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The Pelican

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Coquet Island by Sue Tong

Revd Helen writes;

I don't know about you, but I HATE having to ask for help. I've always been very practical and I can usually be relied upon to provide a solution to most every-day problems; I'm not easily defeated! So you can imagine that the six weeks of (relative) incapacity I have just emerged from - have not been easy. However, I can honestly say they have been a blessing.

We might prefer to think of ourselves as independent or self sufficient but the truth is that when we only do what we can manage ourselves our lives are the poorer/smaller for it. Through the kindness, generosity and skills of others our lives are enriched and our experience expanded.

On a very simple level think of the ways in which, throughout our lives, others have introduced us to new places, new ideas, new music, art, literature...or have given us a renewed confidence in ourselves because of their dependence upon us, or appreciation of what we have been able to do for them.

This is true of any group, family, community, village, parish... and for those who follow Christ, this is what Church is all about. In isolation, the spiritual life is 'thin'. In community our appreciation of the depth and breadth of God's grace is revealed to us through one another.

Bless you, for the ways in which you enrich the lives of the communities to which you belong, and thank you to all who have given of their time and skill to support me and the three churches whilst I have been 'restrained'!

One of the prayers we use regularly in services;

Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbours, that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

Amen.

From the Registers

We give thanks for Mila and all those recently baptised and pray for all those recently married or preparing for their marriage.

Our prayers are with all those recently bereaved, amongst them the family and friends of Alan Crisp, Sheila Grey and Colin Shanks, and we remember those whose years mind falls at this time.

Baptisms and Christenings

A baptism (often known as a Christening) is a moment of celebration and commitment and is open to anyone at any age. Whether you have recently had a baby, have older children or are thinking about baptism yourself we'd be delighted to explore this with us.

Weddings

At the heart of every wedding service is a couple who love each other and want to make a commitment to one another before God. Weddings do not need to be big, elaborate or expensive. In whatever way you wish to celebrate your relationship we would be delighted to work with you to create a special and very personal ceremony.

Funerals

A Church of England funeral is available to everyone regardless of whether they attend the local church; offering support before, during and after the service. Whether held in the church building, at the crematorium chapel or at the graveside – our ministers will be pleased to talk with you about planning and personalising your own or another's funeral service.

Open Church

Our churches are open daily for individual prayer, please call in. For more information or to discuss anything further please get in touch with Reverend Helen O'Sullivan
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or telephone: 01665 712002

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Both print and digital subscriptions are available which are due in January, or pro-rata if signing-up part way through the year.

Acklington St John the Divine and Warkworth St Lawrence

Both of our churches are open each day for everyone, including dogs, come in and have some quiet time. As well as our regular Sunday worship (9am Warkworth, 11am Acklington) we have something on offer every day - so why not join us and try something new?

Warkworth

Monday 9am
Time to Pray

Thursday 5.30pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 4pm
BCP Holy Communion

Acklington

Tuesday 11.30am
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Wednesday 9.30am
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Warkworth W.I. Meetings

President Marion Jones 01665 714177

mandbjones@btinternet.com

Secretary Judith Hebron

warkworthwi.secretary@gmail.com



August no meeting.

September 2nd The Oswin project. Competition 3 cup cakes.

October 7th Line Dancing – yee haa! Competition a cowboy or USA item.

Guests and new members very welcome! All meetings start at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall, Castle Street.

Charity shop bargains!

Warkworth WI had a fun filled evening on July 1st sharing charity shop finds in a 'Charity shop catwalk'. Some ladies strutted their stuff displaying outfits whilst others displayed their items – including jackets, shirts, tops, sandals, dresses, trousers, suits, handbags, earrings, sun tops. We had an interesting



debate as to how much each item cost and decided some of our members were definitely

champion charity shop bargain finders!
Fashion that supports charities and is environmentally friendly.



Join us in our varied programme of events – see our Warkworth WI Facebook page for more information.

WARKWORTH UKRAINE SUPPORT GROUP

I enclose some of the text of a letter written recently to our local MPs following a meeting of local Ukraine Support Groups under the auspices of the Northumberland County of Sanctuary.

We have asked for a meeting to discuss parliamentary thinking following the recent deepening developments in the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

“Our discussions ranged across the options that our Ukrainian guests, many who came three years ago under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme, might have in the future, assuming that the war continues beyond the present visa continuation of 18 months granted by the government.

Many will not have homes to return to as a result of bombing, some will have no homes in Ukraine since theirs may well have been within regions now annexed by Russia and others may wish to claim asylum.”

We also stated that such issues are not confined to our local guests but are important across the country for all those who have taken refuge under the Homes for Ukraine scheme.

We also stressed that now is the time to give continued support to our guests under such difficult times and the uncertainty of global politics.

So far we have heard from one local MP with a possible meeting in September- we hope to hear from more soon.

If you would like to help the Warkworth Ukraine Support Group please get in touch.

