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ACKINGTON, GUYZANCE & WARKWORTH*

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Say Hello to the new cubs on the block..... Photo Ray Sheils. See page 10

Reverend Helen writes:

At the beginning of June I will be having surgery on my right big toe! Not something I'm particularly looking forward to, although I count myself extremely lucky that I have been offered a procedure that should improve my mobility and reduce the pain of creaking joints that many have to live with!

For the first couple of weeks, until the dressings are removed, I will be mostly off my feet and I am sure (metaphorically at least) climbing the walls because I won't be able to do what I want to do!

This of course is a familiar situation for many people in our parishes. Whether through frail health or disability, many are unable to do the things they would dearly love to do.

There have been a couple of times before when I have been laid up for extended periods and I am always grateful for the reminder that just when we think there is nothing we can do about something, we realise we can always do that thing which is actually the most important. That is to talk to God about it - whatever it is - our concerns for someone we love, for the young and the elderly, for ourselves, for the future - whatever it is.

Sharing our hopes and fears with God (prayer, plain and simple) is the most powerful and effective tool for change. How that change works is rather a mystery but things do really shift when we take them to prayer.

So might I encourage you to pray with me (and for me, as I pray also for you) this June - opening our hearts together to the things that matter most to us.

Don't forget the churches are open daily if you want to light a candle or leave a prayer. Prayers left in the church are offered at the next service.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore. Amen.

From the Registers

We give thanks for Maggie, Elsie and Annie 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 Revd Aubrey Richardson, 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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Open Church

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Digital back copies of the magazine are also available for download, around six weeks after the issue was published. There is no 'live' on-line version of the magazine.

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HERMITAGE LUNCHEON CLUB

at the HERMITAGE INN, WARKWORTH
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Thu 17th JUL Member's Summer Trip to
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For more information contact Clive Purdy
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Barns Rd residents commemorated the 80th anniversary of VE Day by hosting a Brunch on Bank Holiday Monday 5th May.



Photos courtesy Len Smith

The sun shone as fifty plus residents from 18 months of age to 90 plus shared good food and good company against a backdrop of wartime music, bunting, flags and balloons.

Donations from residents resulted in a donation of one hundred pounds to support the work of the Royal British Legion.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*



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Sunday June 1st

Sunday July 6th

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Warkworth W.I. Meetings

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INSPIRING WOMEN

June 3rd British Divers Marine Life Rescue. Competition 'A marine ornament'.

July 1st Charity Shop Catwalk. Competition 'A fashion Accessory'.

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.

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Rev Helen

Acklington

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For Hall Bookings: Email: warkworthwmh@gmail.com

Or contact Yvonne Stoddart on 07803 204436.

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OUT & ABOUT



Warkworth W.I. commemoration of 80th anniversary of VE day.



March of the pigeon scarers as farmers try to protect newly seeded fields.



Tiger moths from Eshott airfield by Richard Booth

The 'Warkworth' Otters

After weeks of uncorroborated sightings from Amble to the Hermitage at Warkworth, and some controversy over what these elusive creatures might be, the answer was resolved by local photographer Ray Sheils. On an early morning dog walk in late April he was able to capture these images at the maximum of his camera's zoom range: a family of one mother and three cub otters on the river Coquet!



Photo Ray Sheils



Photo Ray Sheils

Since April, Ray has been joined by several other keen local photographers including Richard Booth, who has provided the following photos. These help document this little family over several very early morning encounters showing that the three cubs have grown in size and curiosity.



Photo Richard Booth

British otters are in fact European otters (*Lutra lutra*) and are mainly solitary creatures. They are members of the weasel family and the only truly aquatic species of this group. They feed mainly of fish but will feed on a variety of other foods if fish are scarce. Females have

very large territories of 30+kms of river bank, while males' territories are vast and will include several females' territories.

Otters live in 'holts' which can be burrows or natural spaces and they will have several holts across their territories.

Males do not bond after mating and generally move away leaving the female to bring up the cubs alone. Males can be aggressive to cubs that are not their own, so mothers have to be very protective and will move cubs regularly around her various holts. As such, family groups like this can appear to be quite transient in any particular location.

