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The Pelican

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ACKLINGTON, GUYZANCE & WARKWORTH

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Roe deer in the beach road cemetery by Sue Tong

Reverend Helen writes:

This month I'd like to give a shout out to all who look after our churchyards and cemeteries across the benefice. If you haven't visited them recently I would thoroughly recommend a walk around any or all of them. Each has it's own charm, and they are places of great peace and tranquillity as well as sacred space where loved ones memories are cherished.

Each of our three churches have invested time and resources to improve the natural environment, enabling grasses and flowers to seed in certain areas and planting to encourage pollinators as well as maintaining attractive borders. With the help of people within the wider community as well as the church we have restored benches and pathways so that the far corners of these natural spaces can be enjoyed by all.

Acklington's churchyard has beautiful wide open views on the south side. Do take a walk around to the back of the church. There you will find a rare example of an iron headstone to the memory Rachel wife of the blacksmith Ralph Potts. Thanks to those who manage the borders and strim around the headstones.

Shilbottle has a Green Team who have, over the course of the last few years, cleared and planted the area to the northwest of the church which suffered from storm damage making it an area for quiet reflection. They have also engaged the school and wider community in a number of special planting events which has led to a significant increase in the number of plant species identified. The churchyard runs into the civic cemetery, which is where burials currently take place.

Warkworth has a team who manage the beautiful churchyard borders and Green Matters work with the parish and county councils to manage the cutting of the grass to encourage greater plant diversity. The current cemetery is on the north side of Beach Road at the brow of the hill, and thanks to the efforts of a number of individuals, alongside the support of the parish council, this is a really beautiful space to visit. There is a bench at the southwest corner of the old cemetery which looks out over the whole village. Deer are often to be found grazing amongst the graves - unfortunately they have a particular fondness for the heads of cut roses!

My thanks to our parish councils and volunteers for their support and for all who are able to care for their family graves.

From the Registers

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

Our prayers are with the family and friends of Alan Darling and all those recently bereaved, 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 email: aswvicarage@gmail.com or telephone: 01665 712002

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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.

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

HERMITAGE LUNCHEON CLUB

at the HERMITAGE INN, WARKWORTH
every Third Thursday of the Month at 12.30pm
The Speaker for our next meetings is:

15th May MARC JOHNSON – COMMUNITY ACTION
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For more information contact Clive Purdy
cpurdyuk@yahoo.co.uk / 075 0220 2726



Warkworth Singers



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Refreshments provided!

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Warkworth W.I. Meetings

President Marion Jones 01665 714177

mandbjones@btinternet.com

Secretary Judith Hebron

warkworthwi.secretary@gmail.com



May 6th Annual Business Meeting with a pooled supper.

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

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



St. Lawrence Church Warkworth

100 Club April Draw

1st Prize: No. 183, Barry Row

2nd Prize: No. 49, Bryan Dobson

3rd Prize: No. 130, Helen O'Sullivan

4th Prize: No. 191 Christine Shield

If you have any queries, please contact Dave Lees

leesdavid53@gmail.com

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH, WARKWORTH



FELLOWSHIP COMMUNION SERVICE (WITH HYMNS)

THURSDAY 1ST MAY, 12 NOON

Followed by a light lunch

While this service is aimed at those who find our regular services difficult to attend for a variety of reasons, they do enjoy sharing the service and the fellowship afterwards with others. All are welcome to come along.

Accessible transport can be arranged for those with mobility issues.



Fellowship Meal



Warkworth Memorial Hall



The 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:

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12/25

Warkworth Art Group Diary

Warkworth Art group members enjoyed an "away day" on March 27th when we visited the exhibition of Scottish Colourists at The Dovecote Studio in Edinburgh. An early train journey meant the group had time to treat themselves with a full Scottish breakfast / brunch at the Scottish Café near the National Gallery first. Thus fortified we arrived at the exhibition venue where we met our tour guide who escorted us around telling us about the background of each painting on show and its artist. Booking a guide was well worthwhile as we not only saw lots of bold and colourful paintings, but also learned about the lives of the artists and how they were inspired and influenced by the emergence of the French impressionists across the channel.

The following week in the Memorial Hall we welcomed a return visit of the Meta4 Dance Group in the person of Charlie Dunne. Previously Charlie had modelled for us holding static positions while we sketched. This time we were challenged to capture his movements and dance routines in action, which we found extremely challenging but great fun! We had to work at speed and without pause, to capture the impression of movement. Interesting to see the results and how individuals dealt with this! Thanks again to Meta4 Dance Group for giving us the opportunity to work with them.

