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Forget About The World by Anthony Wright (see p.14)

Revd Helen writes;

Our own mortality and death is not something most of us care to talk, or even think, about except perhaps in the abstract. We recognise that it will come one day, but prefer not to think about it too much until we have to.

Revd Canon Colin Gough, one of our 'retired' clergy living in Shilbottle, has shared with us these past weeks his reflections on coming to terms with his own diagnosis of terminal illness. In his ministry, of course, Colin had walked this road with countless others and now he invited us to accompany him in reflecting upon life and death and how we view them. Research shows that thinking and talking about death and dying, our fears, our hopes, can really help. Allowing us, and those who care for us to prepare, and to focus time and effort on the things that matter and make the most difference; to us and those around us. Thinking about what we care about, and why we care about whatever it is, is itself illuminating. We might even find we have been wasting time and effort on things that don't bring us, or anyone else, joy!

For those with faith in life beyond death, these conversations have another dimension, but perhaps surprisingly, not necessarily one that makes them any easier! Despite the Christian Gospel (Gospel = Good News) that God's love overcomes both sin and death, there are plenty of people who still question if they are 'good enough' for God!

Very often when it comes to arranging a funeral with a family, I am told 'we never talked about it' and this can bring a terrible sense of regret or anxiety about doing the 'right' thing. It's never too late to talk about 'it' and it's never too earlier either. If you need help in broaching the subject, don't be afraid to ask.

*Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end,
Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages;
to him be glory and power, through every age and for ever.*

Amen.

From the Registers

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

Our prayers are with all those recently bereaved, amongst them the family and friends of Mary Gair, and we remember those whose years mind falls at this time.

Baptisms and Christenings

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

Weddings

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

Funerals

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

Open Church

Our churches are open daily for individual prayer, please call in. For more information or to discuss anything further please get in touch with Reverend Helen O'Sullivan
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Thursday 5.30pm
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Saturday 4pm
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Acklington

Tuesday 11.30am
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Wednesday 9.30am
Celtic Prayer



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OUT & ABOUT



**Three is not a crowd by
Louise Wood**



**Guilden Road bridge repair
by Glynis Rowat**



**Bobby's View memorial
riverside seat, Glynis Rowat**



**Prelude to Autumn,
contributed**

OUT & ABOUT



The Fairies are back! A brace of new 'fairy doors' has magically appeared around the village and along the riverwalk... It looks like *Stanley* has some new little helpers!

In aid of Acklington, Shilbottle and Warkworth churches

Pre-loved & vintage clothes sale



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Extracts of the minutes of the Warkworth Parish Council meeting held on 4 September 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.

Planning Applications in the Parish

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

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



The Parish Council is not the planning authority and does not determine applications, but it is consulted by NCC on planning applications within the Parish.

NCC Beach Road Car Park

The PC have made representations to NCC regarding the closure of the public toilets over the summer. Unfortunately, it seems that the toilets have had to be closed due to them being used by campervan owners with no on-board facilities to empty their cassettes into. This impacts on the septic tank, resulting in the toilets being closed until the septic tank can be emptied. Not only is this inconvenient for both visitors and locals, it means an increased risk of waste being dumped in the local area.

Warkworth Long Stay Car Park

The Parish Council are to take a fresh look at the future use of this car park following high use throughout the summer by campervans.

Next Meetings of the Parish Council

Thursday 2 October 2025 at 6.30 pm

Thursday 6 November 2025 at 6.30 pm

Meetings of the Parish Council are open to everyone.

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

<https://northumberlandparishes.uk/warkworth>

Any correspondence to Warkworth Parish Council should be directed to:

Karon Hadfield (Clerk) 30 Rothbury Drive, Ashington, NE63 8TQ.

Email: warkworthparish@gmail.com

Telephone: 07841 650640



HERMITAGE LUNCHEON CLUB

at the HERMITAGE INN, WARKWORTH
every Third Thursday of the Month at 12.30pm
The Speakers for our next meeting are:

16th Oct - AGM & Quiz

20th Nov - Michael Gatherar - 'Local Heroes & Villains'

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Repair Café Warkworth – an introduction

25TH October from 10am at Warkworth Memorial Hall

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

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

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

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

ENQUIRIES: warkworthgreenmatters@gmail.com

Warkworth Art Group Diary

A little NOSTALGIA from Warkworth Art Group, 2004.

Sorting out my ART SHELF, I came across a little note book labelled Warkworth ART group , Memorial Hall QUIZ. September 3rd 2004.

