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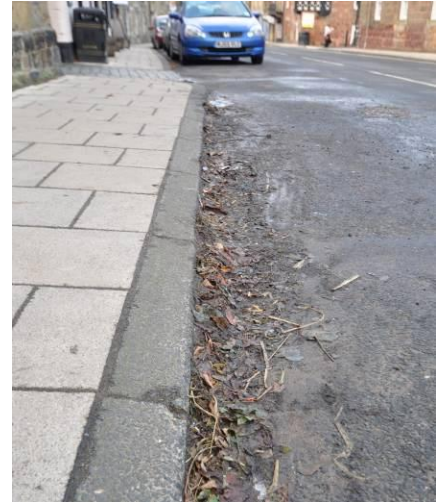
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A Clean Sweep for Northumberland Street?

The mucky state of Alnmouth's streets, particularly Northumberland Street, is a persistent source of complaint. The problem arises because NCC's street cleaning mainly relies on large mechanical sweepers which cannot clean between and under the ever-present parked cars. Your Parish Council is arranging a clean-up day for Northumberland Street with NCC and will be asking residents to move their cars to give access to the machine. This will be before the Easter holiday and will be notified by posters and by coning-off each side of the street in turn. Street cleaning may be NCC's responsibility, but their efforts are never going to solve the problem and it seems to worry us more than them.



So if the gutter and pavement outside your property needs sweeping, please think of having a go. We all know it isn't Alnmouth residents' job to do this for nothing, but if the PC employed a street sweeper it would cost a lot more! You might, like Dorothea Sinton and Audrey McKane's clean-up round the telephone kiosk last year, and visitor Mandy Winning's sweeping of the bus shelter, even get your picture in the Newsletter!

Parish Council Precept

Inflation affects us all, including Parish Councils, and the cost of things like insurance premiums and fuel increase each year far more than the rate of inflation. In addition, your PC now has to pay business rates on the boathouse used for storage and is picking up the costs of those activities which NCC is unloading onto town and parish councils. Recent large repair and maintenance bills for the playground and the boathouses have seriously depleted the PC's contingency funds.

So, along with most other parish and town councils, Alnmouth has asked NCC to increase the precept from April 2012, in our case by £1500. This is the first increase for several years. Your Parish Council is very aware of the need to make savings and control its budget and is doing so, in addition to which we have let the small boathouse on a commercial basis. However, we do need to balance the budget and be prepared to undertake further building repairs, so an increase was reluctantly necessary. Note it will mean less than 50 pence more per month for a Band C household.

Christmas Lights Thank-You's

Hazel Eccleston, of the Christmas Lights Committee, would like to thank all who helped to make the village display such a success. To Val McDermid for hosting the switch-on and Emilia Galecka and Lucy Ridley for actually pressing the button, but especially all those who have the Lights fixed to their property and allow their electricity bills to be increased for our benefit. Help is at hand for these generous people because the new generation LED displays will use less power! Hazel also wants to thank everyone who supported the fundraising activities so loyally throughout the year and ensured that the Lights are financially self-supporting.

But on our part we need to thank that enthusiastic and dedicated band who produce the displays and climb up ladders in cold and windy weather to install them – the Christmas Lights Committee.

This village is so fortunate to have you.

Organisations and Activities

Alnmouth Parish Council

Meets on the 2nd Monday in HH.

St John the Baptist Church

Services 9.15am. (Fourth Sunday at 10am.)
(Isabel Chalmers 830362)

Alnmouth Women's Institute

Meets on the 1st Monday (Pam Muggleton 830315)
www.alnmouthwi.co.uk

Alnmouth Autumn Club

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday (Alistair Sinton 830784 or Audrey McKane 830809)

Alnmouth Camera Group

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday (Terry Collinson 830228)

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

Every Thurs morning in the Old Methodist Chapel

Alnmouth Youth Club

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

River Aln Boat Club

(George Ternent 830444)

Alnmouth Football Club

www.alnmouthfc.com

Exercise, Movement & Dance for 50+

Wednesdays 9.30-10.30am in HH. (Emma Dunn 833780)

To hire the Hindmarsh Hall contact Jean Cullen (830501)

WI Winter Warmer



The ladies of the Alnmouth WI served 80 lunches at their recent Winter Warmer, raising £429 for the Hindmarsh Hall in the process.

Many thanks, ladies for some excellent food and thanks to everyone who came and enjoyed it.

Senior Citizens' Lunch



Over 65 Over Sixty-Fives enjoyed the annual Senior Citizens' Lunch in the Hindmarsh Hall, waited upon by the Parish Councillors and entertained by the Alnmen and John Hall's skills as a bingo caller. Many thanks to all who contributed to make this event possible.

Down Memory Lane



There were the usual queues long before tickets were due to go on sale for Alnmouth's latest review, "Down Memory Lane." Our picture shows the first tickets being sold to Sarah Murphy by Barbara and John Galbraith. Tickets are still available from the Aln Gift Shop for the Thursday, 1 March performance.

"Both Sides of the Border"

Tickets are also still available at the Aln Gift Shop for the show which takes place on Friday 17 Feb at 7.30pm

December's Coffee Morning organised by the River Aln Boat Club raised £245 for the Amble Lifeboat
The Christmas Lights Coffee Morning raised £215.16.

What's On

(In HH unless stated)

Local History Group Meeting

Thurs, 2 Feb at 2pm.

Alnmouth WI

Mon, 6 Feb, "Dogs and Drugs"

Barn Dances

Tuesday, 14 Feb at 7.30pm.

Autumn Club

Tues, 14 Feb at 2.30pm
"My Three Careers" with David Knowles

Alnmouth Camera Group

Tues, 14 Feb at 7pm in the Hope & Anchor. "Shadows and Silhouettes"

Alnmouth and Lesbury Cricket Club

Annual Jumble Sale, Wed, 15 Feb at 12.30pm in Lesbury Village Hall. Entry 50p to include tea/coffee

Aln Valley Railway Soc

Thurs, 16 Feb at 7pm for 7.30pm in Alnwick Station. "Carlisle: Railway Border City" with Gordon Hall.

"Both Sides of the Border"

Humour, music and songs
Fri, 17 Feb at 7.30pm
Tickets £7, proceeds to Alnmouth Youth Club

"Villains"

Wed, 22 Feb at 7pm
Tickets Sold Out - proceeds to NTC

Western Front Association

Mon, 27 Feb at 7.30 for 8pm in Alnmouth Ex-Servicemen's Club. "Futureshock: Stories from the Devastated Zone"

"Down Memory Lane"

Thurs, Fri and Sat, 1-3 March, Tickets £8.

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