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# *The FELICAN*

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ACKINGTON, GUYZANCE & WARKWORTH*

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Warkworth Sunset by Norma Arthur

**At the time of going to press, Revd. Helen is on leave following her operation. We wish her a speedy recovery!**

### **From the Registers**

We give thanks for all those recently baptised and pray for Henry and Georgina, and Henry and Ellen and all those recently married or preparing for their marriage.

Our prayers are with all those recently bereaved, amongst them the family and friends of Dorothy Saunders, 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.

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email: [aswvicarage@gmail.com](mailto:aswvicarage@gmail.com)  
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The poster has a blue background with a white cloud pattern. It is decorated with colorful balloons (red, yellow, green, blue) and strings of triangular bunting flags. Confetti is scattered throughout. The text is centered and uses a mix of white, red, and blue colors.

ST LAWRENCE, WARKWORTH

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***Good luck!***



**St Lawrence Church, Warkworth**  
**First Sunday of the month 4pm to 5:30pm**

**Sunday July 6<sup>th</sup> , August 3<sup>rd</sup> , September 7<sup>th</sup>**

Everyone welcome - children must be accompanied by a parent or carer  
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## **Warkworth W.I. Meetings**

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**Secretary Judith Hebron**

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**theWI**  
**INSPIRING WOMEN**

**July 1<sup>st</sup>** Charity Shop Catwalk. Competition 'A fashion Accessory'.

**August** no meeting.

**September 2<sup>nd</sup>** The Oswin project. Competition 3 cup cakes.

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

# St Lawrence Warkworth Summer Fair - Saturday July 5th



**NEEDED** books, bric-a-brac, handbags in good condition, jigsaws, bottles (wine/beer, soft drinks)  
*Can be dropped off at the Vicarage or left labelled in church.*

**PLANTS** please bring on the day.

**VOLUNTEERS** needed for stalls (you can sign up for 1hr or more)

**The Fair always makes an important contribution to Church funds. All help and donations are really appreciated! Thank you!**

**Rev. Helen**

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**For other Hall matters:** contact Peter Burnham Email: [peter.burnham@gmail.com](mailto:peter.burnham@gmail.com) Tel: 01665 711388.



## OUT & ABOUT



The Warkworth swans with their six cygnets on their second public appearance off the Butts. Photo John Dewing.



An interesting way of parking a camper van in the castle grounds! Photo Julie Lomax.



## OUT & ABOUT



*‘Arriving and Leaving in Style’* Georgina and Henry’s wedding at St. Lawrence’s church. Photo Len Smith.



*‘Hitching a ride’* A mother Goosander gives a lift to two of her ducklings. Photo by Richard Booth.

## HERMITAGE LUNCHEON CLUB

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07483429430



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**YOU'RE INVITED TO  
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Tickets are **£7.50** each, with an optional glass of prosecco for **£2.50**  
all in aid of Breast Cancer Support

Tickets available from Alison (Acklington),  
Margaret (Shilbottle) and Wendy (Warkworth).

## FAR HORIZON VOICES GO OVERBOARD

An Adriatic cruise following his successful cancer treatment helped inspire Dave Stockwin to pen a comedy for the Warkworth-based acting group Far Horizon Voices. The script-read play 'Going Overboard' will debut at Warkworth's Memorial Hall this summer.



The play features reluctant cruiser Ken whose holiday preference is Whitley Bay and his devoted wife Liz who is desperate to visit foreign towns and cities on board a luxury liner. Liz's persuasive power wins the day and the couple fly to Corfu to join fellow sea-going passengers, notably pretentiously snobby Fiona and her well-nagged wine loving husband Charles.

The back and forth conversations between the couples are punctuated by Cruise Director Johnny's comic announcements of the ship's entertainment goodies. Said Dave, who will be directing the play with Paul Mein: "My intention in writing 'Going Overboard' was to explore the importance of a positive attitude and a sense of humour after my own cancer treatment in 2019.

"The play reflects my first experience of a cruise holiday and is also an affectionate tribute to my late father - a typical Northern male - on whom Ken is loosely based."

