were very pleased to have got so far on our first attempt. The winner deserved his award."

The dairy farm is continuing its milk delivery business, started last year, and will be employing a new member of staff to allow them to expand the rounds north and south.

... to Amble's Beauty Queen Kay Harding. She won Highly Commended in the Independent Beautician of the Year awards. Kay's salon won second place in her category: the North East, North West and Yorkshire region. The event was held by the English Hair and Beauty Awards at a prestigious hotel in Manchester.

Kay said, "It was amazing. There were about 600 people there; there were 32 categories and ten finalists in each. I was more excited than nervous as I never expected to win. As Amble is so small I didn't think I would have more votes than the other nine people."

Kay said she was overwhelmed at the result and thanked her family, friends and clients for their support.

"To actually win an award was a very emotional and happy time for me and shows that my clients appreciate all my hard work and effort."

... to football coach Josh Rutherford who won Most Inspirational Leader from the High Sheriff of Northumberland awards.

Josh said, "I didn't see that coming but very proud and humbled to be chosen by the High Sheriff of Northumberland awards, as there are many inspiring groups and leaders across the county."



A recent programme on ATV showed a wonderful formal Japanese garden, with female gardeners pulling out blades of grass. The blades were growing among a carpet of moss covering the area. Made me think of my own back and front gardens, which are both singularly unmanicured. I cut hedge and lawn and I remove a few weeds when the mood takes me. Otherwise Mother Nature provides plant and insect life. Birds seem to be unfazed by my lack of manicure.

Then I thought about other areas of human activity which involve Keep and Discard. The

Primarkisation of the clothing industry has led many of us to buy clothing, wear it a few times then chuck it away.

We have the plasticisation of everything in sight, with inevitable consequences for land and sea. Our streets are full of abandoned items. We do have litter bins. Reminds me of the 50s "litter lout" adverts.

Many buildings are of limited durability. The choices are to renovate, abolish, replace, or to clear the site to create open space.

Transport policy involves more Keeping and Discarding. One day petrol is a No No. Next

day it's diesel. Our High Street is under threat, especially from online shopping. The sell-by date question gives us mixed blessings. If all else fails we can compost plant materials. Our pollinators, the basis of all life, and all food, are in decline. That's a difficult one!

Fishing is a hot topic. We have reduced fish stocks and the effects of compulsory discard under EU rules. We're using earth metals at an unprecedented rate. We could run out of them in the foreseeable future.

An American Politician reckons we Europeans have a medieval attitude to food

safety. Chorinated chickens and hormone treated beef are perfectly safe in his view.

We discard vast quantities of paper and cardboard. How much of it is recycled, and what do we use it for?

The American owner of a website which contains a number of pirated books denies that his site infringes copyright. We're in a mess but Man has always made a mess of his environment. We can't just stop, but we can act more sensibly.

The first part of any Journey is the First Step.

Then there's Brexit!

Harry

Meet your neighbourhood police



PC Louise Hodgson

On 23 April from 2-3pm and from 5-6pm, you can meet Neighbourhood Officer PC Louise Hodgson. She'll be available for a chat about any local community policing matters or concerns.

"We are aware that there are some concerns that Police are not based in Amble. But your community team is here, and we'd love to see you. And if you see us in the street, please stop us and say hello. Alternatively drop in to the office on Tuesday 23 April."

The event will be held in the Police office on the middle floor of Fourways2.

News from Amble Youth Project

The Amble Youth Project (AYP) would like to thank everyone who helped Liam Shipperlee raise money for our work when he took part in the Mad March Mare.

On 2 March, he joined hundreds of others in the NE Youth event and waded through deep, cold water, climbed steep obstacles and ran for miles. It was a gruelling challenge. Although this wasn't about who could come first, we are proud of his efforts of completing the challenge in one of the fastest times of the day with 1hr 2 mins. Every one participating was doing so for their chosen charity, and Liam did this for us.

Thank you to members of the Amble community, friends and family who supported both Liam and AYP by donating money through Go Fund Me, which Liam set up for this occasion. £355 was raised in total. £40 will go to NE Youth in support of their work with young people across the North East and the rest (and any more that will come in) will go directly to our work at AYP

New Saturday activity

Thank you from all at Amble Youth Project for the words of encouragement from members of the community in regard to

the new Saturday Activity that we will be starting on Saturday 30 March. It will be open 11am – 1pm and designed to be a place for young people aged 13 and up to 16 to come along to meet up with mates, socialise, have a light bite to eat if they want or a drink (small charge) and join in with some activities

Thank you to everyone who participated in helping to choose a name to be used especially for this activity. We want this Saturday "Drop In" to have a little bit of a different identity to the other "Drop Ins" that run in the week for 13 up to 18 years. At the time of writing, we hadn't yet chosen a new name but by the time you are reading it – it will be being used! Please go to www.ambleyouthproject.org for more info.

Please can you support us?

The Amble Youth Project would like to invite the community to help raise money for the work of the project by joining our Lottery

To sign up to play, click on our lottery link on our website www.ambleyouthproject.org

Not only will you help to raise funds for our work, (50% of every £1 you pay will be returned directly back to us,) but you could be in with a chance



Liam Shipperlee

of winning up to £25,000 each week. Thank you

A sunflower from the Amble Youth Project. And why the sunflower?



A sunflower represents a new way that you could join our team to support, care and

assist children and young people aged from 8 up to 18 to grow and flourish. See us at the Puffin Festival on Saturday 25 May as we launch our new campaign.

Lara Millar,
Amble Youth Project

Recycle your crisp packets - all brands accepted !

Warkworth School is collecting empty crisp packets for recycling through Terracycle UK. There is a box in Sweets & Treats shop on Queen Street. You can help by spreading the word and putting your empty packets in the box. Thank you!

Put your tap on the map to reduce plastic litter

Businesses on the Northumberland coast are being urged to put their tap on the map and sign up to the Refill scheme to help reduce the amount of plastic bottles ending up on beaches and in the sea. Refill is an award-winning campaign which aims to prevent millions of plastic bottles ending up in the environment by making it easier to fill up a reusable bottle with tap water.

The Northumberland Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Partnership are launching a new campaign to get businesses on the coast to sign up to the scheme which will tell visitors where they can get their water bottles refilled.

Iain Robson from the AONB Partnership

said "We know that most of our businesses on the coast are only too happy to fill up water bottles with tap water for visitors. This scheme gives people confidence that they won't be turned away from somewhere or cause upset when they ask for their bottles to be refilled."

Kate Sutherland runs the Stableyard at Craster, one of the businesses already on the Refill App. Kate said "We were only too happy to fill people's water bottles from our tap so letting them know this by being on the Refill App made perfect sense".

Heidi Mottram, Chief Executive of Northumbrian Water, said: "Those living in a coastal town know all too well the harm that



plastics can do to the environment and I'm delighted to hear that businesses on the Northumberland coast are getting behind the campaign".

If you're a business with a tap and you're happy to refill water bottles or have a publicly accessible tap you can join the scheme and feature on the app. Just visit refill.org.uk and register on the website.



A great start to Amble's kickboxing year

Hybrid kickboxing club started 2019 the way they left off in 2018 with two competitors travelling to Barnsley for the WKO English open championships. Instructor Adam White took Silver in the Boxing and a Gold (championship belt) in the low kick kickboxing

Student Robert Howey made WKO history by being the first person with dwarfism to compete against able bodied competitors Robert may have lost his bouts but gained the respect and admiration of all competitors and coaches. To top off the week Adam was awarded

the Alnwick and District Sports Council Senior Achievement award for 2018

To complete the package Adam's father and coach officiated at the WKO open and has now been asked to work at all WKO events.

Adam would like to thank his clubs sponsors TDL Motors (Hadston), Hotspur Residential, McCauley Cullen Photography, Park Leisure (Amble Links) and Calibrate Energy without whom none of this could have been achieved.

Photo: Adam White with his belt and medals, and student Robert Howey

Paws on plastic

Attention all dog owners and dog walkers! There's a great new group which encourages dog owners to pick up two pieces of plastic litter on their daily walks. 'Paws on Plastic' was started in Aberdeenshire and the group has attracted interest around the UK. It has over 2,500 members on Facebook and Twitter, and features in newspapers, on radio and television and is supported by Keep Britain Tidy.



Paws on Plastic simply asks that dog owners pick up two pieces of plastic and either bin them, or recycle them whenever possible.

In the UK around three million small mammals are killed each year by litter with millions of birds and sea creatures suffering the same fate. Every piece picked up and binned helps. With over eight million dogs in the UK, you could imagine the potential impact if everyone helped.

Angela Christie, a group member, says 'Owning a plastic bottle collecting Springer Spaniel named Teigan (pictured above), I've often ended up taking plastic home. So when my friend started the initiative of Paws on Plastic, we were straight on board to make it something we do on all our walks. Such a simple but effective way to contribute to saving our environment'

I know some of you are already doing this, and have joined the group, but please help spread the message and reach out to others who aren't on Facebook or Twitter. Get your Paws on Plastic.

