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Happy New Year!

A happy, healthy and prosperous 2014 to all
our readers in Alnmouth and beyond.

Locals and visitors of all ages energetically, if not always very expertly, danced in the New Year at the traditional Hindmarsh Hall ceilidh under Alistair Sinton's expert direction. The whole evening, including the shared supper, was a great success, so once again very many thanks to Alistair for organising an event which is so much appreciated, particularly by the many families with children visiting Alnmouth for the New Year.



Storms Hit Alnmouth



Some of the damage, like the flattened fence on Shepherds Hill has already been replaced whilst others, such as the many metres of destroyed wall now blocking Lovers Walk (above), can be repaired.

However some things are gone forever, like the tree (right), planted by Mrs Pease in 1926, in what is now Peases Park.

One of the worst storms, accompanied by the highest surge tides in 60 years, hit Alnmouth on Thursday, 5 December.

Some houses were flooded and considerable damage was caused around the village.



What generous people you are

Each year since 2010 we have reported how much money has been raised in the village for the various causes that you have told us about and which have appeared in the Newsletter.

In 2013 it totalled a magnificent **£19,729**, which includes the £2,260 from the Red Lion Beer Festival for Help for Heroes, and £2,000 from the 2013 Alnmouth Arts Festival, neither of which we had featured before.

How much will it be in 2014?

Organisations and Activities

Alnmouth Parish Council

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday

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)

Alnmouth Camera Group

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday
(Terry Collinson 830228)

Alnmouth Local History Group

(Adrian Osler 830112)

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 **Tuesdays** from
5 - 6.30pm in the Old
Methodist Chapel.
Ages 8 - 12.
Note change of Day!

River Aln Boat Club

(George Terment 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)

Alnmouth WI Christmas Party



The ladies of the Alnmouth WI enjoyed their annual Christmas Party with some of them being decorated as Christmas trees - will they have to stay like that until the twelfth night?

And who is the lady on the left?

Senior Citizens Annual Luncheon

Sunday, 12 January at 12.00 for 12.30
in the Hindmarsh Hall

Make sure that you have left your completed application slips at the Post Office by Friday, 3 January.

Burns Supper

Friday, 24 January - Selkirk Grace at 7.30pm

Tickets, £15, on sale in the Hindmarsh Hall on Saturday, 4 Jan from 10am until noon.

The Newsletter and the Internet

The Newsletter is distributed to every household and business in the village. It is also emailed each month to more than 40 people in the UK and overseas - ex-pats, for example, who want to keep up to date with what is happening back home.

It also has its own dedicated website, www.alnmouth.info, where all the issues can be found (50 to date!). Each week we receive a report which gives details of how many people are reading which issue and in which country. They make fascinating reading.

Typically the website gets around 70 hits per week just from the UK, Other countries which feature regularly are China, USA, Germany, Canada, France, Russia, Brazil, Japan, Mexico, Sweden, Australia and many more.

If you're reading this Newsletter in one of these overseas countries we'd love to hear from you. Simply email: alnmouthnews@fsmail.net

What's On

(In HH unless stated)

Alnmouth WI

Mon, 6 Jan at 7pm.
Lingerie with Louise Lewis.

Autumn Club

Tues, 7 Jan at 2.30pm.
"Off the beaten track" with Kevin Dunlop.

Alnmouth Camera Group

Tues, 7 Jan at 7pm.
Annual Dinner.

Barn Dances

Tuesdays, 7 and 21 Jan at 7.30pm

Senior Citizens' Lunch

Sunday, 12 January at 12 for 12.30.

Aln Valley Railway

Thurs, 16 Jan at 7.15pm at Barter Books.

"Over a dozen new tramways in France" with Graham Jellett.

Burns Supper

Fri, 24 Jan at 7.30pm.
Tickets, £15 on sale on Sat, 4 Jan from 10am until noon in HH.

Western Front Assoc.

Mon, 27 Jan at 7.15 for 7.30pm in Alnmouth Ex-Servicemen's Club.
"Tynemouth WW1 Project" with Alan Fidler.

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The closing date for items to be considered for the Feb issue is Friday, 24 Jan.