Our small group of only 12 members, needed to make funds to purchase equipment and materials. We decided to host a Village Quiz in the Memorial Hall with the Quiz Master FRASER from the Mason's Arms.

The cost was £5 per head, this included the first drink of beer or wine, plus a PLOUGHMAN'S SUPPER..... Salad, cheddar cheese, onions, pickle, pate, peanuts, crisps. chunky crusty bread and butter.

This is a copy of the account.

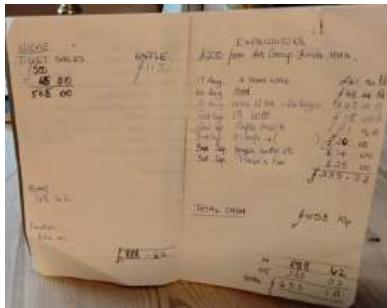
Money in. £888.62

Expenditure. £235.52

Total profit.£653.10

Amazing achievement from 21 years ago. No wonder it was a sell out.

Barbara Cuthbert



This months painting of the month is 'Thelma' an acrylic by Linda Wilcox.

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

Warkworth W.I. Meetings

President Marion Jones 01665 714177

mandbjones@btinternet.com

Secretary Judith Hebron

warkworthwi.secretary@gmail.com



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

November 4th Crisps, dips and more! Karen Parks, Buxton Potatoes. Competition A jar of chutney.

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

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AMBLE PHOTOGRAPHIC GROUP

Amble photographic group members enjoyed success at Warkworth Show this year with members winning several of the categories in the Open Photography section. Star of the Photography section of the



Northumberland Coast, Cochrane Award Winner, by Tony Wright

show was Tony Wright, an Acklington resident and passionate landscape photographer. Tony was awarded the Cochrane Award for best exhibit in photography classes with his landscape image of the Northumberland coast. In addition to him being awarded first place in the landscape section, he also won the Open (cover photo), Movement and Black and White classes.

Tony is very enthusiastic about landscape photography and indeed in 2022 was the winner in the Scottish Landscape Photographer of the Year competition. More of his award-winning work can be viewed on his website <https://www.awphotos.co.uk/> .

Tony however was not the only APG



Then and Now 1st place Black & White. Tony Wright

member to enjoy success, fellow members Richard Booth and Hazel Brunton also achieved success.



Shipwreck on the Sands 1st place Aerial/Drone. Richard Booth

Richard won first place in two classes, Aerial/Drone and Reflections as well as a second place in the Animal class and a third place in Aurora borealis section. Hazel Brunton was awarded second place in the Architecture class.

The Amble Photographic Group is a small friendly club which meets on a Friday mornings from 0930 to 1200 at Trinity Methodist Church Hall in Percy Street, Amble. NE65 0AG. Doors open after 9.30 for 10am start.

The club is open to individuals of all photographic abilities from beginners to expert and is a great way of learning and developing photographic and editing skills with a varied programme and opportunities for field trips.

If you are interested in learning or developing your photographic skills further details can be found on the club website <https://www.amblephotogroup.com/> A warm welcome awaits visitors and new members.



Rotary update September 2025

Amble and Warkworth Rotary

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

On the 16th of August, local Rotarians worked hard running the car parking at the Warkworth show which proved



particularly busy this year, at times coming close to running out of spaces on the allocated field! The show also featured a Rotary stand selling plants and raising charity funds via a 'splat the rat' fairground type game which proved popular.

Rotarians also assisted with the Red Row vintage rally a couple of weeks later. Again the 'splat the rat' game proved to be a popular attraction on the Rotary stand.

On Saturday 30th August RAW members, friends and Rotarians from neighbouring Rotary Groups were welcomed to Shortridge Hall by Rotarians

Mike and Rachael Wyllie who hosted a hog roast event. The gardens were as magnificent as ever, the rain held off and we all had a great afternoon. The food was excellent! Thanks to our hosts for a super afternoon.



Tuesday 2nd September RAW welcomed Tony Lansdale to our meeting. Tony gave an after dinner talk tracing the origins and history of the Border Reiver phenomenon. It was interesting to note that some of the members present also had noted Northumberland reiver surnames!



Tuesday 9th September saw the induction of Amble and Warkworth Rotary clubs newest Corporate Member the Oswin Project at HMP Northumberland. This charity is working with prisoners at HMP Northumberland, as well as ex-offenders who have completed their prison sentences. The charity runs a café and a farm shop selling horticultural, joinery and

bakery products produced in the prison. In addition, the charity also renovates and repairs bicycles. It also has a shop selling second hand renovated cycles. The Reverend Fiona Sample MBE received the Rotary plaque on behalf of the Oswin project from RAW president Trevor Robertson.



