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Traffic Proposals – Latest

Following the public meeting in July when NCC unveiled a number of proposals to help resolve the perceived traffic and parking problems in the village, they have now contacted your Parish Council with details of what they are going to implement in November.

Their email included the following:

- Clockwise one way system around Alnmouth (experimental order for one year)
- One way system running down Argyle Terrace and back up Riverside Road
- Introduce improved signage directing visitors to the beach car park
- Resident Permit Parking on Argyle Street, depending on the results of the consultation
- Formalise parking throughout Alnmouth by introducing parking bays and double yellow lines (experimental order for one year)
- Introduce parking on Shepards (sic) Hill (subject to site investigation works) and a double yellow line on the East side of Foxton Road
- Introduction of a 20mph speed limit in the village.

We believed that NCC would come back to the PC with suggestions following the consultation exercise and allow us to comment – but instead we have been presented with a ‘fait accompli’, a scheme that is going to happen whether we think it is a good idea or not. We do not know what residents said at the July meeting and we would like more details about their views and for NCC to explain their thinking behind these substantial changes.

Your Parish Council is seeking further clarification and we will keep you informed.

X18 – Some Success!

Monday to Friday	Saturday
07 30*	07 30*
08 20c	08 30c
09 35*	09 40*
10 40c	10 40c
11 40*	11 40*
12 40c	12 40c
13 40*	13 40*
14 40c	14 40c
15 40*	15 40*
16 40c	16 40c
17 45d	17 40d
18 48a	18 48a
19 48a	19 48a
20 48a	20 48a
21 48a	21 48a
22 48a	22 48a

* Omits Alnmouth Station, Curly Lane
a Terminates at Alnmouth Bus station
b Terminates at Belford, Post Office
c Omits Alnmouth Station, Curly Lane and Terminates at Alnmouth Bus station
d Omits Alnmouth Station, Curly Lane and Terminates at Belford, Post Office

All the X18 timetables have been replaced and the new ones now indicate which buses do and do not go to the Railway Station. Can the Newsletter claim any credit for the change? Who knows, but we will only be satisfied when the original timetable is restored and all buses go to the station. Surely it's not too much to ask!

We can only speculate what might happen if NCC get their way and introduce a clockwise one-way system – the two bus stops in Northumberland Street will be on the wrong side of the road!

Organisations and Activities

Alnmouth Parish Council

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday

St John the Baptist Church

Services 9.15am. (Fourth Sunday at 10.30am.)

(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)

Alnmouth Football Club

www.alnmouthfc.com

Join the Dancing Girls!

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

Alnmouth Community Rowing Association

(01665 577811)

To hire the Hindmarsh Hall contact Jean Cullen (830501)

Re-Surfacing Northumberland Street

No-one will have failed to notice that Northumberland Street is being re-surfaced.

We are sorry that we were not able to forewarn you, but the NCC only contacted the Parish Council the day after the work had started! You can see their information on the PC Notice Board. It is likely to continue until 17 October.

The work to date suggests that NCC's re-surfacing skills are better than their communication skills.

St John's Church Fete



St John the Baptist Church held its annual Church Fete on August Bank Holiday Monday. We were very fortunate to have Brother John, the resident Guardian and Priest of the Friary of St Francis in Alnmouth (pictured left), to open the fete. Villagers, holidaymakers and passers-by enjoyed the beautiful weather and all the many and varied activities available. The Playhouse Band was not available this year and so we engaged Lionheart Harmony, a Barber Shop Group, who filled the church for two sessions. We are

very grateful to all our helpers; to the Parish Council for the loan of the Village Marquee; and to our sponsors for providing excellent prizes in the raffle. We are very grateful to all those who attended the event and made it such a success and to Barclays for their financial support from their community chest. The money raised (over £2,000) will be used to support the work of the church in this community. *Nick Naylor*

Red Lion Beer Festival

Fri, Sat and Sun, 7, 8 & 9 October

£10 entry to include glass, tasting notes and 3 beer tokens. Raising funds for HospiceCare, Northumberland

Piano Recital with Eleftherios Koumasidis

Saturday, 15 Oct at 7pm in St John's Church

'From Baroque to Impressionism via Romanticism'

With guest artists Josie McDonough & Alison Rudd and commentary by Dr Martin Shingler.

Admission by donation.

"Alnmouth – it has the hint of Famous Five Holidays"

That was the comment in a recent feature in the Times (10.09.16) on Alnmouth and Alnmouth. The journalist, Stephen McClarence, interviewed Donald Blythe about the Ferryman's Hut – which he described "as probably Britain's smallest museum."

"How to Make a Killing in Bollywood"

This was the Northumberland Theatre Company's latest production which played to a delighted audience in the Hindmarsh Hall, raising over £100 for Hall funds.

Please tell us when you will be back, NTC.

What's On

(In HH unless stated)

Alnmouth WI

Monday, 3 Oct at 7pm. "Mary Ann Cotton" with Stephanie Yearnshire.

Barn Dances

Tuesdays, 4 & 18 Oct at 7.30pm.

Red Lion Beer Festival

7, 8 & 9 Oct. See this page.

Alnmouth Autumn Club

Tuesday, 11 Oct at 2.30pm. "World War 11, The European Theatre" with Malcolm Byrne

Alnmouth Camera Group

Tues, 11 Oct at 7pm in AVGC. "Stone"

River Aln Boat Club

Beach & Boat Park Clean-up, Sat, 15 Oct, 10am until noon followed by barbeque for helpers.

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Sat, 15 Oct at 7pm in St John's Church. See this page

Aln Valley Railway

Thurs, 20 Oct at 7.15 for 7.30pm in Alnmouth Station. "Battleship Wharf: Coal Handling in the 21st Century" with David Fraser.

Western Front Association

Mon, 24 Oct at 7.15 for 7.30pm in the Ex-Servicemen's Club. "The Reason Why – the 1st of July" with Derek Gladding.

Dates for your Diaries

Bonfire Night

Sat, 5 Nov at 6pm.

Christmas Craft Fair

Sat, 19 Nov.

White Gardenias

Sat, 26 Nov.

Christmas Lights Switch-On

Sat 3 Dec.