Lynne Russell

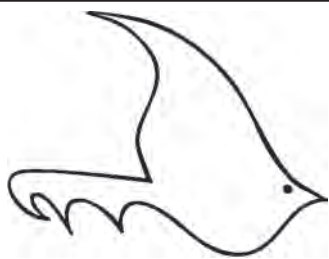


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Showing the strength of our community

Amble seems to be abuzz at the moment. Events in the wider political world may make us dizzy - or dazed - but here at home we show just what we are made of.

The Amble community seems ever more determined to help those less fortunate than ourselves, and to do what they can to make things better.

The fundraising event for little Oliver Shanks (p1) was an outstanding example of this, but elsewhere others do their bit for the community (p4, pp17-19),

the environment (p5, p12, p14) and to raise awareness of global issues (Artogracchi).

Local businesses are working hard to keep our town centre vibrant (p2, p3, p8, pp13-14) so please support them in return.

Congratulations to all the winners in this issue too; those listed on p3 - and all of us, really (p1, p9).

Animals feature pretty strongly in this issue too, (p3, p5, p12) and don't forget the puffins (p20), although sadly

we said goodbye to a favourite feline (p8).

Excellent news regarding investment in James Calvert Spence College (p1, p15). Our front page report is an exclusive interview with the Executive Head by 14 year old Artogracchi reporter Lily Tibbitts.

And finally, there are so many events lined up in the coming months, we'll all need a holiday after the holidaymakers have gone home! Where is the best place to go? Where is everybody else going? (p9) Oh..

WHAT YOU SAY...

Sailing for the disabled

Following an invitation from Britain's Friendliest Port, Wetwheels Yorkshire will travel up the coast in late June 2019 to Amble Marina and spend a full week running trips in the area.

Wetwheels Yorkshire is a specially adapted, fully accessible, power catamaran which, through a series of amazing adaptations, is designed to enable people with disabilities to access the sea.

The safe, adventurous and fun trips are staffed by specially trained volunteers and everyone is able to access the helm and can be invited to steer the boat! We are now seeking suitable user groups to make our visit a success. See www.wetwheelsyorkshire.com for more details

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NHS funding concerns

What a load of rubbish the NHS spokesperson from NHS Northumberland (Clinical Commissioning Group) speaks (page1, Issue 115). It is NHS England you go to for doctor or GP funding. Jeremy Hunt not Northumberland County Council, the NCC not the farmers etc, not firms building houses.

R Bramham
Amble

Syd's Secret War audiobook

Just thought I'd send you an update on your previous article on Syd's Secret War Part One, (p8, Issue 115) that it is now available as an audio book. I'm busy working on Part Two but that will be a couple of months from now before it is released. If you wanted to check it out, the Amazon web address is here: <https://amzn.to/2CHHqH5>

Bill Marshall
via email

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Responsible owners

I would like to respond to the views expressed by harbour Master Alan Punton (Issue 115 p7) re dog owners not picking up their dogs mess.

I would like to speak up for the responsible dog owners like myself who do pick up their dog mess.

I carry many bags with me when I walk my dog. I enjoy walking in Amble harbour and surrounding area with her.

I do get annoyed with dog owners who do not pick their mess up as this behaviour tends to reflect on all dog owners.

These people have already ruined the joy of walking my dog on Amble beach between May and September.

Two things that should be noted about this behaviour is that

1. You never see who the person is that leaves their dog mess. These people could be walking their dog at night and think they can get away with it. Therefore no matter what restrictions and signs are put up these people will still carry on acting in the same way.

2. Some of the dog owners could be visitors to the town who know they do not have to deal with the waste and can just drive off and leave it behind.

3. Even if the dog has to be on a lead that will not stop the people with that dog leaving the mess behind.

If we are not careful Amble will become a town that is not welcoming to dog owners.

I must say that whilst I am picking my dogs mess up I am still noticing cigarette butts everywhere that smokers just assume they can chuck on the ground and also a lot of litter. I can go for a walk with my dog most places in Amble and pick up a bag of litter each time I do so.

Not all dog owners leave mess. The ones that do will always do it no matter what signs and restrictions there are.

Responsible dog owner
via email

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County's housing targets already met



Northumberland is building almost double the number of required homes, according to new figures published by the Government.

The figures show that Northumberland delivered 197 per cent of what was needed over the past three years, with a total of 3,894 new homes delivered against a requirement of 1,982 from 2015-18.

The county's housing requirement was 695 in 2015-

16, 678 in 2016-17 and 609 in 2017-18, but it delivered 988, 1,530 and 1,376 respectively, the data reveals.

The overall delivery percentage places Northumberland in between its North of Tyne partners, with both North Tyneside (120%) and Newcastle (244%) also surpassing the required number of homes.

But the fact it is more than meeting its government target

will not come as a surprise to policy makers or observers, given that Northumberland already has more homes built or committed than it requires across the 20-year period of the under-development Local Plan.

Against the minimum requirement in the strategy of 17,700, a total of 23,195 homes have already been completed or committed during the plan period, which started in 2016.

This is made up of 2,907 completed from 2016 to 2018, a further 14,287 with planning permission and 6,001 with 'minded to approve' resolutions, all as at the end of September 2018.

This means that Northumberland already has 5,495 more than it needs to meet the minimum requirement up to 2036.

While permissions can lapse or not be taken forward, the plan

says that 'there is a reasonably high degree of confidence that the majority of permitted housing applications will come forward and be delivered'.

'Net additional dwellings are therefore required to meet

the future needs of these communities and help to balance the county's housing market'.

Plus, 'an increased emphasis is required through this additional housing to meet the needs of an ageing population'.

The Government has made changes to planning policy, which means local planning authorities can continue to use household growth projections from 2014, compared with more recent data that showed the number of new households would fall in many areas.

*Ben O'Connell
Local Democracy Reporter*

Amble East End Juniors: roundup

Amble East End Juniors under 7s were nominated for Junior Team of the Year and Amble East End Walking Football Club were shortlisted for Senior Team of the Year for the Alnwick and District Sports Council Awards. This just shows what fantastic progress both clubs have made in such a short space of time.

Amble East End Juniors under 7s completed a Newcastle Elite Academy Youth Football Development League Cup Double in their first ever season defeating North Shields Reds under 7s in a thrilling game!

Head Coach Josh Rutherford said 'I couldn't be more proud

of this group of players, to win it once was brilliant but it's special to retain the cup especially in their first season and the club's first ever season in a league'.

Tiny Woods Academy won an award of the High Sheriff of Northumberland for the fifth consecutive year, in recognition of great and valuable services to the community, it was extra special as Amble East End Juniors won an award for the first time for their contributions to the community.

Lots of good things happening at the club, exciting times ahead for the Mariners! Come and be part of it! Contact Josh Rutherford on 07714862292.



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Gone, but not forgotten

Many of you will know Oscar the Pod Cat from seeing him at the Harbour Village and around Amble.

Sadly, Oscar died suddenly at the Harbour Village on Saturday 16 February. He was apparently in good health at the time and did not suffer at all.

Some of you will be aware that Oscar was quite ill last summer with a rare bone infection in his jawbone.

He had to stay indoors with his foster parents, Lynne Morelli and Guy Nutting, for three months, so that daily antibiotics could be administered. He was such a good patient throughout this!

But his fans sadly weren't able to see him last summer - many travelling to Amble just to see him as he was a real tourist attraction. But fans were regularly updated via Facebook posts.

Oscar made a full recovery and was allowed out last September. He was able to enjoy his independence again, wandering between the Harbour Village and town square. But this time he chose to settle down and returned to his 'Catotel' every evening, taking it easy and living the good life.

Oscar grew in popularity, this year reaching over 1000 followers on Facebook. Lynne designed a range of Oscar the Pod Cat greeting cards last September and sold over



Oscar "the Pod Cat" had friends all around the country. He even had his own social media pages.

600 through Laura Hardy, his original Mummy, at Coquet Cosmetics, and also online.

With the money raised from this and kind donations, his carers are looking into ideas for some kind of Oscar memorial at the Harbour Village.

They will post on Facebook as soon as they have details to share.

Lynne, Guy, Laura, Ashley Sims and Paul Rigby would like to thank everyone for their support. Thank you also to Alnorthumbria Vets for their care over the last few years. Oscar will be greatly missed by many.

Lynne, Guy, Laura and Ashley

Why Paddington would love Amble

Ask anyone who's been here what they associate with Amble and they would probably say The Puffin Festival, good restaurants and the Mad Jam Woman.

The Mad Jam Woman (real name Sandy Higson) has been making jams for over 20 years, she started in Rothbury using second-hand jars. "You can't do that now" she says.