The cubs are dependant on their mothers for 12 months and will spend up to 15 months with them before moving away to set up their own territories.



Photo Richard Booth



Photo Richard Booth

Footnote: The otter family have not been seen since mid May, so may have now moved to another holt further upstream.

In aid of
St John the Divine
Acklington

A vibrant outdoor scene featuring a large red patio umbrella in the center, set against a backdrop of a green field and a clear blue sky. A string of colorful triangular bunting flags in various patterns (stripes, polka dots, floral) hangs across the top. In the foreground, two large, bright orange dahlia flowers are prominently displayed on the right side.

Summer FAIR

SATURDAY JULY 26th

**ACKLINGTON VILLAGE
HALL & GARDEN**

OPEN FROM 12NOON - 3PM

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

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR FAIR

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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



The 'Bloomers' have been out and about around the village tidying up the beds and borders.

Over the coming weeks we will continue to weed the Millennium Garden and tackle the ground elder.

Our next task will be planting out summer bedding in various locations, adding a splash of colour over the summer months.

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Rotary update May 2025

The last month has again proved to be a busy and active time for Amble and Warkworth Rotarians.

On Saturday the 10th of May, nine members and friends participated in the Hadrian's Wall Walk in aid on Rotary's 'End Polio Now' campaign. We participated with a team from Alnwick



Rotary and walked the five-and-a-half-mile section from Brocolitia to Housteads fort following the course of the Roman wall. I am happy to report that the task was completed within the three-hour deadline. Whilst the aim was to raise funds for a very worthy cause the event proved to a very enjoyable one, with stunning views, interesting archaeology, and good company.



Following in the outdoor theme, RAW members also enjoyed an interesting after dinner talk by Leigh Venus on the Kielder Observatory. The talk was illustrated with some stunning night skies shots as Leigh highlighted the work undertaken by the observatory's staff and volunteers.

On the social front, Bill McClement was crowned this year's champion at the recent RAW pub games event held at the Hermitage Inn.

We have been fortunate to have been joined by new members. Graeme Popay was inducted into RAW at the end of April.



On the 13th of May, the club inducted its fourth corporate member, James Calvert Spence college. The induction was attended by representatives of the schools Executive Leadership Team, James Androit (the Head teacher) and Louisa Hedley.



The induction took place at the Amble Yacht Club, prior to the launch of the Coquet River Group and Little Shore Bathing Water Public Consultation, which RAW hosted and chaired .

Looking ahead, members will be enjoying a tour of St James Park ground on the 15th of May.

Amble and Warkworth Rotary club will also have a stand at the Amble Puffin festival on Saturday 24th May. The club's AGM is scheduled for the 3rd of June, followed the next day by an 'educational' tour of the historic

pubs of Alnwick led by local historian Tom Allen.

On a sadder note, RAW has lost another long-standing member of the club with the recent passing of Lawrence (Lar) Craig. Indeed, Lar was the clubs longest standing member. Our thoughts go out to his son Ian, also a local Rotarian, whose mother Joan, also sadly passed recently. His parents' joint funeral will take place on the 20th of May at St Cuthberts Church in Amble.

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.

Richard Booth



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Warkworth Then and Now



Warkworth Castle from the North bank in around 1900 by an unknown photographer and today 'In the footsteps of the past' by Len Smith.



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.

Amble Little Shore – Bathing Water Status update

Thanks to all of the people who attended the meeting on 13th May at the Coquet Yacht Club. It was an excellent turn-out! Amble Little Shore bathing water application will go at the end of the summer. **Could people please fill in the survey.** It's part of the public consultation. If the application for bathing water status is accepted, it would help maintain estuary water quality in a rapidly growing urban population, safeguard public health and support local businesses. It would be a positive step for wellbeing, sports and recreation and it would bring Amble more into line with the surrounding areas. The survey can be accessed from the QR code below. There will also be a stall at the **Amble Puffin Festival on Saturday 24th May** for anyone wanting to discuss this further.

