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The Alnmouth Village Newsletter

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10am until noon)

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Christmas Lights Switch-On



A large crowd witnessed the switching on of this year's Christmas Lights by Max Kearns (6), Jenny Jobling-Purser (11), Reuben Chapple (6) and Alex Eccleston (7). Many congratulations to them and our thanks to the team of volunteers who have raised money throughout the year and then spent many hours putting up the lights. Another fantastic display!

Parking and the New One-Way System

Residents have received a letter from NCC about the "Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders in Alnmouth". It states that unlike a Permanent Order, where a formal consultation is undertaken, what is being introduced offers "a more flexible approach." It welcomes your views and feedback throughout the duration of the experiment (12 months), by emailing HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk. However it also states that is not possible to reply to individual comments.

If you think this is not acceptable, you should also send your comments to our local NCC Councillors, Gordon Castle and Heather Cairns at:

Gordon.Castle@northumberland.gov.uk and Heather.Cairns@northumberland.gov.uk

It will also be on the agenda at the next Parish Council Meeting on Tues, 13 Dec at 7.30pm. Please come along and have your say.

Two New Parish Councillors Appointed



At its November meeting your Parish Council co-opted Susanne Gair and Harvey Roberts as new Councillors to fill the two vacancies, bringing the PC up to strength. Susanne, a retired teacher from York, with "strong family connections in the area", moved here with her husband earlier this year. Harvey, who is originally from Harrogate and has been coming to Alnmouth for twelve years, moved here in 2015 and now runs the St Valery Boutique B & B. We welcome them both to the Council and thank them for agreeing to serve as Councillors.



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

(Richard Wilson - 01665 577811)

To hire the Hindmarsh Hall contact Jean Cullen (830501)

Village Pond Back in View



Readers will recall that in April we reported that the Burgage Holders and Northumberland Coast AONB had outlined their plans to manage the area of woodland surrounding the pond which amongst other things would benefit plants and wildlife and create viewpoints for the public. The latest stage has seen the removal of sycamore and willow trees and soon the marsh will have bull-rushes and other water side plants cleared away.



Bonfire Night Success

Despite the awful weather a large crowd turned out to see this year's bonfire and fireworks display organised by the PC, raising £333 for the Hindmarsh Hall.

Our picture shows Guy being taken to meet his fate by Charlotte and Grace Holden.

Raising Money!!

The **River Aln Boat Club Coffee Morning** raised over £350 for the RNLI through donations and the raffle, and the RNLI stall a further £200 selling Christmas cards and gifts.

The **Senior Citizens Xmas Lunch Coffee Morning** raised over £300 for the Lunch to be held on Sun, 15 January.

The **Christmas Craft Fair** has to date raised in excess of £1100, all going into the Hindmarsh Hall Refurbishment Fund. A big Thank You from the organisers to all their helpers and everyone who supported them. The Pride of Aln also had a successful day generating lots of interest from potential rowers.

And last, but by no means least, this year's **Red Lion Beer Festival** raised £5,700 for HospiceCare Northumberland – the same charity it supported in 2015.

Dance away the Old Year and start the New One with a Swim!

There will be a **New Year's Eve Barn Dance** in the Hindmarsh Hall from 7.30 – 11pm. Entrance £3 on the door.

And the Annual **New Year's Day Charity Swim** will take place at 12 noon - this year more than 70 brave souls took part - there were 35 in 2015 - can we do better in 2017? Register your interest at the Alnmouth Post Office

What's On

(In HH unless stated)

Alnmouth WI

Monday, 5 Dec.
Christmas Party

Barn Dances

Tuesdays, 6, 20n and 31 Dec at 7.30pm.

Western Front Association

Mon, 12 Dec at 7.30pm in the Ex-Servicemen's Club. Branch Christmas Social Evening.

Alnmouth Autumn Club

Tuesday, 13 Dec.
Christmas Lunch

Alnmouth Camera Group

Tues, 13 Dec at 7pm in AVGC. "Depth of Field"

Aln Valley Railway

Thurs, 15 Dec at 7.15 for 7.30pm in Alnwick Station. "The Members Entertain"

Dates for your Diaries

New Year's Day Swim

Sun, 1 Jan at 12 noon.

Senior Citizens Xmas Lunch

Sunday, 15 Jan.

Burns Supper

Fri, 20 Jan at 7.30. Tickets, £15, go on sale at the Post Office, 3 Jan.

AVGC Ladies Section

Coffee Morning
Sat, 28 Jan.

Alnmouth Food Fest

Sun, 9 April 2017.