We held our AGM on the last day of Spring term, the 10th April. Those retiring from the Committee were thanked for all their hard work and a new committee was established. Our Summer term will commence on May 8th at 2pm in the Memorial Hall.

Have a Happy Easter everyone and get creative with your dyed eggs and Easter decorations!



The painting of the month is Kite over Farnes by Keith Park

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

Warkworth in Bloom

As a result of the recent lovely sunshine the village has been awash with beautiful spring flowers and blossom during April.

The Bloomers have been cutting back and tidying in the Millennium Garden, as well as tackling the never-ending weeds pushing up in the daffodil beds. We have had a good turnout so far this season, but we welcome anyone else who can spare just one hour a week to help.

Next month we will start planting out

summer bedding in various locations. Our main supplier this year will be HMP Northumberland and we are grateful for their support.



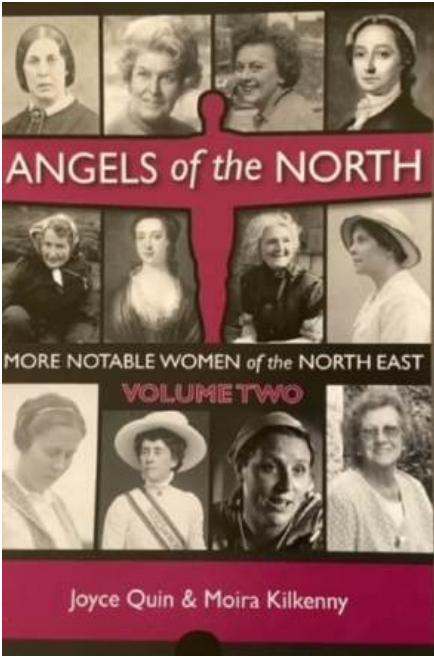
Contact jackie.galilee@gmail.com or leave your details in The Greenhouse.

Jackie Galilee

Warkworth History Society

Our next speakers are local authors and Warkworth residents, Joyce Quin and Margaret Kilkenny who will be talking about their latest book, Angels of the North volume 2.

The talk is on Monday 12th May at the Warkworth Memorial Hall 7:30 pm (following the Society's AGM).



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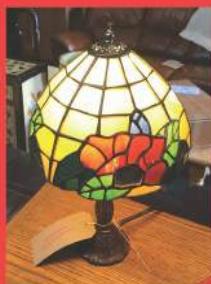


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*Can be dropped off at the Vicarage
or left labelled in church.*

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! Thanks you!

Rev Helen



‘Spring is in the air’ by Len Smith



Rotary update April 2025

Spring commenced with a beautiful display of purple (and white) crocuses along the riverside verge of Rotary Way between Warkworth and Amble. The wild daffodils planted on the other side of the road are also providing another dazzling display this month, as are the daffodils also planted along the track outside Warkworth cricket club. These displays are the result of several years of hard work by local Rotarians planting thousands of bulbs along the road verge.

Rotarians and their guests recently enjoyed a fun social event involving an escape room challenge in Morpeth! Members were divided



into teams who then attempted one of the three challenges on offer, The Matter of the Hatter, The Stolen Magic and Murder on the Morpeth Express. These games involved a number of mental challenges to unlock boxes and doors with the ultimate aim of escaping the game and beating the 60-minute deadline.

Whilst no team managed to escape and beat the clock; one team did manage to complete the game albeit missing the deadline by only three minutes. The evening was rounded off with an excellent Indian meal at the Manzil restaurant.

We also welcomed Warkworth resident Graeme Popay who gave an after dinner talk on the Alnmouth Sea Scouts.



More recently, Dr Paul Morrison gave us a talk about the history of Coquet Island and his own involvement over many years in protecting the unique bird life that visit this island.

In addition to the above events Amble and Warkworth Rotary members also volunteered to assist at the Shorridge Hall open gardens event on Saturday the 5th of April. The event is part of the National Gardens Scheme with raised money going to local charities in the Northeast.

Looking ahead, planned events include a pub games evening on the 15th April, as well as a talk about the Kielder Observatory later at the end of that month.

Rotary teams will also be competing in the Warkworth Cricket club quiz competition on the 18th April.