'Going Overboard' will be staged on Thursday and Friday July 31 and August 1 with both performances starting at 7.30pm. (Doors open 7pm). Tickets are £10 (cash only) and will be available in July at N & F Young of Amble, Warkworth Village Store and Post Office, and at the door on the night. A licensed bar will be open at 7pm. A donation from the shows' proceeds will go to a local cancer charity.



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



**on Friday 11th July  
and Friday 8th August**  
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**Reminder.....**



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A vibrant outdoor scene featuring a large red patio umbrella in a green field. Above the umbrella, a string of colorful triangular bunting flags in various patterns (purple, orange, blue, green, red) hangs across the frame. The background shows a clear blue sky and distant trees.

# Summer FAIR

**SATURDAY JULY 19th**

**ACKLINGTON VILLAGE  
HALL & GARDEN**

**OPEN FROM 11am - 2 pm**

Fun activities, games, stalls, raffle, tombola, refreshments.

## **DONATIONS NEEDED FOR FAIR**

**Books, bric-a-brac, jigsaws, tombola items,  
bottles (wine/beer, soft drinks)**

*Can be dropped off at the church or call 07940368036.*

*All help and donations are really appreciated.*



# Warkworth in Bloom



With all the glorious sunshine we had in May, followed by rain in early June, the village is certainly looking blooming lovely.

All the troughs, tubs and planters have now been filled, and the 'Bloomers' have been hard at work weeding and cutting back shrubs.

If you have any time on your hands and want to help contact [jackie.galilee@gmail.com](mailto:jackie.galilee@gmail.com) or leave a message at The Greenhouse

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## Rotary update June 2025

The last month has seen a good mixture of social and community-based work by local Rotarians. Amble and Warkworth Rotary club had a stand at the Amble Puffin festival on Saturday 24th May. The club funds were boosted

via the sale of potted plants and by a 'splat the rat' game which involved a baseball bat, a drainpipe, and an artificial rat. This game tested individuals' reflexes and proved to be extremely popular with the general public.

On the social side members enjoyed a guided tour of St James Park ground on the 15th of May. This social trip proved popular with the Newcastle United fans within RAW as it featured a behind the scenes look at this football club. The club's AGM was on held



on the 3rd of June and was followed the next day by an 'educational' tour of the historic pubs of Alnwick led by local historian Tom Allen. The tour involved a walk around the streets of Alnwick with Tom pointing out features of historic interest and the sites of some of the long-lost public houses of the town. The tour also involved visiting a selection of some of the more interesting and historic pubs of Alnwick. Tom has published a booklet, Alnwick, Pubs, Lanes & Alleyways, (upon

which the historic tour is based) which so far has raised £5000 for HospiceCare North Northumberland.

In June, members also enjoyed an after dinner talk from Peter Tracey, the Rotary Regional Ambassador for the International charity ShelterBox. The scheme began in 2000 as a Cornish Rotary Club's millennium project but has evolved into a separate internationally recognised independent disaster relief organisation. Today, Rotary is still involved with ShelterBox working as project partners in disaster relief. Peter gave a fascinating talk about the work of this organisation and its evolving relationship with Rotary as well as the work it undertakes. providing emergency early response equipment to displaced people from natural disaster and war, including Ukraine and Gaza, specifically equipment, tools and materials such as solar power kits, water purification kits, shelters, tents, medical supplies etc, from large warehouse stores across the world. Peter has direct personal experience of the Charity's intervention in some of the world's worst disasters.



Looking ahead, RAW members have the Club assembly on the 17th of June which will involve looking at the club's priorities and projects over the coming year. There are also more social events planned, with a river trip outing and meal in Berwick upon Tweed on the 12th July and a treasure hunt around Warkworth on the 5th of 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](http://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.

## Warkworth Art Group Diary

As our year draws to a close, it has been time to reflect over the past year. It's been a busy one, for sure.

Over the course of the year, we have had workshops when visiting artists share their time and talents, and many of us go along to the monthly 'crit' night held in Amble where a broad spectrum of artists share their work. This addition to our calendar has been most welcome and demonstrates the diversity of art and artists in our area of Northumberland. And, of course, we like to do our own thing. The art within our own lovely group is also very diverse making our sessions interesting, inspirational and, resulting exhibitions in the memorial hall, a joy.