Through working with the Development Trust, she moved to Amble, and has been here ever since.

So what's new? Not content with scooping up awards for her jams, Sandy is now winning lots of awards for her marmalade.

Founded in 2005 the Original Marmalade Awards and Festival is held in March each year at Dalemain, near Penrith in Cumbria. Entries are sent from all over the world.

This year the Mad Jam Woman, who is a member of "Produced in Northumberland" won several awards. She got a Commendation for her Lime with Hepple Gin, a Silver medal for Lemon and Lavender and a Silver for her Orange, Ginger and Chilli. She also got a Bronze for the fabulous-sounding Black Rory Coquet Whisky marmalade.

The Mad Jam Woman only uses natural ingredients rather than extracts. I asked her naively what was the difference between jam and marmalade? "Marmalade is made from citrus fruit" was the answer.

What next? Well the Puffin Festival is looming and if you see her Puffin jam do not be alarmed. No puffins will be killed for the making of it. It is blackcurrant jam on the bottom with mango on the top. Yummy. Paddington would approve.

Our tastes have changed over the years with a liking for hotter products, hence Chilli jam. There may be a Chillifest in the future.

Where can you buy the Mad Jam Woman's produce? Sandy is based in the old Fourways but you can also buy in the Seafood Centre in Amble. She sells at County Shows and tourism venues. You can also find the jams and marmalades at the Farmers Market in Morpeth on the first Saturday in the month and hopefully soon at Woodhorn.

Support your local economy and enjoy delicious produce at the same time. You are entitled to feel smug while eating them. And happy!

Chris Herzberg

Welcome to new pods at Amble Harbour Village

In addition to beauty, gifts, food and treats available at the Harbour Village, three new pods have opened their doors.

Lumiere sells distinct varieties of Northumberland candles and scents. Among the range are two new varieties, the Amble Candle and one of Coquet Island.

It's all tasty in Sweet and Flour, the Micro Bakery and Creperie, where you can find a delicious variety of home made products.

Canny Kidz is owned and operated by Nonni and Tammy selling children's clothes from ages two to teens. *Bartle Rippon, Amble Harbour Village Co-ordinator*



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Paul Morrison, RSPB Site Manager for Coquet Island

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Everybody's turning to Amble

Hot on the heels of Northumberland winning Best UK Holiday Destination at the 2018 British Travel Awards, comes the news the Amble has seen the biggest surge in demand for accommodation by UK holidaymakers.

We all know how important tourism is to Amble these days. And we shouldn't assume this is something that is foisted on us from outside decisionmakers, like the county council or faceless agencies.

Many locals are making a living - or at the very least augmenting their income by offering holiday accommodation. The briefest of glances at

"The last few years have been a real turning point"

HomeAway noted that Amble has seen the biggest shift in demand by UK holidaymakers.

AirBnB, shows there are 131 properties available as holiday lets in Amble.

A recent survey by holiday travel lettings agency

The statistics from this global company saw that demand for holiday accommodation in the Friendliest Port had increased by 207% in 2018, with £30 being the average price paid per person per night. (This was a price drop of -3% on the previous year).

We asked local holiday lettings agency Coquet Cottages, based in Warkworth, what they thought about the news.

Stephanie Ringland, Client Services Director for Coquet Cottages told us: "Hearing these statistics about a town we have loved for so long is very warming."

"The last few years have been a real turning point for Amble and the harbour is now a real tourism destination."

"The boost in tourism has clearly had a positive impact as more investments are made in the town and more improvements are surfacing."

"We're so pleased that so many UK tourists now see the charm that we have always seen in Amble, and long may it continue to grow."

Anna Williams

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Global preservation or damaged education?



On the 15th of March, over a million school students in 125 countries went on strike, abandoning their classrooms and taking to the streets as part of a climate change campaign.

They demanded that the Government should declare a 'climate emergency' and inform the public of the seriousness of the situation, including reforming the curriculum to teach about 'the ecological crisis'.

It began with 15 year old Greta Thunberg, a Swedish girl who works to stop global warming and climate change, even giving a speech at the World Economic Forum in Davos.

Since August 2018, she's been organising school strikes outside the Swedish parliament building to demand that they reduce the country's carbon emissions.

However, many people are questioning: is this right? Should all these students be missing out on their education?

Ava and I went to the Newcastle strike where several hundred kids and teens had gathered at Grey's Monument with signs and slogans, chanting: "No more coal, no more oil. Keep the carbon in the soil."

and "Whose planet? Our planet", along with many others.

Ava and I joined the strike because we believe that the Government aren't doing enough to prevent climate change, and went down to try and convince people to take action, even if it meant missing school.

Talking to some of the young people there, it was clear what they believed.

Nine year-old Joshua from Gosforth, who was at the strike with his family, said how scary climate change was and how important it was that young people made their voices heard. "If they don't," he said, "The planet is not going to survive."

"There's not enough being done about climate change," explained 14 year old Mia, "our generation is going to be the one making the decisions. It's important to make our voices heard as we'll be the ones who have to sort out this problem."

Some people have been saying that, no, these strikes are wrong. "Nothing is more important than a child's education" insists the National Association of Head Teachers. A lot of people also believe that the teens are only doing it to get time off school,



Lily and Ava took part in the school strike for climate in Newcastle

therefore damaging their learning. However, Thunberg tweeted: "British PM says that the children on school strike are 'wasting lesson time. That may well be the case. But then again, political leaders have wasted 30 yrs of inaction. And that is slightly worse.'"

She and all of us other young people that attended the protests were looking to make a difference to their future, to try and prevent the problem that will affect them most of all.

Even Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn said "It's inspiring to see them making their voice heard."

At Artograffi, we think it's amazing that young people are taking a stand for what they believe in, even if it does mean that they're missing school - after all, that's partly what gave it such a big impact.

With the issue of climate change becoming more and more of a concern, it's really important that teens are trying to raise awareness and show that they do care about this very serious problem.

As Greta Thunberg said: "I want you to act as you would in a crisis. I want you to act as if our house is on fire. Because it is." By Lily

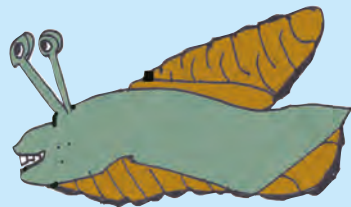
Spring, The SNAIL season!!!



Spring, the season where the sun is a superstar and the days get longer. But the pesky pests are starting to come, flies and snails are good examples. Snails like eating anything... and spring is when they are back.

Some people like snails and keep them as

pets (weird) but gardeners HATE them! There are even ways to keep snails away from the plants. Poor snails, all they want is a snack, or a lot of snacks. One of the biggest snails is the Giant African Land Snail. Meet Shelly the Giant African Land Snail.



Shelly the Great African Land Snail

Shelly has slime to stop friction burning her when her body rubs against the ground. Her shell is a good home and good protection. She and her species are pets that are very easy to take care of, and they eat almost anything.

Garden Snails are much smaller than the Giant African Land Snail but they have the same slime powers (not actual powers).

SNAIL FACTS

- 1) Common garden snails have a top speed of 45 mph (45 meters per hour or 50 yards).
- 2) Depending on the species snails can live 5 - 25 years.
- 3) The snail is a delicacy in French cuisine called escargot.
- 4) The largest living sea snail species is the Syrinx aruanus whose shell can reach 90 cm (35 in) in length and the snail can weigh up to 18 kg (40lbs)!
- 5) Snail-like animals that do not have a shell are usually called slugs.

By Grace

STAR WARS DAY - DO I CARE?



Star wars day is on the 4th of May. It's an annual event that spread quickly over social media. Fans of the Star Wars franchise globally celebrate the many films by George Lucas. The date was chosen specifically because the date is a pun with play on words from an iconic quote "May the Force be with you" "May the 4th be with you".

There are many people who haven't actually watched Star Wars and I'm first to admit I fell asleep watching one and gave up with the rest, so congratulations to everyone who has avoided this craze and have 0 idea what this is all about. By Jess

EGGSELENT EASTER



Easter is just around the corner (April 21st) so shops are stocking up on chocolate everything.

Easter is mostly known as a Christian festival for the resurrection of Jesus - eggs became tradition because on Holy Week (the week leading up to Easter) Christians were not allowed to eat eggs so they were saved up and decorated then given to children as gifts. In France and Germany they began

making chocolate eggs, then people liked the idea so now it is common almost everywhere.

Easter eggs are commonly made of chocolate, however a new egg has startled the world. The 'Cheester Egg' is an egg made entirely of cheese! It is very controversial but I think if you want to eat it, you can.



Bunnies are a symbol of Easter because they're also a symbol of new life. For whatever reason you celebrate I hope you enjoy it. :) By Ava

Marvel is the best



On the 26th of April the Marvel Cinematic Universe is releasing Avengers 4: Endgame.

