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# *The FELICAN*

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*Alistair Douglas and wife Tayla get ready to run 62 miles for Tiny Lives (see p. 7)*

**Revd Helen writes;**

I know I am not alone in being convinced (if I didn't know better) that time is speeding up as we find ourselves approaching the year's end and enter into the season of Remembrance once again.

Perhaps the most precious duty the church undertakes is our care of the dying, our funeral ministry, and our ministry to the bereaved; particularly in the hallowing of the memory of those who have died in our All Souls commemorations.

You don't have to have had a church or religious service for a loved one to have them remembered at the service for All Souls. We also have a Book of Remembrance in each of our churches and anyone can have a name entered there whether or not a funeral took place locally.

You will find details of our All Souls services inside this month's magazine and please do let me know if you would like a name added to our Memorial Books.

As the established church the Church of England is also honoured to lead the nation in remembering those who have given their lives in the service of this country in the Armed Forces on Remembrance Sunday (9th).

Please see notices in the church porches for further information.

*Bring us, O Lord God, at our last awakening into the house and gate of Heaven, to enter into that gate and dwell in that house, where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling, but one equal light; no noise nor silence, but one equal music; no fears or hopes, but one equal possession; no ends or beginnings, but one equal eternity, in the habitations of thy glory and dominion, world without end.*

John Donne 1572 - 1631

## **From the Registers**

We give thanks for 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 Eileen Murray, Graham Cock and Joan Davison 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.

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

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

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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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## OUT & ABOUT



Dipper on the Coquet near the Hermitage. Photo Jon Bowen



Merveille du Jour moth,. The moth's flight season is September - October with the larvae / caterpillar feeding on Oak. Photo by Jon Bowen

## Support for Ukraine

Whilst there has been much focus, and rightly so, on the peace deal in Gaza, there has been reduced coverage on the war in Ukraine and the toll this is having on our guests . However over the last few weeks in partnership with NCOS there have been meetings with local MPs chiefly to stress the importance of the Visa extension which will allow our guests to remain here for a further 24 months as the bombardments on Ukrainian cities continue. Discussion has also been held around the recognition of qualifications held by our guests so that they might be able to contribute more fully to particular areas of employment where their skills could be important.

We continue to support "Ukraine aid" which takes necessary supplies to the front line on a regular basis. The next fund raising event will be on Saturday 6th December 10-12 at the Costello Centre in Alnwick ( 10a Bailiffgate) with Hot Drinks Refreshments, tombola, raffle and music and singing by Viktoria Rekm.

Please come and support . There will be a warm welcome and good friendship, much needed at the moment since recent activities by some people in our country are making life more difficult for our guests.

John Hobrough

## Raising Money for Tiny Lives

On 4th October Alistair Douglas ran a total of 100k (62miles) . This was the distance he travelled back and forth from home to James Cook Hospital to be able to see his daughter who had been born prematurely. So far he has raised over £2700 from his run.

Tayla had Maya 9 weeks early so she was only 3lbs. This meant she was so small that she couldn't breathe without a ventilator. After a few days she then moved to a CPAP machine, which prevented her airway from collapsing. She was born at the RVI and got blue lighted to James Cook Neonatal Unit where she spent 5 days and eventually got to Cramlington for 3 weeks before making it home just in time for Christmas Day.



Tiny Lives support and champions premature and sick newborn babies and their families, at the Newcastle Neonatal Service and across the North East and North Cumbria

Having a sick or premature newborn baby can be the most difficult of times. For some, it may start before or during pregnancy, and for others it may continue long after discharge.

Tiny Lives offer practical and emotional support to families helping to make the neonatal experience a little easier and more comfortable for babies and their families, both while on the neonatal unit and when home.

Tiny Lives has supported thousands of babies and their families. Each year, the charity supports over 800 babies and their families from the Newcastle Neonatal Service alone.



**Find out more or donate by searching 'Just Giving 100k Ultra Marathon for Tiny Lives' or scan the QR code on the right.**



Alistair and his wife Tayla completing his 62 mile run down Castle Street and with their daughter Maya today.