John Hobrough - warkukr@gmail.com

OUT & ABOUT



**Curious grey heron perched
on the garden fence, photo
Aida Diaz**

**Busy Bee visiting a blooming
thistle, photo Sue Tong**

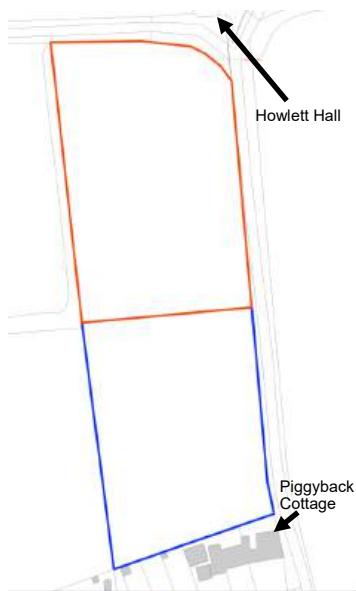


Feeding the ducks, photo Jane Foley

OUT & ABOUT

Warkworth Dog Walking Facility & Sensory Garden Planning Proposal

Residents at the Morwick Road end of the village recently found out about a new planning application to change the use of a wild meadow agricultural field into a secure dog walking facility and sensory garden for autistic children.



The Council on-line public access planning portal has all the relevant documents: the site of the proposal is the field running along the single track road from the back of 'Piggyback Cottage' on Watershaugh Road down to Howlett Hall. This field is currently agricultural land in an environmental stewardship programme that has been under-sown with wild flowers to promote wildlife.

The proposal aims to develop the downhill Northern half of the site, shown in red on their plan; however, the proposal asks for a change of use for the entire field, leaving the uphill Southern, half empty, but no longer 'agricultural land'.

The Southern margin of this field runs along, and is outside, the 'Settlement Boundary' of the Warkworth Neighbourhood Plan and was not adopted by the plan as a Local Green Space as it was agricultural land.

Most people would probably agree with the need to develop sensory garden facilities for autistic children and there is a case for secure facilities for exercising nervous, reactive or aggressive dogs. The question is whether this is the best location and should it be at the expense of local environmental efforts?

A few residents had received letters of notification from the Council but only one public notice had been posted, taped in a plastic sleeve to a power post on private land. Concerned about a lack of public awareness the council were contacted and agreed to extend the coverage of notification and **the deadline for comments from July 15th to July 30th**.



The proposal and all documents are available on the planning website and reference as detailed below, or can be accessed by scanning the QR Code link to the left.

<https://publicaccess.northumberland.gov.uk>

Ref: 25/00958/FUL

HERMITAGE LUNCHEON CLUB

at the HERMITAGE INN, WARKWORTH
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Our website fhtickets@yahoo.com



Warkworth Art Group Diary

The Warkworth Art Group have had a busy end to a busy year. We were asked earlier in the year to be part of the What a Wonderful World Festival

www.whataww.org which held its Celebrating Trees Exhibition in the Alnwick Playhouse in late June and early July. WAG members produced individual artwork on slices of yew inspired by a talk given by Susan Patience in March. These were then assembled onto a fabulous dogwood and

beech structure made by Julia Chambers, with a copper centrepiece constructed by Debbie Robson. The result was called the "Arborical Monocle"

As a change to previous year's WAG held their annual exhibition in June instead of November. The exhibition included a variety of paintings produced by WAG members over the course of the year and was well attended. One of the first visitors on the scene was Bernard Bunting who is fundraising for Rare Dementia Support by cycling the entire coast of Britain. An epic journey!

Donations to www.roundbritainbybike.co.uk

Finally, we ended the year with a lovely get together held at the home of WAG member, Hazel Bush. The food and drink were plentiful, the company agreeable and the view spectacular.



After the summer break, we will resume our regular Thursday sessions beginning 4th September 2pm-4pm.

If you are interested in joining Warkworth Art Group, please contact Linda Gaskell on 07812 567 637, or email warkworthartgroup@gmail.com

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Summer Walk from Warkworth to Alnmouth

Saturday 2nd August 2025

SAVE THE DATE

Warkworth to Alnmouth 6 miles (ca. 2hrs 45mins)

All are invited to join in walking with us; meeting at St Lawrence to send us off; or taking the bus to Alnmouth (parking very limited) and joining the picnic. Please bring your own food and drink.

The morning walk will leave from **St Lawrence, Warkworth at 10.00am, gathering from 9.20am**, for registration, refreshments, a chance to look around the church and churchyard, and for route/safety instructions.

Those wanting a shorter walk can join the walk out of Warkworth and walk back along Station Road (after say 20/30 minutes), or meet us in Hipsburn where the cycle route meets the road (near the Cricket Club Car Park) ca. 12noon.