Recently, we have been very busy indeed. Apart from our usual weekly sessions, some of us have painted hedgehogs for the Ryton-based charity 'Hope for Hedgehogs'. They were delighted with the number and variety of styles across the finished pieces. These will be auctioned off in the Autumn to support their funds, alongside the doodlings of famous folk – last year, Midge Ure.

Following the Christmas bauble experience last Autumn, we have enjoyed another visit from Julie who helped us create simple, but effective, fused- glass hanging tiles. Work is progressing with the 'Celebrating Trees' exhibition at Alnwick Playhouse at the end of June. Our work will be shared alongside other groups involved in the project.

With the end of our summer term on the horizon, we now look forward to our exhibition on Sunday, June 29th. We are trying something new this year having moved it from its usual slot in November to a summer date. In this way, we are hopeful of capturing the interest of our summer visitors as well as those locals who support us each year. We look forward to seeing you there.



Painting of the month is the Callanish Stones on Lewis, by Linda Gaskell.

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



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# **Walk from St Lawrence to Alnmouth Friary**

## **Saturday 2nd August 2025**

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**As a change from walking between the three parishes of Acklington, Shilbottle and Warkworth, this year we are planning to walk to Alnmouth for a picnic in the garden of Alnmouth Friary, by kind permission of the Brothers.**

All are invited to join in and there are various ways to do so: walking with us; meeting at St Lawrence to send us off; walking the first mile or so and turning back; or taking the bus to Alnmouth (parking is 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 9.30am**, aiming to reach Alnmouth Friary c. 12.30pm, following an inland route via Low Buston, High Buston and Wooden.

We have invited groups walking from other churches in the area to join us for the picnic.

Participants are invited to make their own way home, though some may opt to walk back together along the coast or cycle path, while others take the bus (perhaps after a circular walk at Alnmouth)

Children/young people are very welcome and should be accompanied by an adult. All walkers are advised to wear appropriate clothing and footwear, and bring plenty of water, and all participants join at their own risk and are responsible for their own fitness and safety. We advise you not to bring dogs on this walk.

**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](mailto:revgilly.pilgrim@gmail.com)**

# 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

Warkworth has an amazing range of bird life perhaps because of its diverse habitats- coast, wetlands, river, village, gardens, woodland and hedgerows.

To celebrate this diversity the green pages will be featuring a Warkworth bird of the month. Please send in your "sightings" to nominate the next bird of the month. Birds can be seen by eye or Heard (including via the Merlin Bird App). How many can we collect?

This month we start the ball rolling with the **Nuthatch!**

### **8 Facts About the Eurasian Nuthatch to help you spot one.** (*Sitta europaea*)

**Habitat** \* Found in woodlands and mature gardens across Europe and Asia – including Warkworth!

**Tree Acrobat** \* It can climb **up and down** tree trunks headfirst – a rare skill among birds

**Nest** \* It nests in tree holes and **plasters the entrance with mud** to keep out predators.

**Diet** \* It eats insects in summer, and switches to seeds and nuts in autumn and winter.

**Intelligence** \* It caches food in bark crevices and remembers where it hid it – winter survival strategy!

**Sound** \* Known for sharp calls like "**twit-twit**" – often heard before seen.

**Size** \* 14 cm in length – similar size to a great tit.

**Population stability** – good across most of its range.

*Text and drawing Rebecca McMurray.*





# THE GREEN PAGES

## Warkworth Green Matters Update

### Amble Little Shore - Bathing Water status update

Bathing Surveys are taking place over the summer, with the first count taking place over the weekend of **5th/6th of July**. Amble Little Shore is the perfect spot for bathing on those days between 12-2pm. You'll see the official counters wearing white high-vis vests counting the number of people in the water and the people enjoying the beach. This will form the back bone of the bid and is very important to the application.

### Coquet River Action Group update

CRAG is receiving support from the Northumberland Wildlife Trust with the addition of E.coli testing as part of our regular testing programme throughout the river. Testing will take place fortnightly throughout the summer and is a great addition to our portfolio. Thank you NWT!