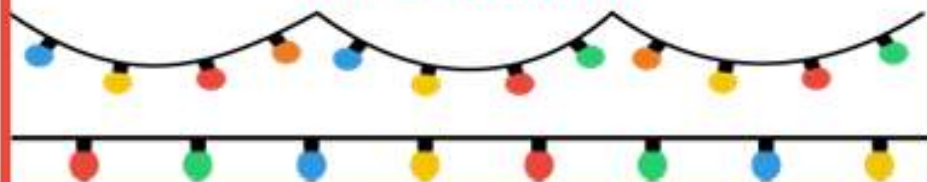


# *Warkworth Parish Council*



**Christmas Light Switch On  
Saturday 22nd November  
@ 4pm**

*Following Children of  
Warkworth School singing in  
the Church.*





## **Extracts of the minutes of the Warkworth Parish Council meeting held on 2 October 2025**

### **Parish Council Vacancies.**

There are still some vacancies on the Parish Council and the PC are very keen to have these filled. If you are interested in becoming a parish councillor and serving your community, please contact the Clerk in the first instance. Anyone who is interested is expected to attend a couple of meetings to see what the role involves.

### **2026-27 Local Transport Plan Programme**

The Parish Council have submitted three LTP requests to NCC - investigation of priority change at Beal Bank junction in favour of the major road; investigation of speed reduction measures on the Morwick Road, Guilden Road and Station Road approaches to the village and investigation of a pedestrian crossing point on Bridge Street or Castle Street.

### **Warkworth Long Stay Car Park**

The Parish Council are to cost out three options for managing large vehicle access to the car park before making a decision. These are management by NCC to enforce no overnight use by large vehicles; management by a private company and restricting access through height barriers and/or width restricting measures.

### **Community Governance Review**

The County Council have commenced consultation with all parishes on a community governance review. This is to ensure that the governance arrangements for Parish Councils are working as efficiently and effectively as they should be. A review can consider whether parish arrangements should be changed in any way, including creating a new parish, separating an existing parish, merging parishes, altering boundaries, abolishing parishes, and other changes.

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 6 November 2025 at 6.30 pm

Thursday 4 December 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, Northumberland NE63 8TQ.

Email: [warkworthparish@gmail.com](mailto:warkworthparish@gmail.com). Tel 07841 650640



## HERMITAGE LUNCHEON CLUB

**Sadly, the Warkworth & District Probus Club disbanded at its AGM on 16.10.25. They formed the body of the Hermitage Luncheon Club and consequently monthly formal meetings will cease.**

For further information please contact  
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12/25

## Since golden October declined into sombre November

Certain groups of words stick in your mind when you come across them and this line of poetry by T.S. Eliot, in his play *Murder in the Cathedral*, hit me when I first came across it as an extraordinarily powerful, yet also beautiful, description of this time of year.

It is with me now, despite October being, so far, right up to its golden name, for a much more personal reason. Very ruefully, Rosemary and I are leaving Warkworth in November and going to Leeds, to be closer to our family. For the past twenty-four and a half years, life for us here has been wonderfully fortunate and happy. There have been some setbacks but looking back these have been minor discomforts in comparison to the blessings that have surrounded us. Laughter has far outweighed unhappiness.

We have lived in Warkworth for the whole of my retirement, longer than we have lived anywhere else. Like forces personnel, priests tend to be pushed around a bit, so one of the truly good things of the last years has been having time and leisure to come to know people around us really well and make many new friendships.

We want to say thank you to all in this community and let me add the parishes of Acklington and Shilbottle. We need to say how deeply grateful we are to all who have been so kind and helpful as age has caught up with us and we have had to give up driving and become more dependent. Without you we could not have managed.

Our actual departure date is not yet fixed, but it will probably be in the second half of November. To swap Warkworth for Leeds does not sound like a good deal, even for the suburb of Adel, which is right on the edge of the city, opening on to fine country. But it is more than good to have a son and daughter-in-law who want us closer. We are also most grateful to them.