For further information on the charity <https://oswinproject.org.uk/>

Finally, the hard work of the Amble and Warkworth Rotary club has been officially recognised via the Rotary 'Club Excellence Award.' The club has achieved all its 24/25 objectives, including increased membership, both individual and Corporate, as well as supporting the local community.

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 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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World War One Remembrance Reflections

The Warkworth-based acting group, *Far Horizon Voices*, will be performing two new pieces to mark Remembrance Day on Thursday 6th

and Friday 7th of November at Warkworth Memorial Hall.

Hauxley Nature Reserve's Poet in Residence Paul Mein's "Voices from the Front" and local playwright Dave Stockwin's "Shot at Dawn" will



form a double bill which will also feature songs from acclaimed folk artist Peter Burnham.

The script-read performances open with "Shot at Dawn" which focuses on the fates of over 300 British soldiers who were executed by firing squad during WW1 having been found guilty of various military offences including cowardice and desertion. Many of these men would now be diagnosed as having been suffering from shell shock or PTSD. The piece is a powerful and moving narrative made up of three linked monologues delivered by a mother, a commanding officer and a soldier, highlighting their roles and feelings about one tragic case.

The second half of the show features Paul's collection of poems and interlinking narratives - "Voices From The Front" - which reflect daily life, from the beauty of an English summer, the days before outbreak of war in 1914, the horrors on the battlefields of Europe and the hardship and despair suffered by families of those killed in action before the Armistice was signed in November 1918 to end a war that claimed an estimated 30 million lives worldwide. There is a strong North East element in Paul's work as he features local lives of people who are required to continue in essential industrial and agricultural work, with women taking on many of the jobs formerly the sole preserve of men.

Tickets for the two shows, which begin at 7.30pm, cost £10.00 and will be available at N&F Young of Amble, Warkworth Post Office and store, fhtickets@yahoo.com or on the door on the night. Doors open at 7pm and a licensed bar will be available.

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 4.

This month's bird of the month is.... and did you spot... the **spotted fly catcher?**

8 facts about the spotted flycatcher

- Migratory- one of the last to arrive in the UK (as late as June)
- Heads back to sub-Saharan Africa from July to early September.
- Diet of flies, bees, moths, butterflies, wasps.
- Perches then darts to catch food before returning to the same perch.
- Population decline (92% between 1967 and 2020).
- Nesting – ledges, climbing plants, on top of outdoor light fittings!
- High pitched and thin song and call.
- Great camouflage- grey-brown and speckled.



Text and drawing by Becky McMurray

THE GREEN PAGES



REPAIR CAFÉ—WARKWORTH. AN INTRODUCTION.

SATURDAY, 10.AM
OCTOBER 25TH,
WARKWORTH MEMORIAL HALL

Come and find out how similar Repair Cafes
are run in our area.

Ask questions, add your ideas, offer your
skills.

Socialise and drink coffee!

Together, we can keep items out of landfill and make a positive
impact on the environment—one repair at a time

Enquiries: warkworthgreenmatters@gmail.com



Warkworth Green Matters were active at the Warkworth Show again this year with both a stall in the Marquee and also in keeping the show site tidy. A big **Thank You** to all our volunteers!



The Saturday Morning Coffee Club at Topsy Turveys, photo Catherine Atkinson

St. Lawrence Church, Warkworth 100+ Club

August Draw

1st Prize £50: No. 160 Simon Weightman

2nd Prize £30: No. 123 Barry Row

3rd Prize £15: No. 19 Helen Franklin

4th Prize £10: No. 172 Lyn Hart-Dowlen

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

WARKWORTH FILM CLUB

Saturday October 4th – Big Night (with British Food Fortnight tasting plates)

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

The love interest for Primo (Allison Janney) and Secundo (Isabella Rosselini and Minnie Driver) root the film firmly in the love of friendship, food and celebration.

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

Saturday November 1st – Hunt for the Wilderpeople

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

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



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

Programme 2025-2026

Memorial Hall Castle Street, Warkworth. 7.30p.m start

Monday 6th October 2025

The Cramlington Train Wreckers: Ed Waugh Playwright.

Monday 3rd November 2025

Dracula, Bram Stoker, his Northumbrian origins and inspirations: Neil Storey, Author and Historian.

