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# The Alnmouth Village Newsletter

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10am until noon)

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## Duchess to Launch Hindmarsh Hall Fundraising Appeal

For the 250 years of its life the Hall has been a granary, a church, a town hall and meeting place, and then our village hall after the Hindmarsh family installed the stage and dance floor and gave the building to the village in 1937. It still has most of the features of its conversion into a church in 1859 which was the work of the renowned Victorian architect Anthony Salvin.

Grade 2-listed 250-year-old buildings tend to need constant maintenance and our Hall is no exception, particularly the Upper Hall floor which is no longer level due to subsidence of the external walls. The Hall Committee found that replacing the floor was far from simple so appointed a talented local architect to lead a team of building surveyors and engineers in a detailed survey of the whole hall with the aim of drawing up a comprehensive plan of repair and modernisation. Apart from the floor, the exterior stonework, roof and guttering need attention, the east wall is unstable, there is virtually no storage space, and the heating, lighting and insulation need upgrading to reduce running costs.

We now have the designs for the Hall's new look as well as ambitions to develop it to meet the needs of our village for the next century. This is a major project for Alnmouth and the Committee will need all the help it can get.

On **Saturday, 17 February**, between **10.30am and 12.30pm** you are all invited to the Hall to join Her Grace the Duchess of Northumberland as she officially launches the Hall Appeal Fund. Please do come and join us.

*Bill Bourne  
Chair, Hindmarsh Hall Committee*

## Parking in Argyle Street

You may have noticed that new signs (see right) have appeared in Argyle Street which state that parking is no longer restricted to permit holders between the hours of 8am and 6pm. Others may park there for up to 3 hours during those times.



## County Councillor Surgeries

Our new County Councillor, Robbie Moore, is to offer a surgery to residents every month in the Hindmarsh Hall. The first one is on **6 February** between **6.15pm and 7.15pm**. Thereafter they will be at the same time but on the second Tuesday of the month.

## 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  
(Caroline Martin 830798)

### 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)

### Alnmouth Community Rowing Association

(Richard Wilson - 01665 577811)

### Alnmouth Burgage Holders

[www.burgageholders.co.uk](http://www.burgageholders.co.uk)

To hire the Hindmarsh Hall contact  
Bill Bourne (830530)

## Another Successful Senior Citizens' Xmas Lunch



“Many heartfelt thanks to Bren, Mel and Chef Tom, all the waiters and waitresses and David Denton and Neil Blackwell-Brown, our dishwashers and our compere Bill Bourne, all of whom made sure that our Senior Citizens' Xmas Dinner was a great success once again. Last but not least we would like to thank everyone for attending our 2017 fundraisers and look forward to their continued support in 2018.”

*The Xmas Lunch Committee – pictured above*

## Christmas Lights Coffee Morning

Sat, 10 Feb from 10am - noon in the Hindmarsh Hall

## Alnmouth Cricket Club Jumble Sale

Wed, 14 Feb at 12 noon in Lesbury Village Hall

Jumble/bric-a-brac can be left at the Club on Tuesday and Friday mornings until 13 February, or call Andrew on 07971 877 137 to arrange collection.

## “Lesbury Ladies” raise £870

The four “Lesbury Ladies”, Claire, Elaine, Gill and Anne, raised an amazing £870 for the oncology unit at the Alnwick Infirmary by taking part in the New Year's Swim.

*Tell the Newsletter how much you raised and for which charity and we'll put it in the next issue.*

## Calling Incompetent Sailors!

The River Aln Boat Club is looking for boating beginners. Club volunteers are to run a course called Incompetent Crew to get people ready for sailing on the estuary and at sea. No previous experience is required. The course runs in February and March with both theory and practical sessions. Attendees may get a place on the planned cruise to Edinburgh in August (more details in a future issue). The course is free to RABC members and club membership is only £10pa.

Enquiries to [RABC@typex.com](mailto:RABC@typex.com)

## See the Newsletter Online

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[www.alnmouth.info](http://www.alnmouth.info)

## What's On

(In HH unless stated)

### Alnmouth WI

Mon, 5 Feb at 7pm.  
“Who says there is no money in farming?” with Stoker Frater

### County Councillor Surgery

Tues, 6 Feb from 6.15pm to 7.15pm

### Barn Dances

Tuesdays, 6 and 20 Feb at 7.30pm

### Christmas Lights Coffee Morning

Sat, 10 Feb from 10am until noon.

### Alnmouth Autumn Club

Tues, 13 Feb at 2.30pm.  
“Holidays at Whitley Bay” by Andy Griffin

### Alnmouth Camera Group

Tues, 13 Feb.  
Annual Dinner

### Alnmouth Cricket Club Jumble Sale

Wed, 14 Feb at 12 noon in Lesbury Village Hall.  
See this page

### Aln Valley Railway Meeting

In the Old Waiting Room, Alnwick Station.  
Thurs, 15 Feb at 7.30pm. “The NER's Dunston Coal Staiths” with David Fraser

## Dates for your Diaries

### Organ Recital by Alison Rudd

Sat, 3 March at 10.30am in St John's Church

### “Alnmouth and my Family” – A talk by John Yearnshire

Tues, 6 March at 7.15pm at the Bailiffgate Museum

### The Alnmouth Show

27 and 28 April