Our email remains the same: [benjamin.hopkinson@gmail.com](mailto:benjamin.hopkinson@gmail.com) and my mobile is 017500689674.

Thank you all for making Warkworth so lovely.

***Rosemary & Ben Hopkinson.***

## Warkworth Art Group Diary



The Painting of the Month is “Hello Hen” in Watercolours, by  
Nickie McDonald.

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)

## Warkworth W.I. Meetings

**President Marion Jones** 01665 714177

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**Secretary Judith Hebron**

[warkworthwi.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:warkworthwi.secretary@gmail.com)



**November 4<sup>th</sup> Crisps, dips and more!** Karen Parks, Buston Potatoes. Competition A jar of chutney.

**November 22<sup>nd</sup> Christmas coffee morning 10 – 12.** Refreshments, cakes and crafts!

**December 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas party time, with buffet and Christmas games!** Competition A Christmas tree ornament

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

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## The Dog Walking / Sensory Garden Proposal - What's Happening?

According to the Northumberland County Council planning portal the proposal is Awaiting Decision (as of the date of going to press 16.10.25). There have been 31 neighbour objections, an objection from the Parish Council and an objection from the local Councillor; there have also been four comments of support, all of which were from people residing outside the area.

The 'Chair Referral Report' has been lodged and updated. The purpose of this report is to inform the Director of Planning and others in authority of the details of the proposal and help them to decide if the application should be determined by committee. The original report delegated making the decision on this process to council officers, while the updated report states the decision of those council officers:

Comment of the Chair (Planning) Martin Swinbank:

*No comment - I've a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in the Warkworth application as two of my customers are close neighbours (and have objected).*

Comment of the Vice Chair (North Planning Committee) Gordon Castle

*My view is committee for the Warkworth application given the subjective nature of the comments already.*

Decision of the Director of Planning (North Planning Committee) Rob Murfin

*Still strikes me as an unusual proposal. Not to say it is unacceptable, just that it may be useful for Committee to handle.*

The North Northumberland Local Area Planning Committee has held only one meeting so far this year on February 20<sup>th</sup>, prior to the Council elections; every month since, the meetings have been cancelled. The next Scheduled Committee meeting is on 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

This committee has 13 members including Councillor Pauline Davidson who is the new Councillor for Amble West with Warkworth. Councillor Davidson has submitted a detailed letter of objection to this proposal.

You can follow this proposal on the planning portal:

<https://publicaccess.northumberland.gov.uk/online-applications>

Or scan this QR code to the right:

Then use the Search Box to search for **25/00958/FUL**







The minor road running alongside the field in question has recently had the serious potholes and surface erosion repaired.



Under the proposal, the field's biodiversity will be improved by planting with clover. This is the lower part of the field with existing clover which will be replaced by a carpark.



## Rotary update October 2025

### Amble and Warkworth Rotary

The month of September and early October continues to see a mixture of social and community-based work by local Rotarians.

On Saturday 13th September RAW members were in action again supporting the Macmillan Mighty Hike (Alnwick to Bambrough). The RAW team assisted Alnwick Rotary with running a refreshment 'pit stop' near Alnmouth. It proved demanding work for those who volunteered, but very satisfying to learn that the event itself raised 1.6 million pounds for the charity.



Tuesday 16th September saw Rotarians from the north of the district 'flexing' their intellectual muscles at The Hermitage Inn in an inter club quiz competition. RAW



were last year's winners and so hosted this year's event. The group doing the most 'flexing' on the night were Rotary Berwick, pictured lifting the coveted trophy. Our congratulations to them and our thanks to all those who supported the event, and to The Hermitage for laying on a super buffet supper. Our

thanks must also go to our Quiz Master, long serving Rotarian, Alan Jones.

The after- dinner speaker on the evening of the 23<sup>rd</sup> was Mark Phillips, the head of Barndale House School in Amble who gave the audience an insight into the challenges of running a unique local special education school.