### Warkworth Green Matters - Repair Cafe in Warkworth?

Our society throws away a lot of easily mended items. A repair cafe is a place where volunteers offer skills to do simple repairs. Have you got skills to offer, such as mending clothes, toys, small items of furniture, jewellery, electrical items or sharpening? We would like to see a repair cafe here in Warkworth. Please let us know if you are interested in this venture -

email: [warkworthgreenmatters@gmail.com](mailto:warkworthgreenmatters@gmail.com)

Thank you so much to the Warkworth Show Mark Pattinson Fund for funding the gardening project 2025 at Warkworth School. A small group of children showed good listening skills and enthusiasm. They learnt about seeds and what is needed for successful plant growth. They planted potatoes, various herbs, onions and vegetable seeds. In the next gardening session we will plant a courgette plant and tomatoes. A water butt will be bought and we will talk about the water cycle and why a water butt is a good investment!



The photographs above shows the recycled potato box, kindly donated to the school by Mr. Parks and made into a raised bed. The planters were retrieved from a skip! We will keep you posted on what we do with this produce.

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2025**

Starts 7:30pm

(Doors and bar open at 7pm)

## **Alistair Anderson + Holly & The Reivers**



A very special  
concert  
featuring two  
headline acts.



**Alistair Anderson** is internationally acknowledged as the master of the English Concertina and a fine exponent of the Northumbrian Pipes. He delights audiences with traditional music from Northumberland and beyond, as well as his own music, which has grown out of his love of these traditions.

**Holly & The Reivers** are an excellent live act; full of multi-part vocals, precise folk musicianship and interesting asides. Holly Clarke (Voice, Guitar), Merle Harbron (Voice, Fiddle) and Bertie Armstrong (Voice, Banjo) joined forces in 2017 to weave their arrangements around Supernatural Ballads, Old Time music, Welsh song, Political song and Scottish Fiddle.

*The room will be laid out in cabaret style, so ticket numbers will be limited. Book tickets (£15) by email to [peter.burnham@gmail.com](mailto:peter.burnham@gmail.com) .*

*Alternatively telephone Peter Burnham on 01665 711388.*

## Warkworth History Society

In April this year Warkworth History Society members enjoyed a talk on Seaton Delaval Hall by National Trust volunteer guide and public speaker Liz Finch. This wetted our appetite to visit and explore the Hall and its history further so in June Warkworth History Society members visited the Hall, which may be one of the architect Sir John Vanbrugh's smallest country houses; but it



was home to the larger-than-life Delaval family.

The house and surrounding landscape were in keeping with the style expected in Georgian society, yet behind the formality lies a story of theatricality and mischief. Known as the 'Gay Delavals' due to their high spirited and flamboyant lifestyle, an invitation to one of their parties was the hottest ticket in town. In an age notorious for extremes of behaviour, they were the most notorious of Georgian partygoers and pranksters. Between 2019 and 2022 the Hall completed a major project titled the 'Curtain Rises', which included a full

reroofing of the West Wing, replacement of six chimneys and the introduction of conservation-

grade heating; critical repairs to the cantilever staircases leading from the Central Hall to the Basement; the reflooring and introduction of sympathetic lighting in the Basement; conservation of structures in the landscape including the ha-ha walls, mausoleum and walled garden walls, a contemporary reimagining of the 1781 estate plan in the landscape, incorporating the reintroduction of historic path networks and improvements to visitor facilities including a new cafe, play area, accessible entrances and toilets. In addition, the hall's collection has been re-



presented in an effort to better introduce the 'gay Delavals' and tell their stories, bringing back the drama and flamboyance for which they were so well known.

Members of the society had the opportunity to tour the house and formal gardens although the main hall itself is currently covered in scaffolding as the windows are gradually being replaced. Fortunately, the weather was kind to us on the day allowing members to explore the hall basements with its impressive stone spiral staircases, as well as the exhibitions in the hall wings and its gardens. Particularly enjoyable are the re-created bedrooms featuring the upside-down room, as well as the 'fowl' room complete with an impressive high bed and accompanying duck and chicken noises (another Delaval party piece apparently involving live ducks and chickens let loose in guest bedrooms)

Located near the Stables, the Brewhouse Café is housed in a 17th-century, Grade II-listed building that has previously been used as an agricultural building, a brewhouse and a coach house and members were able to sample the obligatory National Trust scone, freshly made on site.

