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Villains in Village! *(but this time not for real)*

People might have been horrified to see masked men with guns running around the village recently – but this time there was nothing to fear. They were part of a film crew who spent three weeks in Alnmouth and the surrounding area making a drama called “Villains” which is to be shown at next year’s Cannes Film Festival.



Will we be able to see the finished product? Well, the film’s director, Robbie Moffat, has told the Newsletter that once the film has been completed in around six months, he hopes to send us a copy so we can have a village screening with any proceeds being donated to charity.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting on Monday, 16 May (at 7pm) is your opportunity to hold the Parish Council to account: about what they do with your money and what you would like to be done in the civil parish. Past meetings, in common with our police community meetings, have very much centred on the perennial problems of traffic and dog poo, so this year the Parish Council proposes to set up two working parties, one to tackle the dog fouling issue and one to think of ways to deal with traffic and parking.

The Dog Group will be asked to carry out a study of the problem and make recommendations to the Parish Council on more direct actions which might help us get rid of this unsightly and insanitary feature on our paths and open spaces.

The Traffic Group will be asked to examine ways of reducing traffic speeds through the village and how to cope with parking problems. It will be particularly asked to see whether a study recently done for Bamburgh has any potential for Alnmouth. It suggested that roads and pavements be considered as “shared-space”, with no strict division between the bits cars drive on the bits people walk on, and with cars restricted to 10-12mph. You can find out more at: www.hamilton-baillie.co.uk

Of course the meeting is open to anyone to raise any parish issue and the Parish Council hopes you will, but if either of the above two problems particularly concern you please come along, have your say and offer to help. We have gone on about them for long enough; the time has come for some action.

Bill Bourne, Parish Council Chair

Organisations and Activities

Alnmouth Parish Council

Meets on the 2nd Monday in HH.

St John the Baptist Church

Services 9.15am. (Fourth Sunday at 10am.)
(Isabel Chalmers 830362)

Alnmouth Women's Institute

Meets on the 1st Monday (Pam Muggleton 830315)
www.alnmouthwi.co.uk

Alnmouth Autumn Club

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday (Alistair Sinton 830784 or Audrey McKane 830809)

Alnmouth Camera Group

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday (Barbara Aitchison 830107)

Alnmouth Local History Group

(Fred Bettess 830638)

Alnmouth Village Golf Club

Full and Social Membership available. (Clubhouse 830370)

Brownies

Meets Tuesdays in HH. (Sue Jackson 830142)

Yoga and Yoga Bugs

(Claire Lang 581434)

Chapel Art Group

Every Thurs morning in the Old Methodist Chapel

Alnmouth Youth Club

Meets Fridays from 5 - 7pm in the Old Methodist Chapel. Ages 8 - 12.

River Aln Boat Club

(George Ternent 830444)

Alnmouth Football Club

www.alnmouthfc.com

Exercise, Movement & Dance for 50+

Wednesdays 9.30-10.30am in HH. (Emma Dunn 833780)
Resumes 4 May

To hire the Hindmarsh Hall contact Jean Cullen (830501)

Seabank - Update

Most of the work has been completed with new windows and frames having been fitted. One of the flats is being redecorated and there is still some final painting and cleaning to be finished.



Wildlife on the Marsh

Last month's article about the work done by the Burgage Holders to improve the marsh prompted one reader to contact the Newsletter listing the various types of birds and wild fowl he has observed there over the past couple of years. He has identified 24 different species, and points out that this year there are Canada Geese nesting on one of the islands.



And of course the swans are back

Arts Festival Latest

(and a call for more volunteers!)

The Arts Festival is now on track to surpass last year's successful event. We are fully booked and we have had to start a waiting list for artists and craftspeople who still want to come.

To see who is coming this year go to the festival website at: www.alnmouthartsfestival.co.uk

The Festival is a communal village event and we need volunteers to help over the weekend. In 2010 you responded magnificently and it was really gratifying that you have all re-volunteered to help again this year. We now need to recruit a few Venue Hosts for some of the larger venues. They will be on hand to meet and greet exhibitors and generally look after each venue during the event. If you can help or want more details please contact:

Bill Bourne (830530) or billbourne@btinternet.com

The Newsletter and the Internet

The Newsletter is available on-line and we are able to monitor how many people are looking at it on the website at www.alnmouth.info

Typically there are in excess of 200 "hits" every week. (And they're not all down to me! Ed)

Beach Car Park – Local Residents Passes

Are now available at the Alnmouth Grocers

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(All events in HH unless otherwise stated)

Alnmouth Village Golf Club

Sat, 7 May, Bingo.
Sat, 21 May, Quiz Night.

Alnmouth WI

Mon, 9 May at 7pm.
"The Melody Makers" from Hexham.
Pooled Supper

Alnmouth Autumn Club

Tues, 10 May at 2.30pm.
"Tall (or Deep) stories of an Old Submariner" with Craig Weir.

Alnmouth Camera Group

Tues, 10 May at 7pm in the Hope & Anchor. Theme, "Music"

Aln Valley Railway Soc

Thurs, 12 May.
"AVRS vs Gunnerton Railway Circle"
To be hosted by Gunnerton.

Ask if you need travel details or a lift.

Annual Parish Meeting

Monday, 16 May at 7pm.
(see front page for more details).

Western Front Association

Mon, 23 May at 7.30 for 8pm in Alnmouth Ex-Servicemen's Club. "Death in the Air – The Cockburn-Lange Collection" with Chris Page.

Local History Group Meeting

Thurs, 26 May at 2pm.

Looking Ahead

Autumn Club Outing
Tues, 14 June to Floors Castle.

Contact Alistair (830784) for further info.

Alnmouth Arts Festival
Sat – Sun, 25 and 26 June

Barn Dances
will resume on Tuesday, 4 October.

Promote your event here - it's free!!