On the 13th May (7-9pm) local Rotarians will be hosting a public meeting at the Coquet yacht club about Coquet River Action group and the Harbour Commission plans to apply for Bathing water status at the Little Shore in Amble.

The 15th May will see another social event with a planned tour of St James Park.

In between these events the club will also be looking to induct a number of new members/corporate organisations who are currently in the process of joining us.

The RAW Charity Golf Day will be held at Alnmouth Golf Club (Foxton Hall) on Thursday 25th September 2025. Amble and Warkworth Rotary club are still looking for entries of teams of 4 (,Gents, Ladies, or mixed teams). Thanks to the generosity of Alnmouth Golf Club, the entry is only £155 per team (also includes tea/coffee and a bacon roll). For further information contact Phil Derry philderry@hotmail.com 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.

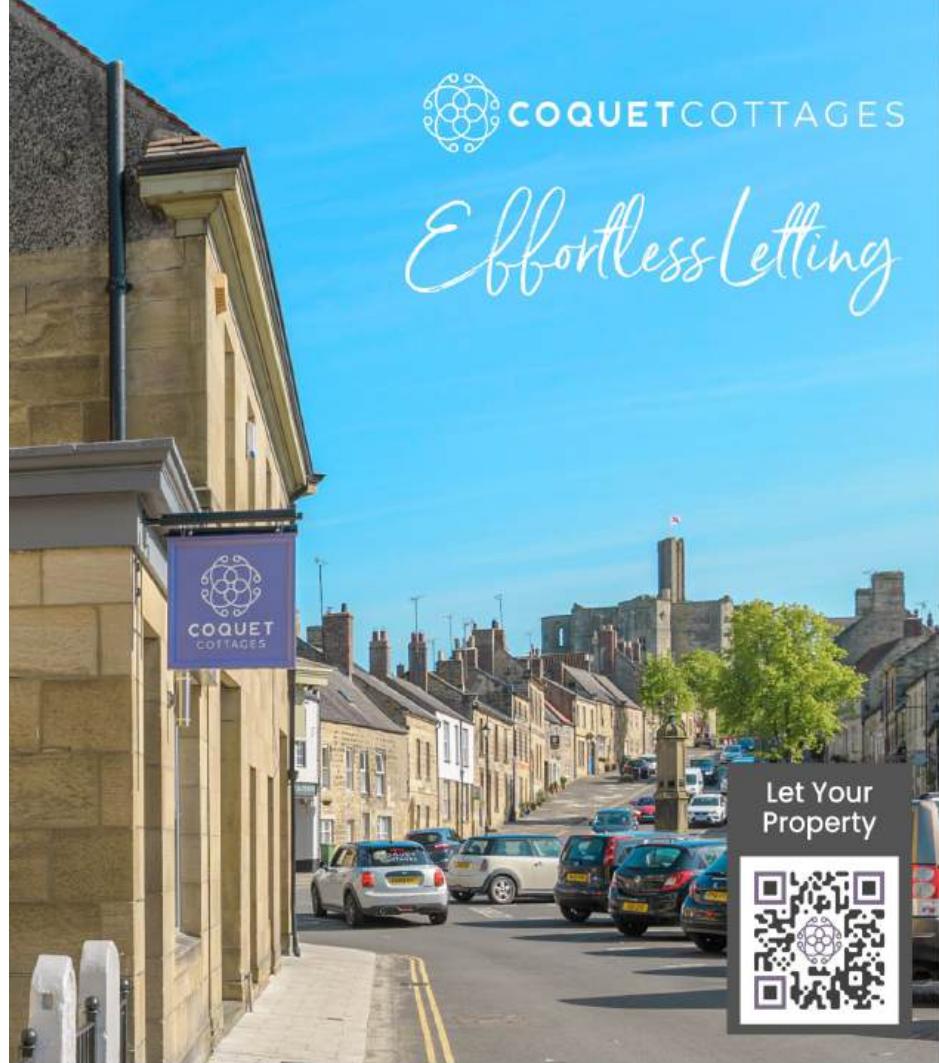
We are also looking to increase and promote corporate membership of the club, so if you have a business and are looking at ways to increase your community impact, please feel free to contact us to discuss further.





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Warkworth Then and Now



St Lawrence's Church in around 1820 by an unknown photographer (this was about three years after the invention of the camera) and today 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.

Be a GROWER, not a mower.