Many thanks go to Jill Wharton for organising this well attended and fun event.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/seaton-delaval-hall>





# Warkworth Art Group Annual Exhibition

Why not join us at the Memorial Hall to view artwork created by the Warkworth Village Art Group over the past year. It's sure to be a sociable occasion, so bring your friends.

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June**

**Memorial Hall**

**10am-4pm**

**Free Entry**

Artwork, cards and other crafts will be on sale. Both cash and cards accepted.

# WARKWORTH FILM CLUB

## **Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup> – A Real Pain**

A Real Pain stars Jesse Eisenberg and Kieran Culkin as mismatched cousins who reunite for a Jewish heritage tour through Poland in honour of their late grandmother, but their old tensions resurface against the backdrop of their family history. Led by a scene-stealing turn from Kieran Culkin, who won both an Oscar and a BAFTA for this role, this is an emotionally resonant story that finds writer-director-actor Jesse Eisenberg playing to his strengths on either side of the camera. The beautiful score is almost entirely composed of piano pieces by Frederic Chopin. If you liked The Holdovers and Past Lives you should enjoy this film. Some of the dialogue is a bit mumbled so we'll have the subtitles turned on. (2024, cert 15, 1h 39').

## **Saturday September 6<sup>th</sup> – 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 imperious 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 medication-fuelled hallucinatory flashbacks to the days of her celebrity pomp, but also further back to her traumatised girlhood in Nazi-occupied Greece. (2024 cert 12, 2h 3').

## **Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup> – The Menu (British Food Fortnight – more information next month)**



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](mailto:anna.willey@cantab.net)*

## **ACKLINGTON HISTORY SLOT - The Dame's School in Guyzance**

Here in the parish of Acklington we once had two schools - one was established in 1852 in the heart of Acklington Village and one in 1870 in the village of Guyzance.

In 1880 compulsory education for children aged between five and ten was introduced in England and small village schools became very popular indeed. Throughout the last century such schools flourished and thrived, particularly in rural areas.

Times have since changed, of course, and in today's society the youngsters from our parish (like in many places) have to travel outside their parish for schooling as sadly the education establishments in Acklington and Guyzance no longer exist.

A bit of nostalgia then.... in this month's history slot I have included some old photos of Guyzance School pupils for your perusal.

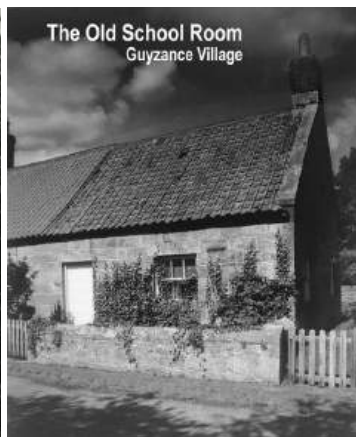


I don't know when the photographs were taken or the names of any of the pupils or teachers featured. Indeed I have very little knowledge about the school at all - so I am hoping there may be a Pelican reader out there, perhaps even a relative of someone who attended the school, who could kindly supply me with more information.



One of the few snippets I do know is that the first headmistress was called Miss Hedley and she was appointed on a salary of £16 per year. Also, I believe the school in those formative years was referred to as 'The Dame's School in Guyzance'. Unfortunately Miss Hedley had continued ill-health and was replaced by Miss Gordon in June 1872. Interestingly Miss Gordon's salary at the time was £26 per year.

The school existed for 61 years and finally closed just over 94 years ago on 13th March 1931.



John Davison

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# **SPRING BULB SALE**

**20<sup>th</sup> September 10.00 – 12.30**

**At Acklington Village Hall**

Spring bulbs will be available for your Autumn planting.