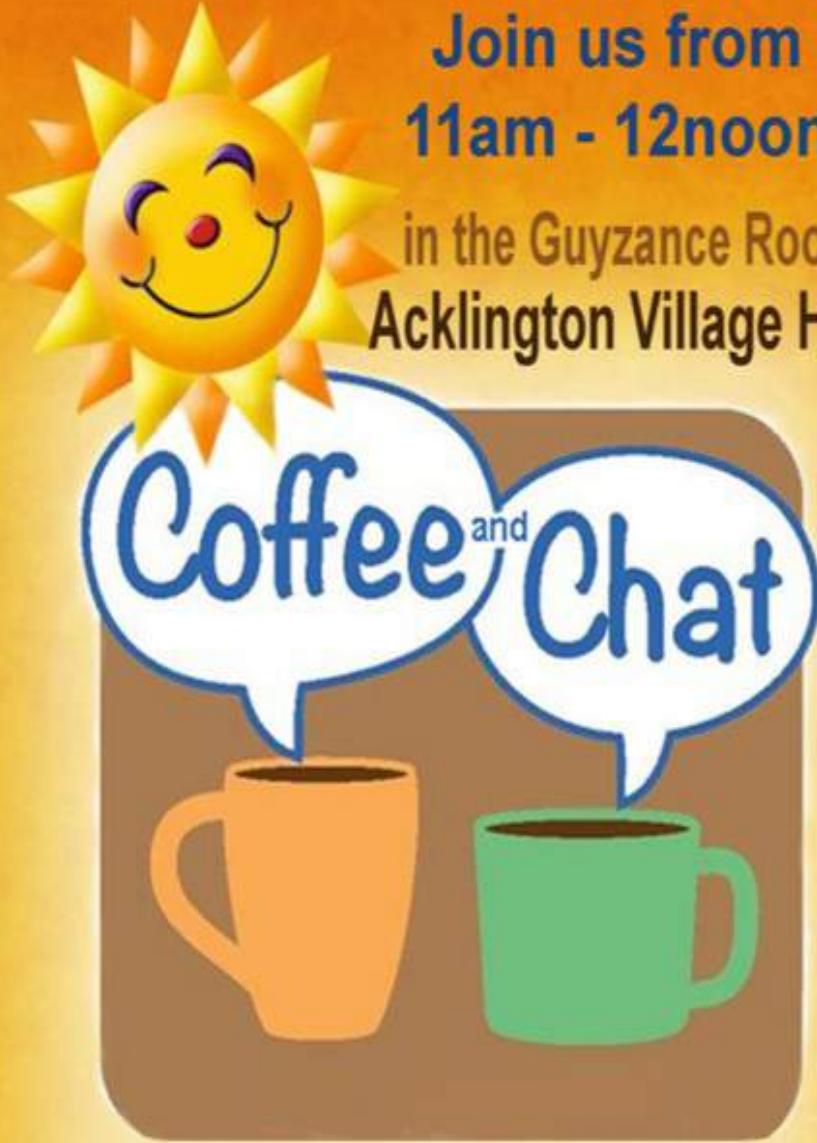
We will arrive at St John's Alnmouth and picnic together in the churchyard and have closing prayers.

During afternoon you can:

- Visit the Friary and Hospice Care Tea Event (£6)
- Have a circular walk around Alnmouth
- Return home by bus or car
- Walk back to Warkworth (coastal route ca. 2hrs)
Gilly plans to depart Alnmouth ca. 3/3.30pm and anyone is welcome to join.

Gilly Maude and Eileen Kelly

**Please contact Gilly Maude if you have any questions.
We will be gathering names of those intending to join
in nearer the time. tel: 07527 169016
email: revgilly.pilgrim@gmail.com**



Join us from
11am - 12noon
in the Guyzance Room
Acklington Village Hall

on Friday 8th August

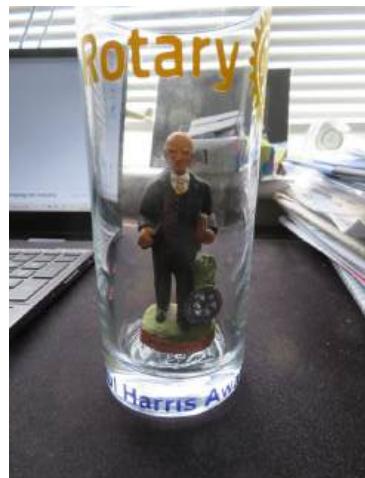
ALL WELCOME



Rotary update July 2025

Amble and Warkworth Rotary president Trevor Robertson had a pleasant surprise at the end of June when he was presented with the local Rotary District Paul Harris award for the progress the club has made over the last year in terms of increasing its membership, whilst also diversifying the club as well as delivering on projects and offering a varied social programme for members.

After dinner speakers over the last month have included Julie Stephensen a long-standing Rotarian, who gave an entertaining talk about her involvement with Morpeth Rotary club.