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September was RAW's Biennial Charity Golf Competition held at Alnmouth Golf Club Foxton Hall. The weather was perfect with blue skies, and light winds. The competition went without a hitch. Winning team was True Potential captained by Mr Trevor Dunne. In second place was a local Warkworth team, the Bunker Busters captained by Joan Barrett.



On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October RAW welcomed local MP David Smith, who gave an entertaining talk on 'the day in the life of an MP'. David talked about the early influences on his life and how he had drawn from the values of his parents and grandparents. These, coupled with his studies and work in the charity and voluntary sectors had drawn him into the world of politics. David gave the audience a personal insight into his experiences of life as a newly elected MP as well as some of the challenges of representing the constituency of North Northumberland.



Looking ahead, Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October will see Rotarians out planting more daffodils along Rotary Way, as well as a visit to RAF Boulmer on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

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 continue to look 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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*by Dave Stockwin*

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*(and those left behind)*

*by Paul Mein*

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**Warkworth**

**Memorial Hall**

**6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> November**

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## 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 6

This month's bird of the month is **the little white egret**



**Text and drawing by Becky McMurray**

8 facts about the little white egret:

Adults 55-65 cm in length with a wingspan up to 106cm

In breeding season develop long wispy plumes on the nape, chest and back

Wetland habitats- lakes, rivers, marshes, coastal lagoons

Food- Fish, amphibians, insects, crustaceans, small reptiles- use their feet to stir/ disturb the water.

Nest- platform of sticks in trees, shrubs, reedbeds.

Life span- 22 years

In 19<sup>th</sup> century their long plumes were used as hat decorations- hunting created population decline.

Fly in flocks, territorial over feeding sites, graceful and wade slowly or stand motionless.



St Lawrence, Warkworth

# Christmas Fair

Saturday

22nd November

11.00am - 3.00 pm

## STALLS INCLUDE:

- LIVE FESTIVE MUSIC
- FESTIVE REFRESHMENTS
- MULLED WINE
- RAFFLES
- HANDBAG STALL
- BOOK STALL
- TOMBOLAS
- CHRISTMAS GIFTS



**St. Lawrence Church, Warkworth**

# **100+ Club**

## **September Draw**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize £50: No. 63 James Cox**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £30: No. 195 Bryan Dobson**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £15: No. 104 Anita Blackburn**

**4<sup>th</sup> Prize £10: No. 214 Ian Gray**

If you have any queries, please contact Dave Lees  
leesdavid53@gmail.com

**St. Lawrence Church, Warkworth**

# **100+ Club**

## **October Draw**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize £50: No. 21 Helen Franklin**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £30: No. 134 Richard Brearley**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £15: No. 215 George McDougal**

**4<sup>th</sup> Prize £10: No. 182 Jilly Shield**

If you have any queries, please contact Dave Lees  
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# WARKWORTH FILM CLUB

Thankyou to everyone who came to our October film, and especially Warkworth British Food Fortnight team. We all had a great evening.

## **Saturday November 1<sup>st</sup> – Hunt for the Wilderpeople**

The Hunt for the Wilderpeople is a comedy drama set in New Zealand and features a really entertaining combination of satire, adventure, and friendship in the face of adversity (and there's a lot of adversity). Starring Sam Neill, this endearing tale unites a solid cast, a talented filmmaker, and a poignant, funny, deeply affecting message. (2016, certificate PG, 1h 41').

There will be no film in December this year and we look forward to welcoming you back in January for....

## **Saturday January 10<sup>th</sup> – Harold and Maude**

Harold is a young man obsessed by death; he stages elaborate fake suicides, attends funerals (usually for people that he does not know), and drives a hearse, much to the despair of his wealthy socialite mother. Harold meets 79-year-old Maude, while at a random stranger's funeral, and discovers that they share a hobby. Harold is entranced by Maude's quirky outlook on life, which is bright and delightfully carefree. Maude and Harold become friends and she teaches him how to make the most of his time on earth. This film will charm your socks off. Starring Ruth Gordon and Bud Cort. (1971, certificate 12, 1h 28').