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



*'A Little Wobble' photo Len Smith*

## **PROTECTION OF NESTING BIRDS**

A polite request, on behalf of local wild life, that people do not cut their hedges between 1<sup>st</sup> May and 31<sup>st</sup> August which is the recognised main breeding season for wild birds. Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, it is an offence to intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is in use OR being built and it is also an offence to intentionally destroy the egg of any wild bird. (Information provided by RSPB).

Although in Warkworth we are very lucky to have many varieties of wild birds, their numbers are declining nationally so we must do all we can to protect and preserve those we still have ..... even at the cost of the odd slightly untidy hedge!

## **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2025**

We raised a total of £2590.69 this year. Many thanks to all of you who have given generously of your time, money and effort to raise this money to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

## Acklington Parish Council Update

The first meeting of the new council was held on 6th May with returning councillors Sharin Ingleby, Steve Thorpe, Tony Mezza, Sean Malone and Steve Shanks. New councillors Alison Bell and Ann McDougal were welcomed. Sharin Ingleby was appointed as chair and Steve Thorpe as vice chair.

After serving as a parish councillor for 27 years and as chair for 23 years Jeff Newton decided to step down and leave the council. Parish councillors thank him for his long and dedicated service and wish him well.

Our new county councillor Pauline Davidson also attended the meeting, having been elected a few days previously. We send best wishes to former County Councillor Jeff Watson who served for 25 years, with much appreciation for his help with local issues and support of the footpaths project.

### **Key projects for the coming year**

The parish council will investigate making the request bus stop at Coal Houses Farm into a permanent stop as not all bus drivers are aware that it is a request stop. It is frequently used by residents and holidaymakers.

Additional bins are needed at the west end of the village, councillors will identify suitable locations.

Road Safety - a recent speed survey found that cars are travelling above the 30mph speed limit near the prison crossroads. Councillors are meeting with the police to discuss what can be done to address the issue.

### **Our community hero**

Councillor Sean Malone was recently recognised as a 'community hero' at an awards ceremony at County Hall in Morpeth. Sean was nominated by former County Councillor Jeff Watson for his hard work and dedication in improving and maintaining the parish footpaths. If you would like to get involved in the footpaths project then please contact the clerk for more information. There is also a Facebook footpaths group, please search 'Acklington Parish Footpaths' and request to join.

### **Councillor vacancies**

We have vacancies for three councillors, please contact the clerk if you are interested and would like more information.

### **Next meeting**

The next meeting of Acklington Parish Council is on 1st July at 7pm at Acklington Village Hall. There is a 15 minute session at the beginning for the public to speak. If you would like to contact us outside of a meeting please contact the clerk Barry Flux [acklingtonpc@gmail.com](mailto:acklingtonpc@gmail.com) or the chair Sharin Ingleby [chair.acklingtonpc@gmail.com](mailto:chair.acklingtonpc@gmail.com)



# ORGAN RECITAL



**St Lawrence Church  
10:30am Saturday 12th  
July**

**Aspiring organist, George Moloney, is to give an organ recital to raise funds to support St Lawrence Church and also his Master of Music course at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire in September.**

**In 2024, George graduated with a First in Music from the University of Manchester, where he was the Pilling Trust Organ Scholar at St Ann's Church. This year, he has studied a Personal Study Programme in organ at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, under the tutelage of the renowned Daniel Moulton and Nicholas Wearne. He hopes to continue his studies at RBC to realise his aspiration to be a professional organist.**

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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.

Contact Sue Brown [suecbrownsb@gmail.com](mailto:suecbrownsb@gmail.com)



## Warkworth Memorial Hall



Memorial Hall based activities continue to develop. For those interested in fitness or mental well being there's Dance fitness, Seated Exercise, Relaxation & De-Stress (on hold), Pilates and Yoga. If you want to improve your skills or knowledge with a like-minded group there are Arts, Crafts and Drama groups, Sword Dancing and the History Society. There's a monthly support group for those struggling with computers, smartphones or the Internet. For entertainment (with a licensed bar) there are regular films and concerts – or you can provide your own entertainment at the monthly music and song session. Our longest serving group, the W.I., offers women interesting speakers and activities in a social setting.