Amble Little Shore Bathing Water Status Application



Fill out a Survey

THE GREEN PAGES

For anyone interested in birds, the **Merlin APP** is excellent for identifying what birds are in your area. It records the bird calls and identifies them, all from your mobile phone. In only 5 minutes, 17 different birds were recorded at the allotments in the Burgage plots.



House Sparrow



Common Chiffchaff



Eurasian Blackbird



Eurasian Wren



European Greenfinch 🟡



Common Wood-Pigeon



Rook



Eurasian Moorhen



Common Chaffinch



Coal Tit



Eurasian Blackcap



Carrion Crow



Dunnock



Eurasian Collared-Dove



European Goldfinch



Great Tit



Eurasian Jackdaw

If anyone uses it, and an unusual or rare bird is identified, please share with us !

FRIDAY 20TH JUNE 2025 – 4.30PM/9PM
THE PANT HOUSE, MAIN STREET, FELTON

FELTONBURY



SATURDAY 21ST JUNE 2025 - 10AM / 10PM
MULTI-VENUES THROUGHOUT FELTON VILLAGE

‘Feltonbury2025’ is here soon – Friday 20th (evening) and (all-day) Saturday 21st June – And what a feast of musical and poetic talent, beginning with Friday evening’s music gig at ‘The Pant House’, ahead of the now established and the annual all-day multi-venue musical and arts extravaganza.

Five bands will play extended sets at ‘The Pant House’ on the Friday evening; then throughout the Saturday there will be an all-day schedule with numerous musicians, poets and dancers performing at various venues across the village, culminating with the late evening slots back at ‘The Pant House’. Details of where, when and who the performers are, can be read/downloaded on the www.feltonbury.co.uk website and Facebook pages – Feltonbury and/or Felton and Thirston Really Do Matter. There’s a page of Q&As on the website to help you plan for the day.

Entry, as always, is on a donation basis, which acts as a fundraiser for ‘The Plot’, as well as budgeting for Feltonbury2026!!! In addition to this the fundraising now providing monetary grants to groups who are wanting to use ‘The Plot’ for activities such as outdoor yoga, art and other music projects as well as the ongoing maintenance costs for ‘The Plot’. The *Little Book Festival* is donating a Little Library to The Plot and we thought Feltonbury could be used as an opening for that with Stories from Kirsty. Then *Flow In Felton Artists* are running family sessions in the morning that folk can dip into.

We ask for a £5 donation for Friday evening for which you will receive a unique wristband. It will be the same again on Saturday – a £5 donation for which you will get a different wristband. To avoid confusion, please be aware that the wristband for the Friday evening won’t be valid for the Saturday. We are trialing contactless card readers, however, bring cash as a ‘just in case’ – so, hoard your £5 notes.

WARWORTH FILM CLUB

Please note that we are taking a little break in June and the July film is on the second, rather than the first, Saturday of the month.

Saturday July 12th – A Real Pain

A Real Pain is a 2024 comedy-drama film written and directed by Jesse Eisenberg; the film stars 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, A Real Pain is a powerfully funny, emotionally resonant dramedy that finds writer-director-star 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. (cert 15, 1h 39').

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



Shepherd's Law Hermitage

Open Day

Saturday 21st June

Ecumenical services, the blessing of Brother Harold's new gravestone, and blessing of the new link building.

Stout shoes are essential as the ground is uneven. There are ramps for step free access to the Chapel and Cloister but not to the toilet.

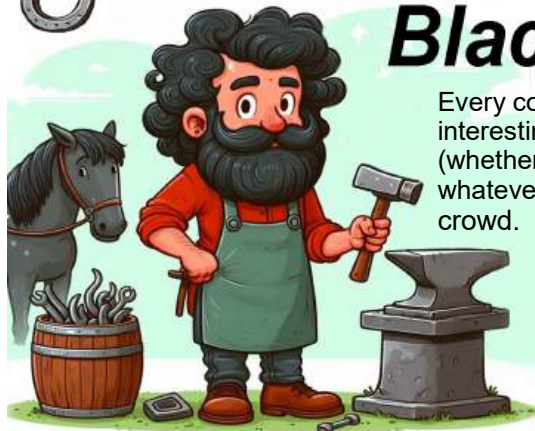
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ACKLINGTON HISTORY SLOT



Black Ralph



Every community has its fair share of interesting and exceptional characters (whether past or present) who, for whatever reason, stand out from the crowd.