Many of you would have seen the Butterfly Conservation on the BBC1 news a few weeks ago. They were launching their '**Grow not Mow**' campaign, raising awareness of the plight of our insect populations. Butterflies and moths are sensitive indicators of the health of our environment. Sadly, 2024 saw the worst year on record for butterflies, and a **Butterfly Emergency** was declared. Over half of our species are in long-term decline.



How you can help – research has shown that leaving your garden to grow wild with long grass increases butterfly numbers by up to 93%. They need long grass to complete their full life cycles. If you don't mow from April to September, you are providing them with a perfect environment to flourish. Anyone with a garden they don't use much, or a patch than can be left alone, will be helping not only butterflies and moths, but a whole host of other insects.

Rise to the challenge - '**Grow, not mow.**'

THE GREEN PAGES

Coquet River Action Group Update

CRAG Little Shore Group has been formed to deliver a community driven campaign, working alongside the Harbour Commission and aimed at gaining '**Bathing Water Status**' (BWS) for Amble Little Shore. BWS has its origins in the EU Bathing Water Directive first introduced in 1976. Warkworth and Amble Links beaches are both already designated BWS. The Little Shore would ensure this popular bathing place, affected by the river and the sea, would join them .

BWS is one of the best ways to protect a river, ensuring regular testing, investigation of pollution incidents and a plan to improve water quality. Part of our campaign is talking to the



community and encouraging the completion of a questionnaire looking at how often the beach is visited and used. The questionnaire will be available on line from the 13th May at coqueriveractiongroup.org , also in paper copy around Town. We will be at the Puffin Festival on Saturday the 24th of May and we will be holding meetings during the bathing season.

Our regular Citizen Science Testing is continuing in both Warkworth and Amble for the next year. New sites will be covered and new tests including Bacterial enterococci are included. If you would like to join us either with the testing or with the campaign or just by joining the group and finding out what we are doing please contact wariversgroup@gmail.com.

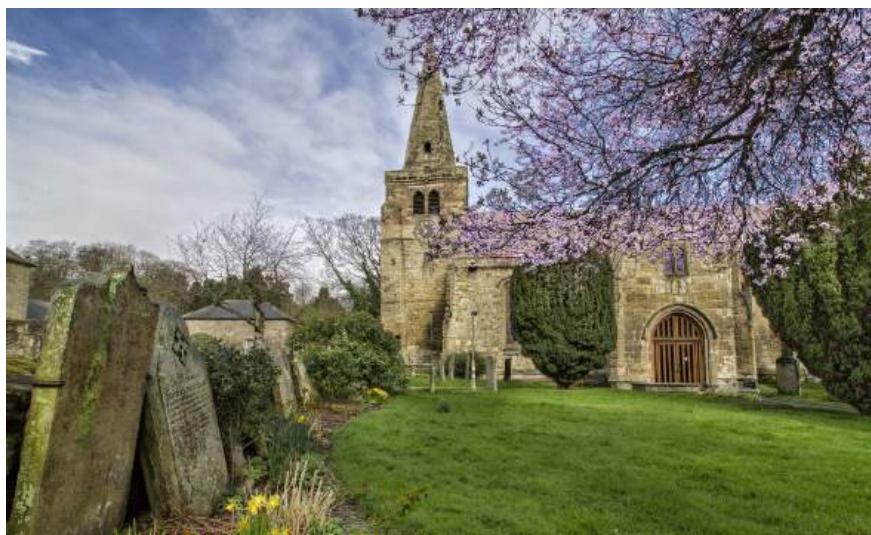
OUT & ABOUT



Blood Moon over MV Borealis outside Amble, By Trevor Robertson



Renovation works at the Stanners pumping station are completed



'If time could talk' by Len Smith

OUT & ABOUT



Clive's ready for summer!
David Orange



Grumpy kestrel by David Rowat



Castle and blossom by Jane Foley

Art Exhibition

Howick Village Hall

NE66 3LE

Early May Bank Holiday
Weekend



Sat - Sun - Mon
10:00am - 5:00pm

Refreshments

Local artists

Original artwork, prints & cards

Howick Art Group



howickartgroupnorthumberland.com

Acklington Community Team

Events

For all ticketed events, tickets are available from

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/acklington-community-team>



Saturday 10th May - **Spring Fair**, 10am - 1pm

Saturday 31st May - **1920's Murder Mystery**, 7pm Adults £5, Children £1

Friday 13th June - **Teddy King Big Band**, 7.30pm Adults £10, Children £1

Thursday 10th July - **Giulio Tampalini & Daniele Fabio** - Classical Guitarists, 7.30pm Adults £15, Children £5

Saturday 18th October - **Northern Soul Night with The Odels**
Adults £10

Food Vans (more TBC!)

