



The Ambler

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Tour of Britain

Amble will form part of the route of the next Tour of Britain, which will take place on Monday 9 September.

As with previous tours, the cyclists will travel through Warkworth towards Amble on the A1068. The racers will travel up the Wynd and along Albert Street before heading on towards Widdrington.

The 2019 OVO Energy Tour of Britain begins in Glasgow on Saturday 7 Sept, finishing eight days later in Manchester.

The 114-mile North of Tyne stage will start on 9 Sept, leaving from the centre of Berwick-upon-Tweed and racing down the Northumberland coast.

Another cup of tea

Following on from the success of the first cuppa with a copper, PC Hodgson will be running a series of meetings where you can come and informally chat to your local officer.

The meetings will be held in the police office on the middle floor of Fourways 2 building, Dilston Terrace NE65 0DT, between 2-3pm and 5-6pm on the following dates: Thursday 4th July, Fridays 9th August, 13th Sept, 18th October, 22nd November.

If these dates and times are inconvenient to you please use the police 101 system and PC Hodgson will happily make bespoke appointments.

Men's Shed project opens doors



I-r: Amble Men's Shed organiser Steve Latimer with Mark Baker from Alnwick Lions, one of the project's sponsors

Amble's Men's Shed opened its doors at the beginning of June, with the aim of providing a calm and creative place for men, especially those suffering from mental health issues.

Organiser Steve Latimer set up the project after leaving the Army with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and discovering how beneficial the Men's Shed projects can be.

"I am an Army veteran, discharged in 2004 with mental health problems. I did not get any help with these problems till 2010. Even then combat-related PTSD was really difficult to treat.

"I was rattling as I walked: I was taking so many drugs prescribed by my doctor and psychologist. In 2017, I was sent to combat stress for six weeks' intensive therapy. This was great when I was there, but I fell apart again soon after I came home.

"For me the best therapy is being around other people, working on projects, not sitting in watching the news, Jeremy Kyle and Judge Rinder.

"I watched Countryfile on BBC; they did a piece on menssheds.org.uk and this is where my idea first came about. Together with woodwork specialist Les Yorke and Lee

Stanfield, who is a prison officer, and the fantastic support of the Amble community, we opened the shed."

Steve explained the ethos behind the Men's Sheds Association. "Men's Sheds is a proven method of improving the mental health of its members. It helps to stop social isolation, creating friendships, teaching new skills and passing on old ones, getting a sense of pride in completed community based projects," he said.

The Amble shed is situated behind the Dovecote Centre. Opening days/hours are still being finalised. Prices will be a minimum fee covering tea, coffee and chunky biscuits!

"We are currently in the process of building hen houses and shed bars for back gardens," said Steve, and he thanked their sponsors: MKM Alnwick, Alnwick Lions, Axminster tools North Shields and The Galley Amble.

The project's mantra is learn, teach, build, fix and chat... job done. Although this is primarily a men's project, organisers intend to have open days where families will be welcome.

See www.amblemensshed.co.uk and Facebook for more information.

Anna Williams

TV chef cruises into Friendliest Port

TV chef James Martin took a Puffin Cruise during a trip to Amble. He was filming for his new series 'Islands to Highlands' due to be shown on ITV next February.



Photo: Ivor Rackham



Photo: Andrew Mounsey

D-Day commemoration

A short service organised by Amble Town Council and Coquet Churches Together was held on 6 June, to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings. *More on www.theambler.co.uk*

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JCSC students take part in prestigious research programme



Jamie Ramshaw and Chloe Cannon

Two JCSC students are setting their sights on university after taking part in a prestigious science research programme.

Chloe Cannon (18) and Jamie Ramshaw (17) were both selected to take part in the Nuffield Foundation programme, which places students in industry or academic projects run by universities.

Chloe was chosen to take part in a maths and statistics

project with NewRail, based in Newcastle University. She analysed the number and type of projects available to those looking for a career in the rail industry in 15 different countries.

She did so well, her findings were published and will be used in future academic research. "I couldn't believe it when I heard they had published my paper, with my name as the lead writer," she said. "I had 2000

pieces of data and had to put it all together. I made graphs, wrote up the data and saw where there were gaps. I am so pleased I did it. It made me realise that although I want to pursue a career in chemistry, that I could do something like this, so I am on the right track."

Chloe's paper 'Data analysis of current and emerging skills development and training schemes in the rail transport sector' is published by the Journal of Educational Research and Review.

Jamie got a placement with Tracerco, an industrial technology company in Billingham. Despite a daily four hour commute, he very much enjoyed the experience. As part of a development team, he researched how best to track oil flow as it travels from undersea wells into pipelines.

By introducing chemicals into the oil, they were able to trace and measure the flow and thereby build up a better picture of the process. This research will go towards developing new

products.

Jamie said, "I really enjoyed it and I'm glad I made the decision to go into chemistry. I think I'd like to go into organic chemistry, maybe the oil industry."

Both students are hoping to study chemistry at university; Chloe has an offer from St Andrews, and Jamie has an unconditional offer from Hull. They were both full of praise for the science department at JCSC. "There's a really good chemistry department here. I was inspired by the Head of Science," said Chloe.

Head of science Janice Bailey

said "I am so very proud of them both. They are planning to continue their studies in the science field and I'm confident their contributions to science will change lives."

They are both truly remarkable students and have worked hard to achieve their goals to date. They represent our students past and future. Determined, tenacious and caring."

Anna Williams

"There's a really good chemistry department here"

Call for community to support popular music festival

Organisers of a popular music festival are calling on the community to help make certain this year's event goes ahead.

Ian Littlefear and a group of volunteers have taken on the task of organising this year's Colony music festival. And despite securing the help of two large sponsors, organisers say they would be grateful for any donations from the community.

Ian said "We've taken on this festival this year with zero funds.

We've got a full line up in place. The sound, the stage, the toilets and everything else in place as well as the permission to hold the event. Castle North Plumbing and Heating are our main sponsors, and Coquet Island Shellfish have put a large amount in as well, but any donations will be appreciated."

The Colony features local and regional bands and has been a firm favourite for several years. Situated on the Little Shore, the whole day event draws hundreds

of people, bringing picnics and enjoying the atmosphere.

The team hope to raise £1500 which will cover the cost of toilets, licences, staging and production expenses.

Taking place on 20 July, the festival runs from midday to 8pm. All the bands are playing for free or for travel costs only. The behind the scenes organisation is provided by volunteers.

Musician Ian plays with local band The Britpop Union, and he

is determined to do whatever he can to keep the festival alive.

"Sadly there's a big difference between an event being free for the public, and not costing anything to run. We have running costs which we just can't ignore. The toilets for one thing: that's a large amount of money, but it's a necessity," he said.

The event's crowdfunding page can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2W3nQvU> The Colony Music Festival is also on Facebook.

Community thanked for replacement seats

The families of two young fishermen who died on board their boat have thanked the community for their overwhelming generosity, enabling the replacement of a vandalised memorial seat.

Mark Arries and Edward Ide died from carbon monoxide poisoning in a poorly maintained vessel moored in Whitby harbour in January 2014. The owner of the boat was subsequently jailed for 15 months. Later in the year, the families placed two wooden memorial seats in Amble.

Last October we carried the story of John Arries, father of Mark Arries, who discovered one of the seats had been damaged beyond repair. Devastated at what had happened, he asked the community for help to replace it, and together both families set up a Justgiving page.

A total of £810 was raised, much to the families' amazement and delight. Jane Stilling told



Jane Stilling and John Arries

The Ambler, "It all went quite mad in the space of a couple of hours on Justgiving. And a lady suggested we ask the prison as they might be able to

make a new one. We went up to talk to Keith Borthwick at HMP Northumberland, and he said they would be able to do a design. The prisoners were really

involved, and in the end they made two metal seats for us."

John said "These are a lot more sturdy. They are much better than the originals. I had asked for a boat to be included in the design and they have done that too."

Both seats have now been replaced with the new metal ones; one on the harbour near the Little Shore, the other along the estuary next to the Shorebase Trust.

"We are so grateful to the whole community but in particular we want to thank Jonny and Julie at Sea & Soil, and Susan and Derek at the Schooner for their generous contributions.

"And we also want to thank Alan Punton the Harbour Master and everyone at Coquet Shorebase Trust for erecting the seats," said Jane.

Anna Williams

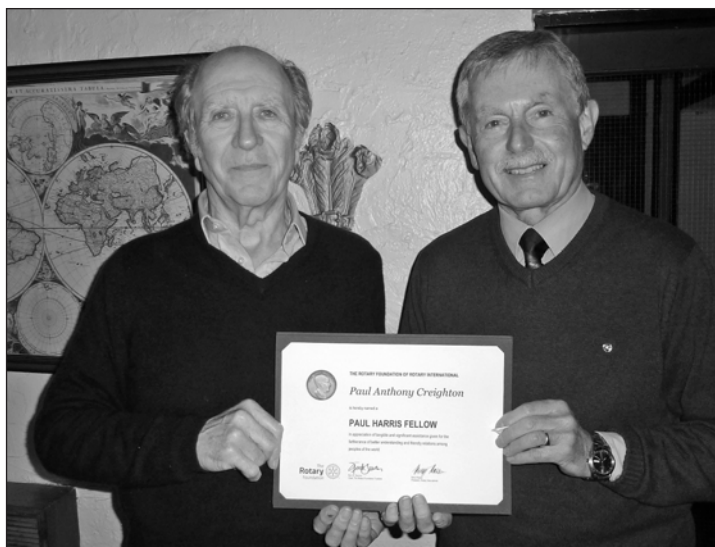
Rotary Notes

The Rotary Club has had a full programme in recent weeks, beginning with a talk about "The Tornado Trust" given by Graham Nicholls, who described the work which has gone into refurbishing to full working order, a Tornado railway engine.

