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# The Alnmouth Village Newsletter

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## Alnmouth Parish Councillors

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## The End of an Era

The New Wesleyan Chapel on Shepherds Hill will host its final service this month. It was built in 1891 and paid for by members on land bought from the Duke of Northumberland because the original one in Chapel Lane had become too small. Having thrived for many years, it has now become too large for the members who have returned to the Old Chapel for services.

It has been sold with permission to be converted into a residential dwelling.

The final service there will be held on  
Sunday, 24 March at 2.30pm.  
All are welcome.



## Want to be a Parish Councillor?

Thanks to the District and County Council changes in 2009 we have not had Parish Council elections in Northumberland since 2006. The next ones are on 2 May 2013. If you are interested in becoming an Alnmouth Parish Councillor you don't have to be on the village's electoral roll; the criteria for eligibility are much wider than that and you can see what they are, together with much more information about what parish councillors do, from this website: [www.cpalc.org.uk](http://www.cpalc.org.uk).

To become a candidate you need a proposer and a seconder and a nomination form which must be handed in between 25 March and noon on 5 April (not emailed or faxed!). All the information you need is in a nomination pack which you can get from our Clerk, but there also will be a candidates' briefing meeting, run by NCC officials, in the Northumberland Hall in Alnmouth on 11 March at 6pm. Our Clerk will be putting all the information about the nomination and election process on our notice-board and you should contact her if you want the nomination pack or for anything else to do with the elections. Obviously, the current parish councillors have no role whatever in managing this process: you must contact the Clerk.

## War Memorial Success

Councillor Jack Ross has successfully applied to the War Memorials Trust for a grant towards our War Memorial restoration project, which Jack is co-ordinating on behalf of the Parish Council. The grant is £952 and, together with the money raised by Shian Hartshorn and her team on the "Secret Gardens of Alnmouth" event, a generous anonymous donation, and a contribution from the AONB Partnership, means that all the costs of repairing and restoring Alnmouth's memorial, including moving signs from the roundabout, can be met. The target now is to have all the work completed before the 2013 Remembrance Day Service.

## Organisations and Activities

### Alnmouth Parish Council

Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday

### St John the Baptist Church

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

### Alnmouth Women's Institute

Meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday  
(Haley Hackett 833711)  
[www.alnmouthwi.co.uk](http://www.alnmouthwi.co.uk)

### Alnmouth Autumn Club

Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday  
(Alistair Sinton 830784 or  
Audrey McKane 830809)

### Alnmouth Camera Group

Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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)

## Winter Warmer Lunch



Last month's Winter Warmer Lunch organised by the ladies of the Alnmouth WI (pictured) was yet another resounding success. More than 90 people turned out to enjoy hot soup and a pudding, raising £330 for the WI archive fund to help preserve the Institute's 95 years' worth of memorabilia.

Many thanks to all who helped and to all who came.

## "We're at the Pictures!"



More than 30 youngsters (and adults) enjoyed a free half-term showing of the Swiss Family Robinson, courtesy of Jo Driscoll, who organised it, and George Skipper from Alnmick who provided the projection equipment free of charge.

Could this be a regular event?

## Dog Walkers' Dinner

Thanks to all who attended and supported the Dog Walkers' Dinner in the Sun Inn. A splendid £521 was raised for Alexa's Dog Rescue. Some of the dogs Alexa takes in have been neglected or ill-treated and need substantial veterinary care before they can be re-homed. The money raised will be used for veterinary bills to ensure the dogs are given the treatment they need so they are in the best possible condition when they go to their new owners.

## More Fund Raising Successes

The **Youth Club** Coffee Morning - **£169** for the charity, CRY.  
The **Village Golf Club** Coffee Morning - **£620**.  
The **Christmas Lights** Coffee Morning - **£132.51**.  
The **Cricket Club** Auction - **£694.81**.

## What's On

(In HH unless stated)

### "Almost Anything Goes"

Thurs, 28 Feb - Sat,  
2 March at 7.30pm.

### Alnmouth WI

Mon, 4 March at 7pm.  
"Puppy-Dog to Guide-Dog", with Ethne Brown.

### Barn Dances

Tuesdays, 5 and 19  
March at 7.30pm.

### Parish Councillor Candidates - Briefing Meeting

Mon, 11 March at 6pm in  
Northumberland Hall in  
Alnmick.

### Autumn Club

Tues, 12 March at  
2.30pm. "Helicopter  
Special Operations  
During the Falklands  
Conflict" with Simon  
Branch-Evans.

### Alnmouth Camera Group

Tues, 12 March at 7pm in  
the Hope & Anchor.  
"Night-time".

### Aln Valley Railway

Thurs, 21 March at 7 for  
7.30pm at Alnmick  
Station. "RAGES - over  
the past 14 years".

### Alnmouth Village Golf Club - AGM

Sat, 23 March at 7.30pm  
(in the Clubhouse).

### Alnmouth New Wesleyan Chapel

Final Service, Sunday,  
24 March at 2.30pm.  
See front page.

### Western Front Association

Mon, 25 March at 7.15  
for 7.30pm in Alnmouth  
Ex-Servicemen's Club.  
"The Unknown General  
(Horne)".

### 5 April at Noon

Closing date for  
nominations for Parish  
Council candidates.

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