On our food van evenings, we have the Guyzance Room at the back of the hall open, and drinks available to purchase

Thursday 29th May - Food Van - **The Greekster**, 5pm - 8pm

Thursday 3rd July - Food Van - **Copper Ricebox**, 5pm - 8pm

Thursday 28th August - **Tiger Grill**, 5pm - 8pm

Thursday 25th September - **HabibiCome Arabian Street Food**, 5pm-8pm



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WARKWORTH FILM CLUB

Saturday May 3rd –The Edge of the World and Return to the Edge of the World

We like to bring you a wide range of films and this month's movie is a British classic. There will be a short introductory talk before the film and a brief interval before the shorter second film is shown.

The Edge of the World is a 1937 British film directed by Michael Powell, loosely based on the evacuation of the Scottish archipelago of St Kilda. It was Powell's first major project. The film tells the poignant story of the depopulation of one of the isolated outer islands of Scotland as, one by one, the younger generation leaves for the greater opportunities offered by the mainland, making it harder to follow the old ways of life there. Powell gathered together a cast and crew who were willing to take part in an expedition to what was a very isolated part of the UK. They had to build their own accommodation and stay there for several months; finishing up with a film which not only tells a compelling story, but also captures the raw natural beauty of the location. (Cert U, 1h 12 minutes)

Return to the Edge of the World (1978) is a 22 minute BBC documentary in which Michael Powell and some of the surviving cast and crew return to Foula to re-visit the island where they made the film that changed their lives.

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').

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.

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



Remembering RAF Acklington



At the beginning of the Second World War, RAF Acklington was the most important fighter station in north-east England. It started life in 1938 as a training base for RAF aircrew, but after the outbreak of hostilities it was hastily converted to a fighter station and given the role of protecting the skies over Newcastle and the surrounding area.

Acklington's Spitfires and Hurricanes were soon in action against German bombers as many of the earliest air raids of the war took place over this part of Britain. Due to the importance of this region, with its major ports and industries, it continued to attract the attention of enemy bombers long after the Battle of Britain had been won.

By late 1940, most of the attacks took place after dark and so RAF Acklington hosted night fighter squadrons. Unlike many military airfields it did not close when hostilities ceased; it reverted to its original role as a training facility with a brief spell as a Fighter Command base in the late 1950s until its closure a decade later.

Today, of course, there is little sign that there once was an airfield at Acklington. The runways have been ripped up and HMP Northumberland now stands on the site of the old military air base. However, we should never forget the pivotal role that RAF Acklington played in the Second World War so I was delighted to learn that, on **Sat 10th May**, a member of the Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust will be unveiling a 1.2m high solid granite monument as a memorial to RAF Acklington. The memorial will be on the roundabout as you enter the prison grounds and will be unveiled at **2.00pm**. Everyone is welcome so do please come along if you possibly can.

John Davison



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RAF ACKLINGTON

A memorial to RAF Acklington will be unveiled on Saturday 10th May at 2pm at HMP Northumberland. The memorial site is publicly accessible.

Refreshments will be available afterwards from the prison farm shop which is located near the visitor car park.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust & Acklington Parish Council

Chameleon Buddies Thank you

On behalf of Gill Castle and the Chameleon Buddies charity, this is a heartfelt 'Thankyou' to everyone who supported our fundraising lunch at St Lawrence's Church on Thursday 19th March. We are so grateful to everyone who contributed in any way from cooking to serving lunches, to washing up, coming to the event, and for your very generous donations. A total of £525 was raised and every penny will go to support people in the Alnwick area, and in Kenya, who are adapting to life with a stoma or following birth trauma injuries.



WARKWORTH RELAXATION HOUR

Due to low attendances at these Friday morning sessions, we are taking a break for at least the next couple of months.

Thanks to everyone who has supported the group.

Pru Heathcote (pruheatcote@hotmail.com)



Welcome the Dawn by Len Smith

Amble Food Bank Says Thank you !

We are so fortunate to have such a generous and giving community.