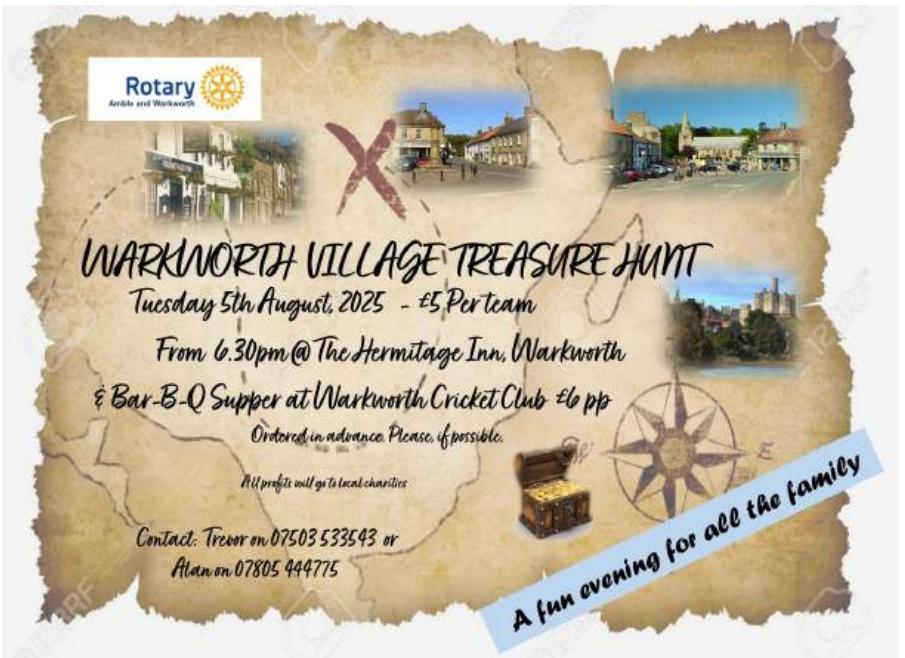
June ended with a fund-raising Bingo and BBQ night at Warkworth Cricket Club with the aim of raising money for local student Aimee Davison's Student Minds appeal (a UK based Student mental health charity). The evening proved a remarkable success raising nearly £500 on the night from profits from the

BBQ, the Bingo and raffle. In addition, RAW members at a recent business agreed to also give a donation to bring the total raised to £600. Aimee is also undertaking a charity trek up Mount Kilimanjaro as part of her fund-raising efforts for Student Minds and has promised to give a talk to the club about this adventure.



On the 12th July, local Rotarians, guests, and family members enjoyed a late afternoon visit to Berwick upon Tweed which included a guided boat trip up the river. The tour boat provided a fine platform to view the remains of some of the old salmon houses, as well as learn about the history of commercial salmon industry on the Tweed. We also had the opportunity to learn about the history of the town's bridges as well as take in the view of its impressive Elizabethan fortifications. The evening was rounded off with an Italian meal at the Amore restaurant in Berwick.

Looking ahead, later in July the club will be receiving a visit from the Northumbria Blood Bikes service to learn about their life saving role supporting the NHS. Further ahead, RAW will again be running its Warkworth village Treasure Hunt finishing with a BBQ at the Cricket club on Tuesday 5th August.



If you are interested in finding out more about what the Amble and Warkworth Rotary club has to offer you, contact us via either our website www.ambleandwarkworthrotary.org or the club Facebook page, Rotary Amble & Warkworth.

We are also looking to increase and promote corporate membership of the club, so if you have a business and are looking at ways to increase your community impact, please feel free to contact us to discuss further.



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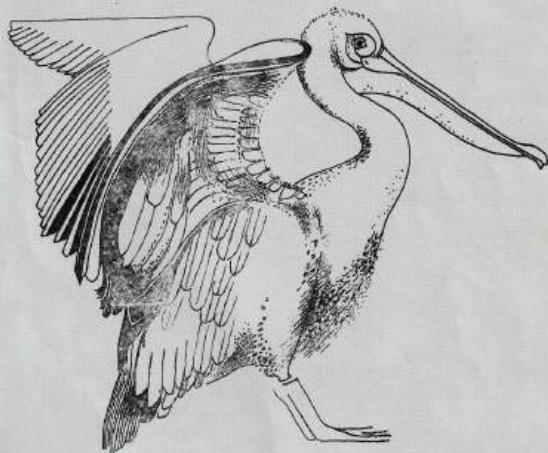
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FROM THE PELICAN ARCHIVES

THE PELICAN



The parish magazine of
Warkworth & Acklington

Thanks to Margaret Hobrough for unearthing this early front page for The Pelican, thought to have been from January 1967 although it was stapled to a 1981 copy...

St Lawrence Warkworth Summer Fair Thank You!

Thank you to all who supported the fair at St Lawrence. With your help and generosity we raised a record

£3,677.39

Thank you to our sponsors and contributors: The Greenhouse, Bertram's, Gray's, Cabosse, The Amble Butcher, Hauxley Dairy, Peter Thompson, MiE Fielding, Green Matters, the Alnwick Wind Ensemble, Tony on the guitar, and to all who supported us on the day.

