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The Alnmouth Village Newsletter

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New Parish Council Posts

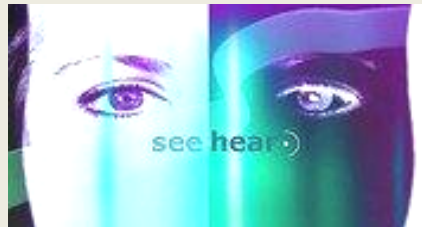
The new PC elected Bill Bourne to continue as Chair for the coming year, and chose new councillor Nick Mattlock as Vice-Chair. Donald Blythe and David Denton will join Pat Murphy on the Planning sub-group and Nick Mattlock will take over organising the Marquee Erection Team from Pat Murphy. Finding a PC representative for the Christmas Lights Committee was delayed pending the outcome of any decision to co-opt new councillors. Other responsibilities continue as before.

All Set for Bumper Arts Festival

This year's Alnmouth Arts Festival is on track to be another great success. There are ninety exhibitors in twenty seven venues. Again there is something for everyone, with artists, craftspeople, photographers and more, with many demonstrating their skills. And of course there are lots of free activities for children.

This year sees two firsts:

The BBC are coming to the festival to make a TV programme for their "See Hear" series for deaf people. It will feature deaf artist Sarah O'Dowd who lives in Rothbury.



Another first is the exhibition by children from Hipsburn, Shilbottle and Warkworth First Schools, whose work will be for sale with all proceeds going to the respective schools.

(www.alnmouthartsfestival.com)



Alnmouth Gets the Chelsea Touch



We have all appreciated the immeasurable improvement in Dr Joy's Garden brought about by the expertise and hard work contributed by Shian Hartshorn. Now she has turned her attention to the tubs and planters around the village and already is making an impact. Our loyal volunteers Ted and Michael cut the grass and do the watering, so with Shian's knowledge and flair applied to the selection and care of plants could we be moving towards a village entry to Britain in Bloom?

Parish Open Meeting

This must legally be held within 28 days of the PC AGM, so will be at 6.30pm on 10 June 2013 in the Hindmarsh Hall. It is an opportunity for all residents to raise any issues which concern them with their Parish Councillors and also hear more about what ITV will be doing in the village (see below).

Vera (and more Villains?) Coming to Alnmouth!

The BBC cameras will not be the only ones in the village this month. ITV are also coming to film a programme for the detective series "Vera", which stars Brenda Blethyn as Detective Chief Inspector Vera Stanhope. ITV will be present at the Parish Open Meeting when they will tell us more.

Will they be needing extras?

Organisations and Activities

Alnmouth Parish Council

Meets on the 2nd Monday

St John the Baptist Church

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

Alnmouth Women's Institute

Meets on the 1st Monday
(Haley Hackett 833711)
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

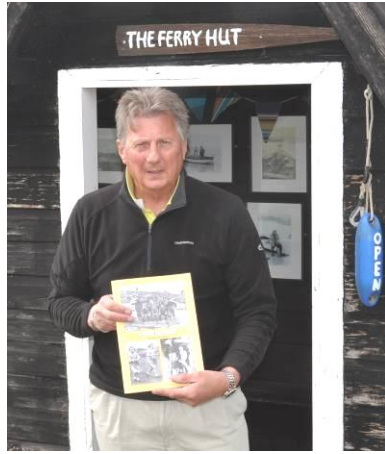
www.alnmouthfc.com

Exercise, Movement & Dance for 50+

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

To hire the Hindmarsh
Hall contact Jean Cullen
(830501)

"Around Alnmouth" - Copies Available



Visitors to the Ferry Hut have been asking Donald Blythe where they can buy copies of the various publications on display there. One which was thought to be out of print is the pictorial history, "Around Alnmouth", which was published by John Yearnshire. John has got in touch with the Newsletter to say he has recently acquired

further copies and anyone wanting one should contact him at: 14, Whitburn Hall, Whitburn Village, Nr Sunderland, SR6 7JQ. (Tel 0191 5294826). They cost £7.99, plus £2 p&p.

A Right Royal Garden

Mary and Sue Gillespie recently visited the gardens at Highgrove, Prince Charles' house in Gloucestershire, and were so bowled over by what he has developed into one of the finest and most interesting organic gardens in England, that they are determined to go again in 2014. If they can find enough local enthusiasts to join them the company who arranged their trip will run one from Alnmouth. Contact Mary for more information.

Golf Club Gets a Visit From the Past

Alnmouth Village Golf Club had a welcome guest when the grand-daughter of the club's second ever professional/greenkeeper, George Rochester, dropped in to say hello. George was at the club from 1890 until 1924. Anne O'Shields, originally from Broomhill, was visiting the UK from Atlanta in the USA, with her daughter and grand-daughter.



Anne and family inspect Rochester House, where her grand-father lived.

Superfast Broadband - A Distant Dream?

A non-political campaign has been launched by Anne-Marie Trevelyan of Berwick Conservatives to persuade BT that smaller rural communities do not miss out on a superfast broadband connection. She is asking people to take 2 minutes to complete an on-line survey at: www.broadband4northumberland.com, or call 07970 653258.

Alnmouth Bay Community Rowing Association Inaugural Meeting

Friday, 7 June at 7.30 in the Hindmarsh Hall

Alnmouth Local History Group
"The Four Columns"
a talk by Alistair Sinton.
Thurs, 13 June at 7.30pm
in the Hindmarsh Hall.

The Last Word!

Eagle-eyed readers spotted there was a word missing from the end of the article in the May issue on favourite bike rides in Britain. The station where cyclists can get the train back to Alnmouth is of course Chathill. Apologies to any cyclists who are still stranded there.

And the first person to point out this non-deliberate error was

What's On

(In HH unless stated)

Alnmouth WI

Mon, 3 June at 7pm.
"Bread-Making" with
Neville Tulip.

Alnmouth Bay Community Rowing Association

Fri, 7 June at 7.30pm.
Inaugural Meeting.

Parish Open Meeting

Mon, 10 June at
6.30pm.

Autumn Club

Tues, 11 June. Summer
outing to Beamish
Museum.

Alnmouth Camera Group

Tues, 11 June at 7pm in
the Hope & Anchor.
"Cricket".

Alnmouth Local History Group

Meeting, Thurs, 13 June
at 2pm.

And at 7.30pm.

"The Four Columns"
with Alistair Sinton.

Western Front Association

Mon, 24 June at 7.15
for 7.30pm in Alnmouth
Ex-Servicemen's Club.
"Jutland 1916" with
Peter Hart.

Alnmouth Arts Festival

Sat and Sun, 29 and 30
June from 10am-5pm.

Looking Ahead

more details will appear
in future Newsletters

Raft Race

Sat, 10 August

Volcano Night

Sat, 24 August

Aln Valley Railway

Next Meeting, Thurs,
19 September

Christmas Lights Switch-On

Sat, 30 November

Promote your event
email:

alnmouthnews@fsmail.net