We cannot thank everyone here, but we try to acknowledge most of you on our Facebook page. Recently we have received generous donations from Alexa's Canine Trust, Amble Women's Institute, Bookers, Butler Ember Charity, Farm Shop at HMP Northumberland, Harbour Lights Church, Heatherdale Care Home, Iceland Morpeth, Rigg and Furrow, Mad Jam Woman and Warkworth Parish Council.

Thank you also Amble Morrison's for organising our regular pick-up bags and to Tesco Express and Hadston Co-op for their food bins.

If you prefer to buy your own items, rather than a Morrisons pickup bag, then you can do so and leave them in our cage by the tills. Alternatively, there are food donation bins near the front doors at the Hadston Co-op and Tesco Express in Amble.

If you are wondering what to donate, tinned baked beans, custard, rice pudding, soup, meat, fish are much appreciated. In date and non-perishable goods only please. We cannot accept items containing alcohol.

Thank you for your support, without it we simply would not exist and be able to help those in our community in severe need!

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How to Contact Us

You can get a referral through the CAB or contact Northumberland communities together on 01670 620015, 9-5pm.

E-mail: amblefb@gmail.com

WARKWORTH UKRAINE SUPPORT GROUP

Lent Lunches

During Lent St Lawrence Church kindly allowed various charities to host a lunch in the church in order to raise funds for their work. These lunches were simple and nutritious consisting of home-made soups with bread rolls followed by tea or coffee.

The Warkworth Ukraine support group were able to host the final one on 10th April which was very well attended. Viktoriia Rekun, one of our Ukrainian guests (you may have seen her on BBC Look North) came during her lunch hour from work in Alnwick to sing to the participants

We were delighted with the donations and other contributions which raised £500 to support the Ukraine Aid Express which sends medical and essential supplies to the front line in Ukraine.

Our thanks go to the Warkworth team and other volunteers who provided the soups and bread rolls; to St Lawrence Church for the wonderful venue and to Viktoriia for adding value to the event.

Looking forward, we continue to support our guests staying with us, particularly during these uncertain times, working with other support groups across Northumberland and with NCC and NCOS .

If you would like more information, please be in touch.

John Hobrough



Spring Is Sprung And So Are The Stinging Nettles!



As the myriad of plants are springing back into life around the village so are some of the less welcome blooms with '*stinging nettles*' being one of the least popular.

The stinging nettle, *Urtica dioica*, earns its name from its capacity to deliver an irritating sting by way of tiny hairs on their leaves and stems. These stinging cells, called Trichomes, have developed

hollow hairs made of silica which break on contact resulting in a jagged edge which sticks into the skin of the hapless victim. This in turn allows the release of a cocktail of irritants which include formic acid, histamine, acetylcholine and serotonin. Although the levels of these irritants is low, it is thought that the compounds in combination are very virulent.



A popular belief is that rubbing affected areas with a Dock Leaf (*Rumex obtusifolius*) is an effective remedy due to its neutralising alkaline action. However, the sap of dock leaves is also acidic so this is not a likely scenario. It may be that Dock Leaves have a cooling and soothing effect or contain a natural anti-histamine but there is no evidence that this is the case.

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Warkworth History Society April

This month we welcomed Liz Finch, National Trust volunteer, to speak on 'The Rise and Fall and Rise Again of Seaton Delaval Hall'.

She explained that the Delavals originated from Normandy. They were gifted their land by William the Conqueror, a reward for their support at the Battle of Hastings. They made money from coal mining and salt panning, but exporting goods was difficult as boats could not navigate the river until Sir Ralph Delaval built a sluice system creating sufficient depth for boats coming up from the Tyne.

Sir Ralph became richer and married Diana Booth in 1677.

When Ralph died, his cousin, Sir John Delaval took over but was less successful, and when Diana remarried the money went with her. Another wealthy cousin, Admiral George Delaval, came to the rescue and employed Sir John Vanbrugh to rebuild the hall in 1718. Admiral George moved in, but died after falling from his horse in 1723 before building was complete. It now passed to Sir Francis Blake Delaval, an actor, soldier and MP. He married Rhoda Apreece, a wealthy heiress, and they had 12 children. At this point Seaton Delaval Hall was extended!

These children were known as the gay Delavals, famous for their wild parties. The eldest son, also Sir Francis, inherited in 1753. He was a womaniser, drunkard, gambler and a spendthrift. The family valuables had to be locked away for safety. The second son, John, was a good businessman and ran the Hall himself. In 1749, aged 21, Sir Francis married Isabella Powlett, a wealthy 54 year old widow. He outlived her and she died in poverty.