THE GREEN PAGES

The Green Pages are dedicated to environmental and conservation articles from the neighbourhood and local community. Anyone and any group can post a relevant article, photos or questions on these pages, just send them to the editors, see the back page for details.

The Warkworth Ornithophile 2.

Kids Summer Holidays Challenge-

- Download the Merlin bird app, which is free!
- Take a walk using the App- how many birds can the app spot during the walk?
- Of the ones you find, draw or paint your favourite and send to the Pelican for a chance to feature in next month's feature! (please include your name and age)

This month's bird of the month is the **Long-Tailed Tit**.

8 Facts About the Long-Tailed Tit

- Size-These birds measure about 13–15 cm, with their tail making up over half that length.
- Habitat -woodlands, gardens, hedgerows, heathland
- Social -and noisy in flocks
- They form active winter flocks of 6–20+ birds, constantly calling to one another.
- Diet -Insectivorous diet mostly insect eggs, larvae, spiders, (supplement with seeds or feeder treats in winter.)
- Nest – is elaborate domed camouflaged & woven over 2–3 weeks (moss, lichen, spider silk & lined with thousands of feathers, sometimes camouflaged with lichen bits.
- Breeding -Single annual brood and cooperative breeding lay one clutch of 6–11 eggs. Failed breeders will often help feed relatives at other nests.
- Lifespan- 2–3 years (occasionally reach 8–9 years.)
- Population- stable.



Text and drawing by Becky McMurray

THE GREEN PAGES

Repair Café Warkworth – an introduction

25TH October from 10am at Warkworth Memorial Hall

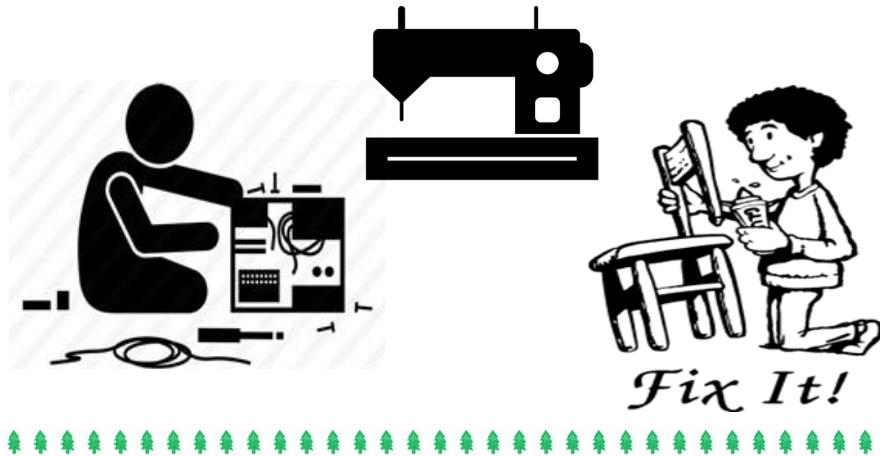
You are invited to a coffee morning to explore the idea of having a Repair Café here in Warkworth. Representatives from Felton and Rothbury Repair Cafes will tell us about theirs. You can chat to them informally and stay for some short presentations and a Q&A.

If you think a Repair Café is a good idea, do come along and learn more. We want to hear from people who might use a Repair Café and from people with skills to do the repairs.

SKILLS SUCH AS REPAIRING CLOTHES, TOYS, SMALL ITEMS OF FURNITURE AND SMALL ELECTRICAL GOODS WOULD BE WELCOMED, AS WELL AS SHARPENING AND HELPING WITH COMPUTING.

SKILLS OF TEA, COFFEE AND CAKE MAKING ARE ALSO NEEDED!

ENQUIRIES: warkworthgreenmater@gmail.com



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Saturday 30th August

2.30 – 4pm

Acklington Village Hall

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WARKWORTH FILM CLUB

Saturday September 6th – Maria

A biographical, psychological drama starring Angelina Jolie as opera singer Maria Callas, following the seven days before her death in Paris in 1977, as she reflects on her life and career. Jolie delivers an impressive performance as Callas as she succumbs to illness and loneliness. Maria broods over her medication and neglects to eat, and she is impossibly difficult with the servants, housekeeper Bruna (Alba Rohrwacher) and valet Ferruccio (Pierfrancesco Favino), who are the witnesses to her decline – and she is beginning to question the idea that she will ever sing again. The story is interspersed with hallucinatory flashbacks to the days of her celebrity pomp, but also further back to her childhood in Greece. (2024 cert 12, 2h 3').

Saturday October 4th – Big Night

(with British Food Fortnight tasting plates)

In celebration of British Food Fortnight and all things foodie, we are screening comedy drama Big Night starring Stanley Tucci. Set in the 1950s on the Jersey Shore, the film follows two Italian immigrant brothers as they host an evening of free food at their restaurant to help their business survive. The chef, Primo is a perfectionist who wants to prepare real Italian food for a less than discerning public, while his brother Secundo manages the restaurant. Their rival runs a busy Italian restaurant that compromises its Italian dishes to meet the public half way.