## **Our 2026 film dates are:**

Saturdays 10 January, 7 February, 7 March, 4 April, 2 May, 6 June, 11 July, 5 September, 3 October, and 7 November.

No need to book - just turn up. Doors and cash bar from 7pm. Film starts at 7.30pm.

£5 per person – we are cash only at the moment

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)



# WE ARE BACK!

Warkworth Drama Group are back and putting on  
**TWO ONE ACT COMEDIES**



## **LUVVIES - Lynne Brittney**

It's a movie-themed Quiz Night for the Luvvies. Debbie has allergies, Roger's wife is menopausal, Mike is in a bad mood and Patsy forgot the wine. Oh and Shirley has added a swear box for church funds!

## **WOMBERANG - by Sue Townsend**

Rita Onions breezes into a dull gynaecology clinic, bringing energy, joy and lack of respect. Is it Onions or O'Nions, you decide.

**At:** Warkworth Memorial Hall

**On:** 27th 28th 29th November

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

(licensed bar opens 7:00)

**Tickets:** £10

**Available from:** N&F Young Amble  
and Warkworth Village Store



## Warkworth History Society

### The Cramlington Train Wreckers

Our 2025/26 season opened with a presentation by playwright Ed Waugh about The Cramlington Train Wreckers who derailed a train on 10<sup>th</sup> May 1926.

Ed set the scene by describing the political and cultural influences that led to the 1926 General Strike which was the biggest rupture in society since the English Civil War. In the half century leading up to the First World War Britain's share of World Trade fell significantly, wages dropped by 10% between 1900 and 1910 and food prices rose. By 1914 British capitalism was no longer viable and about 30% of the UK population were living in abject poverty.

As the working class struggled to exist the Trade Union movement grew from about 2 million members in 1906 to 5.5 million in 1926. Political unrest escalated to the level that a General Strike was called in May 1926. Nine days into the strike Cramlington Trade Union Leader Bill Golightly incited members to "Stop everything on wheels". A group of about 40 local miners, following his instructions, removed a rail from the local railway with the intention of stopping a coal train coming down the line. However, the approaching train was an engine pulling some coaches from the Flying Scotsman. The driver failed to stop at the break and the train derailed at the location of the missing rail. Fortunately, nobody was killed and there was only one minor injury. After weeks of solidarity about the identities of the wreckers, Lile Waugh gave up the names of nine wreckers. They were sentenced to up to eight years in Maidstone prison. Due to the distance from home their families needed assistance to make the annual prison visit. Following pressure from the public and the unions their sentences were shortened, and they returned home to hero welcomes.

We ended the evening with a [documentary film](#) made in 1969 interviewing surviving members of the wrecking team. They discussed the motivation for the derailment, the misunderstanding about which train was approaching and the time they served in prison. The local community was fractured for decades as the wreckers and their families lived and worked alongside other activists who had given evidence against them.

Ed's play "[The Cramlington Train Wreckers](#)" will be presented by Wisecrack Productions at the Theatre Royal in Newcastle on Sunday 12 July 2026.



## **Come and make Christmas Wreaths, and/or a willow angel**

**St Lawrence Church**

**Friday 28th November**

**Arrive 9.30 for tea and coffee**

**Start 10.00 with instruction**

**12.00 Soup and Sandwich lunch and fellowship.**

**Finish by 2.00 and take home a wreath for  
your door or/and a willow angel.  
(Depending on willow stock)**



**Cost for the day**

**£ 30.00**

**Profits for**

**St Lawrence Church**

**Please pay with cash.**

**You will need decorative things to  
add to your creations and lights if  
you are making an angel but we  
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**Rev. Christine Shield**









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**Special thanks to Warkworth Cricket Club, Morrisons of Amble and the local businesses who supported through their donations of raffle**

**prizes:**

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***The sun shone and we ate some amazing cake!***



## REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES SUNDAY 9th NOVEMBER

### Remembrance Eucharist:

St Lawrence, Warkworth 9am

St James, Shilbottle 10am

### Act of Remembrance:

Warkworth War Memorial, Dial Place 10am

St John the Divine, Acklington 11am

Newton on the Moor 12noon

Guyzance Memorial 12 noon

Shilbottle War Memorial 2pm



WE WILL  
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## St Lawrence Warkworth Christmas Fair - 22nd November



**NEEDED:** Books, bric-a-brac, jigsaws, handbags in good condition, bottles (wine/beer, soft drinks).

*Can be dropped off at the Vicarage or left  
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**VOLUNTEERS:** needed for stalls you can sign up for an hour or more.