Monday 1st December 2025

Turkey, Sprouts and Mince Pies: How British is a Christmas Dinner? Sue Brown History Society Member.

Monday 5th January 2026

Constance Leathart: A Life in the Clouds: Sarah Littlefear, Northumberland Archives.

Monday 2nd February 2026

The Amble Branch Railway: Bart Rippon, Author.

Monday 2nd March 2026

The Northumberland Fusiliers and WW1: Mark Stafford and David Smith from the Fusiliers Museum of Northumberland.

Monday 13th April 2026

The Fenwick's of Fenwick's Department Store: Eleanor George.

Monday 11th May 2026

AGM followed by Investigations at the Deserted Medieval Settlement of Linbrig: David Jones, Coquetdale Community Archaeology.



Dry conditions not helping farmers.....

County Councillor's Report

The last couple of months have flown by—perhaps because I've been involved in so many things! Let's take a look at what's been happening around our ward.

Access to GP Appointments

Many residents have raised concerns about difficulties in getting a GP appointment. I've spoken with the body responsible for GP services, and they've assured me that as the population increases due to new housing developments, the number of GPs will also increase to meet demand.

Morwick Ice Cream Farm – Cow Safety Concerns

Our much-loved Morwick Ice Cream Farm has raised safety concerns for their cows, who cross the road daily to be milked. Highways are now preparing to install road markings and (hopefully) suitable warning signs to help protect both animals, the farm hands and car drivers.

Planning Applications

1. Proposed Biomass-Fired Paper Pulp Dryer

Local farmers and I were very concerned about this application, particularly regarding its environmental and traffic implications. We submitted formal objections, and I'm pleased to report that the application has been refused.

This is a great result for our community and local environment.

2. Proposed Dog Walking Park & Sensory Garden

Residents reached out to me about this application. I walked the area, spoke with dog walkers and locals, and found widespread opposition. Like many of you, I've submitted an objection, and the application is still under review.

While the idea of a dog walking park is good in principle, this location is simply not suitable.

Roadworks and Resurfacing

Several of our roads have been resurfaced recently—thank you to Highways for this much-needed work. However, the lack of communication about the roadworks has caused significant issues which I will be raising at a future meeting to ensure better planning and communication going forward.

Warkworth Long-Stay Car Park

Following public health and safety complaints from residents, I've held meetings with Highways and relevant officers. There's still work to be done, but progress is being made. Warkworth Parish Council is expected to make a decision on a proposed resolution soon, and I remain hopeful that we'll find a positive outcome.

Exciting News!

We're holding our very first Councillor Surgery on Saturday, 8th November, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Acklington Village Hall. Everyone is welcome! This is your opportunity to come along, share any concerns, ask questions, or simply have a chat with us about local issues. We look forward to meeting you and hearing what matters most to you.

As always, thank you for your continued support and engagement. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have concerns or ideas for our community.

You can contact me on pauline.davidson@northumberland.gov.uk



Sunday 28th September at 3.30pm

Harvest High Tea

St Lawrence, Warkworth

Saturday 4th October at 10am

Harvest Café Church

Shilbottle Community Hall

Sunday 5th October at 11am

Harvest Service

**St John the Divine, Acklington
at 12noon**

Harvest Lunch Acklington Village Hall

Saturday 11th October at 3pm

Harvest Afternoon Tea

Shilbottle Community Hall

Sunday 12th October at 3pm

Harvest Service

Newton-on-the-Moor, Jubilee Hall





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Acklington Parish Council Update

Key Projects Update

New bus stop - The new permanent bus stop at Coal Houses Farm is on the County Council's list of scheduled works and expected to be completed soon.

New bins - Councillors have surveyed bin locations and identified areas for new bins and bins to be upgraded. These should be particularly helpful for disposing of dog waste.

Road safety - County Councillor Pauline Davidson has secured agreement from Highways for traffic calming 'cushions' on the road between Inglenook and the start of the national speed limit section of the B6345 at the east end of the village. This is a welcome development following a recent traffic survey highlighting excessive speeding in the area.

Parish Public Footpaths

Volunteers led by Councillor Sean Malone continue to improve and maintain footpaths throughout the parish. Two popular footpaths in Guyzance have been added to the mowing schedule. An Acklington resident recently asked if benches could be placed on footpaths as somewhere to rest would be welcomed.

Councillors have agreed this is a good idea and are identifying suitable locations.

Acklington Play Area

A new set of toddler swings is planned, external funding is being sought to assist with the purchase. Sadly, a decision has been made to remove the zip wire. It has been very popular but there have been ongoing safety concerns when damage has been caused by misuse. This will make way for new play equipment, replacement suggestions are welcomed.