This is going to be the grand finale; all the movies beforehand have been leading up to it. A couple of trailers have been released, all of which have had fans on the edge of their seats starting theories.

I am hoping to go as soon as it comes out because it is destined to be an amazing movie. Infinity Wars ended with a huge cliff-hanger (no spoilers if you haven't watched it) so I hope Endgame will clear everything up.

If you haven't watched any other Marvel movies it probably won't make much sense so you need to get caught up before April 26th! I would recommend all the movies to anyone, they are action-packed and a lot of fun. By Ava

Alec and Emily's Rescue Centre:



"Mum! Mum! MUM!" Alec shouted up the stairs, eyes fixed on the floor in front of him. There was a patter as Emily ran down the stairs and stopped next to him, surveying the scene. His sister looked up at him. "Was it..." "Yep." He replied angrily. "Oh."

Their mum wandered in and saw the destroyed remains of Alec's brand new pair of trainers on the floor. She sighed. "That cat, he'll tear up anything he can get his paws on."

The cat in question padded into the room, purring softly as he rubbed his head against Alec's head. Alec stepped away with a scowl. He did not want to pet Binky ever again. "But mum! He's wrecked my new trainers! I need them for sports day tomorrow." "I know. I'm really sorry Alec but

I'll have to get you a new pair when I go into town next."

Alec knew there was no room for argument. "Now come on, let's get to the rescue centre."

Alec scowled as Emily said goodbye to Binky, but he didn't pet the kitten. Why would he want to be anywhere near that evil thing?

He kept his arms sulkily crossed throughout the whole car journey, and even when he got to the rescue centre the frown was still on his face. Sue came over to them. "Hey there, why the frowny face?"

Emily explained. "Binky shredded Alec's new trainers and now he doesn't like Binky."

Sue smiled. "I have something to show you." She led them to a

The Shredded Shoes



pen where a dog slept, golden fur sparkling in the sunlight. Even Alec had to smile. "This is Maisie. She was treated really badly by her past owners so we had to take care of her instead. But even though there have been a lot of people who've been mean to her, she's forgiven us humans."

"Even after they were mean to her?" Alec blurted out. Sue smiled. "Even after they were mean."

When Alec got home, he found Binky and petted him, saying he was sorry for ignoring him. "I know you can't help it," he added as Binky purred in agreement.

He was over the moon when his mum came home with a box - a box containing a brand new pair of trainers. He hugged them tightly. Alec could run at sport's day again!

By Lily



by Bethany



SHOULD WE STOP WATCHING YOUTUBE?



Recently, there has been reports of a bug eye character hacking into social media and showing up on kids' shows like Pepper Pig.

WHY? This character is a statue in a museum in Japan; someone has taken a picture and hacked it into videos. Apparently so far, it has hacked apps like YouTube, Google, Roblox, maybe Netflix, and maybe even TikTok. But some people say it has not really happened.

ARE WE SAFE? We are safe because Momo is just a picture, she can't harm you. It is like she is trying to tell you to do terrible things. She is supposed to say things like 'kill yourself or I will come and do it myself' (which is impossible since she is only a stupid picture.)



WHY WAS SHE CREATED? Seemingly, the person who took a photo of her obviously wanted to scare small children, who would be very easy targets. She wouldn't be able to harm you, remember that. She is harmless, remember that.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I SEE HER ON MY SCREEN? If you ever see Momo on your screen, immediately turn off your device,

even if you are in the middle of a video you enjoy watching. If you don't, she will start to get to the scary stuff (even the start of it is scary, especially her face!) Momo has eyes almost the size of her head and a massive, spooky grin... It is rumoured that she even has chicken legs!

HOW CAN SHE BE LESS SCARY? If you make a joke about her, she will turn out to be less scary and you will be guaranteed to not be as scared. Remember, she is just something a bunch of STUPID people who are bored and want to use it to scare people and put it in social media.

SO SHOULD WE STOP WATCHING YOUTUBE? On YouTube, she is most likely to appear on the part when a video is finished and it auto plays another video. So turn autoplay off.

Anna said, bring back DVDs! Which is a very good idea since Momo can't hack into DVDs!

IS IT TRUE??? Don't believe everything people say. It can be a hoax, a lie.

By Grace

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l-r Ward Councillor and Civic Head Jeff Watson, Enforcement officer Andrea Cowens, Northumberland County Councillor Glen Sanderson Cabinet member for Local Services and the Environment, with Beverley Beers and her dog Jess.

Celebrating the 2,000th Green Dog Walker

A scheme which encourages responsible dog ownership in Northumberland has signed up its 2,000th member. Beverley Beers from Amble committed to the scheme by filling out a Green Dog Walker pledge form online.

She and her Golden Labrador Jess regularly walk in and around the town where she likes to support responsible dog ownership by always making sure that she cleans up after her dog.

The Green Dog Walkers scheme is a community-led programme to reduce dog fouling by promoting responsible dog ownership across the county. Dog owners are encouraged to sign the Green Dog Walkers pledge, in which they agree to always clean up after their dog and put the bag in a bin and to encourage other dog walkers to do the same.

The council also provides a Green Dog Walkers support kit to local community groups and individuals who want to get involved. www.northumberland.gov.uk/greendogwalkers

Another election? Why we should vote for a mayor for North of Tyne

We are about to choose a mayor. Another mayor? This will be a mayor for the area, which includes Newcastle, North Tyneside and Northumberland.

They will work with a cabinet drawn from the three local authorities, and will have extra money from government

for responsibilities such as education, including adult education, boosting trade and investment, and managing public transport, across the whole region.

There are advantages to planning for the region as a whole, rather than each local authority trying to solve the

same problem such as, public transport.

Candidates (so far announced) are Jamie Driscoll (Labour), John Appleby (Lib Dem), John McCabe (Independent), Charlie Hoult (Conservative).

Whatever you think about a new post of mayor being

created, they will have powers, so the best thing to do is to choose the person whose ideas are closest to your own.

Somebody will be elected, so we all need to vote on May 2. We have no right to complain if we don't bother to vote.

Norma Hinson

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Welcome back to Trust Life. Having fielded so many enquiries from organisations carrying out research into how rural communities are preparing for Brexit, its been very hard to give an honest response. Does anyone actually know what is being discussed, offered or argued about, other than what we hear on the news?

I've listened, researched, read, and come back to the same conclusion – there really is no clear plan that has been shared with the general electorate.

So rather than dwell on the negative I'll share a little good news with you; following the retirement of Chairman Terry Broughton in January, Andy Sim, our long standing Vice Chairman will be taking on the Chairs role, with Paul Rigby stepping up to Vice Chair.

Many of you will know both Andy and Paul, but possibly from different perspectives. Andy has spent most of his life in Amble, and cares passionately about the town.

Paul is a comparative newcomer, but has thrown himself into many community organisations and projects having chosen Amble as his new home town and we thank them both for their continued support.

Another bit of good news is that our application to the Coastal Communities Fund has at long last been approved.

Chosen as only one of 26 projects to gain funding, we have secured £396k for a National Bird Sculpture Trail. This will consist of 22 sculptures, some being physical others being either virtual reality or audio installations depending on the site, which will stretch from Hauxley Nature Reserve, through Amble, to Beal Bank Warkworth.

This is exciting as it will bring artwork to the town, but more importantly, we hope, more footfall to use the services we have to offer. Without that interest and investment we would still be the Amble of the 50s and 60s and not the

attractive town we now have, so everyone benefits.

In January, along with representatives from Amble Business Club and Town Council, I attended a presentation from Bill Grimsey on the Future of our High Streets. While not making direct recommendations, he did offer his views on what options should be considered going forward after accepting his role in creating 'clone' high streets through his previous employment.

These consisted in part of: 1) having a long term plan for the high street, 2) considering options for leisure facilities rather than purely retail, 3) working collectively for your town rather than independently, 4) housing, 5) ample car parking and 6) identifying your unique selling point (what makes your town

different to any other town) amongst other things. And I'm pleased to say we have most of these things in place - or are working towards them - for Amble, in a long term economic plan with a delivery steering group made up of county, town and business reps as well as community organisations and ourselves.

However bearing all of these things in mind, we need to work to deliver what is needed for OUR town, otherwise by 'following the leader' we risk creating a different type of cloned street!

Dates for your diaries: The Puffin Festival will take place over the bank holiday weekend of 25, 26, 27 May, and Mauretania Day is on Sunday 7 July.

In the meantime have a very happy Easter.

Julia and Trust staff.
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Artisan bacon made in Amble

The Artisan Bacon Company is a new project headed by Jeff Roland of Queen Street butchers RC Roland & Son.

An increased interest in their bacon lines led to the introduction of a number of specialised bacons using locally sourced ingredients.

