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The Alnmouth Village Newsletter

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The last day for items
for the Nov Issue is
Tuesday, 27 Oct

Parking - Public Meeting Outcomes

NCC will conduct a survey of traffic management needs and options in the village, but some of your PC's long-standing requests will be completed much sooner thanks to the financial support from their community funds of our two County Councillors, Heather Cairns and Gordon Castle. These will include better signage to the Beach Car-Park and extended double yellow lines at each end of Northumberland Street to prevent obstruction by parked cars at the top of Riverside Road and between the Friary and the Wynd.

Bill Bourne



Over the Bank Holiday weekend one enterprising driver had his (or her) own idea of how to increase the number of parking spaces in the village – park at an angle and use some of the pavement.

Probably not a good idea!

Hindmarsh Hall at the Friary

The Brothers of St Francis kindly invited us to hold our annual open day at the Friary and the event was a great success. Many thanks to all the stallholders and entertainers who worked so hard on our behalf. Thanks also to the generous donations of prizes for the raffle, from villagers and businesses in the village. The Brothers gave guided tours of the house which visitors greatly enjoyed. As a result, a record sum of £1041.70 was raised towards the maintenance of our Village Hall.

Alnmouth Parish Council has formed a fund raising subcommittee to manage capital projects on behalf of the Hall and Friary Day was its inaugural event. The Hall Committee are looking forward to working with the Parish Council in future, as a number of major projects are looming on the horizon. The greatest of these will be the replacement of the upstairs floor but increasingly, year by year, other key items will need to be replaced. Thanks to all the residents who have supported us, but your continued support is vital if this historic building is to continue providing its service to Alnmouth.

John Hall

The Small Boathouse

Your Parish Council's ambition for the future of this historic building is for it to be used for community purposes rather than just as storage. The PC invites any organisation or group interested in submitting financially sustainable schemes for using the Boathouse in ways which benefit the community to contact the Parish Clerk as soon as possible.

Bonfire Night – Thursday, 5 November at 6pm

The event will take place at its usual venue on the Common,
with all proceeds going to the Hindmarsh Hall

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 Youthie

(Rock Solid Alnmouth)
Weekly during term-time.
Tuesdays, 4.45-6.15pm
in Old Methodist Chapel.

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.
(Margaret - 712818)

To hire the Hindmarsh Hall contact Jean Cullen (830501)

“Bride & Groom all at Sea”



Two boating enthusiasts launched their wedding in style by taking to the sea in the Alnmouth community skiff. After their wedding in Hulne Abbey, Alnmouth, Peter Doyle and Juliet Rose (both aged 32) repaired to the old Lifeboat house at the beach for champagne and canapés. Alnmouth Community Rowing Association pushed out the boat for them in bright sunshine and rolling white surf. The couple then set a world first by rowing the St Ayles skiff in wedding dress, tail suit and life jackets. (Photograph courtesy of ACRA)

St John's Church Fete



It's all in a good cause!

St. John the Baptist church had another very successful summer fete this year. Everyone enjoyed the activities on the church green when over £3,000 was raised for church funds. The church is again most grateful for the kind contributions towards the fete made by the Parish Council, businesses and residents of the village.

John Galbraith

Red Lion Beer Festival – 2, 3 & 4 October

Supporting HospiceCare North Northumberland

Barn Dances Resume, 6 Oct at 7.30pm

Sheep Tales Wool Craft Fair

Sat, 31 Oct from 10am until 4pm in the Hindmarsh Hall

Stalls include local wool suppliers, artists and makers, craft demonstrations and an exhibition about the history of shepherding in Northumberland. (www.sheepales.org)

Christmas Lights Switch-On

Saturday, 28 November at 5pm

New displays and old favourites – and a Christmas Craft Fair in the Hindmarsh Hall

And finally We've said before that our village is becoming more popular. Now a feature in the Times (29 August) listed the walk from Alnmouth to Warkworth as the third best coastal walk in the UK – presumably the walk from Warkworth to Alnmouth is equally as good!

What's On

(In HH unless stated)

Red Lion Beer Festival

2-4 Oct.

Alnmouth WI

Mon, 5 Oct at 7pm.
“Proof of the Pudding”
with Susan Green.

Autumn Club

Tues, 6 Oct at 2.30pm.
“Strange Tales of Old Newcastle” with Geoff Hughes.

NOTE: change of date!

Barn Dances

Tues, 6 and 20 Oct
at 7.30pm.

Alnmouth Camera Group

Tues, 13 Oct at 7pm in AVGC. “Fruit”

Aln Valley Railway

Thurs, 15 Oct at 7.15 for 7.30pm in the Old Waiting Room, Alnmouth Station. “The Coal Loaders at Bates Staithes, Blyth” with David Fraser.

Western Front Association

Mon, 26 Oct at 7.15 for 7.30pm in the Ex-Servicemen's Club. “The Air War in 1915” with Peter Hart.

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Dates for your diary

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“Horace Silverman & the White Gardenias”

Fri, 4 Dec in the HH

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