Acklington is no exception and in this month's history slot I would like to tell you about a prominent parishioner who was born in 1814 - none other than the legendary former village blacksmith Ralph Potts.

Ralph was a big powerful blacksmith and farrier with a mass of black hair and a bushy black beard. Villagers nickname him 'Black Ralph'. Ralph was a very intelligent, fearless and deeply religious man. He was a fine craftsman and was respected by all. He had three blacksmiths shops in the area but lived in the big Smithy House in Acklington at the junction of Morwick Road. The Old Smithy buildings still stand today but it is now a private residence.



As a leading member of the community Ralph would often be called upon to deal with troublesome drunks and intervene in domestic disturbances. It was said he could knock a man over as if he were a nine pin. Village mothers would frighten their children by saying "If you don't behave I'll send for Black Ralph mind!" As well as shoeing horses and mending farm implements he treated sick animals and was asked to treat sick and injured villagers too. He was noted for his herbal potions which he would make up in the kitchen from wild plants. He invented a pedal digging spade and made sets of extraction pliers in his shop to take out bad teeth in humans as well as horses.

Ralph was a bold man and would stand up to the farmers and squires. He once ordered the Duke of Northumberland off the property even though the Duke was the landlord! As master of his own house and set in his ways he would retire to his bedroom at 9.00 p.m. to pray and would rise at 5.00 a.m. to read the scriptures, however cold the morning was. He held services in the front room of the Smithy in the days before Acklington Church was built. Each Sunday morning he would walk to church in Amble and the family were not allowed to sit down to dinner until his return.

Ralph was instrumental in galvanising and leading a group of residents to request their own church in the mid 1800's. Queen Victoria was petitioned and it is said that the queen, at first, was not in favour of the idea. However, when she heard that Ralph Potts was planning to give her a visit, she changed her mind and agreed to the request in 1859.

One tale that survives shows the character of Black Ralph. Two men brought a mule to be shod at the smithy and said they would leave the animal with him and went off to the mart smiling as they expected him to have extreme trouble with this difficult mule. On their return they were surprised to find the mule, with new shoes fitted, tethered outside the blacksmith's shop. Ralph had clamped the animal's ear in the vice and was able to continue the job with a very restrained mule.

Ralph's mother was apparently a waif of the sea. She floated ashore, dressed in fine clothes, in her cradle from a ship that went down with all hands on Boulmer Sands. No-one knew her identity or nationality but she grew into a small dark eyed, dark skinned woman. It was said that she had magical fingers and could make amazing things with her hands. It appears she had ten children – one, of course, being Ralph Potts.

Ralph's wife Rachael died aged 74 and was buried in Acklington churchyard in 1887. Ralph made an iron grave head in her memory and some years later he joined her but of course his name could not be added to the ironwork.

Pictured below is an old grainy photograph of the man himself during his latter years when his hair and beard had both turned white. Plus photographs of the grave head (it can't be called a gravestone as it is not made of stone) which still today stands proudly in Acklington churchyard. This fine grave head is the only one of its kind in any churchyard or cemetery anywhere. It is totally unique like the Acklington parishioner 'Black Ralph' who created it.

John Davison



A vibrant poster for a Summer Fayre event. The background is a bright blue sky with white clouds. The top and sides are decorated with colorful balloons in shades of red, yellow, green, and blue, along with strings of triangular bunting flags and scattered confetti. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold, sans-serif fonts in white, red, and blue. A yellow banner highlights the date.

ST LAWRENCE, WARKWORTH

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Warkworth

Meetings take place on the first Thursday of the month in the War Memorial Hall at 6.30 pm

WARKWORTH UKRAINE SUPPORT GROUP

We continue to live in uncertain times in relation to the future of our Ukrainian guests. The political discussions across Europe, In the US and Russia are not yet creating a peaceful solution as hoped for by those of us concerned with the future of Ukraine.