The artisan bacons include Traditional Northumbrian Oak Smoked Back Bacon which has been smoked in a traditional Northumbrian smokehouse.

The Pilgrims bacons are marinated using ground coffee by Pilgrims Coffee of Holy Island. This has a subtle flavour with a hint of sweetness and gives off a beautiful aroma while being cooked.

The Canny bacons are left to marinate over a number of weeks in honey produced in Guyzance and the wild moorlands around Rothbury. It has a beautiful sweet taste, and a hint of wild heather, it is not too tart with understated elegance.

The Credence bacon is made in conjunction with Credence Brewery using an award winning 10% porter ale. It is a hearty,



fully flavoured bacon, tangy but not overpowering.

Jeff Roland said, "Since going on line in February there has been a lot of interest. We are aiming to have a national presence. A lot of research went into the processes and sourcing of local ingredients. I'm sure our customers will not be disappointed when they taste our product."

These artisan bacons can be purchased from Roland's shop on Queen St, Scotts of Alnmouth and online at www.artisanbacon.co.uk
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New routes for walkers and cyclists

Walkers are being enticed into the Friendliest Port via the new England Coastal Route, which continues to be created along the coastline. The latest section of the path was opened last summer, and brings walkers up the coast from South Bents (Souter Lighthouse) to Amble. Directional signs have reached as far as Hauxley, and The Ambler hears Amble will see signposts soon.

A spokesperson for Natural England told us: "Amble marks the point where two stretches of the England Coastal Path meet. The South Bents to Amble stretch is open to the public and this runs up from the south, past the Harbourmaster's office to end in Leazes Street. The Amble to Bamburgh stretch is not yet open."

The route will take walkers towards the harbour, up Queen Street to the Post Office, and onto the Braid via the bridge. However one reader contacted The Ambler questioning why the footpath around Coble Quay had not been chosen. We put this point to Natural England.

The spokesperson said: "When we looked at the various



options in Amble we considered the route you suggested.

Ultimately, we decided to propose a route that mirrors the existing Northumberland Coast Path. The main reason for this being that this route takes users through the town centre, where they can make use of shops and other facilities. We realise that this route is less coastal, but having consulted with the Town Council and Northumberland Coast AONB, we feel that local businesses will benefit from having a National Trail passing through the town."

National Cycle Route 1

A change to the national cycle route 1 through Amble

has been officially made, after many complaints were made that cyclists heading north were expected to travel against the one-way system on Leazes Street.

A spokesperson for Northumberland County Council told The Ambler, "in response to public concerns over road safety, people cycling from south to north on national cycling network route 1 are now sign-posted on an alternative route - away from the one way system.

For those cycling north to south the route remains largely unchanged with some minor changes, meaning that it takes in more of the town centre."

Anna Williams

New family businesses

Lovely to see sandwich shop The Galley always bustling with customers. The popular shop opened its doors last summer and hasn't looked back.

James Leighton, co-owner of the family business said: "We are overwhelmed with the local support and the business has taken off amazingly. We source all meat, veg and fruit from Queen Street. We feel we are a real part of the community and proud to support local charities as much as we can, including Amble RNLI especially as I am now a crew member on the lifeboat.

"The Galley is going from strength to strength, and we even employed extra members of staff during the winter. We're now looking forward to the year ahead."

Fish and chip shop The Queen's Plaice has now opened its doors on Queen Street. Co-owner Adam Davison said: "It's going great. We had a few hiccups with getting sorted, and getting the staff used to the menu but we've had positive feedback."

He explained how keen he had been to open in Amble. "We already run the Hope and Anchor in Alnmouth and know how much people love our fish and chips. The addition of a new fish and chip shop in the heart of Amble on Queen Street seemed like the ideal opportunity.

"We also had great feedback from locals wanting a gluten free option. All our fried food is gluten free and cooked in vegetable oil. It makes the batter lovely, golden and crispy just how it should be. Even our sausages are gluten free."

New dwellings on dunes

Plans for the old Signal Cottage site have been given the go ahead.

Fresh plans for three units in a single block, on the seafront to the south of the town, were lodged before Christmas.

And at their meeting in March, a majority of members of the North Northumberland Local Area Council felt that the latest design was acceptable - particularly following the recent removal of a central viewing column.

Concerns were voiced at the meeting that the plans constituted an over development of the site.

The agent for the applicants said that the application is not for holiday lets and the applicants are a family from Newcastle, who want to make themselves a home.

Nature Reserve thankful for ongoing help



See how Hauxley Discovery Centre benefitted from their National Lottery Grant in an online mini-series called Untold Stories: Northumberland. The series of videos, hosted by Sky Sports presenter Pete Graves, show how Northumbrian projects have benefitted from a total of over £5m of funding. You can see the whole series on the National Lottery's Youtube channel: @LotteryGoodCauses, and the Hauxley episode is available to view on The Ambler's Facebook page

Pete Graves said: "I am so proud to call Northumberland home - and after visiting each of the incredible projects featured in Untold Stories: Northumberland, I'm even prouder. Having the chance to see first-hand the impact they have on the local community and people's lives, has been brilliant. I hope people across the area are as moved and inspired as I am after watching the series!"

APRIL EVENTS AT HAUXLEY NATURE RESERVE

Introduction to Birdsong - Dawn Chorus Walk, Sat 13 April and Sat 20 April - 5:30am - 7:00am. £5 per person, book places online.

In Focus, Sun 14 April - 10:00 - 16:00

Hauxley Easter Egg Hunt, Fri 19 April 10:00 - 15:00 Drop-in, £3 per child.

Also running on Easter Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Art Exhibition - Diane Patterson, Sun 21 April - 10:00 - 16:00

Spring Photography with Jason Friend, Sun 28 April - 10:00 - 16:00 £35 pp
See www.northwt.org.uk for bookings and more information on events.

Rotary Club President Tim Mason is seen presenting a cheque to Alex Lister, Manager of the Hauxley Visitor Centre.

A new pond was created last year and funding was needed to provide some educational equipment that would enable pond-dipping sessions to be offered to local schools, groups and families. The pond

was created in memory of Amble teacher John Almond who had a long association with the Hauxley reserve on Druridge Bay, via the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme, so it is fitting that the new equipment will now enable the wildlife charity to offer pond-dipping sessions to local schools, groups and families. The Hauxley team is keen to

dispel the commonly held belief that pond dipping is exclusively practised by children and it intends to add a pond course to its adult learning programme to introduce participants to pond assessment techniques and provide a crash-course in identification of pond macro-invertebrates to species level.



Reports from our *County Councillors*



I have received complaints from residents about speeding vehicles at several locations within Amble, Hauxley, and North Broomhill. There is a real problem with speeding vehicles especially motorbikes. Speeding through neighbourhoods is one of the most common issues raised at my surgeries and this has an impact not only on road safety but on the quality of life for residents that endure it. Our streets are the epicentre of community life, a place for socialising, children's play, social events and economic activity, reduced speed makes it easier to cross roads, particularly for children and older people.

Motorists who speed, drive recklessly or who are distracted are at greater risk not only of causing crashes but also of failing to react in time to be able to prevent them.

Especially hazardous are streets in residential areas where drivers

often must negotiate a myriad of obstacles such as joggers, cyclists, children, pets, rubbish containers, parked vehicles, and more. A glut of vehicular traffic particularly of high speed variety can make our neighbourhood feel less like a safe haven and more like the M6 motorway.

There are drivers and riders on motorcycles who ignore the 20 mph zones; they are there for a reason.

The 20 mph limit brings many benefits, they help to reduce the risk and severity of collisions, encourages people to walk and cycle and spend more time in the area.

We need the full support of the police to enforce speed limits, however resources are limited and it does take time to respond to enforcement requests. Other ways to tackle this problem is educate each other about the importance of sticking to the speed limit throughout our communities.

Don't speed, keep our community safe!

Terry.Clark@northumberland.gov.uk

I was delighted that at last NCC's education department felt able to break the news that James Calvert Spence College was to get substantial funding support.

I have been working on achieving this for some time, but I was reluctant to announce anything until it had gone through the correct channels in the County Council and was agreed, approved and budgeted.

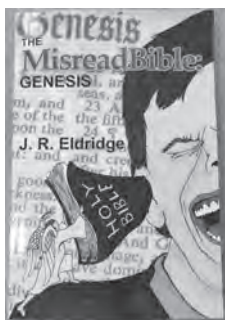
A team is now being drawn together to decide exactly what the school needs to be able to offer first class facilities for the education of our young people. The expectation is that a consultation will be held with parents and other interested parties in September this year and that plans drawn up shortly after that with a view to opening in September 2020.

It is difficult to say exactly what the outcome of the consultation and what the plans will be, but I am advised that several millions of pounds have been allocated to the project and that the aim is to create a modern, safe, learning friendly environment second to none in Northumberland.