Lots to try out and an opportunity for more. If you want to set up a new ongoing group we can help you with an initial two bookings at no charge, allowing you to check viability.

Further details of all the above can be found on the Hall's website or contact Peter (details below).

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**For Hall Bookings:** Email: [warkworthwmh@gmail.com](mailto: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/>

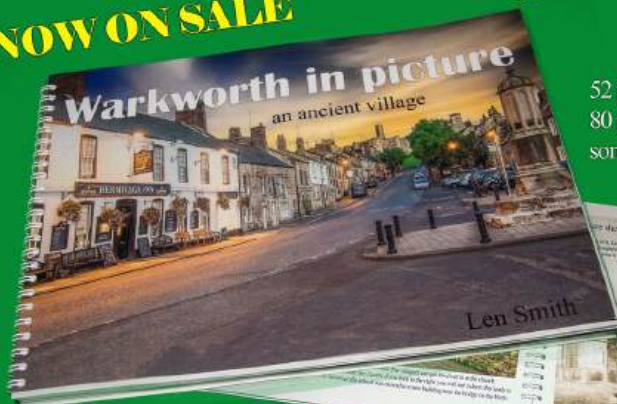


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We are a small friendly social group who meet on a weekly basis at Acklington village hall.

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 a mixed media painting of a barn owl by Jessica Cooper.

# Philip Huddy

## Honouring a Life Well Lived

It is with much sadness that we have to share the news of the sudden and unexpected passing of Philip (Phil) Huddy on Thursday 10th April aged 71. Phil was a well known figure in Acklington and as our resident DJ and quiz master, the person responsible for putting on some fabulous events in our village hall. Who can forget the “Dance Through the Decades” event in October 2023, raising money for St John the Divine Church bells. We shall remember him every time they ring now. Many will remember him walking his dog Benoit (or Ben as he was more commonly known) in his red Liverpool beanie through the Village, at least five times a day, chatting to all he met.



Phil was a regular at The Rigg and Furrow, as well as being our fearless R&F quiz team leader. His knowledge of world flags was legendary. Was it the beer, the quiz or the bar maids that attracted him. We'll never know! Phil was also one of our Pelican distributors and his involvement in many community activities will be missed.

Phil leaves behind his beloved wife Lesley, his two children and his seven grandchildren. Life will be different for them now but we can all take comfort in a life well lived.

Should anyone wish to make a donation in Phil's memory, the family have set up a Just Giving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/team/philhuddy>



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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, crochet, 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](mailto:mandbjones@btinternet.com) or phone 01665714177.

## The Warkworth Show Market Stall

We are delighted to share with you that an amazing £1091.72 was raised at the Market Stall on 24<sup>th</sup> May

A huge thank you to everyone who donated plants, baked and made preserves, as well as to all who purchased them on the day

Thanks also to St. Lawrence's Church for the use their tables and to The Greenhouse for taking the unsold plants to display outside the shop for donations

All in all, this was a tremendously successful event – thank you for your support



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## **Extracts of the minutes of the Warkworth Parish Council meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

### **Parking on Castle Street**

NCC has now shared with the Parish Council the feasibility study for parking bays on the east side of Castle Street and it has become clear that due to both the cost, and the need to keep many areas clear for access to premises, this is not a workable solution. NCC have therefore advised that the decision has been taken to begin ticketing cars which park on the pavement behind the double yellow lines. The PC and residents will be kept informed and enforcement will at first be via advice from the wardens. Businesses will still be able to load and unload. Efforts will now turn to finding other solutions to the ongoing parking problems.

### **2024-25- Annual Accounts**

The annual governance and return for 2024-25 has been published on the Parish Council's website. Full details can be found from the link below. The accounts can be inspected between 16 June and 25 July 2025.

<https://northumberlandparishes.uk/warkworth/document/2024-25-annual-governance-and-return>



### **NCC Beach Road Car Park**

The toilets at the Beach Road had to be closed by NCC recently because the septic tank was full. Unfortunately, this was due to camper vans using the toilets to empty their cassettes. This has been raised with NCC so action can be taken to improve the facilities available. Overnight campers have been ticketed regularly and a request has been made to NCC for a litter bin for the new picnic area.