This was followed by a talk entitled "Spirit of Northumberland" given by Janyk Gebouw. This proved extremely popular as the talk was accompanied by tastings of the various products including beers, Lindisfarne Mead and Rum.

The following week a club member and a computer whizz-kid Eddie Critchlow introduced members to the mysteries of "The Cloud". At the end of April, Rotarian Dave Shoemaker gave us his family history from 1914 to the present day, then more recently our very well travelled Rotarian Alan Jones, the Club's Speaker Finder, spoke of the work of the International Grenfell Association and in particular his trip with the Association to Labrador.

Rotary Club President Tim Mason recently presented Rotarian Dr Paul Creighton with a Paul Harris Fellowship. This is the highest award that can be



Rotary Club President Tim Mason (right) presented Rotarian Dr Paul Creighton with a Paul Harris Fellowship

granted by Rotary International. Paul has been Chairman of the Club's Projects Committee for the last two years and during this time he has organised and supervised the development of the garden at Elpha Lodge, Broomhill as well as improvements to the outside area of Brambles Childcare Centre.

However his main effort has undoubtedly been along Rotary Way, that stretch of road between Amble and Warkworth. He has personally developed a wildflower meadow and has arranged the planting of thousands of purple crocuses

along the grass verge.

The "Purple4Polio" campaign sees various purple-themed activities taking place to raise funds and awareness of the Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio throughout the world. The colour purple signifies the purple dye that is painted on a child's finger to show that they have received the vaccine.

This is particularly important in under-developed countries where the recording of vaccinations is not as advanced as in the UK.

Fred Calvert

New film society

Tuesday 14 May saw the first showing by the Film Society at the Dovecote Centre in Amble.

The Dovecote Centre is already showing films once a fortnight but this society is a way of showing different films e.g. foreign language/arthouse films that don't always make it to a big screen.

The first film was 'Cold War' by Pawel Pawlikowski. It was introduced by Jim Donnelly who suggested things to look out for and explained the format which was square frame and shot in black and white.

I was prepared for a depressing political film in Polish with subtitles. It was not. It turned out to be a romance, set against the backdrop of the 1950s Cold War in Poland, a story of two people of differing backgrounds and temperaments and their almost impossible romance. It had a great soundtrack.

You could buy a drink before the film and sip in comfort. The society needs at least 20 people per film to make it viable.

The society is looking forward to showing an eclectic mix from the latest independent releases to documentary and classics. So please support this latest venture from the Dovecote Centre. Look out for the Facebook page, the NTC website, or phone 01665 713655 or email Jim Donnelly at anaxa@postmaster.co.uk. See you at the next film.
Chris Herzberg

You C.A.N. help stop climate change

With the climate change crisis becoming a more and more significant issue, people worldwide are beginning to take action to prevent it- including those in our own county.

Climate Action Northumberland is a local group that aims to get Northumberland County Council (NCC) to realise the severity of global warming and declare a climate emergency.

The 2018 report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change declared that we had 12 years to make a significant difference to our greenhouse gas emissions, or we would face a real climate crisis.

"That crisis is not some far distant possibility which will only affect people on the other side of the world and future generations," explained Peter Fuller, the lead petitioner of Climate Action Northumberland.

"It is the risk of severe weather including storms and floods, drought and wildfires, crop failures and rising sea levels that will affect us all, and there is evidence that these events are already happening with increasing frequency."

C.A.N. was set up by a group



C.A.N. supported the Save Druridge Bay Campaign

of people who were already taking action against other environmental issues in the area. They decided to petition the council to declare a climate emergency, then make plans for the future.

Peter says they want NCC to pledge to be carbon neutral by 2030: "that is to say that the council should look at their own use of energy for transport, heating and power."

But each individual can also make a difference, even in Amble. "Important contributions can be made by looking at the use of energy in the home. Less meat in the diet would also help to cut emissions from agriculture."

Amble residents have also

described their feelings on climate change. "I'm extremely concerned about the future," says Mrs Bailey, director of science at JCSC high school. "People don't realise how on the edge we are. We need to take action now, even just the small things like looking at what car you have, walking to work and recycling properly."

An e-petition is up until 26 June, which anyone can sign to help support Climate Action Northumberland and prevent climate change.

Go to <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Councillors/Involve/Petitions.aspx> and click on Climate Emergency to sign.

Lily Tibbitts

Food bank needs help

Amble food bank is asking for additional donations of food. The number of food parcels, so far, this year has risen again in comparison to previous years.

The summer always sees an increase in the demand for food parcels and we need to meet that demand. So, we are asking the very generous people of Amble and surrounding areas to add an extra tin or packet to their shop and drop it off at either Co-ops in Amble.

We thank you for your continued support and also thank you on behalf of the recipients.

Here is a list of suggested items: Toilet Rolls, Biscuits, Coffee (100g), Teabags (80-100), Sugar, Long life milk, Tooth paste, Shower Gel, Soap, Puddings, Cereal, Soup, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned carrots, Tinned sweet corn, Chopped tomatoes, Cooking Oil, Tinned peas, Tinned green beans, Pasta, Pasta sauce, Rice, Baked beans, Tinned pilchards, Tinned tuna, Tinned ham, Tinned luncheon meat, Tinned hot dogs, Tinned beef and onion, Tinned sausage casserole, Tinned Irish stew, Tinned stewed steak, Tinned chilli con carne

amblefoodbank@gmail.com

Harry McQuillen's

Age of insecurity



A recent broadcast on Radio 4 was made by Val McDermid. I'm not sure if she invented the word "precariat" to refer to the ten million or so of our fellow countrymen (women and children) who live precarious lives.

In an age of food banks, homelessness and benefit delays we all know people who struggle to cope with day-to-day living. Perhaps one of the answers can be found in "happiness lessons" now taught in our schools.

In a wider context we see concerns expressed about rivalry between China and the USA, including the Huawei controversy which could affect decisions made in this country.

The taxing of pensioner benefit is back on the agenda, with the inevitable difficulties

concerned with means testing.

In a rather unusual move Prada has decided to stop using fur-clad models. The models will remain, but the fur will go.

Michael Gove has suggested the switching off of car engines when cars are at rest. How about leaving them at home, and using public transport whenever we can?

Facial recognition software could be just around the corner in many countries. I wonder if it's here already? Jo Brand talks about the joys of neighbourly chat and the social benefit it brings. Our era of loneliness should encourage us to talk to people whenever we can.

The environment always arouses comment. A farmer who seems to know what he is talking about mentioned his use of Roundup, tractors

with wide wheels (less soil damage!), the introduction of trees and hedges and the removal of beavers where they cause flooding. There are lots of issues connected with this beautiful earth of ours, but there aren't any simple answers.

Inevitably there's Brexit. The results are in, confirming deep divisions in our Country and the rest of Europe. Our main parties have found little support in the EU elections, which doesn't surprise anybody. Nigel Farage represents a widely-held view that all is not well in the EU.

When parts of any population can't or won't talk to each other, there is bound to be misunderstanding.

In this Country we are so used to our two-party system with occasional intrusion by smaller groups. In our present state much of the electorate seems to be voting against

policies they don't like. History teaches us that big issues really divide a country.

I remember history lessons on the nineteenth century Corn Laws and the Irish Question. Now we have Brexit.

Most of us hope that the issues will be resolved in a way that allows people to come together again.

I recall the Miners Strike and it's aftermath, with wounds that were hard to heal. To see the other person's point of view is not a sign of weakness.

Our Puffin Festival was a joy. Good crowds, good weather, imaginative events, hard work on the organisational front. Could it be that doing things together is good for everybody? Our Town Square was a brilliant concept. Let's all take part in the events that go on there.

Harry

Amble youth project update

On Saturday 25 May at the Puffin Festival, the Amble Youth Project launched its brand new Sunflower Campaign - an opportunity to support local children and young people to GROW WELL and SHINE.

The Amble Youth Project supports the belief that every child and young person, has the right to stay safe, to enjoy and achieve, and to be independently stable in adult life.



You may be one of the families who gave a donation for our sunflower seeds. This will be an ongoing project

and you can follow the progress on our website. Every £1 truly helps the Amble Youth Project achieve its aims for our children and young people.

We are grateful to The Ballinger Trust and BBC Children In Need for their help to provide the current activities for our 8 up to 13 year olds and to the

Northumberland Children's Trust who currently funds our Drop In for over 13 year olds, including our Brand New Saturday Drop In (11-1pm) for those aged 13, 14 and 15. However, we need the funds that oil the works and your support helps considerably. THANK YOU!

Businesses and companies in and serving Amble - we invite you to SHINE too. Will you go head to head with other businesses and race to take the trophy and the title of "The Fastest Champions in Town?" Our fast, adrenaline fuelled fundraiser - GO GO GO Karting - will take place on Saturday 21 September. But don't delay, sign up now, for you and us to get the most out of this event.

Pubs, cafes, restaurants, trade, retail, fitness, and wellbeing - ALL Businesses - will you enter a team of up to 5 drivers made up of your customers and staff? Come and enter into some friendly inter business rivalry.

For more information see www.ambleyouthproject.org or you can email lara@ambleyouthproject.org

Drama group donations

Two national charities with strong local branches have benefitted from the proceeds of Warkworth Drama Group's production of "My Boy Jack".



Commemorating the hundredth anniversary of the end of World War 1 - the tragic

centrepiece of the play about the death in combat of Rudyard Kipling's son - the highly praised production raised £240 for the Royal British Legion and The Fusiliers Aid Society.

Cheques for £120 were handed over to the two charities by 17-year-old Will Jones who played Jack in the production and Milly Davis, 16, who featured as his sister Elsie.

The presentation took place at Warkworth's Market Cross, and receiving the cheques were President of Amble and Warkworth British

Legion Jeff Watson and Fred Calvert (Major retired) of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers.

Eric Davidson is applying for the Grant of a Premises License under section 17 of the licensing act 2003, for St Mark's URC, Wellwood Street, Amble.