The love interest for Primo (Allison Janney) and Secundo (Isabella Rossellini and Minnie Driver) root the film firmly in the love of friendship, food and celebration. (1996, cert 15, 1h 45').

TASTING PLATES of delicious local cheese, bread and dipping oils will be available at £5 per plate. These were extremely popular last year – if you could email to express your interest so we can guess numbers that would be great, although you don't need to order in advance, we'll make sure there's plenty for everyone who'd like some.



No need to book - just turn up.

Doors and cash bar from 7pm. Film starts at 7.30pm.

£5 per person

Warkworth War Memorial Hall, 40 Castle Street, NE65 0UN

For more information, or to be added to our email list, call Anna on 07758 253104 or anna.willey@cantab.net

ACKLINGTON HISTORY SLOT - St Wilfrid's Brainshaugh



The ruins of St Wilfrid's Chapel near Brainshaugh are set in a sheltered bend of the river Coquet. Today little remains, it was originally part of a Premonstratensian nunnery of Gysnes (Guyzance). Founded in the early 12th century by Richard Tison.

Richard Tison was born in Alnwick his father was Gilbert de Teson and his mother was French Béatrix of Normandy. Tison in old French meaning 'a piece of wood' and 'firebrand' so often a person with a fiery temperament.

Early documents mention both the 'capella monialum' (monastery church) and the 'ecclesia de Gisyng' (church of Guyzance) so it is hard to say which the present ruin represents. It is thought to have been abandoned at the time of the Black Death and later given to the canons of the Abbey of Alnwick. It had fallen out of use by 1500.

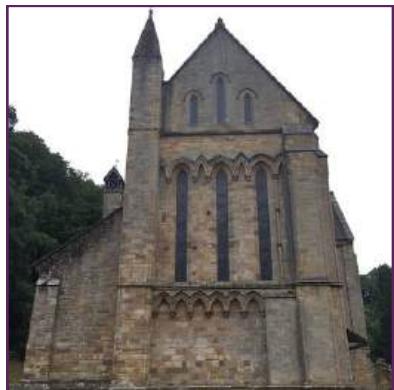
Today the chapel is still standing: what we see today are the nave and the side walls of the chancel. Parts of the chapel walls were incorporated into a post-medieval enclosure wall, built to enclose the grave yard and to protect the site from stone robbing.



The floor of the chapel has post-medieval flagstones and there is a 19th century grave slab at the western end. It was the burying place of the local Tate family. The remains of a fluted pillar and medieval grave cover can be seen outside the chapel. The uneven ground to the south of the chapel suggests that the foundations of other priory buildings are buried there. It was dissolved in 1539.

Secret passage

According to popular local tradition, there was a subterranean passage between Brainshaugh and Brinkburn. But it may actually have been a secret footpath through the dense wood, which in early times filled the vale of the Coquet.



More modern usage

It may be out of use now but in the 19th century services were held under a large thorn tree.

In the early 20th century an annual church parade of Northumbrian Cyclists was held promoted by the Vicar of Acklington, the Rev. Rudge, who took a keen interest in the event and attended regularly. The cavalcade of cyclists travelled from the vicarage in Acklington to Brainshaugh for an outdoor service before returning for refreshments at the vicarage.

Who was St Wilfrid?

The priory was named after a Northumbrian saint. Wilfrid was born in Northumbria and became a monk on the Island of Lindisfarne; he spent time in Canterbury, several years in France, was Abbot of Ripon, founded a monastery in Hexham, and became Bishop of York. He is thought to be the first native Englishman to make a pilgrimage to Rome.

SPRING BULB SALE

20th September 10.00 – 12.30

At Acklington Village Hall

Spring bulbs will be available for your Autumn planting.

Plus a selection of indoor and outdoor plants.



There will be refreshments available provided by the Acklington Community Team.

County Councillor's Report

Hello. My name is Pauline Davidson; I am the new County Councillor for Amble West & Warkworth. My ward also includes Acklington, Guyzance, and many farms and small villages, all of which I visited during my campaign.

Many of you will know me already as I have lived in Acklington for several years. Those who do not know me, may have seen me being dragged around the village by my Husky dog, Zeus.

One of the first things I wanted to tackle, was speeding through our village. I don't think anyone living in Acklington would not be concerned by this. Many drivers ignore the 30MPH signs as well as the flashing sign. Speeds have been recorded up to 69MPH. A recent speed survey showed that 79% of vehicles speed when going through the village.

So, what happens now? I am looking into the possibility of installing speed cushions starting close to the crossroads at the east end of the village and ending just before the first traffic calming chicane. The cushions are manufactured from recycled rubber; they allow emergency vehicles to pass with ease and control the traffic to a speed of 30MPH. The money will come out of my County Council budget designated for my ward. The Highways department have kindly agreed to fit them for free. Let us hope it is sooner rather than later!