Coffee Morning

The parish council will be hosting a coffee morning on Saturday 1st November 10.30 - 12.30 at the village hall. ACT have kindly agreed to assist with refreshments plus County Councillor Pauline Davidson will attend and local neighbourhood police officers will also be popping in. All residents are welcome to come and have a chat and see displays showing parish council activities and a demonstration of equipment used by our footpaths volunteers in the village hall garden.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of Acklington Parish Council is on 4th November at 7pm at Acklington Village Hall with a 15 minute public speaking session at the beginning of the meeting.

If you would like to contact us outside of a meeting please contact the clerk Barry Flux acklingtonpc@gmail.com or the chair Sharin Ingleby chair.acklingtonpc@gmail.com

Warkworth Memorial Hall

Our AGM will take place at 7pm on Wednesday the 8th October. Anyone from the local area is welcome to attend. The meeting will review annual reports from the Chairman and from the Treasurer. It also appoints the Committee for the coming year and is an opportunity for anyone to nominate new Committee members or make proposals for consideration by the Committee. The core Committee is based on representatives from various user groups detailed by the Hall's management guidance (The Scheme). A proposal to simplify updating user group representation will be considered prior to formal submission to the Charity Commission. Further details of the meeting will be made available on the Hall's website and on the Hall's notice board.

While they started strongly, decreasing attendance of the music and song afternoons mean they have now come to an end - at least for the time being.

Next concert is on the 17th October featuring a string quartet with Bradley Creswick, Iona Brown, Mike Gerrard and Gabriel Waite. Tickets are selling well and this is expected to be another sell-out event. See separate poster.

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

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

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Recycling for Charity 2025 – New Arrangements

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

From September 1st, 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.

So the main change will be that there will be no more house collection from donors in Warkworth. But any donations that are given to the Lions will still go to the same causes.



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The Warkworth Craft Group



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

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

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

The Warkworth Show 2025

As Chair of The Warkworth Show I would like to thank everyone that was involved in this year's Show. The combination of talents, ideas, energy and enthusiasm made the 153rd Show a resounding success. It has been a real privilege for me to be part of that effort and tradition.

One person in particular, Ginny Beswick, has worked alongside the committees to digitise the schedule and entry system over the last three years. This has taken an enormous amount of effort and has brought the administration of the show into the 21st Century, for which we are so grateful.

I think there was something at the Show for everyone, with some new features in the programme alongside the traditional. The dog show is enduringly popular, but the music and dancing were particularly enjoyed.

The classic cars were really well organised and supported this year provoking great interest.

Entries in the exhibition were up overall, with some healthy competition evident. The enlarged trader's area this year seemed continuously busy, as were the food vendors, resulting in a great atmosphere.

Many visitors remarked upon what a great day out it was, and we have received some really positive feedback since.

We would welcome some additional people on the committees to share the load. If you feel you would like to get more involved and could manage a small number of evening meetings, or assist with any of the tasks, then please contact Liz McMillan (Honorary Secretary) at lizmcmillan100@gmail.com or come along to the AGM on 12th November.

Chris Howliston
Honorary Chair – The Warkworth Show



A big **Thank You** to all who supported in any way our Afternoon Tea in aid of Breast Cancer Now, held on 30th August.

A total of £867 was raised for this worthwhile cause, working with an issue which has affected many of the members of our local communities.

Alison, Margaret and Wendy

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Warkworth British Food Fortnight

26 September – 12 October

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

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

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

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ACKLINGTON ART GROUP

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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 *Down By The River*, a pastel by Pat Johnson.

Contact Anne Cairns 07584427307

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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 Holy Communion
for All Souls**

Sunday 2nd November

**St John the Divine
Acklington
11am All Souls Service**

**St James Shilbottle
3pm All Souls Service**

**St Michael's Alnwick
5pm All Souls Service**

Luis Verde Trio in Concert

Acklington Village Hall
Friday 17th October, 7.30pm



Spanish saxophonist and composer, Luis Verde, brings yet more excellent live music to this corner of Northumberland.

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Acklington History Slot



Tragedy on the River Coquet (Part 1)

It was 1945 and the tide of war had finally turned in favour of the allies abroad. Meanwhile, back in Britain, thousands of eager young conscripts were in training, hoping for the opportunity to serve their country. By January 1945 the young men of the 10th Duke of Wellington's Regiment and the Durham Light Infantry had been billeted in Felton for several months. Many arduous weeks had been spent on the moors and serious accidents were not uncommon. However, no-one was prepared for the disaster that occurred on the 17th of January when, with the Coquet in full flood, a very risky river crossing exercise was attempted in Acklington Parish just to the south-west of Guyzance Village.