The Delavals held lavish parties and loved to play tricks on their guests. One was the 'upside down room', thought to have been achieved by the clever use of mirrors.

Sir Francis died in 1771 and Lord John Hussey Delaval became the legitimate owner. His daughter, Sarah Hussey Delaval, with something of a reputation, was the original 'Brazen Hussey'! Lord John's younger brother Robert built a 'cut' to the North Sea, increasing trade massively. John's only son, Jack, died of TB aged 19 and was the last of the Delavals.

In 1822 fire destroyed the central block. Sir Jacob Astley, its then owner, employed architect John Dobson to rebuild most of the original building. The Astleys lived there until 2007. The National Trust took ownership in 2009 and have since been involved in extensive repairs and conservation work to Hall and gardens.

Warkworth Memorial Hall



There is no Hall arranged music concert in May, but we have a welcome return of Tom McConville (fiddle) and Andy Watt (guitar and mandolin) on the 20th June. This promises to be an entertaining evening of song, music and friendly banter. The hall has been privately booked for a Chris Wood concert on the 10th May. You'll find detail of this and our future concerts on the Hall's website - wwmh.uk .

The “2nd Monday of the month” afternoon music and song session will not be taking place in May. The next one is scheduled for 2pm on the 9th June. We'll then make a decision on whether or not these are to run over the summer months.

Not really a Hall matter, but I'd like to make folks aware of a new website for Warkworth environmental groups/activities. It's available at warkworthgreen.uk .

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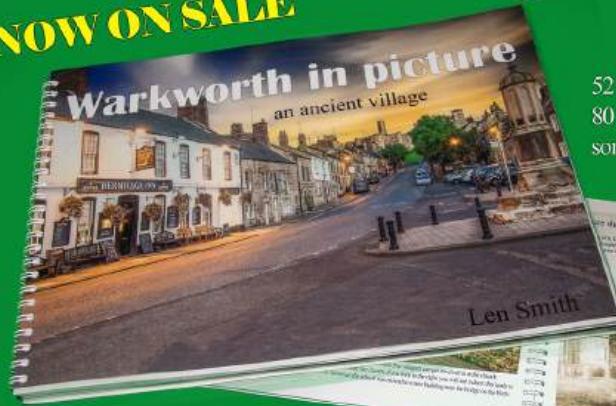


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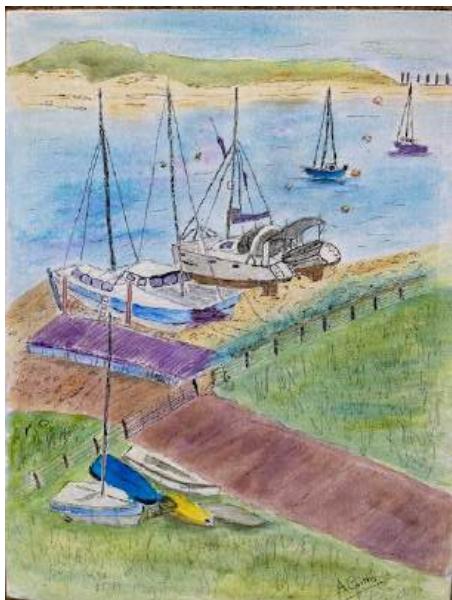


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ACKLINGTON ART GROUP

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 'Amble Yacht Club' in mixed media by Anne Cairns.



THE WARKWORTH SHOW MARKET STALL 2025

Our annual Market Stall will be held on Saturday 24th May on the Market Cross in Dial Place, Warkworth

10.00 am – 12 noon

There will be a selection of plants, cakes, scones, preserves etc. sold in support of The Warkworth Show

This event would simply not exist without your generous donations, for which we are sincerely grateful. So once again we kindly ask if you have any unwanted plants (whatever size) that you bring them to the stall around 9.00 am that morning.

If you are unable to bring produce along yourself, Chris Howliston has kindly volunteered to collect it on Friday 23rd May. He can be contacted, before that date, on 07794 896960 to arrange.

We would also love to have any baked goods or preserves, in particular cakes or traybakes. If you are able to help by making any of those, please bring them along to the stall around 9.00 am.