My other projects include:

- Southfield View, unfinished road surface and paths
- Provision of bus stops at Coal House Farm sanctioned (to be installed)
- Meeting with Director of Acklington Prison to agree signage for R.A.F memorial
- Reporting village potholes - now actioned
- Illegal parking - Amble braid
- Dangerous shared pedestrian/cycle path Beal bank
- Ongoing involvement with the new James Calvert Spence College
- Ongoing involvement with King Edwin school about renovation of playing field
- Dangerous junction on the Wynd at Riverside Park
- Closed footpath behind Coble Quay

This is just a selection of issues that are being dealt with. The list grows daily. I work closely with Arty Hume, Cllr. for Amble, particularly where our borders meet so that we can deliver the best possible outcomes for our community.

Cllr. Arty Hume and myself will be starting our surgeries soon, venue in Amble to be confirmed.

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In addition to the events we put on, others are making use of the Hall for music concerts. There will be a Bob Fox/Tom O'Donnell concert on the 2nd August and an Otway & Barret concert on the 25th September. Detail of these is also on the Hall's website, but you will need to contact the specific organiser or look for their posters for further information.

And for those wanting to do their own thing: Our music and Song session continues on the 2nd Monday of the month from 2pm to 4pm. *Tunes and songs (accompanied or unaccompanied) welcome. There's no bar, but tea and coffee are available or you can bring your own refreshments. Entrance £2. Just turn up, no need to pre-book. – and you don't even have to perform.*

The Memorial Hall is available for hire for recreation, social and fund raising events, craft fairs, local societies, wedding receptions and family gatherings, the Hall can accommodate groups from 5 to 140, 7 days a week. It is managed as a charity for use by local inhabitants without distinction of political, religious or other opinions.

For Hall Bookings: Email: warkworthwmh@gmail.com or contact Yvonne Stoddart on 07803 204436.

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Look out for our annual Fun Run, Dog Show and, new for this year - a Sheep Show!

You can enjoy a variety of refreshments whilst you take in the atmosphere, visit the Trade and Craft Stands, or watch the demonstrations.

The Warkworth Show is run by volunteers from the community, for the community and visitors alike. It relies on ticket sales, entry fees, advertising, sponsorship and donations to cover its costs. We hope you will come along and join us at this year's Show which is a truly great day out for the whole family

For more information, including how to enter your exhibits, please visit our website

<https://warkworthshow.co.uk/>



Acklington Parish Council Update

Key Projects Update

Bus Stop & Road Safety - County Councillor Pauline Davidson has secured agreement for the request bus stop at Coal Houses Farm to become a permanent stop and is investigating traffic calming measures.

Additional bins in the village - Councillors are deciding the best locations for new bins.

Coffee Morning

The parish council will be holding a coffee morning on 1st November. Residents are welcome to come along and find out more about the council's activities including the footpaths project and the neighbourhood plan. One of our neighbourhood police officers will pop in for a chat too.

Flower Planters

Councillors are grateful to a village resident who has volunteered to look after several planters in Acklington.

Councillor Vacancies

There are vacancies for three councillors, please contact the clerk if you would like more information.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is on 2nd September at 7pm at Acklington Village Hall. There is a 15 minute public speaking session at the beginning of the meeting.

To contact us outside of a meeting please email the clerk Barry Flux
acklingtonpc@gmail.com or the chair Sharin Ingleby chair.acklingtonpc@gmail.com

Recycling for Charity 2025 Final Collection

Pelican readers have been kindly donating stamps and coins (for St Oswald's Hospice) and spectacles and printer cartridges (for the Lions) for some years, but these collections will come to an end on 29th August.

Please just ring 01665 714 758 to arrange delivery or collection of any final items, or if anyone wishes to discuss the future of Recycling for Charity

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The Warkworth Craft Group



Initially set up by the Warkworth WI, the Warkworth craft group is a community based group that meets once a month in the supper room of the Memorial Hall. We chat, drink tea, eat biscuits (occasionally cake!) and do our own thing – knit, crotchet, sew or continue with whatever project we have on the go. In the past we have had group endeavours – the poppies for the

bridge, sanitary products for African school girls and tiny hats for premature babies but mostly we just enjoy the company. Please do join us – even if it's just for the tea! We meet the third Tuesday of the month 2 – 4 and ask for a small fee to cover the cost of the room booking.

Any queries contact Marion mandbjones@btinternet.com or phone 01665714177.

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Extracts of the minutes of the Warkworth Parish Council meeting held on 3 July 2025

Parish Council Vacancies.

If you are interested in becoming a parish councillor and serving your community, please contact the Clerk in the first instance.

Planning Applications in the Parish

Anyone can register to be notified about planning applications in the Parish. Simply go on to the NCC website and register from the link below

<https://publicaccess.northumberland.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=simple&searchType=Application>

NCC Beach Road Car Park

The Parish Council have alerted the County Council to the increased numbers of campervans parked overnight at the Beach Road.

