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The Alnmouth Village Newsletter

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Boys' Club Development - New Proposals

Following the public meeting on the future of the Boys' Club site, the Parish Council discussed with Northumberland Estates (NE) the Village's wish that the site be developed for residential use, rather than holiday apartments, and to include a proportion of affordable homes.



NE responded by suggesting that a number of affordable homes could be included if the overall development was increased to include building on part of the allotment site. The PC's view is that the loss of the allotment site is quite unacceptable, but NE have indicated that they would be prepared to offer another allotment site between Hipsburn, Lesbury and Alnmouth to replace any loss in Alnmouth.

Their latest proposal is to have an overall development of 24 dwellings, on the two sites, of which 8 could be affordable homes. Some allotments would be retained and the woodland in the corner could be developed as community woodland. The Parish Council accepted that the proposals could satisfy its two aims of improving allotment provision in the area and gaining much-needed housing of a type appropriate to the village's needs, and resolved to continue in discussions with NE during the further development of their proposals.

Your Parish Council would welcome residents' views on these proposals and would be happy to convene a meeting so they can be discussed more fully.



Mystery Object Found in Wall

A metal object has been uncovered in Mary Cleghorn's house in Argyll Street.

Builders who are converting 86 year old Mary's house into two luxury apartments found the item lodged behind a fireplace in a top floor bedroom.

It is unclear what it is, or why it was placed there. Did it have religious origins or was it merely a decorative item? If readers can shed any light on the discovery, the Newsletter would be delighted to hear from them.

Councillor Judi Hill

Judi has decided to resign from the Parish Council because she feels she can no longer commit the time that the role requires. Judi has been a Councillor for ten years and was Chair for five. She organised the Alnmouth Arts Festival for its first five years and was always a doughty fighter for the village's interests. Sincere thanks, Judi, from your fellow councillors and parishioners for all your hard work during that time. Anyone interested in filling the vacancy which Judi's resignation will create is asked to read information which will appear on the PC Notice-Board.

Northumberland Street Clean-Up, Monday, 12 March

Residents are asked to keep Northumberland Street as clear of parked cars that day as possible, or sweep under their car before leaving it there, so the machine can clean the accumulated muck out of the gutters.

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 (Terry Collinson 830228)

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)

To hire the Hindmarsh Hall contact Jean Cullen (830501)

They Did It!



Despite experiencing temperatures as low as minus 10 degrees and suffering from altitude sickness, headaches and breathing difficulties, Jane McHugh and Rhonda Miller (above) made it to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro after a six day climb. And they raised more than £4,000 between them for their respective charities, Help for Heroes and Alzheimers Research. Many Congratulations, Ladies!

Villains Support NTC!



A packed Hindmarsh Hall was entertained by the world's first public screening of "Villains" before its next showing in Cannes. The film's leading ladies, Joanna Kate Rodgers and Suzanne Kendall are pictured presenting a cheque for the proceeds, £425, to Gill Hambleton, Artistic Director of the NTC.

NTC Presents "4Words: Love, Life, Longing and Laughter" in the Hindmarsh Hall on Wed, 14 March at 7.30pm. Tickets £8 from Post Office, Gift Shop and Country Store

Christmas Lights Quiz On Friday, 16 March at 7pm. Teams of up to 6 at £3 per head. Call John Hall (830894) to pre-book a table.

BYO drinks and snacks.

"Both Sides of the Border"

The recent concert was a great success. Not only did the full house audience have a really good night but the event managed to raise £206.99 which was used to buy a Karaoke Music Player for the Alnmouth Youth Club which meets every Friday at 5pm in the Old Chapel.

And there's more.....

The Village Golf Club Coffee Morning raised £934. The Dog Walkers' Dinner raised £357.46 for Alexa's Dog Rescue.

The River Aln Boat Club

River Aln Boat Club intends that its use of the estuary and dinghy park should cause minimal disruption to Alnmouth's visitors and residents, but problems have arisen over the years, mainly due to boats being moored in the estuary and trailers and boats being left in the dinghy park by people who are not members of the Club. This is a difficult legal problem and the Committee is consulting on steps to resolve it, starting with an assessment of the problem at the next "Spring Beach Clearing". The Committee will propose changes to the Club's constitution at the 2012 AGM to tighten up its regulations regarding the use of the park and estuary.

What's On

(In HH unless stated)

"Down Memory Lane"

Thurs, Fri and Sat, 1-3 March at 7.30pm.

Alnmouth WI

Mon, 5 March at 7pm, "A Woman in a Man's World"

Barn Dances

Tuesdays, 6 and 20 March at 7.30pm.

Autumn Club

Tues, 13 March at 2.30pm. "Lessons from Auschwitz" with Neil Tonge.

Alnmouth Camera Group

Tues, 13 March at 7pm in the Hope & Anchor. "Birds"

NTC Production "4Words"

Wed, 14 March at 7.30pm
Tickets £8 from Post Office, Gift Shop and Country Store

Aln Valley Railway Soc

Thurs, 15 March at 7pm for 7.30pm in Alnwick Station. "How they built the Railways" with Prof Iain Moffat

Christmas Lights Quiz

Fri, 16 March at 7pm. £3 per head, teams of up to six.

Western Front Association

Mon, 26 March at 7.30 for 8pm in Alnmouth Ex-Servicemen's Club. "8th Battalion, DLI & the Battles of the Lys"

Alnmouth Local History Group Meeting

Thurs, 5 April at 2pm

Promote your event here

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