### **Parish Council Vacancies.**

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

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>

### **Next Meetings of the Parish Council**

Thursday 3 July 2025 at 6.30 pm.

Thursday 4 September 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>



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## ***Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Barbara Cromie***

Reaching 100 years old is a great reason to celebrate, and Warkworth's warm-hearted community helped her family pull off a lovely afternoon tea party for the special centenarian, Barbara Cromie.

The celebration, held at the end of May, was a team effort. Tables and chairs were kindly lent by St Lawrence's Church, glasses came from the Memorial Hall, and all sorts of party support was provided courtesy of generous friends and neighbours. The celebration started with lovely neighbour Stuart, who took her for a spin in his convertible sports car and delivered her to the party in film star style!

The tea party was just one highlight in a week packed with family celebrations. Barbara was joined by her daughters, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren for



meals out, indulgent cake stops at Bertram's, a Puffin Cruise to Coquet Island and even a helicopter flight over Warkworth with friends and family waving from the ground.

Originally from Lancashire, for the last 60 years Barbara has called Warkworth home. During this time, she has fully played her part in village life: singing in the choir and quartet, being an active member of the WI, serving on the Parish

Council and only giving up delivering Meals on Wheels when she realised she was older than most of the recipients... Though her eyesight has faded with age, Barbara's spirit certainly hasn't. She's quick to express gratitude for the many kindnesses from fellow villagers.

So what might be the secrets to a healthy old age? Barbara has always had a cheerful mindset, says "yes" to any fun that's going on, has good friendships, has always been active and also enjoys a sherry. Maybe delivering The Pelican on her patch for 25 years, having taken over from her mother who did likewise, helps too!

***Happy 100th Birthday, Barbara—from all of Warkworth, with love!***

## *Acklington St John the Divine and Warkworth St Lawrence*

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### *Warkworth*

Monday 9am

Time to Pray

Thursday 5.30pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 4pm

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### *Acklington*

Tuesday 11.30am

BCP Holy Communion

Wednesday 9.30am

Celtic Prayer



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## WHAT'S ON IN 2025



### **June**

29<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Warkworth Memorial Hall: Warkworth Art Group Exhibition (p.24)

### **July**

1<sup>st</sup> 7.30pm Warkworth Memorial Hall: W. I. meeting (p.6)  
 3<sup>rd</sup> 5.00pm Acklington Village Hall: Food Van @ the Hall- *Copper Ricebox*  
 4<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Warkworth Memorial Hall: The Portable Theatre Company– Playhouse Creatures  
 5<sup>th</sup> 11.00am St. Lawrences Church: Summer Fair (p.3)  
 5<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Warkworth Memorial Hall: The Portable Theatre Company– Playhouse Creatures  
 6<sup>th</sup> 4.00pm St. Lawrences Church: Messy Church  
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 11<sup>th</sup> 11.00am St. John The Divine, Acklington: Coffee & Chat (p.13)  
 12<sup>th</sup> 3.30pm St. John The Divine, Acklington: Open Doors (p.13)  
 12<sup>th</sup> 10.30am St. Lawrences Church: Organ Recital by George Maloney (p.31)  
 12<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Warkworth Memorial Hall: Film Club- *A Real Pain* (p.25)  
 16<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Warkworth Memorial Hall: Alistair Anderson and Holly & The Reivers (p.22)  
 19<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Acklington Village Hall: Summer Fair (p.14)  
 19<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm St. Lawrences Church: The Bridge Singers (p.32)  
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### **August**

1<sup>st</sup> 7.30pm Warkworth Memorial Hall: Far Horizon Voices 'Overboard' (p.12)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> 9.30am St. Lawrences Church: Benefice Walk and picnic (p.19)  
 3<sup>rd</sup> 4.00pm St. Lawrences Church: Messy Church  
 9<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Warkworth Memorial Hall: Ape House (p.35)  
 16<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Warkworth Castle & Grounds: Warkworth Show (p, 39)  
 23<sup>rd</sup> 10.00am Druridge Bay Country Park: Red Row Vintage Rally  
 24<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Druridge Bay Country Park: Red Row Vintage Rally

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