**The Fair always makes an important contribution to Church Funds. All help and donations are really appreciated.**

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## THE WARKWORTH SHOW

The Warkworth Show hereby gives notice that the AGM will  
be held in The Memorial Hall on

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 7.30 pm**

This is an open meeting, and all are welcome

Liz McMillan

Honorary Secretary – The Warkworth Show

**ACKLINGTON  
POP-UP  
CAFE**

Friday  
**14th November**  
11<sup>am</sup> - 12<sup>noon</sup>  
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## Recycling for Charity 2025 – New Arrangements

Thank you again to all the Pelican readers who have previously donated to Recycling for Charity.

From September 1<sup>st</sup>, the Lions in Alnwick have kindly agreed to accept donations of stamps and coins to deliver to St Oswald's Hospice, as well as spectacles and printer cartridges for the Lions' charitable work.

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## **The Warkworth Craft Group**



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

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

Any queries contact Marion [mandbjones@btinternet.com](mailto:mandbjones@btinternet.com) or phone 01665714177.

In aid of St John the Divine, Acklington  
**SATURDAY 15th NOVEMBER**  
**11am-1pm**

# AUTUMN *Fair*

**Acklington Village Hall**

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<b>2nd</b>	<b>£10</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>Helen Franklin</b>
<b>3rd</b>	<b>£5</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>Kevin Wilson</b>

**SEPTEMBER**

<b>1st</b>	<b>£25</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>Patti Wilson</b>
<b>2nd</b>	<b>£10</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>Pauline Probyn</b>
<b>3rd</b>	<b>£5</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>Acklington Church</b>

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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 Blue Mood in acrylic by Fattan Parvini

Contact Anne Cairns  
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## ***'Lasagne' Spring Bulb Planting Workshop***

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**£25 per person - Limited ticket availability**

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A gift for yourself or an early Christmas present for a friend or family member.

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**A time of remembering**

## **ALL SOULS**

**The names of those we carry on our hearts are read aloud and candles are lit in a traditional service of prayers and hymns.**

**Names of those to be remembered can be added to the lists at the back of each church.**

**Saturday 1st November**

**St Lawrence Warkworth - 4pm**

**Sunday 2nd November**

**St John the Divine  
Acklington - 11am**

**St James Shilbottle - 3pm**

**St Michael's Alnwick - 5pm**

## **Warkworth Christmas Tree Festival**



**St Lawrence  
Saturday 22nd  
November -  
Friday 2nd  
January**

**CHURCH OPEN  
DAILY**

**Come and see trees decorated by local  
businesses and community groups.**

## Warkworth Memorial Hall



Our AGM took place on the 8<sup>th</sup> October at which I stepped down as Chairman and was delighted that Deborah Beaumont was willing to take on the role. Deborah joined the Committee last year and has been working on Hallmark 1 accreditation, which has recently been achieved. This is a quality assurance scheme for village halls indicating they are being properly run. As well as providing some self-satisfaction it provides a discount on future Hall insurance costs. Some of you will have seen Deborah helping at the Film Club and I'm sure you'll see more of her in the coming years. My thanks to all for your support for the Hall and a special thanks for all Committee members during my time as Chairman. I'm not leaving, just taking more of a back-seat.