The License if granted is to enable the Following Activities to take place: Sale and Supply of Alcohol on the Premises/ Provision of Regulated entertainment/Provision of Films/ Provision of Plays/Provision of Indoor Sporting Events/ Provision of Live Music/Provision of Recorded Music/Provision of the Performance of Dance/Provision of Late Night Refreshment.

Licensed activities 7days/week, 08:00 to 24:00.

Any objections to this application must be sent to Northumberland County Council Licensing Department.

Environmentally friendly Mocha Mondo

Mocha Mondo are becoming well known not only for their great tasting coffee, but for their ethical approach to product sourcing and packaging.

Owner Martin Homer said "We have made various changes over the last year to ensure our cups, lids, stirrers, and packaging are plastic free. We still have some work

to do but we are proud of the changes we've made knowing they will help to reduce the negative impact our business could have had on the environment."

Martin continued "We also are very happy to make our drinks in customers' own reusable cups and although it is a new initiative from water companies, Mocha Mondo have always and will continue to top up water bottles for free!"

Community heroes

As well as being committed



Katy Park and Martin Homer

to reducing their impact on the environment as much as possible, Mocha Mondo is also keen to support the local community and in particular, those who give their time and skills freely to make it a better place for us all.

They give out vouchers to various local voluntary organisations such as Litterbugs, Christmas Lights, and Amble events, to pass on to these community heroes.

If you run a voluntary community group in Amble, please email: roastedandposted@gmail.com

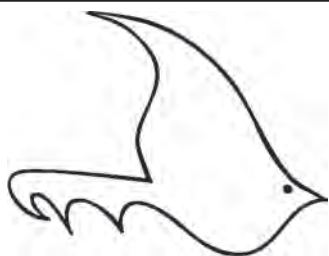


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Deeds not words

The bunting is out, the
puffins are here, the town is
full of busy and the community
never stops helping each other.

This issue is crammed with
instances of how Amble lives
up to the name the Friendliest
Port. Whether it's fundraising
for better facilities, or to make
other people's lives better, or for
community events, the Ambler
is full of examples of people

coming together to make things
better.

All this is in stark contrast to
our politicians, who seem lost
in a hall of mirrors; mesmerised
by their own reflections, or
desperately, blindly, searching
for a way through.

So here's to all the
individuals and groups featured
in *The Ambler*: the men's shed
project (p1), the women's

workshop events (p18),
fundraising for the Colony (p2),
Amble Christmas Lights (p12),
our local youth football teams
(p7 and p13), the churches (p8,
p13, p14), our fabulous young
people (p2, p5, p7, centre
pages), environmentalists (p4,
p5, p6), ... the list goes on and
on. Your actions speak louder
than words.

Keep a'haad!

WHAT YOU SAY...



A big thank you to all those who helped clean Amble Town on Saturday 11 May. We collected 14 full
sacks despite the area looking very clean. Thanks to Mocha Mondo Coffee too for the Community
Hero drinks vouchers.

Lynne Russell, LitterBugs

Home of blocked footpaths

Welcome to Amble - home of the blocked
footpath! If you've ever tried to walk between
Straffen Court and the allotments, from Gloster Park
to Robson's Way or from Coquet Grange to school,
you'll know what I mean, or think of other examples.

Natural England must know this as well, because
this year they are going to signpost the NATIONAL
coast path up Queen Street rather than risk the
magnificent new RNLI-Boatyard-Coble Quays path
that is currently forced back to the Town Square by
Amble Marina's ongoing land grab. Obviously the
Town Square is not central enough to qualify for a
"National
Trail passing
through
the town"
- perhaps it
should be
renamed the
"England
(apart from
Amble) Coast
Path" !

*Tom Lloyd
via email*

Right: the
footpath by
Gloster Park



Crochet Club fundraisers

The Little Shore
Crochet Club
holds various
fundraising events
throughout the year.
They have stalls at
car boot sales, run
domino cards, and
sell crocheted items.
They recently raised
£1,200 towards a new wheelchair for local
lad Mark Wilcox (pictured above,) and on
another occasion, £500 for the Palliative
Care Ward at Wansbeck Hospital from a
charity night at Artique. Just before Easter
they delivered the supplies they had bought
and the ward staff were very happy to receive
them.

We would like to thank everyone who
supports our causes and give special thanks
to the following people; the late Ian Turner
and Marjorie Turner, Susan and Derek at The
Schooner, Peter Stewart and Amble Market
Stall holders, Tom Newton of Coquet Island
Shellfish Ltd, staff at Cromies and Trotters
and the Amble Masonic Lodge.

Kathryn Baxter, Amble



More letters on p8

Amazing island experience for Young Rangers

A group of north east young people assisted the RSPB in preparing Coquet Island for the arrival of migratory birds.

The Coast Care Young Rangers are part of a volunteer educational project for people aged 13 - 19. They sailed with Puffin Cruises to the island to meet Head Warden Paul Morrison and his team.

The Coast Care initiative works to conserve the coastal landscape from Amble to Berwick, stretching west to Lowick, Belford and Alnwick.

The programme offers young people opportunities to enjoy the outdoors while learning new practical skills in conservation.

During the one day course, they were shown how to apply sand around nesting areas to act as a weed suppressant, how to collect stones to weigh down nesting boxes and to create perching areas.

The Young Rangers were excited as this trip was their third attempt to land on Coquet Island - the sea was calm and the sun was shining - perfect sailing conditions.



Speaking about their experience, Jane Smith, Young Rangers Youth Worker, from Seahouses Development Trust said: "Everybody was so excited to have a look around Coquet Island, to see what was there.

"We all felt very lucky to get this opportunity to help with the setting up of Coquet Island, usually closed to members of the public, ready for the nesting birds.

"It was hard manual work but well worth the effort."

The Young Rangers group meets every other Saturday during term time and its members are offered a unique learning experience to work towards achieving the prestigious John Muir Award which is great to add to a CV.

The next intake for Young Rangers will be September 2019, to apply contact jane@seahouses.org You can also follow the Coast Care initiative and the work of the Young Rangers on Facebook.

Review: Syd's Secret War Parts 1 and 2

This story by Bill Marshall is presented in two volumes, each in a different format, which is a pity because I believe you have to have read book one to appreciate everything in book two.

There were a lot of military references in the beginning, which were lost on me, but as the object of the exercise was to record Syd's experiences it was probably necessary.

When the two main characters start to relate their story, it becomes a fascinating read, all the more poignant because Syd was a local lad and there are a lot of local references. Fancy having to keep all that to one's self for all those years, because of the Official Secrets Act.

The story brings into focus the enduring and often unacknowledged hardships suffered by prisoners of war. It is dedicated to Joan, the name they gave to their trusty vehicle and that Syd gave to his daughter, a promise he made if he survived.

Events revolve around a plan by British Intelligence to get a spy inside the German military as the Germans tried to form a British Corps of soldiers from the prisoners of war, to fight for Germany against the Russians. This feat was made possible because of the uncanny likeness between two totally unrelated British POWs of very different rank. The result was a success far greater than anyone had envisaged.

A tale of daring-do and sacrifice.

Vivienne Dalgliesh

Both books available from Amazon

Amble U10s win Ashington Cup



Huge congratulations to F.C. Amble U10s who won the Ashington cup tournament for

the second year running on Good Friday, only conceding one goal the entire tournament.

Manager Gary Chambers said "This is a massive achievement for the lads I have coached since they were eight years old."

The Under 10s are just one team from F.C. Amble juniors who have won many trophies over the years. Gary now runs a senior team as well as the juniors, which many of his past juniors play for.

Gary runs U7 teams right through to U12. Anyone who would like to join for the new season, (who will all be competing in the Pinpoint Junior Football League,) can contact him on 07544599030

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WHAT YOU SAY...

Property prices in Amble

Yes we have done it again, second best coastal place to live in the UK. The rise in holiday makers enquiring and coming to the area, plus numerous other awards. So why are Amble property prices so low compared with Warkworth and Alnwick and other parts of the UK.

Last year 2018 a property sales agent told me property in Amble was overpriced; if that is the case they are ridiculously priced in Warkworth. Within the last few years three new developments have been built in Warkworth, all top prices. I have looked at new build properties in Alnwick and Warkworth: the prices are between £100,000 to £200,000 more than in Amble. Surely this is not right!

Yes there is a need for more affordable housing all over the UK. Why in this area of outstanding natural beauty is it only being built in Amble? I do not object to this. Do you see it being built in Warkworth- no. Property built in Warkworth is always top price -why?

OK it's got the castle and its history, what good is that to modern day living and all the everyday amenities we need as a community.

It is wrong to think cheaper property brings bad people to an area. There are a lot of very nice families living on low incomes. They are not all down and outs or trouble makers as some people think.

Property in Amble is being sold to people moving up from the Midlands and South of England, where they are selling at much higher prices. They are buying low in Amble and having money over. I have nothing against this. I wish them all the best as most of them are nice people. I blame the estate agents who are too greedy and are content just to keep things ticking over for their own gains.

We have a good quality life in Amble and why should we miss out on property prices. If because of certain circumstances we have to sell up and leave the area, some from Amble will struggle to buy in other parts of the UK.

Never mind the postcode lottery business; it's what the place you live in has to offer.

The community and Amble has a lot to offer, and it is up and coming and will soon have it all.

Are there any other people reading this who agree with me, if so please make your voice heard, otherwise nothing will change regarding property prices and many people and their families now and in the future will miss out.

The price gulf between Amble, Warkworth and Alnwick should not be so wide apart. The gulf needs to get smaller.

