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Parish Council Open Meeting

More information about the affordable homes on Foxton Road was provided at the recent Parish Council Open Meeting – see the article below. It was stressed that the homes would only be advertised for five days and it is vital therefore that prospective tenants visit the Homefinder website frequently, as well as keeping an eye on the press. We will also give all the information we can in the Newsletter and on the Parish Council website.

The meeting was updated on progress with restoring the harbour wall and Lovers Walk footpath. Northumberland Estates' last communication with your Parish Council was to say that they had no legal obligation to restore the wall and would not do so, but NCC's view is that the wall is a listed structure within a Conservation Area and the Estate actually is legally obliged to maintain and repair it. The current situation is that NCC and the Estate are in discussions and the Estate has referred the matter to its Clerk of Works. Your Parish Clerk will write to the Estate to support NCC and to point out the strong feelings in the village about the delay in any action, and particularly the very much reduced access to the path caused by the two stiles on the temporary diversion, but it seems remedial action is not likely to be immediate.

Among other matters raised was a request for one of the beach boathouses to be available as an occasional shelter for parties of children from local First Schools visiting the beach. While the PC is in principle sympathetic to the need, it was pointed out that there are absolutely no services to the buildings, the small boathouse is currently tenanted, and that the large one is fully used by the PC for storage. The PC agreed to discuss the request and see what might be achieved.

New Affordable Homes – Foxton Road

The seven 2 bedroom homes for rent are expected to be completed by the middle of November 2014. Once Four Housing has taken handover from the developer, the properties will be let at an affordable rent.

If you would like to apply for one of the properties you need to apply to join Northumberland Homefinder. Northumberland Homefinder is Northumberland County Council's housing allocation service.

To join you need to complete an application form. Application forms can be obtained from: Northumberland County Council's offices and online at:

<https://www.northumberlandhomefinder.org.uk>

Northumberland Homefinder will use the information you provide in your application to assess your housing need. They will write to you to confirm that they have accepted your application and tell you which priority band you have assigned to. The Northumberland Homefinder Policy gives additional preference to families with a strong local connection to Alnmouth. A close connection to the rural parish is defined as the applicant meeting one of the following criteria:

- Living in the parish continually for at least 3 years immediately prior to the date of selection for an offer
- Been in continuous full or part-time work (excluding seasonal work) in the parish for at least the last 3 years immediately prior to the date of selection for an offer (part-time work means a minimum of 16 hours per week)
- Lived continuously in the parish for at least 3 years immediately prior to being accepted as homeless but have been placed in temporary accommodation outside of the parish for up to 2 years
- Having parents, children or siblings who have lived continually in the parish for at least 3 years immediately prior to the date of selection for an offer.

Four Housing will keep Alnmouth Parish Council updated with progress and when the adverts will be placed on the Homefinder Website.

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 Methodist Church Services

Every 4th Sunday at 10.30am
Every 2nd Wed at 7pm.

Alnmouth Women's Institute

Meets on the 1st Monday
(Janis Crook 603430)

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)

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.

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)

Raft Race Raises £1,066!



This year's raft race raised a magnificent £1,066 for the Amble Lifeboat. In recognition of this achievement, organizer Brennan Shell of the Sun Inn was presented with a framed certificate. Andrew Baxter, who has been the stalwart of the collecting buckets over many years, was also presented with a RNLI plaque to mark his contribution.

Macmillan Coffee Morning Raises £1,246.

This year's Macmillan Coffee Morning made £1,246, including the £65 for the keyboard which Suki Percy kindly donated. This brings the grand total since the first coffee morning held in 1996 to more than £16,000.

Many thanks to everyone who made the event another resounding success.

Red Lion Beer Festival

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 3, 4 and 5 October

In aid of Help for Heroes

Barn Dances Resume

**Tuesdays, 7 and 21 Oct at 7.30pm
in the Hindmarsh Hall.**

£2.50 and you don't even need to bring a partner!

Autumn Reflections – A Recital of Piano Music

With Father Eleftherios Koumasidis of Aegina performing on piano and Alison Rudd on flute.
Admission by donation.

St John's Church, Sunday, 12 Oct at 7pm

St John's Church Fete

The annual summer fete of Alnmouth Church, held on August Bank Holiday Monday was a great success this year. The weather was very good, thus bringing many visitors to the event. Thanks go to the local businesses and individuals who donated prizes and items for the stalls and raffle. Thanks also go to the various organisations which provided the marquee, tables and chairs without which the fete could not take place. Finally, thanks goes to those who worked so hard on the day to raise approximately £3,000 which will be used for the upkeep of the church.

John Galbraith

What's On

(In HH unless stated)

Red Lion Beer Festival

Fri-Sun, 3, 4 and 5 Oct.
Proceeds in aid of 'Help for Heroes'

Alnmouth WI

Monday, 6 Oct at 7pm.
"Newcastle Street Pastors" with Dominic Appleby.

Barn Dances

Tuesdays, 7 and 21
October at 7.30pm.

'Autumn Reflections'

Sun 12 Oct at 7pm.
A recital by Father Eleftherios Koumasidis
In St John's Church.

Autumn Club

Tuesday, 14 Oct at
2.30pm.
"Bastle Houses" with
Peter Ryder.

Alnmouth Camera Group

Tues, 14 Oct at 7pm in
the AVGC. "Transport"

Aln Valley Railway

Thurs, 16 Oct at 7.15 for
7.30pm in Alnwick
Station. "Bob's
European Wanderings"
with Bob Payne.

Western Front Assoc.

Monday, 27 Oct at 7.15
for 7.30pm in Ex-
Servicemen's Club.
"Starfish Trench, Grid
Lines & Hook Sap" with
Dave Barras.

AND IN NOVEMBER:

White Gardenias

Sat, 22 November.
More details to follow.

Christmas Craft Fair

Sat. 29 Nov from 10am
until 4pm followed by:

Christmas Lights Switch-On

Sat, 29 November

Promote your event here!

Simply email:

alnmouthnews@fsmail.net