A reminder that the music and song afternoons have ceased, at least for the time being. In contrast, the music concerts are regularly selling out. Our last two concerts of the year are on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November (Tweed River Jazz Band) and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December (Werca's Folk and Voice Male choirs). Events for next year are taking shape and will be announced in the December Pelican. Concert information is available on the Hall's website ( [wwmh.uk](http://wwmh.uk) ) and tickets should be reserved with me for payment on the door - Peter Burnham  
Email: [peter.burnham@gmail.com](mailto:peter.burnham@gmail.com) Tel: 01665 711388

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](mailto:warkworthwmh@gmail.com) or contact Yvonne Stoddart on 07803 204436.

**For other Hall matters:** contact Deborah Beaumont

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## Acklington History Slot



*On the banks of  
the Coquet a  
lone bugler plays  
in memory of the  
Guyzance 10*

## Tragedy on the River Coquet (Part 2)

Last month, readers may recall I wrote about ten young men who very tragically lost their lives when attempting a risky river crossing. In this, November's edition of the Pelican I will list the names of the 'Guyzance 10' and share some additional information about one of them.

### *The dead from The Duke of Wellington's Regiment were:*

**Lance-Corporal Mark Fredlieb**

a chemist from Castleford

**Private Norman Ashton**

an amusement park attendant from Sheffield



### *The dead from The Durham Light Infantry were:*

**Private Percy G Clements**

a shipyard slinger from West Hartlepool

**Private Edwin King**

an apprentice pulp maker from Todmorden

**Private Kenneth Lee**

a butcher from Bradford

**Private Alexander Leighton**

a window cleaner from Annfield Plain

**Private Maurice Peddely**

a clay differ from Evenwood

**Private John William Wilson**

a warehouseman from Newcastle

**Private Ronald Winteringham**

an apprentice butcher from York

**Private Harold Yates**

a shop assistant from Ferryhill





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**Ronald Herbert Winteringham** was born in 1927 in York. The first son to Sarah Jane Watson, aged 24, and Herbert Winteringham, aged 25. His younger brother, Raymond, was born two years later in 1929.

Ronald acquired the nickname 'Bud' in his teenage years. He was an apprentice butcher in York before joining the Durham Light Infantry. Sadly, at the age of only eighteen, his life was tragically cut short on that fateful winter's day on 17th January 1945..... but, like the other nine members of the Guyzance 10, his memory will forever live on.

The photograph on the right shows the grave of Ronald Herbert Winteringham. It is situated in a York cemetery and was taken by his nephew Graham (Raymond's son).

Graham and his partner Terrie travelled from York to our parish earlier this year to visit the spot where the tragedy happened. Graham was so moved by the experience it inspired him to write some poetic words which, with his permission, I have included. Both he and Terrie are planning to return again on Remembrance Sunday to lay a wreath at the memorial in memory of Graham's 'Uncle Bud' and the rest of the Guyzance 10.



#### **A Place of Peace by Graham Winteringham**

By a quiet bend of the river Coquet,  
where woodland whispers cradle the breeze,  
a memorial stands, not in defiance of tragedy  
but in harmony with it.  
Ten young men's lives were lost here,  
yet the place remains profoundly beautiful.  
Nature has not forgotten....  
it has embraced their memory.

The rustle of leaves, the shimmer of water,  
the hush of the trees,  
all seem to carry the weight of remembrance.  
It is a place of peace, not sorrow.  
A place where grief softens into reflections,  
and the sacrifice is honoured in the stillness of the land.



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# WINTER MARKET

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## **Forage Winter Market @ Rigg & Furrow** **Saturday 8th - Sunday 9th November 2025 (12pm - 6pm)**

The Forage Market is back - and it's bringing two days of festive fun, creativity, and Christmas cheer to the End Hemmel barn at Rigg & Furrow, Acklington, on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th November.

Get ready to shop small, shop local, and shop thoughtfully as more than 50 independent makers and designers from across the North East come together under one roof. Expect everything from handcrafted homeware and unique gifts to seasonal treats and design-led delights - all carefully curated to showcase the best of local talent.

Founded by creative duo Ellie Davison-Archer and Steven Eyles, the Forage Market has quickly grown into one of the region's most loved events. It's a place where makers, creatives, and curious shoppers can connect, celebrate craftsmanship, and enjoy that special festive feeling that only comes from buying direct from the people who made it. And the magic doesn't stop at the market!