We raised finance to enable support to be sent to the front line through the Ukraine Express at the lent lunch last month and have been sent thanks and a video showing its success . We need to continue this support and can do so by joining the next local event in Alnwick on Saturday June 7th at the Costello Centre.

Let us hope for greater progress towards a just peace over the coming months.
... while the powerful pontificate we can do our bit - and our bits together bring power ...

John Hobrough

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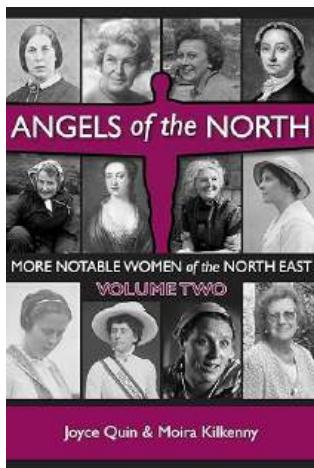
Warkworth History Society May

On Monday 12th May, following a brief AGM, Moira Kilkenny introduced a talk on 'Angels of the North Volume 2', a collection of essays on notable women of the North East which she has co-written with Joyce Quin.

Joyce then went on to talk in detail about some of these women who, while not necessarily being famous, have nevertheless made substantial contributions in their particular fields.

The earliest entry concerns two female servants who, in 1417, dressed as men to gain access to St Cuthbert's tomb at Durham Cathedral, a place from which women were traditionally barred. And the most recent entry is Dame Rosemary Cramp, a leading expert in Anglo-Saxon and early medieval archaeology at Durham University, who died as recently as 2023.

The definition of the North East was occasionally stretched. The philosopher Mary Midgley, for example, grew up in London and went to Oxford University. But she then married a man from Newcastle and lived there for 59 years until she died in Jesmond at the age of 99. Hannah Hauxwell, the star of several TV documentaries, was known as a Yorkshire farmer, but her farm in the north Pennines was officially in County Durham.



One of the most local northern women to appear in the book is Bella Reay from Blyth, known as 'Wor Bella', who was a munitionette in the First World War, when women were called on to work in the munitions factories while the men were away fighting. She introduced women's football matches as a means of exercise for her fellow workers, and to raise money for the soldiers fighting on the front. She played for Blyth Spartans when they won the Munitions Cup, scoring four goals in the final.

Many of the women who appear in the book were from wealthy or middle class backgrounds. But the working classes are also represented. Elizabeth Shepherd was brought up on Coquet Island and later lived in Amble with her husband, a miner. When he was injured and unable to work, with no compensation, Elizabeth had to find a way to provide for her family. She did this by making quilts and was very successful. One of her quilts is on display at the Beamish Museum, and another at the British Museum in London. The list goes on, totalling 35 amazing women from the North East who must surely serve as an inspiration to us all.

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).

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.

For other Hall matters: contact Peter Burnham Email: peter.burnham@gmail.com Tel: 01665 711388.

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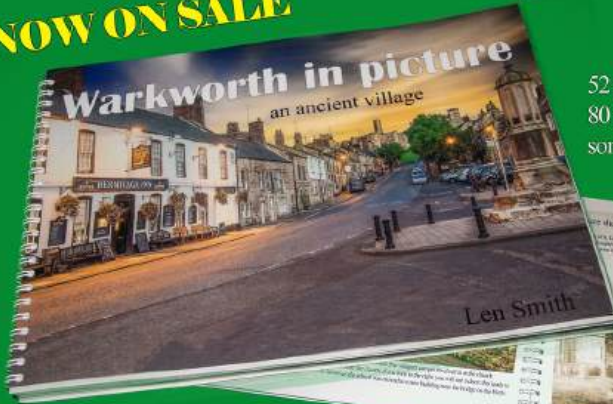
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ACKLINGTON ART GROUP



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.

This month's painting is a watercolour by Pauline McGarry.

The unveiling of the memorial to RAF Acklington at HMP Northumberland on Saturday 10th May.