*Concerned Amble resident,
Name and address supplied*

In memory of Oscar



He looked up at the sky above

This is Amble the place he lived and loved
In the warm sun he stretched his legs

And fell into an eternal sleep

Or was Oscar just counting sheep, do not cry

He never wanted this to be his last goodbye

Oscar is now watching over his friends and fans

You have all made his life so perfect

While living here in Amble

Just remember him as you all can see

Everyone looked after him

All the Pods Oscar meet and greet

And he would sit on his favourite seat

Oscar was a beautiful pampered puss

He always loved lots of fuss

Look at Facebook as you all can see

He is still famous

People have all cried and written poetry

Oscar is now in kitty heaven.

*Mrs Porter,
Liverpool*

Model boats at St Cuthbert's

An astonishing display of skill, care and attention to detail in a fascinating variety of boats was mounted in St. Cuthbert's Church over the May Day bank holiday weekend.

Craft ranged from a seaworthy miniature coble built for a local fisherman's grandson, to a minute specimen, over a hundred years old. Many examples of local traditional

boatbuilding were there. There were models of Royal Naval fighting ships in amazing and accurate detail, historic craft, ships in bottles and a ship in a lightbulb from the Coquet Lighthouse.

Several of the owners and builders were there throughout the exhibition, willing to share their knowledge and background. Their presence



greatly enhanced the exhibition.

Amble is a town whose story revolves around boats; whether for recreation, fishing or lifesaving. The presence of boatyards and the history of the town put boats and their design and usage right at the heart of the community.

The church itself offered a warm welcome. Thanks are due to all the volunteers who lent their craft and those who mounted the exhibition.

Everyone enjoyed this community-based event which also highlighted the planned developments of the church building, which will see toilets and a kitchen/servery installed, to



enable more events to be hosted there.

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Cosmopolitan Amble

This spring Amble has been privileged to play host to two international musicians each with their own story to tell.

In March Harbour Lights, Amble's Community Choir, ran a gospel singing workshop led by Kathy Bullock (above) who is a Professor of Music at Berea College, Kentucky.

She began the workshop by explaining the circumstances under which many popular 'negro spirituals' came into being. She felt that without that knowledge we could not do justice to the songs. Kathy's own grandfather was born into slavery. The communities where this music originated had lost everything, all they had was their music and it

was a source of joy to them and it helped them get through their labours.

Choir numbers swelled to over 60 and everyone felt uplifted at the end. It was a privilege to learn from such a prominent tutor and we would welcome her back next time she is in the country.



In May, St. Cuthbert's Church hosted 'Diyet and the Love Soldiers', courtesy of Highlights

Rural Touring Scheme.

Diyet was born in a tent and brought up on the ancestral lands of her people in Canada's Yukon Territory, land they have occupied for thousands of years.

She sang songs about her life, her traditions, the pull back to her community mixed with traditional songs in her own language passed down through the generations.

She also told us about the Gold Rush and the government's policy of removing indigenous children from their parents to boarding schools at the age of 5. Her own mother had been a victim of this policy.

You can learn a lot from a night out in Amble.
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P P Leonard's writing journey



Writer P P Leonard has recently self-published a 'trilogy', 'The Fictionary'; the idea sprouted almost 40 years ago, but

has been forgotten and re-worked since then. So far, I have enjoyed the first book, 'Beyond Reality', and look forward to reading his second book, 'Beyond Reason'.

Leonard's main character, Codoné, is a troublesome young girl who, in the beginning, is in court. Leonard cleverly uses mystery to keep the reader guessing- he explains enough but leaves out details until the right moment (I won't give you any spoilers!). The descriptions are excellent; he makes you feel like you are there.

Leonard has recently retired and moved to Amble, he now has much more free time to indulge in his writing and has received lots of inspiration from

Northumberland. Talking to him via email, he told me he spent some of his earlier life travelling in places like Japan and Hong Kong; this has added 'flavour' to most of his stories.

Inspiration has come from everywhere, many famous authors (such as George Orwell or Charles Dickens) inspired him to write but characters are often influenced by family members or friends. Some characters in his Fictionary books are even based off the characters of Monty Python!

In 2014 Leonard became seriously ill, forcing him into early retirement.

I asked how he got into writing. "When I was about seven or eight years old I sat down with a sheet of paper one day and made a list of all the jobs I

could think of, deciding it was time to determine what I wanted to be when I grew up.

"It wasn't a very long list ('teacher', 'policeman', 'butcher', 'farmer' and maybe 6-7 others) and at the bottom, almost as an afterthought, I added 'writer'.

He continued: "I then added two columns next to the list with '+' and '-' at the top ('pros & cons' if you like) and

then worked my way down the list, filling in the columns as best as I could. For example, 'policeman' had big '+'s like 'drives car' and 'wears uniform' but also a great big 'dangerous' under the '-'!

The only job with no '-' was 'writer', and that is how it became my life-long hobby!

You can easily purchase any of his books from Amazon.

-Ava Tibbitts

"writing became my lifelong hobby"

Summer Fun!



I'm looking forward to the summer with my friends. Here are some ideas on what to do:

Go Swimming
Play on the beach
Play at the Park (paddlers)
Go on holiday
Eat/ have barbeques
Try out cricket and other summer games
Take part in sports camps
Find some festivals
Water sports at Druridge Bay
- Bethany



Amble: Then and Now



Amble is a well-developed town- we have everything we need, from schools to boats. But what was this quiet little town like many years ago?



Well, lots of things. We have changed so much and are looking for more development in the future.

We went on a walk with local history expert Andy Sim to see what we could find out. Here are five historical facts you probably didn't know about Amble.

1. The Fourways centre, now home to meetings and business, was once the spot for dancing! It was a very popular dance club, hosting local bands- it was the perfect place to learn to dance.

2. The buildings neighbouring the Amble



The Artograffi gang with local historian Andy Sim

Youth Project were Amble's first school, teaching the youngest to the oldest. This was from 1900 to 1940. The building next door was originally the council offices,

later to be a library and now flats.

3. The famous Spurells ice cream parlour was once a busy boatyard. When the demand for boats declined, Nick Spurr (who had been working there, then bought the boatyard) set up Spurells in 2010 and made it the best ice cream place in town.

4. When visiting Spurells you might notice a plaque on the fence, this says about the Amble brickworks. Here, they produced 60,000 bricks a week before they closed in 1958.

5. Shockingly, the main sewers used to lead out underneath the pier- pumping untreated sewage straight out to sea. This meant that when people were trying to swim in the Little Shore they were surrounded by sewage and dirt!

-Lily and Ava

Young Writers on a Journey

The New Writing North Amble young writers group, based in Amble library recently released their first anthology of short stories- Journeys. They meet every Saturday and each member contributed an illustration and a short piece for the book, and then read them out at the opening day.

The anthology was a collection of stories

by five local young writers, all based around the theme journeys, which meant there were stories ranging from a drive in the countryside to burying a body in the woods!

Ciara Tibbitts, who came to the event, said that the anthology was amazing. 'The stories were great and very well read by all the young people. It was really inspiring

to see them reading out their work so confidently.'

Amble Young Writers meet every Saturday from 10 till 12 at the library and anyone from ages 12-19 can attend, topics ranging from poetry to scripts to novels.

-Lily Tibbitts

Eco-Club wants your help

At Warkworth C of E Primary School we are a recycling centre for the community and we are collecting : crisp packets, batteries, plastic carrier bags and ink cartridges ! Can you help?

Once you've done, if you put these items to one-side then you can drop them off at Warkworth Primary School . If it's crisp packets you can also drop them off at Sweets and Treats Amble. We will then send them off for you and then everyone is doing their bit to help the environment.

Did you know we collected 2,326 crisp packets this time ! We are also collecting plastic carrier bags and we will take them to LuLu's Craft Shop in Sunderland, they use them to make mats for the homeless .

Thank you for your cooperation and taking the time to read about our work.

-By Jasmine Conway, Ella Hall and Zara Hancock pupils from Warkworth Primary and members of Eco-Club.



My Trip to France



In February half term, I went on a trip to Paris for five days! I went with my stepdad, my sister, my brother and my mum.

At first, Hannah, William and me thought we were going to Belfast, because my mum was playing a joke on us!

The best bit of Paris was when we climbed the Eiffel Tower and when we went to the pub for dinner, the pub had a motorbike in it! I had a cheese pizza, Hannah and William had the same as me. The pizza was huge! I only could eat one slice less than a half even though I was starving.

We saw Notre Dame cathedral. I remember it was really tall and light and awesome. I was shocked to see on the news that in April it caught fire and lots of it burned down.



We stayed in my stepdad's dad's house . We slept in the guest bedroom.

Underneath the window, there was a ladybird nest and when we opened the window, one ladybird managed to sneak into our room!

It was the best (five) days ever, -Grace.

Alec and Emily's Rescue Centre: The Struggling Sanctuary



The sun was smiling down on Alec and Emily as they ran up to the doors of the rescue centre, chatting excitedly as they wondered what they would be doing. However neither of them were expecting what they saw when they walked into the visitors centre. Pushing open the doors, they chorused hello

to Sue, then paused, looking around. Sue wasn't there!

"Maybe she's already out with the animals."

suggested Emily, but when they went and searched round the Rescue Centre she still wasn't anywhere to be seen. Until they came to one of the barns and heard a sniffing sound from inside.

The twins looked at each other in confusion before carefully pushing

open the door, hearts beating fast- to find Sue sitting on the floor, crying. Alec and Emily immediately rushed to her side.

"Sue! What's wrong!" Alec sat down on the floor beside her, noticing the puppy that she was softly stroking.

Sue gave them a wobbly smile. "Don't worry. Everything's fine." "No it's not," Emily said firmly,

"Otherwise you wouldn't be crying." There was a pause as Sue stared down at the black and white puppy on her lap.

"I- I don't know how to tell you this." She sucked in a deep breath of air. "The sanctuary is going to have to close. We've been told that we need to pay an enormous amount of money or they'll shut it down, and we just don't have enough."

Emily gasped. "But what about the animals? What will happen to them?" Sue shook her head. "I don't know." She whispered.

