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The Alnmouth Village Newsletter

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Views Sought on North Northumberland Housing

The Alnmouth Area Forum, a consortium of parish councils and other community organisations in the Alnmouth area, was established following the abolition of our District Council. The idea is to provide a stronger link, and a louder voice, than any individual parish council can in getting its views across to NCC. We have yet to see how successful it will be, but one of the Forum's first actions has been to collate information on housing needs in this part of the county and present it to some of NCC's key decision makers at a public meeting in September.

One of the Parish Council's immediate concerns is to ensure that the council housing provided for families in Alnmouth over the years remains available for families, so we will be asking NCC policy makers at the meeting why they are not enforcing the covenants on these properties which restricts their use to occupation by a single family. (You may have seen the article in the Gazette

on 22 July which reported the Parish Council's strong views on this issue).

It will also be an opportunity to question them about the future of coastal villages where the housing stock is under constant pressure to become second homes or holiday lets. We all know how important the tourist industry is, but so is maintaining a vibrant and sustainable residential population. How do they intend to achieve this?

The meeting is on **Tuesday, 14 September at 7pm in St James' Centre in Pottergate, Alnmouth**. The plan is to divide into small workshop groups for discussions with the NCC officials and County Councillors rather than just let them address a public meeting. All are welcome. If you cannot come along yourself but want to comment on any housing provision issue please contact any Alnmouth Parish Councillor.

Keeping Alnmouth Blooming

If you've ever wondered who looks after many of the floral displays which brighten up Alnmouth, the answer is shown on the right.

Ted and Michael (pictured) have been tending them for more than 20 years.

Many thanks, fellas, you're doing a great job.



Hindmarsh Hall AGM

The appeal in last month's Newsletter for new (and younger!) members clearly worked and Maryanne Freer, Peter Johnson and Phil Smith were duly elected and welcomed to the Management Committee at the AGM on 21 July. Serving committee members and officials were re-elected, so the existing successful team, augmented and strengthened by its new members, will continue to deliver a most impressive and professional service to the village. Chairman, John Hall, described the many and varied events which used the hall last year, with a recorded footfall of well over 7000 people. Treasurer, David Emmerson, reported a very satisfactory financial year, with over £1000 added to reserves despite significant expenditure on redecoration and other maintenance. The enthusiasm and commitment of the Trustees was gratefully acknowledged by John Hall, as well as all those others who regularly turn out to help with more major events. The meeting thanked John and his team, on behalf of everyone in the village, for the work they put into providing such a vital community asset.

Alnmouth Organisations and Activities

Alnmouth Parish Council

Meets on the 2nd Monday of each month in HH

St John the Baptist Church

Services 9.15am, first three Sundays of the month.
(Isabel Chalmers 830362)

Alnmouth Women's Institute

Meets on the 1st Monday of each month in HH.
(Pam Muggleton 830315)
www.alnmouthwi.co.uk

Alnmouth Autumn Club

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in HH.
(Alistair Sinton 830784 or Audrey McKane 830809)

Alnmouth Camera Group

Meets monthly in the Hope & Anchor.
(Barbara Aitchison 830107)

Alnmouth Local History Group

(Fred Bettess 830638)

Alnmouth Village Golf Club

Full and Social Membership available.
(Clubhouse 830370)

Brownies

Meets Tuesdays in HH.
(Sue Jackson 830142)

Yoga and Yoga Bugs

(Claire Lang 581434)

Chapel Art Group

Meets weekly in the Old Methodist Chapel on Thursday mornings.

Alnmouth Youth Club

Meets Fridays from 5 -7pm in the Old Methodist Chapel. Ages 8 - 12.

River Aln Boat Club

Dinghy Racing every second Sunday.
(George Ternent 830444)

To hire the Hindmarsh Hall contact Jean Cullen (830501)

River Aln Boat Club

A small group of non committed would-be racers gathered at Dinghy Park on Sunday, 11 July and surveyed the scene. The wind was westerly, gusting to at least force 5. Following a 30 minute interlude in the Red Lion the decision was taken to launch.

Three boats capsized during the race with, it was reported, "the subsequent loss to the river bed of one skipper's bailing bucket and false teeth, although perhaps not in that order."

The race was won by The Laser, followed by The Solo, Albercore and Lark, The Wanderer having gracefully retired.

Post race analysis suggested that the event, mishaps aside, was nevertheless a great success.



Arts Festival Update

Not only a resounding artistic and social success, the 2010 Arts Festival also made a surplus of over £1500. It is not intended as a fund raising event, but some reserves are needed to pump-prime the next festival and any surplus is invested in facilities for the whole village. Record visitor numbers also brought extra activity to our village businesses and the Football Club made £160 from their car park, so our festival makes a very positive contribution to the local economy.

Next year's event is on 25-26 June 2011 and we will be looking for volunteers to help again at a Start-Up Meeting in the Autumn. Details will be publicised here in the Newsletter and on village notice boards.

St John the Baptist Church, Alnmouth Summer Fete on Church Green Bank Holiday Monday, 30 August at 2pm

Teas in the Marquee, cake stall, bottle tombola, toys and books, music, bric-a-brac, stocks, coco-shy, hoying the welly, etc. etc...

Big raffle with Big prizes

Tickets available at the Alnmouth Country Store and the Aln Gift Shop.

£1 entrance and kids go free!

Alnmouth Post Office and Newsagents

The Post Office shop and newsagents will now be open throughout the day until 5.30 pm on Wednesdays for the duration of the school holidays.

The Post Office Counter will still close at 1pm.

AUGUST

Alnmouth WI

Monday, 2 August, Outing to York

Alnmouth Camera Group

Tues, 10 Aug at 7pm in the Hope & Anchor.
Topic: "Boats"

River Aln Boat Club

Sundays, 8 Aug at 2.00pm and 22 Aug at 2.30pm

Alnmouth Village Golf Club

Sat, 14 Aug, Summer Barbeque

Alnmouth Autumn Club

No Meeting in August

Alnmouth Raft Race

Sat, 21 Aug. Juniors at 1.30pm, Adults at 2.30pm

St John the Baptist Church

Summer Fete. Mon, 30 August at 2pm.

Diary Dates

Alnwick Area Forum

Tues, 14 Sept at 7pm, St James' Centre, Alnwick.
(See front page)

Aln Valley Railway Soc

Thurs, 16 Sept at 7pm for 7.30pm. Andrew Everett on "Charles Hesterman Merz, 1874-1940."

Alnmouth Local History Group

Coffee Morning, Sat, 23 Oct

Alnmouth Christmas Lights

Switch-on at 4.30pm on Sat, 27 Nov.

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