Becoming a Flood Warden Volunteer

The Environment Agency have been seeking volunteers from the community and liaising with local residents to become flood wardens. Flood wardens help the community to be more resilient to the impacts of flooding by being eyes and ears on the ground before, during and after a flood event, and by working as a link between the Environment Agency and the local community to get vital information out to local residents. More information is available from:

Engagement_northeast@environment-agency.gov.uk

St Oswald's Way Trail

The Parish Council is working with the St Oswald's Way Management Group to improve the interpretation panels on the route of St Oswald's Way. The panels promote the route, encouraging visitors to the area and enhancing their experience.

Next Meetings of the Parish Council

Thursday 4 September 2025 at 6.30 pm

Thursday 2 October 2025 at 6.30 pm

Full details of the meeting are contained in the draft minutes available on the Parish Council noticeboards, and on the Parish Council's website at:

<https://northumberlandparishes.uk/warkworth>

Any correspondence to Warkworth Parish Council should be directed to:

**Karon Hadfield (Clerk) 30 Rothbury Drive, Ashington, NE63 8TQ.
Email: warkworthparish@gmail.com Telephone: 07841 650640**



Ape House
Saturday 9th August
Warkworth Memorial Hall

Starts 7:30pm (Doors and bar open at 7:00pm)



Craig Harrison, fiddler from Co. Clare, Ireland, immersed in Clare's rich culture from a young age.

Lachie Robinson grew up surrounded by music, particularly Folk song and Highland cèilidh traditions, furthering his craft at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland (RCS).

Wallace Calvert studied traditional music at the RCS. A versatile multi-instrumentalist, seeking to refine his skills and sensitive playing style through the exploration of Irish, Scottish, Northumbrian, and other traditional folk repertoire.

The room will be laid out in cabaret style, so ticket numbers will be limited. Book tickets (£10) by email to peter.burnham@gmail.com . Alternatively telephone Peter Burnham on 01665 711388.

Warkworth British Food Fortnight

26 September – 12 October

'Grow Your Own' event in the Warkworth Memorial Hall Saturday 4th October and events throughout the fortnight.

Events are planned in Warkworth to celebrate British Food Fortnight. There will be an event on a 'grow your own' theme in the memorial hall – refreshments, information, possible allotment visits (weather permitting). If you have experience of growing fruit or veg – in a garden, allotment or even in pots that you'd be willing to share, please get in touch.

Plus the usual events around the village from local businesses, the church, local societies. All the details in the September Pelican. Let us know if you want to organise an event.

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We are a small friendly social group who meet on a weekly basis at Acklington village hall.

We have a number of tutors throughout the year, and have a range of monthly motivational projects run by members of the group.



Our annual exhibition will be on Sunday 28 September in Acklington village hall.

This month's painting is Bluebell Wood a watercolour Christine Lewsey.

Do you enjoy singing?



We are a small singing group based in Warkworth, and rehearse for an hour each week on a Wednesday from 2-3pm at St Lawrence church Warkworth.

We sing a varied range of pieces including anthems, folk songs, pop songs and madrigals.

We would welcome some additional singers - you need to read music as we sing in four parts, but there is lots of help given and laughs along the way.

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Forage Summer Market @ Rigg & Furrow

Saturday 23rd August - Sunday 24th August 2025 (12pm - 6pm)

The Forage Market is returning to the End Hemmel barn at Rigg & Furrow, Acklington for two days of thoughtful shopping over August Bank Holiday. They will be joined by around 50 independent makers over the two days to showcase the talented creatives we have here in the North East, all carefully curated under one roof.

After a successful programme of markets which have seen over 3,000 visitors in attendance at an event, Forage founders Ellie Davison-Archer (homeware designer) and Steven Eyles (graphic designer) wanted to continue growing the events as a space for like-minded creatives

and talented makers to showcase their products to an engaged audience and as part of a supportive, creative community.

The Forage Market theme for this event is *Drift - Celebrating the coast*. Ceramicists, designers, painters, printmakers, illustrators, jewellers, makers and artisan businesses have been selected for their use of materials, motifs and concepts that mirror inspiration

from the Summer season and coastal location.

Once you've enjoyed the market, you can stay on the farm and visit the on-site taproom which will be open for artisan brewed drinks. Treat yourself to some local street food in their rustic indoor seating area or out in the paddock itself whilst listening to a relaxed DJ set.

Entry into Forage Market is £1* (under 16's and dogs go FREE) which also includes FREE parking, a FREE entry into the raffle and a percentage of the entry fee profits will be donated to the market's chosen charity - the RNLI. Tickets can be bought in advance online at www.foragelifestyle.com or on the door at the market.

Opening Hours:

Saturday 23rd August 12pm - 6pm (Taproom open until 7pm)

Sunday 24th August 12pm - 6pm (Taproom open until 6pm)

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