Once you've filled your tote bag, stay on the farm to enjoy the Rigg & Furrow taproom, serving artisan-brewed drinks, alongside a tempting line-up of local street food - the perfect way to toast the season.

Entry to the market is just £1 (Under 16's, carers & dogs go FREE!). That includes free parking, free raffle entry, and a good dose of festive goodwill as a percentage of all entry fee profits will be donated to Amble Food Bank. Grab your tickets in advance at [www.foragelifestyle.com](http://www.foragelifestyle.com) or pay on the door upon arrival.

### **Opening Hours:**

Saturday 8th November: 12pm – 6pm (Taproom open 'til 7pm)

Sunday 9th November: 12pm – 6pm (Taproom open 'til 7pm)

Can't make it in November? Don't worry - the Forage Christmas Market returns on the 6th & 7th December with a brand-new line-up of makers and creatives, giving shoppers another chance to discover fresh finds and festive favourites before Christmas.

For market updates, maker spotlights, and sneak peeks, follow @foragelifestyle on Instagram and Forage Lifestyle on Facebook, or visit [www.foragelifestyle.com](http://www.foragelifestyle.com).



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## WHAT'S ON IN 2025

### **November**

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|---------------------|---------|---|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>     | 10.30am | Acklington Village Hall: Coffee Morning (p.35)  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>     | 7.00pm  | Warkworth Memorial Hall: Film Club– Hunt for the Wilderpeople (p.23)                                    |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>     | 4.00pm  | St Lawrence Church: All Souls Service (p.40)  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>     | 4.00pm  | St Lawrence Church: Messy Church (p.5)  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>     | Various | St. John's, St. James, St. Michaels—All Souls (p.40)  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>     | 7.30pm  | Warkworth Memorial Hall: History Society - Dracula: Bram Stoker & his Northumbrian origins. Neil Storey |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>     | 7.30pm  | Warkworth Memorial Hall: W.I. Crisps, Dips & More! (p.13)   |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>     | 7.00pm  | Warkworth Memorial Hall: Far Horizons Voices, Remembrance (p.19)  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>     | 7.00pm  | Warkworth Memorial Hall: Far Horizons Voices, Remembrance (p.19)  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>     | 9.00am  | St Lawrence Church: Remembrance (p.30)  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>     | 10.00am | War Memorial Dial Place: Remembrance (p.30)   |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>     | 10.00am | St James Shilbottle: Remembrance (p.30)   |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>     | 11.00am | St. Johns Acklington: Remembrance (p.30)  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>     | 12.00am | Guyzance Memorial: Remembrance (p.30)   |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>     | 1-3pm   | Acklington Village Hall: Spring Bulb Workshop (p.39)  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup>    | 7.30pm  | Warkworth Memorial Hall: Warkworth Show AGM (p.31)  |
| 14 <sup>th</sup>    | 11am    | Acklington Village Hall: Pop-Up Café (p.32)   |
| 15 <sup>th</sup>    | 7.30pm  | Warkworth Memorial Hall: Tweed River Jazz Band (p.36)   |
| 15 <sup>th</sup>    | 11-1pm  | Acklington Village Hall: Autumn Fair (p.34)   |
| 20 <sup>th</sup>    | 12.30pm | Hermitage Luncheon Club: Local Heroes and Villains  |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup>    | 10-12am | Warkworth Memorial Hall: WI Christmas Coffee Morning (p.27)   |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup>    | 11-3pm  | St Lawrence Church: Christmas Fair (p.21) & Christmas Tree Festival (p.40)                              |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup>    | 4.00pm  | Dial Place: Christmas Lights Switch On (p.8)  |
| 27-29 <sup>th</sup> | 7.30pm  | Warkworth Memorial Hall: Warkworth Drama Grp (p.24)   |
| 28 <sup>th</sup>    | 9.30am  | St Lawrence Church: Wreath Making (p.26)  |

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