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The Alnmouth Village Newsletter

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The Hindmarsh Hall

A report by a building surveyor has revealed that the Hall building is structurally sound and the joists in a satisfactory condition. As expected, the main work needing to be carried out is replacement of the floor in the main hall on the 1st floor. A Project Manager is being appointed to supervise the project and a working party of five Committee members has been appointed to draw up a specification, consult with users, and advise whether to retain the existing stage or replace it with a demountable facility. To date a net figure of £3,883 has been raised for the Fund and the Hall Committee is very grateful for the hard work on the part of a number of contributors to the Fund, including Mary Hollins and 'Years to Remember', Josie McDonough and the 'White Gardenias', Alnmouth WI, the 'Dancing Girls', Nick Mattlock, Robin Winder and the New Year Swimmers, and the organisers of the Bonfire Night Fireworks.

Mike Buckley

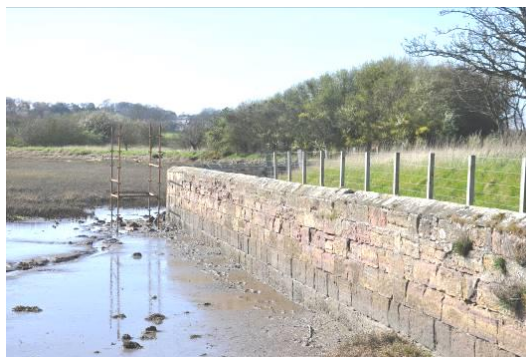
Beacon Marks Queen's 90th Birthday

The Parish Council arranged "The Lighting of the Beacon" on Thursday, 21 April in celebration of the Queen's 90th Birthday.

It was one of more than 900 lit across the UK.



Lovers Walk – First Stage of Repairs Completed



In the April Issue we reported that work had started on the first of two major repairs to Lovers Walk. The first has now been completed and we will keep you up to date about the second repair and the likely re-opening date

Arts Festival - In the Frame - an Appeal from the Committee

The Alnmouth Arts Festival 2016 on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, 18 & 19 June is only two months away and the Committee would like to engage your help in making this year's festival a memorable one! We would like as many people in the village as possible to dust off an old picture or photo frame or two – just the frame, not the contents – and a fortnight ahead of the festival hang it up outside on their front door, garden gate, a tree ... The 'empty' frames will be an eye-catching way to herald the arrival of art to the village. They could turn something unexpected in your front garden into art. We hope that this unusual form of publicity will get villagers and visitors alike to start talking about our next Arts Festival! PS. You could make the frames even more eye-catching by adding a lick of paint!

The Alnmouth Arts Festival Committee

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

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)
**Races: 1 May at 10.30;
8 May at 16.30; 15 May
at 11.00 and 22 May at
16.00**

Alnmouth Football Club
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)**

Mystery Chemicals found in Peases Park



A resident walking through Peases Park noticed that the grass around the base of a cherry tree was dying and on closer observation saw that white crystals had been placed there (see his photo). The soil in the area has now been removed and there is no evidence that other areas have been contaminated. The Police have been informed and anyone with any information is asked to contact them or one of your Parish Councillors.

Beach Car Park Repaired

Following the rigours of thousands of vehicles over the previous 12 months and the heavy rain, the surface of the beach car park has been repaired, making it ready for the coming season.



Coffee Morning

in aid of the Senior Citizens' Lunch

Saturday, 14 May from 10.30am in the Hindmarsh Hall
Entrance, £1.50 to include coffee and biscuits

Quiz

In aid of the Christmas Lights

Friday, 27 May at 7.30pm in the Hindmarsh Hall
Entry is £5 per team member, max 6 members
To book a table call: 830042 or 07747735990

The X18 – You couldn't make it up!

Readers will recall that Arriva told the Newsletter that the X18 would start going to the station in the evenings and on Sundays from 22 May. On Sunday 17 April your editor took the bus to go to Alnmouth and it went via the station. We contacted Arriva to find out what was happening and received the following reply from Nick Knox, their area managing director, "We can confirm from Sunday 22nd May 2016 the X18 will serve Alnmouth station Monday to Saturday evenings and all day on Sundays (and Public Holidays). Due to a significant change in rotas at the local depot it appears the X18 service did serve Alnmouth Station in error on Sunday 17th April. We apologise for any inconvenience caused."

No, Arriva, it's inconvenient when it doesn't go to the station – not when it does! You couldn't make it up!!

What's On

(In HH unless stated)

Aln Valley Railway
Tues, 3 May at 7.15 for 7.30pm in the Old Waiting Room, Alnmouth. Annual Quiz for the "Flat Bottomed Trophy".

Alnmouth WI
Mon, 9 May at 7pm.
"Fantastic Facts about Bees & Beekeeping" with Sandra Carrott.

Alnmouth Autumn Club
Tues, 10 May at 2.30pm,
"The History of Amble" with Harry McQuillan.

Alnmouth Camera Group
Tues, 10 May at 7pm in AVGC. "Portals".

Senior Citizens Lunch Coffee Morning
Sat, 14 May from 10.30.

Western Front Association
Mon 23 May at 7.15 for 7.30pm in the Ex-Servicemen's Club. "Railways of World War 1" with Colin Hatton.

Quiz in aid of Xmas Lights
Fri, 27 May at 7.30pm.

Dates for your Diaries

Alnmouth & Alnmouth Croquet Club
Open Day, Friday, 3 June from 10am until 4pm at Alnmouth & Lesbury Cricket Ground.

Alnmouth Arts Festival
Sat and Sun, 18 & 19 June.
Note Preview Evening on Friday, 17 June from 6-8pm

Annual Raft Race
Sat, 20 Aug

Red Lion Beer Festival
7, 8 & 9 Oct.