There were a few seconds of shocked silence before Emily stood up. "Well I've got twenty pounds from Christmas, I can give you that." "Thank you so much Emily, but it isn't going to be enough. It's just impossible."

"What if we tried to raise the money?" Alec suggested excitedly, "If everyone donated something I'm sure we could get enough." "I don't think-" "We could do bake sales at school." added Emily, "And I could get my friends to help." "Emily, Alec." Sue wouldn't look up. "I'm sorry. There's nothing we can do."

Alec sat back down again and looked at the puppy in Sue's lap. It was sleeping, its soft fur moving up and down with each breath. "You took in all these animals when they didn't have a home and fought for them to stay alive. Now we're going to fight to make

sure their home stays alive."

Emily nodded. "If we don't do anything, it's going to be bad. So we better do something."

Sue looked up, meeting their eyes finally, then nodded slowly. "You're right. We have to do something."

We have to find a way to raise that money. Besides, what do we have to lose?"

Standing up with the puppy in her arms, Sue smiled. They smiled back. "First things first, we need an action plan." -Lily



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The story of Amble Christmas Lights



l-r: Trevor Colbourne, Ray Newell, Doug Shepherd, Michael Mitchinson, Reg Bond

Christmas Lights have been put up in Amble for many years. Amble Town Council were initially responsible in the 1980s. At that time strings of lights were attached to the buildings along Queen Street.

When the council ended its formal involvement, a group of volunteers got involved. These included Florence Angus, John Hedley, Robert Arkless and Bill Little (who ran the newsagents).

There were soon moves to set up a permanent body and in May 1991 'The Amble Lights' came into being. Jimmy Thompson was elected chairman and Florence Angus returned from holiday to find she had been volunteered to be both secretary and treasurer. She continued as a very effective secretary for two decades. The committee raised funds quickly: within six months almost £4,000 had been raised through coffee mornings, jumble sales, and bring and buy sales. There were also donations from local businesses and organisations and from individuals.

No infrastructure

Providing the lights proved more difficult. A rather cheeky

approach to Blackpool Council was tried in the hope of buying second-hand lights, but it was local organisations that came up with the goods. Coquet High School pupils created designs and prisoners at Acklington Prison set to work building wall boards. Peter Proctor-Cannon who worked at the prison managed to source usable but obsolete cable.

There was no infrastructure for connection points and fixings so the electricity board agreed to set up power cable, supply boxes and time switches for a total of £5,300 - a considerable sum at the time.

The project needed storage and work space. Louvaine Wraith, who ran The Farm Shop, offered a disused shed in Hauxley rent-free. Facilities there were gradually improved, and for many years it provided a work base. Louvaine also joined the lights team. Jimmy Thompson joined the group and as the resident electrician brought much-needed expertise to the project. Sadly, Jimmy died earlier this year, but is fondly remembered for his laid-back unflustered approach.

In 1991 the prison delivered

twelve three-foot lighting boards, with pantomime or nursery rhyme themes and on 11 November the lights were turned on for the first time.

Betty Stewart in whose memory a tree is planted in the Town Square, organised a group of children to design, assemble and paint further lighting boards. Nick Spurr brought along his cherry picker from the boatyard to help with stringing up the catenary wires. Everyone who helped Amble Christmas Lights did so without payment. When financial problems loomed, Amble Town Council stepped in with a grant and Amble Development Trust gave a flexible interest-free loan and provided workshop accommodation in Fourways 1.

By 1995 there were about forty wall boards and Queen Street was full of lights. They were incandescent bulbs with a very short lifespan and prone to failure. During the Christmas period the team had to make many trips up ladders with buckets of replacement bulbs.

Volunteers still needed

The current chairman, Trevor Colborne joined in 1997. His first impressions were 'how few volunteers there were and how slowly the whole operation progressed'. He introduced innovations allowing the lights to be put up in less than a day.

The future of the lights is more certain, with good support from volunteers. However, any retired or working electrician would be most welcome, as currently the responsibility falls on one individual. Volunteers in any capacity are always appreciated. To know more, please contact Trevor on 711453.

Colin Duquemin

Carry on learning

A new group has been formed recently, in the town, and will be known as Amble and District Education Association, or ADEA. It has been formed for people who enjoy learning in a friendly, sociable environment. Anybody can become a member and help to choose subjects to learn about, or which will reflect their interests.

Plans so far are to have two courses of eight weeks each, one starting in September and the second in January. Each week, the tutor will deal with a different aspect of their main subject. In future, this format may vary, according to the wishes of the members.

A small membership fee will be payable each year. Fees for each course will be notified at the beginning of the course. According to availability of tutors, the committee is keen to ensure a variety of subjects.

The courses starting in September this year, and in January 2020, will be held in Trinity Methodist Church, on Thursday mornings for eight weeks, with a break halfway.

For more information see page 18, or contact Chairman Terry Vickers: terryvickers8@hotmail.com.

<https://ambledistricted.uk>
Norma Hinson

RNLI shouts

All weather lifeboat Elizabeth and Leonard and the inshore Lifeboat Mildred Holcroft launched at 9.25pm on 16 May to where a yacht with two persons aboard was stranded on rocks near Hauxley.

The casualty was eased from the rocks and towed to Amble harbour. It was taken up-river to the yacht club slipway and beached.

Elizabeth and Leonard was launched again at 11.20pm on May 21, along with Craster lifeboat. Flares had been seen from Alnmouth beach. This was reported by a passing ship as well as the person ashore. A yacht was located in the general area of the flares but denied being the source of the signal.

A search was conducted between Boulmer and Alnmouth without result. Amble lifeboat returned to station at 2am and made ready for service.

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Welcome back to Trust Life, as we draw breath after the 2019 Puffin Festival.

The small group of volunteers who make up Amble Events Committee once again rolled up their sleeves ready to host a range of activities, walks, talks and crafts to help fill in the bank holiday.

I have been asked a few times why the Colony Music Festival isn't part of the event this year. As I understand it some of the groups had other plans for the bank holiday, which is understandable. What isn't understandable is why Amble Development Trust and the Events Committee have been

berated for a decision made by others. Point A I would like to clarify – Amble Development Trust staff and the Events Committee volunteer at both organising and delivering this event and the Torchlight Procession. I have been made aware of extremely negative and slanderous comments on Facebook stating the Trust is committing fraud by not using events funds to pay for the Colony. Point B – the Trust does not hold the events money and never has. Point C the Colony decided to 'go it alone' at a time of their choosing. I would encourage anyone feeling the need to join in the keyboard

rant – please get your facts right before making comments you cannot back up!

We certainly hope the Colony manages to raise the funds to hold the event, which is enjoyed by so many local people and wish everyone well in their fundraising efforts. Anyone who volunteers is to be applauded for giving up their time, when they too could be enjoying a summer weekend.

Amble is about to star on the tv screen yet again, with film crews from both ITV, BBC and an independent company filming over the next couple of weeks. So watch out for Inside Out on BBC, a new series of

James Martin cooking from Islands to Highlands on ITV, and the Regeneration of Amble (a documentary film for the design Council)

As 'sort of' predicted in the last edition we have still to determine whether we will leave the EU and as I write this article we face the prospect of electing EU MP representatives within a few days. And this within a few weeks of electing a North of Tyne Mayor. All we need next is another government election to complete the hat trick!

Enjoy the summer.

Julia and Trust staff
julia@ambledevelopmenttrust.org.uk

Amble East End Juniors nominated for award

Amble East End Juniors were proud to have been nominated for 'Grassroots Club of the Year' in the McDonald's FA Grassroots Awards! This is the first season for the club, so to be nominated is a fantastic achievement! This also shows how far the club has come in its short history!

Amble East End Juniors will be entering two new teams in the Youth Football Development League in association with Newcastle Elite Academy sponsored by NWR Hygiene Group for the 2019-2020 season. Amble East End Juniors Pirates Under 7s is managed by Josh Rutherford,

while Amble East End Juniors Puffins Under 7s is managed by Ross Paton.

There will be an additional Under 8s team participating in the Youth Football Development League in association with Newcastle Elite Academy sponsored by NWR Hygiene Group

for the 2018-2019 season. Amble East End Juniors Under 8s Sharks is managed by Josh Rutherford, and Amble East End Juniors Under 8s Seagulls is managed by Ross Paton.

Exciting times ahead! Come and be a part of it! Up The Mariners! Contact Josh Rutherford on 07714862292.



Meg and the giant loo!

For one idle moment, I chanced upon a vision... A 6ft loo standing in the town square at the Puffin Festival. It was perfectly rational for me to think this way given that at St Cuthbert's Parish Church, we are fundraising for a unisex accessible toilet as well as a servery!

Six weeks and ten photos later the giant loo made its first public appearance at the Puffin Festival in the town square. The kids had a lot of fun with the... 'pick the prehistoric puffin poo and pop it down the card board loo' game. If you were unaware, the prehistoric puffin was the 'Puffin-sore-arse'!

A 'BIG' Thank-You to so many people for your amazing generosity donating to our fun filled loo days in the square. The total raised was £600. For more info visit www.justgiving.com/pccofamble

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Beware of online marketplaces

More than 13,000 problems with purchases in England and Wales on online marketplaces were reported to the Citizens Advice consumer service last year.

Online marketplaces - websites where traders and private individuals list and sell products - are becoming increasingly popular.

Citizens Advice is warning residents in Northumberland to be aware of the dangers. They say people don't always know they have fewer rights when they buy from a private seller, compared to if they buy from a business.

Here are Citizens Advice's tips for using online marketplaces:

Check the product details. This should include photos; a description; cost of the item; delivery charges; contact details for the seller; and any cancellation rights.

It should be clear if it's being sold by a trader or private seller - this is important as your rights are different.

Take screenshots of the item you want to buy. This will come in handy if the item you receive is different to what you saw on the website.