ANOTHER DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The Warkworth Show itself will be held on Saturday 16th August in the grounds of the Castle. This year's show promises some new classes for the schedule along with new entertainment and activities on the day. Look out for ongoing, further details on our website

www.warkworthshow.co.uk

SHOW VOLUNTEERS

We are always looking for new volunteers!

Opportunities exist, both inside and outside the tents - helping to set up the Show, admissions, selling raffle tickets and Stewarding – If you are interested in any way, or would like more information please contact

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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 in April 2025

Parish Meeting

The parish meeting took place on Thursday 20 March 2025 at 6.00 pm. It was attended by almost 50 people and 17 local and community groups gave a report on their activities, including Rotary, the Cricket Club, St Lawrence's Church, the Ukraine Support Group, Green Matters, the History Society, the Film Club, and many others. It was great to see so many active members of the community and the breadth of activities which were on offer and everyone felt it was a very positive event.

Warkworth Floodgates

Representatives from the Environment Agency will be in attendance at the May meeting to talk to residents about a Community Flood Plan following a recent meeting with residents. The Environment Agency would like the Parish Council to be involved in this.

Work on The Stanners

Northumbrian Water have now completed their works on The Stanners and the County Council have done the road resurfacing which means the area looks nice and tidy for the forthcoming summer.

Elections 1 May 2025

Local Parish and County Council elections take place on 1 May. The Parish Council was uncontested and Ann Burke, Pauline Fairbairn, Rod Galilee, Karen Moss, Graeme Popay and Sian Smith were elected for the 2025-2029 term. This leaves some vacancies which will be co-opted to in due course. The annual meeting takes place on 8 May 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>

Next Meeting of the Parish Council

Thursday 8 May 2025 at 6.30 pm (annual meeting)

Meetings of the Parish Council are open to everyone.

Any correspondence to Warkworth Parish Council should be directed to:

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We have organisations connected to the Cancer journey to inform and discuss how they can help those affected.

Bernicia will be attending on the 30th April.

NHS Physiotherapy Rehabilitation Service will be attending on the 28th of May. There will be practical demonstration of techniques applicable to this journey.

We have been able to answer and find solutions to questions, including treatment side effects, for those people who come along to the drop in.

If you have been affected by cancer why not drop in for a cuppa, a snack and a casual chat with others in a similar situation.

Acklington St John the Divine and Warkworth St Lawrence

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3-5th 10-5.00pm Howick Village Hall: Art Exhibition
4th 4-5.30pm St. Lawrence's Church: Messy Church
6th 7.30pm Warkworth Memorial Hall: WI Annual Business Meeting
7th 2pm St Lawrence's Church: Warkworth Singers
9th 11am-12 Acklington Village Hall: Coffee and Chat
10th 10-1.00pm Acklington Village Hall: A.C.T. May Fair
10th 2.00pm HMP Northumberland: Acklington Airfield Memorial (p. 27)
10th 7.30pm Warkworth Memorial Hall: Chris Wood, writer & musician
12th 7.30pm Warkworth Memorial Hall: History Society (see p. 11)
13th 7-9.00pm Coquet Yacht Club: Coquet River Action Group meeting
14th 2.30-7pm Warkworth Memorial Hall: Northumberland Coast Drop-In
15th 12.30pm Hermitage Inn: Luncheon Club (see p. 5)
17th 10-11.30 St. Lawrence's Church: Christian Aid Coffee Morning
17th 7.00pm Warkworth Cricket Club Music with 'Don't Call Me Dave'
24th 10.00am Dial Place: Warkworth Show fund raising Market Stall
24th 10.00am Acklington Village Hall: Coffee and cake for St. Johns
28th 2.00pm Trinity Methodist Church Hall: Cancer Drop-in group (p.42)
29th 5-8.00pm Acklington Village Hall: A.C.T. 'The Greekster' Food Van
31st 7.00pm Acklington Village Hall: 1920's Murder Mystery

June

- 3rd 7.30pm Warkworth Memorial Hall: WI British Divers Marine Life Rescue
9th 2.00pm Warkworth Memorial Hall: Music & Song Afternoon
13th 11am-12 Acklington Village Hall: Coffee and Chat
13th 7.30pm Acklington Village Hall: Teddy King Big Band
20th 7.30pm Warkworth Memorial Hall: Tom McConville and Andy Watt in concert
20th 10-10pm Felton: Feltonbury Festival



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