I am sure that residents of the area will be delighted at the investment outlined above and I would like to add that this project, unlike some in the past, will go ahead and will be delivered.

The new development on the industrial estate is due to go for planning committee approval in April, this has taken a little longer than I thought but all is well with the scheme and approval is recommended by the planning officers. Happy Easter!

Jeffrey.Watson@northumberland.gov.uk 0780 238 5367



New book parodies Bible stories

Amble author JR Eldridge parodies Bible stories in his new book: *The Misread Bible: Genesis*.

Drawing from his fascination with religion and mythology, Eldridge takes the reader on a journey from the creation of the universe by a lonely deity living in his mother's basement, to the arrival of the Israelites in Egypt, in this

blasphemously funny collection.

The book contains language and themes that some may find offensive.

Eldridge said "Comedy has always been a big part of my life, and I'm always amazed at how comedians can make some of the most poignant points whilst also being thoroughly entertaining.

"I encourage the reader to look

up the original verses to see how much of the absurdity comes from my warped imagination, and how much comes from the original stories."

The Misread Bible: Genesis is available in both paperback and ebook from Lulu.com (<http://www.lulu.com/spotlight/jreldridge>) and from Amazon (<https://amzn.to/2T61Vz>)

Working together to identify off road motorbikes

Northumbria police and Northumberland County Council (NCC) are working together to address concerns in relation to the use of off road motorcycles in the Amble area.

Residents have expressed concern in relation to bikes being ridden on paths, parklands and grassed areas, which has been an issue.

The Safer Northumberland partnership is keen to make sure that bikes are used in a sensible and safe manner and that those who ride them do so safely without disturbing members of the public.

Police have already taken action and have used video and photographic evidence to identify some offenders already.

Those riders caught riding off road can have their bike seized and receive notice of the intention to have it destroyed.

To ride a bike on a road, it must be constructed for use on the road and ridden only on the road and not on public parks, pavements, public land, waste land. Off road bikes can only be ridden on authorised track.

Police and NCC have said that any information regarding the use of off road bikes can be passed in confidence to them. You can contact Police by telephoning 101 at the time of the incident. You can also call the anti-social behaviour unit at NCC on 0345 600 6400.

Judith Davis Community Safety Officer NCC

Hauxley Parish Council



CAN YOU HELP?

Following its recent Consultation Day Hauxley Parish Council is proceeding with developing its Neighbourhood Plan. The project requires approximately six to eight volunteers to join the Steering Group, responsible for overseeing the Neighbourhood Plan to

successful completion.

We are looking for people from a wide range of ages and backgrounds who live in the Hauxley Parish and are keen to play an active role in the process.

If you are interested in taking part please contact the Parish Council Clerk

Jade Reynolds before 16 April 2019 (contact details below).

The Parish Council have purchased replacement bins for the beach car park and Low Hauxley Bus shelter and they will soon be in place.

The next Parish Council meeting is on 13 May.

Contact details: Parish Clerk: Mrs J Reynolds

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

Email: hauxleypc@hotmail.co.uk

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



Amble Town

COUNCIL

All meetings at 6pm unless stated otherwise
 Town: : 11th April, 9th May, 13th June
 Amenities: 30th May

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 14 Magdalene Fields Warkworth NE65 0UF 07802 385367	Tracey Hinton, 13 George Street, Amble NE65 0RZ	CEN. WARD:	Jane Dargue 10 Sylvia's Close, Amble NE65 0SE 01665 711191	Clive Foxley 07795360513
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PADDLERS PARK

After many discussions and site visits we hope to have all the problems here sorted for the May holiday. The water feature pump has had parts replaced which should ensure it functions. We are replacing three of the trim trail items which have caused lots of issues due to their deterioration despite the research which went into ensuring they were suitable. The ladder rack, ball shute and swings outside the play area were supplied by Kompan and we have ordered the new items from them as they come highly recommended by the Shetland Isles whose salty sea air climate is similar to ours. Unfortunately these will not arrive until after Easter but should be installed straight afterwards. Parts of the site will be closed during installation but the weekend of May 4th should see everything operational.

JCSC

After many months of discussions at last there is a break through. NCC have announced they will promote investment in JCSC. This is fantastic news. However there is still a long way to go with many meetings and a business case to be formulated; then a submission to be approved before finance will be available. Many things are unclear at this stage such as where the funding will come from, what new build will be needed, what reorganisation will take place. However there is now a clear commitment to see that there is a school fit to take us forward, a more modern environment, a place where our children can continue to thrive and gain the knowledge, skills and experience to take them onto their future no matter what their ability.

CYCLEWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

Our aspirations for Active Amble were greatly bolstered by the announcement from NCC that they were starting a programme of studies towards improvements in cycle and foot ways throughout the county. At the local area committee where the Local Transport Plan (LTP) is sent for approval, we noted that it 'includes £633k allocated to integrated transport schemes that directly support/improve the environment/provision for walking and cycling,... and £490k is also allocated in the draft LTP for Rights of Way improvements.' and 'that the Council is also undertaking an initiative to produce a Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP). This will provide an evidence base for future investment in walking and cycling.' Amble is included and is due for input into the plan in 2020. Of course, more bids for grants to fund the work will be needed once the plan is produced, but this is very encouraging news. We expect to be involved in the work for the Amble plan as we already have ideas of which Rights of Way can be improved and where other walkways and new cycleways could be located.

COUNCILLOR'S CORNER

I have lived and worked in Amble for ten years now and the last 6 months, after an operation on my ankle, I have been off work and on crutches and so I have had a lot of time on my hands to entertain myself in the town.

Ten years ago a lot of the shops on the high street were empty but now they are all full - clothes shops, some lovely coffee shops (I think I have now tried all the scones that they have to offer), some fabulous eateries so no need to travel outside Amble at all. We are now able to see films around at the NTC building at a fraction of the cost of the cinema, 2 lovely antique shops to browse, lots of lovely things to pick up at the Pods and finish off with ice cream. After now being voted 2nd best seaside town to live, I feel very lucky to permanently be in such a beautiful part of Northumberland as I am sure everyone else does.

Cllr. Tracey Hinton

COUNCILLOR MEMBERS

At the March meeting, we co-opted a new member for the Central Ward, bringing us back up to full membership of 9 people. Compared to other areas, we are a small group - Acklington & Guyzance has ten, whereas Alnwick has 18. Whilst we are varied in age and come from a variety of backgrounds, what we all have in common is the well-being of our town and its residents. We work as a team doing our best but we also know that it is not easy or possible to please everyone. We are all volunteers who freely give our time yet there is still a perception by some in the community that we are paid for what we do. County Councillors receive attendance allowances but whilst parish and town councillors are now legally allowed to do this, we have all chosen not to, as we want as much as possible to be available for community use. Yes, we do allow expense claims for mileage to attend other meetings- sometimes at Morpeth, Newcastle, Berwick - but members rarely claim these; yes we can claim some printer paper and ink for all the documents we need to look over - but again many do not. Our main reward is the knowledge that we are promoting our town and its people and trying hard to improve the facilities available for everyone.

CYCLING ON THE ONE WAY SYSTEM

Just a reminder that all the signage should have now been changed so that the National Cycle Route follows the one way system throughout the town. Instead of being contraflow along Leazes Street, the route from the south goes along Percy Street, Dilston Terrace, Church Street, North Street and onto the Braid. Ownership of the 'roadway' at North Bank has at last been clarified and the owners have been asked to look at improving this surface.

WEST CEMETERY

There has been some anti-social behaviour taking place here for a few months but we believe the culprit has now been spoken to by the police and hopefully that will be an end to it. However we would remind everyone that this is a quiet place where the bereaved can come to remember their loved ones and as such should be a place where all honour this with respectful behaviour, no rowdiness, no dropping of litter or walking of dogs.

LITTER

With this year's refurbishment programme, the majority of litter bins will be replaced with new ones and the blue ones relocated to replace most of the dog bins except in areas where this is not suitable. NCC would prefer all dog bins to be phased out as litter bins are easier to manage and all the waste goes into the same vehicle. So please do remember that it is fine to put dog waste into litter bins.

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Coffee mornings for Amble RNLI

At the Amble RNLI Lifeboat Station.
Please come and join us for coffee and home baking on the
following dates between 10.00am and 1.00pm:
Sunday 21 April, Sunday 19 May, Sunday 16 June

Jelly Beanz baby and toddler group

Jelly Beanz runs every Wednesday 1-3pm at St Marks Church
Amble, providing messy and sensory play, along with kids' crafts
for ages from birth to four years old. See more on Facebook: www.facebook.com/jellybeanzamble/

Brambles Easter fun

Brambles are organising lots of Easter activities, but they need
to be booked in advance. Check our Facebook page for details.
Please call us on 01665 710453, e-mail brambleschildcare@hotmail.com
As always we do offer full childcare throughout the holidays
also: Monday - Thursday 8am-6pm / 8am-1pm / 1pm-6pm and
Friday 7.30am-4pm / 8am-1pm / 1pm-4pm.