You'll have a better chance of getting your money back if there's a problem by using a card or Paypal, particularly if it's an overseas seller. Avoid paying by bank transfer.

Go back to the seller if there's a problem. Explain what's happened, how you'd like them to fix it and give a deadline for them to respond.

If they don't sort it out, see if there's an alternative dispute resolution service that can help. Report them and the online marketplace to Trading Standards if you think the issue is unfair.

The product description needs to be accurate, but if information is missing you won't be able to ask for your money back.

Contact the Citizens Advice consumer helpline if you need more help with a consumer problem, the number is 03454 04 05 06

Northumberland cetacean sightings

From time to time, lucky local residents can become an unexpected spectator of dolphins, porpoises and the occasional minke whale feeding around the coast of Northumberland. This is also the case for Northumberland IFCA Officers working around the district, especially when out on the Authority patrol vessel St Aidan. An increase in shrimp and herring on local fishing grounds, as well as unusually settled sea conditions during February, have resulted in some fantastic interactions with cetaceans for NIFCA Officers during the earlier part of this year, and these sightings continue.

Volunteer surveyors from the North East Cetacean Project joined St Aidan on a patrol throughout the district and during perfect sea conditions they were rewarded with a pod of 40 to 50 Bottlenose dolphins bow riding during one of their surveys. A video of this sighting can be seen on our Twitter page @N_IFCA.



Pod of dolphins swimming next to the NIFCA vessel. Photo by NIFCA Member Martin Kitching of the North East Cetacean Project

But crew and passengers onboard St Aidan are not the only people who have been spotting cetaceans whilst out at sea. A local commercial fisher was lucky enough to have the company of a Humpback whale feeding for about 40 minutes around his vessel off Druridge Bay!

He managed to get a short video which has been kindly shared with NIFCA and North

East Cetacean Project.

As the days become brighter and the seas become calmer, the chances of spotting these fantastic animals becomes ever more likely.

We hope you can get out and enjoy our beautiful coastline and marine environment.

Mark Southerton
Deputy Chief IFCO,
Northumberland IFCA

CCT: Working together for the benefit of everyone

Hello and Greetings once again from Coquet Churches Together (CCT)



I am Revd.

Alison Mills, Minister of St Mark's United Reformed Church, Wellwood Street and one of the members of the churches whose logo you see in this article. I hope that some of the Ambler readers might not only recognise the logo, but might also remember the column that is being resurrected here. The Ambler has had a CCT column before, and as with the previous one, our churches would like to

keep Ambler readers up to date with their work in Amble and its surrounding communities.

Coquet Churches Together links churches in Amble, Hauxley, Warkworth, Acklington and Chevington. Many of you already recognise us when we are doing things in our communities; you may even attend activities or worship in our buildings. We believe that working together for the benefit of everyone, is the best way we can serve our neighbourhoods. As well as these events, it is our hope that we will once again be able to engage with you through future editions of the Ambler - telling you more about CCT and the services and activities we share. We will also be able to profile the worship and other work in our churches.

CCT has recently been

organising events for the annual Christian Aid Week. We no longer hold a local house to house collection, but recently hosted a Big Breakfast at St Mark's URC. Individual churches have held Christian Aid coffee mornings and donated money direct from their own funds or from individual donations made by members of our congregations.

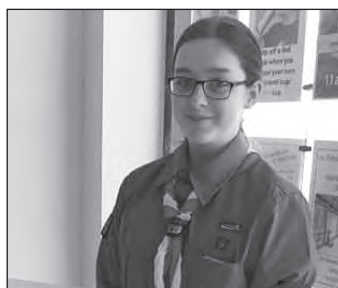
The CCT annual Songs of Praise Service will be held this year on Sunday 14 July on the Little Shore in Amble, starting at 2.30pm, when the hymn singing will again be accompanied by the Bedlington Salvation Army Band. Refreshments will be served afterwards at Trinity Methodist Church. Look out for the posters, with all the details and please come and join in the singing.

From Ellington to Colorado, USA

A young ex-Ambler girl, now living in Ellington, has the opportunity to make the trip to Colorado for the World Scout Jamboree.

Erin Crow, aged 13, is a member of the scout group for Cresswell, Lynemouth and Linton. Erin was born in Amble, and attended Edwin Street school and JCSC, South Avenue.

Scouts all over the world can apply to take part in the



Jamboree in July, but numbers are limited. Erin was initially disappointed as at first, she

was not chosen to take part in the Jamboree. However, after someone dropped out, Erin was delighted to be chosen.

Those taking part have to raise enough money to pay their expenses and because Erin has joined in later than most, she has had to work hard to catch up.

Fortunately Erin has managed to raise most of the money, and she wants to thank everyone for their support.



Reports from our *County Councillors*



This year has been challenging, I have carried out my role as County Councillor

to the best of my ability; attended and actively participated in the Local Area Committee in Alnwick and Berwick discussing and making decisions on area business and planning applications within North Northumberland.

I attend Full Council at County Hall, town and parish council meetings where I give verbal updates on LAC meetings and issues that arise from my surgeries

I continue to work full time for Northumberland Estate as a painter decorator and signwriter, where on occasions I have to declare an interest on any Estate planning applications within the LAC.

My quarterly surgeries have remained well attended and have seen residents from all of Amble attend, their views and issues are welcomed and appreciated.

I will continue to hold drop ins at Hauxley, North Broomhill and Amble providing a means of contact

Terry.Clark@northumberland.gov.uk

between myself and residents whose contributions helps me with my task. It is important to raise all concerns even if some are undeliverable.

I ensure that I deal with all issues of concern, in fact every time I leave the house it becomes walking surgeries on most street corners, people know that I'm approachable and will do my utmost to help improve any issues. When residents contact me I try to respond quickly and do my best to help with their concerns.

Issues raised and ongoing concerns:
Parking issues residential/Town centre parking/Congestion.
Speeding Vehicles.
Off Road Motorbikes.
Street lighting.
Uneven Footpaths.
Anti social behaviour.
Fly Tipping / Plastic general rubbish (streets-beach)
Grass cutting.
Potholes.
Housing issues.

I wish to thank all the people who have attended my surgeries, and all the people of North Broomhill, Hauxley and Amble for their continuing support.

I have been asked several times recently about the start dates for construction of the planning approvals for the Town which have been granted over the past few months and even years in some cases.

I am sorry to say I have little to add about the progress of the domestic housing applications, it all seems to have gone very quiet. It appears from speaking to various people across the County that developers are holding off a little, waiting for the housing market to improve. Unsurprisingly there is a lot of uncertainty around at the moment, I imagine Brexit is not helping.

With regard to other new industrial developments, the new veterinary practice and engineering business sites are under construction on the industrial estate and the supermarket and retail development is finalising its plans prior to a start in construction later this year. Planning approval is already granted for this venture by the County Council.

Residents should be aware that a new mobile speed camera is to be used regularly in Warkworth to slow traffic through the area and is fully operational as I write this article. The message is clear, keep to the 30mph limit in our towns and be safe.

I must apologise for a "typo" in last month's Ambler, the improvements to JCSC are due to start in September 20 and not opening then as stated in the last edition.

Perhaps it was just my wishful thinking!

Have a good Summer

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

Coquet Shorebase Trust at the Braid

Have you been out on the river yet? Take your first steps with us - come and join us in a guided kayak or canoe tour up the river past Warkworth and see the castle from a new viewpoint.

You don't need any experience, there is a choice of boats from double sit-on-tops to seakayaks or open canoes to suit everyone. Wetsuits provided, but very little chance of falling in, unless you want to.

You'll find the times of your tours on the webpage, but we can always put them on different days if the tides are suitable.

We time the tours to take advantage of the rising tide to go upstream.

Coquet Canoe Club meets on Wednesdays (6 - 9pm) and Sundays (10 - 1pm) and welcome beginners (all equipment provided). We have all ages and abilities and activities to suit everyone.

Sunday June 30 sees our annual kayak race round Coquet Island - the winners taking under 45 mins for the five mile event. Start is at 11am if you want to watch - be down by 10am if you want to compete.

We'll be running a junior



programme throughout the holidays at our premises at the Country Park (by the Visitor Centre) - there's sailing, windsurfing and canoeing every week for ages 8 - 16 years.

Coquet Shorebase Trust - sailing, canoeing, powerboat courses, raft building and windsurfing.

Contact them on info@coquetshorebase.org.uk



Hauxley Neighbourhood Plan

We would like to thank volunteers who have offered help with the development of the Neighbourhood Plan by joining the Steering Committee.

The Neighbourhood Area for the plan has been designated and

the first meeting held. The initial tasks of drafting an overarching vision statement and finalising the objectives to be included in the plan has been discussed. The residents comments collated from the Consultation Day have been helpful in determining the issues that need addressing and what Hauxley

should be in 20 years time.

The Steering Group will meet again at the end of June to finalise the objectives. Further information available during the Summer.

Next Parish Council Meeting

Please note the next meeting has changed and will take place on Monday 1 July 2019, 6:30pm.

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: 11 July, 8 August, 12 September:

Amenities: 25 July, 26 September

Civic Awards: 16 July - remember garden inspections first week of July.

EAST WARD:	Helen Lewis,	Craig Weir	WEST WARD:	Jeff Watson	Tracey Hinton,	CEN. WARD:	Jane Dargue	Clive Foxley
Ian Parks,	5 Meadowburn,	(Chair/Mayor)	VACANCY	14 Magdalene	13 George	Kate Morrison,	10 Sylvia's	
33 Warkworth	Amble	76 Priory Park,		Fields	Street,	3 Island View,	Close,	
Avenue,	NE65 0PH	Amble		Warkworth	Amble	Amble	Amble	
Warkworth.	07751 229 739	NE65 0HY		NE65 0UF	NE65 0RZ	NE65 0SE	NE65 0GB	
NE65 0TP		01665 712342		07802 385367		01665 711191	07795360513	

PADDLERS PARK

New more robust trim trail equipment is now in place and being well used by all ages. The water feature is operational but we are unhappy with the volume of water released so are investigating ways to improve this. There are still many people who continue to let their dogs roam freely within the area- the 'Dogs on Leads' applies to the whole of Paddlers Park and not just the play areas. We want everyone to enjoy the time they spend there without being anxious about dogs. We do understand that many families come there together and bring their loved pets too but even normally friendly animals can act differently around unknown excited children who are running about and perhaps shouting loudly. So please respect the area and everyone who is there to have a wonderful time using the facilities.

CYCLEWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

A working party has been set up to look into the above and come up with a plan for the future. We appreciate that many of the 'routes' people use to walk and cycle in and around the town are not legally adopted Public Rights of Way and getting them designated as such is a long procedure. However often that is not a necessity in order to continue using them and improving them. The group will meet up soon and hope to have some draft ideas by the autumn when the community will be invited to have a look to see if their 'walk/cycle' route has been included as we want it to be as comprehensive as possible. It is important that these are established before NCC begin their report as hopefully those discussions will shed light on the means of improving the existing ones or installing new ones.

COUNCILLOR'S CORNER

An unavoidable consequence of living in such a wonderful place which is rapidly changing and expanding its offering is that others want to join us! There is still concern in our community about the number of possible new homes to be built, even though it could be a few years before this happens. This is mainly due to the potential effect on our services- health, school, sport, traffic, parking to name a few. Those concerns are shared by Councillors who are continuing to address the issues with NCC in the hope that some of these can be improved before the actual influx of people begins. Whilst these plans are for home ownership, I support NCC's initiative to commit to building more housing for rent which is needed here. I lobby for smaller homes too as there are many single people who would welcome the chance to start out on their own. We must have more housing suitable for the people of our community who want to stay here.

Cllr. Helen Lewis

COUNCIL MEMBERS

A recently co-opted Councillor resigned due to other personal commitments and a vacancy now exists. Council have amended their Co-option Policy to suggest that anyone applying to be co-opted takes the opportunity to come along and experience a meeting so they can better appreciate the breadth of work undertaken. It will therefore take longer before someone is in place, but it is felt this will be an important variation to the procedure.

EARMARKED FUNDS AT 31ST MARCH 2019 COMMUNITY

SCHOOL PRIZE FUND towards next batch	£500
SEATING refurbishment/replacement	£1890
LITTER BINS refurbishment/replacement	£3000
BUS SHELTERS refurbishment/replacement	£19300
(funds from Persimmon development)	
TOWN PROJECTS towards projects/enhancements	£10000
COMMUNITY/ENVIRONMENTAL public meetings/ environment works etc.	£4070
MATCHED FUNDS towards projects attracting grants	£1300
ALLOTMENT FUND boundaries, walkways, maintenance	£6000
RECREATION maintenance/future replacement	£15000
EVENTS COMMITTEE funds held within ATC	£6400
ACTIVE AMBLE	£3000
CCTV	£2000

COUNCIL

COMPUTERS & I.T. new and replacement hard/soft ware	£6500
NOTICEBOARDS repairs/replacement	£2820
QUALITY STATUS registration fee	£500
WEBSITE & COMMUNITY COMMUNICATION	£1400
ELECTION COSTS for elections/ by election	£8510

ASSET MANAGEMENT

CEMETERIES

EAST CEMETERY MAINTENANCE walls/ boards etc.	£800
MACHINERY service/new/replacement	£2000
MEMORIAL SAFETY checks and stabilisation	£1140
WEST CEMETERY PREMISES maintenance	£3000
WEST CEMETERY MAINTENANCE walls/drive/fence/trees etc.	£9000
WEST CEMETERY DEVELOPMENT signage/mapping/new	£21000
CEMETERY REGISTERS legal requirement	£340

TOWN

MEMORIAL CLOCK maintenance/service	£1700
MEMORIALS upkeep/repairs	£4,910
WYND WALL repairs	£2720

STAFFING & COMMITMENTS

TRAINING staff & councillors	£1740
LOYALTY FUND retirement gift/ civic & community	£3390
LEGAL/ REGULATORY PROCEDURES advice etc.	£16000
CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS	£45200
CONTINGENCY emergency cover	£10000
GENERAL FUND	£25110

EQUALS TOTAL BANK BALANCE	£240,170
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PLEASE CALL IF YOU WISH TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO VIEW THE AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31/04/2019

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Hauxley fun day

Hauxley Village Fun Day has been in existence for over 70 years. Originally it was a carnival in celebration of the salmon fishing season, with a procession of the Salmon Queen around the Square, and residents cross dressing and having a game of football on the beach!

Events have changed over the years, but now we want to take the Village Fun Day in a new direction. Our Mission Statement makes clear our intentions:

"To provide an entertaining and interactive day out for all ages, fostering community spirit and promoting creativity. To promote local community groups, services and resources, and wherever possible encourage environmental friendliness and sustainable use of resources".

We will still have many activities that visitors have become accustomed to: an excellent BBQ, locally brewed beer and refreshments, stalls and games, and of course the pet show. However exciting new activities, include a poetry competition!

My good friend Sarah Moor sprang to mind, possibly because she is the only poet that I know. Her poems have appeared in Northern poetry magazine, the Butcher's Dog. Her poetry pamphlets V-Notched Tales, was launched at the Alnmouth Arts Festival. Her second, Helplines, recently sold out at the Ripon Poetry Festival.

After running the idea past Sarah, she immediately proved herself to be the woman for the job by inventing the Why Aye Koo, which we hope will be Hauxley's answer to the Japanese Haiku! So what is a Why Aye Koo? It's a poem in three lines, something vocal, a few words, one local.

As quirky as a kipper. Foggy as a Farne island in winter. As nice as Gwen's ice; as raucous as a Hauxley on Fun Day whey hey. (The one day we do like Monday).

Want to write one? - Why Aye Koo - you can do! Hauxley Fun Day - August Bank Holiday Monday!

*Dave Cook,
Hauxley Village Hall Committee*

Windsurfers scattered like skittles



The Mayday bank holiday weekend saw some exciting windsurfing at Druridge Bay's Ladyburn Lake, for the first of this season's North East Windsurfers events (NEWS).

Shifty gusts of around 30 mph scattered the windsurfers like skittles in a bowling alley. Saturday was a challenge to all, but it was Tom Dryden, who completed in style. Sunday's racing was more manageable, but some excelled, and Pip Heywood came into his own. Leo Takiguchi had the edge on the start line, took an alternative route and stormed ahead! Competitors came from as far as Durham, Hawick, Carlisle, Glasgow and across Northumberland.

Results were, in order: Tom

Dryden, Pip Heywood, John Meek, Andy Holmes, Trevor Hobb, Ali Claydon, David Dobson, Leo Takiguchi, Bruce Scott, Susan Benbow.

Thanks go to Race Officers Alex and Silmara Hodge.

Competent windsurfers are always welcome. Competitors race on Raceboard incl. RS:X, Formula, Techno. For more info contact David Dobson on 0191 384 7710, 07767435562, DavidGDobson@outlook.com

Beginners can contact Coquet Shorebase Trust for lessons on the first Saturday of the month, from 11-3pm, and competent windsurfers can join in with dinghy sailors on Thursday evenings. Contact CST on 01665 710367, info@coquetshorebase.org.uk

RNLI fundraising events

Please come along to the RNLI station for coffee and home baking between 10.00am and 1.00pm on Sunday 16 June and 21 July. There won't be a coffee morning in August as we shall be getting ready for Harbour Day.

Harbour Day is on Sunday August 25 and more details will be in the next edition of The Ambler. If you would like to help out on the day or donate raffle prizes/stall items please contact Jill on 07773181345 or email jill.faulconbridge@gmail.com.

Following the success of the Sixties Night held in April we are holding a Summer 60's night at the Bede Street Club from 7pm to 11pm on Saturday 6 July. Look out for posters in town for more info, or on Facebook

Red Row Vintage Club annual rally

Red Row Vintage Club Annual Rally held the first weekend of August every year now in our 31st year. The club is a not for profit group of likeminded people who work year round to put on a two day Rally for the benefit of the local area and participants country wide.

The Rally features all types of vintage and classic vehicles,

tractors, stationary engines, cycles, motorcycles, scale traction engines, military exhibits, horticultural and a wide variety of art/craft/curiosity and food/sweet stalls both inside and out.

The Rally is located at Druridge Bay Country Park on the A1068 close to Amble.

John Dunn, Secretary, Red Row Vintage Club

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Amble Pin Cushion workshops

Mon 17 June, 15 July, 19 Aug: Stitch and Bitch (Drop in sewing group) 1.30pm – 3.30pm £ 4.50

Fri 21 June, 19 July, 16 Aug: Knit and Natter (Drop in knitting group) 10am – mid-day £ 4.50

Tues 25 June: Beginner's Crochet 6.30 – 8.30pm £20.00

Mon 22 July: Get to Know your Overlocker 9.45am – 12.45pm £35.00

Fri 26 July: Professional Sewing Tips 9.45am – 12.45pm £35.00

Wed 7 August: Get to Know your Sewing Machine 10am – 4pm £45.00

Sat 24 August: Mosaic for Beginners 10.15am – mid-day £20.00, Mosaic for Improvers 12.45pm – 3pm £25.00

To book your place, please pay your deposit no later than three days before the course date, either in the shop or by BACs via the website www.amblepincushion.co.uk.

Use the contact form on our website to request to be added to our mailing list and receive our quarterly newsletter.

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Photographic Group wins competition

The Northern Area Theme PDI (projected digital images) competition was held on the 21 March at Ashington Camera Club and was judged by Stephen Fowler of Ryton Camera Club. Six clubs took part. There was fierce competition, but Amble won by a single point.