The unveiling was performed by Kenneth Bannerman of the Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust, Linda Hammond of HMP Northumberland whose father was an airman at RAF Acklington and one of the very last to leave when it closed, Sharin Ingleby of Acklington Parish Council and Gavin Eaton of HMP Northumberland who liaised with the parish council on the placement of the memorial at the prison.

This was a joint project between the Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust and Acklington Parish Council.



Thank You..

Joyce Tweedy would like to thank everyone who took the time and trouble to wish her a Happy Birthday when she recently celebrated her 90th birthday. She has been overwhelmed with Good wishes, cards, flowers, presents and generally everyone's kindness. It has been hugely appreciated.

Thank you to everyone xxxx

The Portable Theatre Company

This summer, The Portable Theatre Company transports you back to mid c17 England, a time of considerable change, not only for the country as a whole but for its theatres. After the constraints of Puritanism, the reign of Charles II brought in new freedoms. Female playwrights such as Aphra Behn emerged and, most significantly, women 'trod the boards' for the first time.

This is the background to 'Playhouse Creatures' which our Company is performing on **July 4th and 5th in The Memorial Hall, Warkworth at 7.30 p.m.**

Based on fact, the play, by April de Angelis, explores the lives of those first actresses who included the King's mistress, Nell Gwyn. The women were very much at the mercy of titled and wealthy men who saw them as easy prey - an attractive asset for a while but quickly expendable. Like many female actors today, they relied on their youth and looks to ensure continued employment, so their livelihood was precarious. If there are shocking and moving incidents in the play, there are also many comic moments as the women both compete for success and support one another in difficult times.

The Portable Theatre Company would be delighted if you were to share this moment in history and attend their performance. Tickets remain unchanged in price at £10.00 and may be ordered online at ptcalnwick@gmail.com. or bought directly from The Village Post Office. The event will be cash only.

The email address can also be used if you wish to become a Friend of the Society for a further £10.00. Membership entitles you to a free programme and drink. All profits from the bar are donated to our chosen charity. Please reference your payment for Friends Memberships with FR and your name.

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The Warkworth Craft Group



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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.

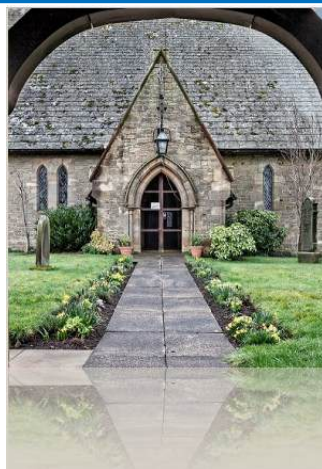
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Extracts of the minutes of the Warkworth Parish Council meeting held 8th May 2025

May 2025 Elections

Councillors Ann Burke, Pauline Fairbairn, Rod Galilee, Karen Moss, Graeme Popay and Sian Smith were returned as Parish Councillors on 1 May. Councillors Burke and Galilee were elected Chair and Vice Chair respectively at the annual meeting on 8 May. Four vacancies remain and these will be co-opted to in due course. If you are interested in becoming a parish councillor and being involved in community affairs, get in touch with the Clerk in the first instance on the contact details shown below.

Special thanks have been paid to Jeff Watson and Andy Broekhuizen for their years of service to the Parish Council. Jeff had been a member for over 25 years and had served as both Chair and Vice Chair. Andy had been a member for 4 years and had been Chair and Vice Chair of the Finance Committee.

Warkworth Floodgates

A representative from the Environment Agency attended the May meeting to talk to residents about a Community Flood Plan following recent communications with residents. Residents from The Butts were present. Volunteers were being sought to work alongside the Environment Agency as flood wardens. Flood wardens played a key part in the community's ability to handle and recover from floods and were vital to the resilience of the community. If you are interested in becoming a flood warden, contact the Environment Agency or the Clerk to the Parish Council.

Warkworth in Bloom

The Parish Council received the annual report from Warkworth in Bloom. They have recruited more volunteers this year and have continued their policy of planting more perennials. The work they do is very much appreciated by the PC and by residents and visitors alike.

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 5 June 2025 at 6.30 pm

Thursday 3 July 2025 at 6.30 pm.