News from Coquet Shorebase Trust

If you have any inclination to get out on the water and see Amble
from a different viewpoint, or to learn new skills, the Shorebase
can offer something for you, whatever your age or ability.

See our webpage: www.coquetshorebase.org.uk, or drop into
our building on the Braid (upstream of the Boat Club) and have a
chat (9 - 1pm, Mon-Thur) we're there to help everyone get afloat.

The Coquet Canoe Club will be meeting at the Braid every
Sunday after Easter from 10 - 1pm, everyone is welcome, all ages
and all abilities.

RYA Powerboat Level 2 courses began in March and there will
be two in April (April 13 and 14 / April 20 and 21) Other dates by
arrangement. This is the basic 'driving licence' for small powerboats -
a useful certificate for insurance, launching and boat hire.

Guided Tours of the Estuary:

Our popular canoe trips up the river to Warkworth and back start
again in April (dates on our webpage)

If you've never seen the castle from the river, you don't know
what you are missing. You don't need to have paddled before - our
sit on top kayaks are easy to use (and we have double ones as well if
you like). *See also back page for Puffin Festival events.*

Musical evening in Alnwick

Alnwick and District choral society present "A German Requiem" by
Johannes Brahms, on Saturday April 6, at 7.30pm
St. Paul's Church, Alnwick.

Easter Services in Amble Churches

You are warmly invited to join us at any of these services

Maundy Thursday Services on Thursday 18 April

St Cuthbert's Parish - Last Supper and Washing 7pm

Sacred Heart RC - Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm

Trinity Methodist - Morning Worship 10am

Good Friday Services on Friday 19 April

St Cuthbert's Parish - Morning Prayer 10am and Last Hour 2pm

Sacred Heart RC - Stations of the Cross 11am and

Celebration of the Passion 3pm

Good Friday Ecumenical Act of Witness in Amble Town Square at
11am. Short service, followed by hot drinks and hot cross buns at
Trinity Methodist Church.

Easter Saturday Services on Saturday 20 April

St Cuthbert's Parish - Service of New Light 8pm

Sacred Heart RC - Easter Vigil 7pm

Easter Sunday Services on Sunday 21 April

St Cuthbert's Parish - Easter Communion 9.30am

Sacred Heart RC - Easter Mass 9.30pm

Hauley Chapel - Easter Worship 4pm

Trinity Methodist - Easter Communion 10.30am

St Marks URC - Easter communion 9am followed by breakfast short
Easter morning service at 10am

Operatic Society Concert

Trinity Methodist Church welcomes the Beaconsfield Operatic
Society's annual concert, with the theme 'times and seasons'. Starts at
7.30pm on Friday 3 May.

Tickets are £4.00, available from Vivienne Dalglish, Joan Scott or
N&F Young.

Whats On: Jazz Concert

St Cuthbert's Church invites you to join them for a Jazz Concert on
25 May from 12 noon until 3pm. in the Parish Hall on Dovecote St.
Enjoy a ploughman's lunch (with a licensed bar!) while listening to
the music of Classic Swing, an established jazz and swing band.

Tickets £10, to include lunch and proceeds are to go to St Cuthbert's
'Fit for the Future' church improvement fund.

Tickets available in advance please from N&F Young or a member of
the events team in church.

Amble Big Breakfast

The Amble Big Breakfast, on Saturday 11th May at St Mark's URC,
Wellwood Street, Amble.

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 For larger projects or exclusive use of the studio additional fees apply - please contact to discuss further. www.drywaterarts.uk

Warkworth Cricket Club - Bike ride

Warkworth cricket club is planning a sponsored bike ride to raise money for club (kitchen refurbishment) and the Rainbow Trust (support for families with a seriously ill child). Sunday 26 May at Kielder. It is for the entire club – senior players, other halves, juniors, parents, and supporters.
 Routes from 7 miles to 50, Full support and transport at checkpoints.
 Cost: £10 for adults, £5 for juniors or £20 for a full family. This is to cover transport costs. Juniors must have an adult either riding with them or part of the support crew. Please get sponsorship for the ride or make a generous donation. To participate – as a rider or support crew – please contact Richard Sullivan (07990522320, richard@warkworthcc.co.uk) or Ali Currie (07738847663 alistair@jonesinteriorscontracts.co.uk).

Cricket Club events

Friday 19 April Curry Night in the clubhouse 7.30 pm
 Saturday 20 April – first game of the season - 2nd XI home to Alnmouth/Hawick & 1st XI away to Cramlington
 Friday 26 April Junior coaching: year 3 upwards 6 pm (Bar open)
 Saturday 27 - 1st XI home to GEMS & 2nd XI away to Rock
 Author Brian Leviton in his book "Remarkable Village Cricket Grounds" mentioned Warkworth as one of the most iconic cricket scenes in the UK.

The Clubhouse is available for wedding receptions, and parties. (all ages). For info on hiring the clubhouse contact Ian Gray tel 01665712422 or email i.r.gray@btinternet.com

For playing info contact Alastair Gibson tel 07889874770 or email ag@gibsonmedia.tv For junior playing info contact Richard Sullivan, tel 01665714896 or email richard@warkworthcc.co.uk
 The Club wants to start a Women's Team. Anyone interested in starting a women's team? Contact rachael@warkworthcc.co.uk

Hauxley Fun Day: Whey Aye Koo

Hauxley Village Fun Day is on August bank holiday Monday. This year we have the usual activities: a barbecue, local beers, refreshments, stalls, games, and the pet show, with several exciting new activities, one of which will be a poetry competition we are calling the Whey Aye Koo! A Whey Aye Koo is a poem in 3 lines, something vocal, a few words, one local

For example: As quirky as a kipper
 Foggy as a Farne
 Island in winter.

Want to write one? - Why Aye Koo - you can do!

Amble Pin Cushion workshops

Improver's Quilting – owl cushion cover £35
 Thursday 11 April 9.45am – 12.45pm
 Charity Fundraising event for Northumbrian Hedgehog Rescue
 Easter Sat 20 April 9.30am – 4pm
 Yarn Shop Day: Learn to knit in 1 hour + other offers
 Sat 28 April 10am, 11.15am, 1pm, 2.15pm
 To book or for more information, see www.amblepincushion.co.uk/workshops

NTC Films at the Dovecote Centre

The Lego Movie 2 (U) – 6 April 3pm
 Can You Ever Forgive Me? (15) – 6 April 6pm
 Rock Dog (PG) – 11 April 2pm
 Peterloo (12A) – 12 April 7.30pm
 Bumblebee (12A) – TBC 18 April 6pm
 The Old Man and the Gun (12A) – 26 April 7.30pm
 Dumbo 2019 (PG) – 11 May 3pm
 Fishermen's Friends (PG) – 11 May 6pm

NTC presents Dracula... The Travesty!

Devised and created by NTC actor and writer, Stewart Howson, from the novel by Bram Stoker. Light, funny and daft, with strong storytelling, scary moments, Gothic storytelling at its best. Appealing to family audiences with wolves, bats and the Brides of Dracula with plenty of audience participation, humour and music.
 Amble Dovecote Centre May 23 at 7.30pm. For further details call 713655 or go to northumberlandtheatre.co.uk

Royal British Legion News

Meetings are held in the Legion Room in Warkworth War Memorial Hall every two months. Members and visitors are welcome to come along and find out more about the Legion's role in providing help for veterans and their families. We offer a free training course for those members who would like to engage with local, regional and national campaigns. We welcome men and women of all ages, whether they have served in the Armed Forces or not, to continue the work that was begun nearly 100 years ago.

NEXT MEETING is Wednesday, 29 May, 2019 at 7pm in Warkworth War Memorial Hall, Castle Street, Warkworth. Speaker Mrs June Watson. Talk: The Tankervilles of Chillingham.

Wanted due to retirement

Volunteer Poppy Appeal Organiser for Alnwick and Alnmouth area. Training will be given. Please contact Rachel – The Royal British Legion Northumbria: Tel 078234 16750

Coquet Local History Meeting

East Coquet local history's next meeting:
 April 19: Pompeii and Herculaneum by Barry Mead
 St. Mark's URC Hall, Wellwood Street at 7.30pm

Coquetmouth Wildlife Trust to close

Coquetmouth Wildlife Trust found themselves without volunteers to take over at their AGM and as such, are closing after July 2019. The remaining meetings, which are open to all, are:

15 April - Spring flowers of the Peloponnese

20 May - Walk in Hepburn Woods

17 June - Walk at Howick Hall

15 July - Walk at East Chevington reed beds

Thanks have been expressed to the current committee who have been in post a considerable length of time. For those interested in the remaining meetings, they begin at 7.30pm in St. Mark's Church Hall. Walks begin at 7pm.