Amble 263 points, Blyth 262, Alnwick 258, Morpeth 255, Ashington 246, and Cambois 239.

Amble Photographic Group is a non-profit organisation with 42 members who meet every Friday at 9am in Trinity Methodist Church on Percy St. Anyone interested in photography is more than welcome to come along for a free taster session, more info at www.amblephotographicgroup.com.

Helen Holmes Membership Secretary

Women's Workshop summer events

11am – 3pm Mondays for Growth every week June to Sept
Growing, gardening, cooking, eating together, willow, natural materials, carpentry, well-being sessions at the Coquet Enterprise Park, Amble. Tel: 01668 219879

10.30am – 12.30pm Tuesday Drop-In every week June to Sept
Arts, crafts and catch up

1pm – 3pm Wednesdays June to September
Can Do Workshops with guest facilitators - writing, singing, dance, coastal walks and activities, business support

Sun 11 and Mon 19 August Girls' and Women's Activity Days
All sessions are free for women not in paid work, and child and other care can be arranged. £3 a session for waged.

For more details of what's on when, visit our calendar at <http://her-itage.org.uk/events> or Facebook @WomensWorkshopN

Looking at paintings

This is the first course offered by the newly formed Amble and District Educational Association. It is intended to introduce participants to a wide range of paintings in the Western tradition.

The emphasis will be on looking at paintings as evidence of their social origins, and what they tell us about contemporary tastes, beliefs and attitudes. No previous knowledge of art history is needed.

Open to all. A course of six meetings, and two gallery visits. Meetings in Trinity Methodist Church, Percy Street. on Thursdays 10am-12noon Start: Thursday, September 26 Enrol at first class.

1st Amble Guides Big 50 party

The Amble Guides are celebrating 50 years and are having a party to celebrate! If you are currently or ever have been involved in the Girlguiding family, come and join us on 8 July for an evening of fun and games from over the years.

Please contact lhobden@yahoo.com for an invitation.

Getting ready for the Warkworth Show

The Warkworth Show will be at Warkworth Castle on Saturday 17 August and will run from 10am-6pm.

On May Bank Holiday Saturday, stalwarts of the Warkworth Show were out in force to promote their Spring Produce Stall in Dial Place. Plants and shrubs grown by supporters of the Horticultural Committee were on sale at excellent prices and the supporters of the Industrial Committee had a cake stall with a wide variety of scones, tarts, cakes and iced buns.

Warkworth Show chairman, Simon Buist praised the efforts of volunteers who raised over £300 towards the cost of staging this year's show. For more details See www.warkworthshow.co.uk

Amble Sword's Day of Dance



On Saturday 13 July, Amble will be filled with the rattle of swords, the jingle of bells and the clash of sticks as the Amble Sword dance team hosts its inaugural 'Day of Dance'. The team started in February 2018 to revive Amble's traditional Longsword and Rapper heritage, which had flourished in the late 19th and early 20th centuries before, sadly, dying out in the 1930s.

Now the team will host a 'Day of Dance', bringing together a number of different Morris sides, to celebrate and showcase a variety of colourful and vibrant traditional dance styles, including Sword Dance, Cotswold, Border, Garland, Stick and Step Clogging.

The Amble Sword team will be joined by Black Gate Morris, Hexham Morris Men and the Hexhamshire Lasses, Monkseaton Morris Men, Rag Bag Morris and Two Step. The day will start at 11am in the Town Square, and continue at several different locations in the Harbour Village and along the quayside, ending back in the Town Square at 4.30pm.

In the evening there will be a ceilidh starting at 7.30pm in St Cuthbert's Parish Hall, in Dovecote Street. Tickets cost £5, and there will be a limited number – so book early to avoid disappointment! Come along and dance the night away. There will be live music, a real ale bar and raffle. For further information and to book tickets, please contact amble.sword@yahoo.com.

SPOTLIGHT ON CLUBS & GROUPS

Harbour Lights Amble's Community Choir

When do you meet?
We meet at 7.00pm on Thursday evenings during term time.

Where do you meet?
St. Cuthbert's Parish Hall,
Dovecote Street, Amble

What do you do in your club?
We Sing! Singing is also credited with developing many life skills; concentration, focus, linguistic, creative and social skills, building relationships, as well as musical ability. Singing with us is fun, healthy, stimulating, relaxing and expressive. We have a good time.

Is there an age range?
Anyone over 16 can join.

Is there a charge?
£5.00 per session (although one evening per half term is free.) Anyone coming along gets their first session free. (If cost is an issue you can speak to the Chairman in confidence.)

How long has the club been running?
It was started in 2010 after



a series of workshops run by Flora Smith under the umbrella of 20,000 Voices (a singing charity).

Why was the club started?
Flora was aware that there was no choir in Amble and thought that life here would be better if we had one - so she made it happen.

Who runs the club?
The choir is run by an elected committee with input from members. Singing is led by Sarah Gray and she is brilliant at getting the vocal best out of everyone and coaching us to even better performances.

What sort of people might be interested in joining your club?
The choir is open to anyone over 16. We have a fully inclusive policy. There is no requirement to have any experience or the ability to read music, just the desire to sing. Member Mary Davison said "Most people who think or have been told that they can't sing actually can."

Do people need specialist clothing/equipment/level of fitness/experience etc?
Absolutely not.

What's the best thing about your club?
Member Alison McPhilips said "The friendships we make. Working in a team to produce a lovely sound. The challenges you overcome while learning new songs. Feeling stress-free and full of joy by the end of a session."

How do I contact you?
Find us on Facebook under 'Harbour Lights - Amble Community Choir' Or contact us on amblelights@btinternet.com or just come along.

Do you have a club or group you'd like us to feature in The Ambler? email editor@theambler.co.uk and we'll send you a form

Line Dancing in Amble

A friendly social activity incorporating an exercise session which increases the heart rate comparable to an aerobic session. Mondays 10 - 12 Parish Hall, Dovecote Street. NE65 0DX New Beginners, 10 - 11 Beginner/improver 11 - 11.55 £4 weekly No booking required. For more info phone Eve, 07906 058463. Eve is a qualified dance teacher with many years experience.

Race night at St Cuthbert's

Come and have fun at our Race Night on Saturday July 20 at 7pm. Light refreshments and bar available. £3.00 entry fee on the door, we are raising funds to make St. Cuthbert's Fit For The Future.

Summer Fayre

Saturday August 3 11-1.30pm. Stalls, games and refreshments. Free admission all proceeds to Church Funds. All activities at the Parish Hall Dovecote St.

NTC Films at the Dovecote Centre

Friday 21 June at 7.30pm Stan and Ollie (PG) (98 mins)
Saturday 29 June at 7.30pm Bottle Bank Band:
Fiddle tunes from Tyneside, Northumberland and beyond Tickets £10/£5
Friday 5 July at 7.30pm All is True (12A) (101 mins)
Friday 12 July at 7.30pm Green Book (12A) (130 mins)
Friday 26 July at 6pm The Kid Who Would Be King (PG) (120mins)

Royal British Legion news

Meetings take place every two months in the Legion Room, Mupstairs in Warkworth War Memorial Hall, Castle Street, Warkworth. Everyone welcome. Non-members £2.50 donation.

Next Meeting 7pm, Wednesday, 24 July 2019. Guest Speaker: Liz Finch from the National Trust will give a presentation on the exciting refurbishment of Seaton Delaval Hall, Northumberland.

The branch will hold a charity 1940's concert with the close harmony trio The Seaton Singers to entertain us in aid of Warkworth and Amble RBL at Warkworth War Memorial Hall,

Saturday, 7 September at 7 pm tickets £7.50

Bar and snacks available to book a ticket call 07785 753100

A little bit of Amble in Chelsea

A stone from Amble decorated by Sarah Dunne and presented by Peter Proctor-Cannon to the Chelsea Pensioners of ward four at The Royal Hospital Chelsea, has been mounted and it is now proudly on display on their ward.

A little bit of Amble in a historic British Establishment.



Puffin Festival fun



Above: Dansformation's maypole dance, Below: l-r Tribe Zuza lady and Amble Sword man; singer Jodie Elliott, Kite flyer Tom Greenfield, Tommy Noddy and his new friends. Bottom: youngsters dancing to Tenth Avenue Band



The Bank Holiday weekend provided another display of puffin fun as the town hosted its seventh Puffin Festival.

Despite the changeable weather, the event drew hundreds of visitors over the weekend. Talks and events at the Dovecote Centre proved very popular; 198 people attended those, and all said how interesting they were. A few local couples attended almost every one.

"Great fun was had at the willow weaving with Kate Wilson, where people made their own bird feeders and took them home. As did the dry point printing with those who wanted to participate. The Cloudberrries was a packed house on Saturday evening and were fab. And they could have stayed singing at the audience's request until the early hours," said Events Committee member Kate Morrison.

RSPB warden Paul Morrison's puffin drop-in was very well attended, as were all the crafts events, and the baby lobster release on the Saturday attracted around 50 adults and children. The dog show on Sunday was once again another success, despite the strong winds across the Braid.

The entertainment in the Town Square was excellent; the Dansformation young dancers performed a wonderful maypole dance and a sword dance, to much applause. Everyone loved Cramlington Carribbean Steel Band and Tenth Avenue Band who got the crowd dancing.

And on Monday the lineup featured a series of talented local singers and dancers, some well-known like local singer-songwriter Brian English, and the Tribe Zuza tribal dancers, others who were new to Amble, like singers Jodie Elliott and Abbie Wilson.

Of course the festival wouldn't be Amble Puffin Festival without Tommy Noddy the giant puffin who made many new friends over the weekend.

Events Committee chair Bartle Rippon said, "On behalf of the committee I'd like to thank everyone who visited the festival, to all those who took part, and to all the volunteers and the local businesses who gave their time. We've had some lovely comments, but we're always looking for ideas for next year. We hope everyone had as much fun at the festival as we did."

Anna Williams