Meetings of the Parish Council are open to everyone.

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

Friday 20th June, 2025

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

Tom McConville and Andy Watt



The Folk Song Society of Greater Boston described Tom as ‘A great musician with a lovely flowing style, beautiful tone and faultless technique, regarded by many as one of the finest fiddle players in the British Isles’. He’s also a fine singer with a great line of patter and a knack of teaming up with some of the finest musicians around.

We’re delighted to welcome him back with Andy, a guitarist and mandolin player who graduated from Newcastle’s Folk & Traditional Music degree in 2012 and has been in demand as a performer and teacher ever since. The pair of them spark off each other to give a great night’s entertainment of music, song and a bit of banter. Don’t miss this one.

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 . Alternatively telephone Peter Burnham on 01665 711388.

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 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

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Saturday 4pm

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Tuesday 11.30am

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Wednesday 9.30am

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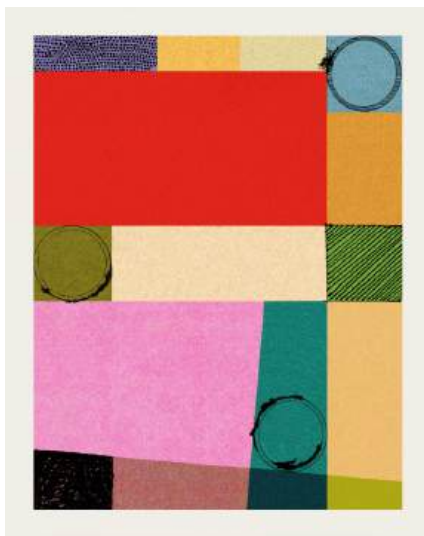
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Acklington Community Team Events

Friday 13 June, 7.30pm, Acklington Village Hall

Teddy King Big Band

Thursday 3 July, Food Van @ the Hall

Copper Ricebox, 5-8pm

Thursday 10 July, 7.30pm, Acklington Village Hall

Classical Guitar with Giulio Tampalini & Daniele Fabio

Thursday 28 August, Food Van @ the Hall

Tiger Grill, 5-8pm

Saturday 18 October, 7pm, Acklington Village Hall

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June

- 3rd 7.30pm Warkworth Memorial Hall: WI- British Divers Marine Life Rescue
- 7th 10.00am Costello Centre Alnwick: Ukraine Coffee Morning (p.26)
- 9th 2.00pm Warkworth Memorial Hall: Music & Song Afternoon
- 13th 11.00am Acklington Village Hall: Coffee and Chat
- 13th 7.30pm Acklington Village Hall: Teddy King Big Band
- 19th 12.30pm Hermitage Inn: Luncheon Club- Stephen Wylie, SHAK
- 20th 7.30pm Warkworth Memorial Hall: Tom McConville and Andy Watt in concert
- 20th 10.00am Felton: Feltonbury Festival (p.20)
- 21st 10.00am Shepherds Law Hermitage: Open Day

July

- 3rd 5.00pm Acklington Village Hall: Food Van @ the Hall- *Copper Ricebox*
- 4th 7.30pm Warkworth Memorial Hall: The Portable Theatre Company (p.34)
- 5th 11.00am St. Lawrences Church: Summer Fair (p.24)
- 5th 7.30pm Warkworth Memorial Hall: The Portable Theatre Company– Playhouse Creatures (p.34)
- 10th 7.30pm Acklington Village Hall: Classical Guitar with Giulio Tampalini & Daniele Fabio
- 12th 3.30pm St. John The Divine, Acklington: Open Doors (p.36)
- 12th 7.00pm Warkworth Memorial Hall: Film Club- *A Real Pain* (p.21)
- 26th 12.00pm Acklington Village Hall: Summer Fair (p.12)

August

- 16th 10.00am Warkworth Castle & Grounds: Warkworth Show
- 23rd 10.00am Druridge Bay Country Park: Red Row Vintage Rally
- 24th 10.00am Druridge Bay Country Park: Red Row Vintage Rally
- 28th 5.00pm Acklington Village Hall: Food Van @ the Hall- *Tiger Grill*

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