Further information from Sue Swanston: 01665 711177

Whats On: Radcliffe Club

22 April 12-3pm Free Entry Easter Family Funday with appearance from the Easter Bunny slide and castle all day wristbands £4
 26 April £5 Ticket 80s Tribute Night Doors open 7pm
 3 May £12 Ticket Suzanne Gill Psychic Medium Doors open 7pm
 6 May 12-3pm Free Entry Family Fun Day
 26 May Guest Artist Junior Turner from 9pm £2 entry
 27 May Family fun day 12-3pm free entry. All day wristbands £4
 7 June 6-9pm Free entry Glow Family Fun Night with family prize bingo £1 Ticket
 14 June £5 Ticket doors open 7pm Westlife /Take That Tribute

SPOTLIGHT ON CLUBS & GROUPS

Carol Gray Dance School. (CG Dance)

When and where do you meet?

We meet every Wednesday at The Radcliffe Club Amble.

Tots Disco class is held 5.30-6pm
Freestyle Disco is 6-7.30pm.

What do you do in your club?

I teach Freestyle Disco Dance, competitive and examination work through Northern Counties Dance Teachers Association.

Pupils are taught in bare feet and wear plain black practice wear. Sometimes trainers are worn in Hip Hop. Leg and arm weights are used in the training.

Freestyle is a combination of disco and gymnastics, danced to fast high energy music and is a very good form of exercise for



any student. It requires a lot of training at home to maintain a certain level of flexibility.

Is there an age range?

Ages 4yrs to adult are taught to all levels. Beginners to Advanced

Is there a charge?

There are dance fees to pay weekly or I give discount on a monthly basis.

How long has it been running?

The school was started by my

Dance Teacher Anne Phillips. I took it over in 1994.

Who might be interested in joining your club?

Anyone is welcome. Dance can give confidence to a lot of students. It's a great way to express yourself.

What's the best thing about your club?

I think dancing to music gives children so much confidence. Parents often say to me they can see how their children's confidence has grown after coming to the classes.

Who runs the club? How do I get in touch?

The school is run by Carol Gray. Contact her at Carolgray427@yahoo.co.uk 07970 324384

Rotary Notes

At a recent meeting of the Club Council a decision was reached as to the distribution of the money raised the Christmas Collection.

Awards of £100 will be made to: Amble Under 11's Football Club, Warkworth & Amble Royal British Legion and Amble East End/Walking Football Club

Awards of £200 will be made to Acklington Community Group, Anthony Nolan Trust, Amble Food Bank, Elpha Lodge Garden Improvements, Alnwick & District Mencap and money ring-fenced for use by the Hadston Community.

Awards of £50 will be made to JCSC for the most improved Student award, The Ambler and The Pelican.

Larger donations will be made to Amble & Warkworth Inner Wheel, fees for two young people to attend the Rotary Young Leadership Award Course, St Cuthbert's Church Appeal, Amble Youth Project, Alnwick District Sports Awards, Amble Eastside Juniors and the Tiny Woods Academy and The President's Charity: Northumberland Wildlife Trust for a pond at Hauxley (see p14)

The remainder will be used throughout the year for local charities and good causes.

Photo: Rotarian Terry Long presenting a cheque to Bill Cruikshank the Amble Food Bank Co-ordinator.



Please join us as we celebrate the Resurrection:

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April 21st 10.30am

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Puffin Festival fun: the events so far...

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

25, 26 & 27
May

Saturday 25 May

Kite display on the Braid

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

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

Morning history walk: Harry's ramble around Amble. With Harry McQuillen. Meet at Town Sq 10am

Puffin art at the Amble Inn: Activities and celebrations

Print a Puffin Workshops: 10-11am, 12- 1pm, 2 - 3pm £5pp. Booking essential www.drywaterarts.uk Suitable for all ages. At Dry Water Arts

Live Music: Caribbean Steel Band. Tenth Avenue Band. Throughout the day. In the Town Sq

Artists in the Dovecote: Romy Lazzari & Lorraine Duquemin. At the Dovecote Centre

Live Performances:

Dansformation

Puffin Theatre Club.

Tom Greenfield kiteflyer on stilts!

Pop up poet Ian Williams

Children's Storytelling with Stephen Finlay. Interactive storytelling for 4 - 12yrs.

Afternoon nature walk: Birds and flowers of the estuary. With Atholl Swanston. Meet 2pm at Town Sq

Puffintastic Crafts. Puffin-themed crafts. With Sheila Cartright. Seafood Centre. £2.

Stand up Paddleboard taster sessions. Sessions last 30mins. Ring Jon to book 07944398115.

Talk+workshop: Neville Wilson - Drypoint workshop. At the Dovecote Centre £3pp*

Talk+demonstration: Kate Wilson willow weaving (bird feeder) At the Dovecote Centre £3pp*

Evening event:* Cloudberries - local singer songwriter duo. Philip and Madeline Stuckey. Dovecote Centre £3pp*

Canoeing: Sunset Estuary Tour with Coquet Shorebase Trust 7pm-10.30pm £30 adult £20 under 18s. www.coquetshorebase.org.uk 01665710367

Sunday 26 May

Kite display on the Braid

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

Drop-in morning talk with RSPB warden Paul Morrison. Everything you ever wanted to know about the *Puffins on Coquet Island*. Personalised session incl live streaming of the puffins on Coquet Island. At Fourways2

Walking football tournament: At running track pitch (Welfare). 10-3pm Free

Puffin art at the Amble Inn Activities and celebrations

Morning nature walk around Hauxley Discovery Centre With Tim Mason. Booking essential. Ring 0777 151 5469. Meet at Hauxley 11am

Puffin art at the Amble Inn: Activities and celebrations

Puffin Print and Prose: 10am - 12 Noon. Free Suitable for all ages. At Dry Water Arts

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

Live Performance: Pop up poet Ian Williams

Live Music: Caribbean Steel Band. Tom O'Donnell. Throughout the day. Town Sq

Amble cadets: Fieldcraft and First Aid stand

Stand up Paddleboard taster sessions. Sessions last 30mins. Ring Jon to book 07944398115.

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

2pm Talk: Bart Rippon on the Amble railways Dovecote Centre 2pm £3pp*

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

Puffintastic Crafts. Puffin-themed crafts. With Sheila Cartright. At the Seafood Centre. £2.

4pm Talk: Vince Hunt talks about the KGB Dovecote Centre 4pm £3pp*

Puffin Burrow Yoga Nidra: 4 til 5.30pm Cost: £10 (adults) At Dry Water Arts

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

Evening talk: Tim Mason - wildlife from Amble to Cresswell. Dovecote Centre 7pm £3pp*

Bank Holiday Monday 27 May

Kite display on the Braid

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

Morning history walk: Harry's ramble around Amble. With Harry McQuillen. Meet at Town Sq 10am

Puffin art at the Amble Inn: Activities and celebrations

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

Dry Water Arts morning workshop: Silver Clay Puffin / fish pendant workshop 10am - 12pm Cost: £40 Booking essential www.drywaterarts.uk At Dry Water Arts

Go paddling activities: Come and try sit on top kayaks, open canoes, etc with Coquet Canoe Club. All ages, but under 8s need an adult to go on the water with them. 10am -1pm. At the Little Shore. £3 for around 20 - 30 mins on the water.

Live Performances: Pop up poet Ian Williams, Brian English, Tribe Zuza, Harbour Lights Choir, Amble Sword, Liam Dobey, The Band2 Throughout the day. In the Town Sq/Town centre

Dry Water Arts afternoon workshop: Enameled Fish Pendants - 2 sessions 1pm - 2pm 2.30pm - 3.30pm Cost: £15. Booking essential www.drywaterarts.uk Suitable for all ages. At Dry Water Arts

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

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

Afternoon nature walk: Flowers of the dunes. With Atholl Swanston. Meet at Town Sq 2am

Stand up Paddleboard taster sessions. Sessions last 30mins. Ring Jon to book 07944398115.

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

2pm Talk: Richard Ilderton, British Divers Marine Life Rescue. Dovecote Centre 2pm £3pp*



Keep checking www.amblepuffinfest.co.uk for more events and updates

EVERYDAY

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

- Look out for Tommy Noddy the giant puffin
- Children's puffin artwork in various shop windows

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



FRINGE EVENTS

Tues 28 & Wed 29: Pottery Painting at 42 Queen St 1-4pm

Thurs 30: Puffin needle felting and applique kit demonstrations. Plus 10% off these and other puffin-related items. At Amble Pin Cushion, Queen St.

Stamped Metal Jewellery 2 sessions 1.30pm - 2.45pm & 3.15 - 4.30 pm Cost: £15 per person. Booking essential www.drywaterarts.uk Suitable for all ages. At Dry Water Arts, behind Wellwood St