Frank Milburn was section leader of a four-man canvas boat which only just managed to cross the river and he tried to warn the following vessel (which was a 10-man craft and therefore more difficult to manoeuvre in the tricky conditions) not to follow. His advice was unfortunately not heeded and the order was given to proceed.

All ten young men were weighed down with full kit. The floods and currents swept the boat over the weir and it capsized. They didn't have a chance! All were drowned in the raging water. The disaster was hushed up so as not to affect morale. Those in the four-man boat who survived the crossing, plus the remaining young army conscripts based at the Felton camp, were told at the time that they could not speak of the incident and they were very quickly and quietly dispatched to different parts of the country.

The bodies were found at various places downriver, the last being recovered on May 28th - over four months after the tragedy occurred.

It was many years later that the tragedy came to light when local historian Vera Vaggs researched the events. She discovered that the deaths had been reported in a newspaper at the time. A coroner recorded that they had drowned while carrying out a military exercise in an assault boat, which had been accidentally swept over the weir, throwing them into the water. It was said that two days earlier the exercise had been abandoned when two local men warned the officers it was dangerous.

Vera's findings moved a Felton resident, former prisoner of war Charlie Dick (now deceased), to erect a hand-made monument on the riverbank in 1995. Charlie was an author, poet, painter and an expert wood carver. He carved the names of the ten drowned soldiers onto a piece of solid oak, together with a short poem he composed which ended:

*"Hallowed be the memory of the forgotten ten;
who shouldered arms as virgin boys, and died as active men."*

The memorial was unveiled during a very moving ceremony by the riverside. Almost one hundred people attended the event including veteran survivors as well as relatives of the lost men. A good number of parishioners turned out too. I can still vividly re-call the ceremony to this day. The haunting echo of a lone piper filled the air as wreaths were laid in honour of those ten young men whose lives were taken much too soon - 'The Guyzance 10', as they have since become known.



Sadly, Charlie Dick's monument suffered the ravages of time and vandalism. It needed replacing.

As a result, a new permanent stone memorial (financed with the help of ASDA) was dedicated on 7th June 2004.



In next month's Acklington History Slot (as November is the month when acts of remembrance take place to commemorate fallen service members) I will be revealing the names of the 'Guzzance 10' and also sharing a bit more information about them. Meanwhile, I would like to thank local historians Vera Vaggs and John Hardy for their sterling efforts over the years in helping to keep alive the memory of this terrible tragedy on the river Coquet.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: John Hardy

"Remembering The Guyzance 10"

John Davison jdavison26@btinternet.com

Acklington Shilbottle Warkworth

PILGRIMAGE TO NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL

Thursday 16th October

An opportunity to experience the life of our cathedral 12.30pm Holy Eucharist & 5.30pm Choral Evensong.



Afternoon a tour and a talk from a member of the Cathedral staff.

Lunch at the Cathedral Café run by the Oswin Project, which creates second chances for people with criminal records.

Please sign up in one of the three churches if you wish to participate, or contact Gilly Maude by 8th October.

All to arrange their own travel to the Cathedral to arrive for the 12.30 service.

*If you need some assistance with travel or have any queries please contact Gilly Maude:
revgilly.pilgrim@gmail.com Tel: 07527 169015*

Friday 17th October, 2025
Starts 7:30pm
(Doors and bar open at 7pm)

String Quartet with Bradley Creswick

Bradley Creswick MBE, was first violin and leader of the Royal Northern Sinfonia and subsequently leader of the London Philharmonia. He has played in all the great concert halls of the world including the Royal Albert Hall, Carnegie Hall, la Scala Milan and Berlin Philharmonie. He has played with or accompanied the greatest classical musicians of the last 40 years including Yehudi Menuhin, Andre Previn, Daniel Barenboim, Simon Rattle, Nigel Kennedy and Pavarotti.

Forming the string quartet with Bradley will be Iona Brown, Mike Gerrard and Gabriel Waite . The programme will consist of Nordic folk arrangements, Shostakovich 8 and Dvorak American.



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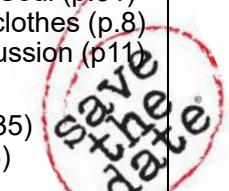
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