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## The Alnmouth Village Newsletter

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The last day for items  
for the Jan Issue is  
Monday, 28 Dec.

## Alnmouth Lights Up!



This year's Christmas Lights were switched on by Hipsburn First School pupils, Finley Straughan, Max Armstrong and Jack Driscoll, all aged eight, who were "chosen by their class-mates for their good behaviour and because they are trusted and can be relied upon by their fellow pupils."

Many congratulations to them and our thanks to the team of volunteers who have raised money throughout the year and then had to brave the winter elements to put up the lights. Another fantastic display.

## We Will Not Be Inconvenienced!

At its November meeting the PC decided to agree to NCC's demand for £2,000 to keep our public toilets open from November to Easter. It was reluctant to do this because it felt that expecting the residents to pay extra for essential facilities for the tourist industry was unfair.

However, other holiday villages were being placed in the same position and had agreed to pay, so Alnmouth felt it had no option but to join them. The Parish Council therefore had to increase its precept for 2016-17 by £2,000, a 16% rise, which sounds a lot, but is actually only about 16p per week for a Band E property. Now we are partly paying directly for these toilets, the Parish Council will be petitioning NCC to refurbish them. In their present state they do our village no credit at all.

## X18 - Arriva are "looking at ways to improve!"

Readers may have seen the article in the Gazette following last month's story in the Newsletter about the X18 no longer going to the Railway Station. The Gazette article quoted Arriva as saying that from mid-January the service will serve Alnmouth Station in the evenings (Mon to Sat) and on Sundays. They were also quoted as saying they "are always looking at ways to improve."

Well, Arriva, that is easy; simply restore the service to how it was, so all the X18 buses go to the station and not just those in the evening.

## John Hobbis

After 16 years as a Parish Councillor, including many years as Vice-chair, John retired at the November meeting. He has worked tirelessly for the village all this time and could always be counted upon to turn out when help was needed. One of his main concerns was the upkeep of Peases Park, where he cut the grass until recently, and he and Anne will continue to donate the electricity supply to village events in the park as they have so generously done in the past. Very best wishes to John and many thanks from his colleagues on the Council and from the whole village for all his service over the years.

## Organisations and Activities

### Alnmouth Parish Council

Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Monday  
(Janis Crook 603430)

### Alnmouth Autumn Club

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

(Alistair Sinton 830784)

### Alnmouth Camera Group

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

### Rock Solid Alnmouth

Weekly during term-time. Tuesdays, 6-7pm (tuck shop 7-7.15pm) in Old Methodist Chapel.

### River Aln Boat Club

(George Ternent 830444)

### Alnmouth Football Club

[www.alnmouthfc.com](http://www.alnmouthfc.com)

### Join the Dancing Girls!

Wednesdays 9.30-10.30am in HH.  
(Margaret - 712818)

To hire the Hindmarsh Hall contact Jean Cullen (830501)

## Bonfire Night Returns



A large crowd turned out to enjoy Bonfire Night and the firework display after a year's absence.

The event was organised by the PC and raised over £600 for the Hindmarsh Hall floor fund. Many thanks to the many volunteers who helped make the evening such a success.

### Coffee Morning in Aid of Senior Citizens' Xmas Lunch

The recent Coffee Morning and Raffle raised an amazing £306.50 in spite of the awful weather. The money will go towards the Christmas Lunch which will take place on **Sunday, 10 January**. Invitation letters will be issued this month

#### St John's Church Christmas Coffee Morning

Sat, 5 Dec from 10am until noon in the Hindmarsh Hall.

#### Alnmouth Village Golf Club Prize Bingo

Sat, 5 Dec at 7pm  
In aid of the Juniors.

### Alnmouth Methodist Chapel

Invite you to a Carol Service in the Old Chapel  
**Wed, 16 Dec at 7pm**, followed by light refreshments

### New Year's Eve Barn Dance

From 7.30 until late in the Hindmarsh Hall  
Admission, £3; children under 14, £1; under 6, free  
Please bring small contribution for a pooled supper and your own drinks. Coffee and tea are free.  
And if you want more fun, why not go for a swim the next day!

### Annual New Year's Day Charity Swim

There will another New Year's Day Charity swim – at 11.30am. You select the charity you want to support and the Puffin Stores & Post Office will provide hot soup and food for everyone who dares to take the plunge! Contact the Puffin Stores for more information.

**And finally .....** The Red Lion Beer Festival in October raised a staggering £5,056 for HospiceCare North Northumberland, which is one the largest single donations the charity has ever had.

## What's On

(In HH unless stated)

### Barn Dances

Tues, 1, 15 & 31 Dec at 7.30pm.

### "Horace Silverman & the White Gardenias"

Fri, 4 Dec at 7.30pm.  
Tickets £8, from Alnmouth Post Office

### St John the Baptist Christmas Coffee Morning

Sat, 5 Dec from 10am until noon

### Prize Bingo

Sat, 5 Dec at 7pm in Alnmouth Village Golf Club. In aid of the Juniors.

### Alnmouth WI

Mon, 7 Dec at 7pm.  
"Xmas Party."

### Alnmouth Camera Group

Tues, 8 Dec at 7pm in AVGC. "Winter in Alnmouth"

### Aln Valley Railway

Thurs, 10 Dec at 7.15 for 7.30pm in the Old Waiting Room, Alnwick Station. "The Members Entertain"

### Western Front Association

Mon, 14 Dec at 7.15 for 7.30pm in the Ex-Servicemen's Club. "Members Quiz and Social Evening"

### Carol Service

Wed, 16 Dec at 7pm in the Old Chapel

### New Year's Day Swim

Fri, 1 Jan at 11.30am.

### Senior Citizens' Xmas Lunch

Sun, 10 Jan

### "Years to Remember" Concert.

Friday, 15 Jan at 7.30pm. Tickets, £8, on sale at Alnmouth and Lesbury Post Offices.

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### Burns Night Supper

Fri, 22 Jan.  
Tickets, £15, on sale in Alnmouth Post Office from 12 Dec.