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Parking - Be Warned!

One subject sure to raise blood pressure in Alnmouth is car parking or, rather, the lack of it. However, some things are about to change. Enforcement of parking regulations was the business of the police, and they used a degree of discretion which basically concentrated on ensuring that the roads and pavements were safe and unobstructed. In fact they have been known to go and find, indeed wake up, a resident whose car was causing an obstruction and get him to move it, rather than just slap a ticket on his windscreen.



No longer! The concept, "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" is unknown in County Hall. The NCC has taken over these duties from the police and now enforcement is in the hands of a posse of 26 Civil Enforcement Officers appointed by NCC to make sure we park only where it is strictly legal. According to NCC's website, the costs of all this will be recovered from the Penalty Charge Notices with "any surplus funds going to road safety initiatives". NCC admit to wanting to raise another £547,000 by increasing parking charges in rural Northumberland (while parking in Blyth and Ashington remains free), so you could be forgiven for thinking that the change is mainly driven by NCC seeing yet another opportunity to screw money out of us.

Anyway, you have been warned, and the pubs and restaurants of Alnmouth should tell their customers to expect a sudden unexpected increase in the cost of their evening meal visit to Alnmouth if they park illegally - even if they have been parking in the same place without causing any problem for years.

A Letter From Judi Hill



Thank you to Parish Councillors and Parishioners for your support during my ten years as Parish Councillor and five as Chairwoman.

I am proud to have been part of so many projects over the years. Of starting the Arts Festival all those years ago and to see it flourishing still and of the new paving in Northumberland Street, which took five years of endless meetings and nagging NCC Highways. For being part of the coastal erosion works and the Walks Brochure. For one off community events in the Park and the Bi Centenary of the river changing course. For the challenges of planning applications and Dr Joys Garden.

With your help and encouragement, I hope I have 'done my bit' as they say.

Thanks to you all
Judi Hill

Emergency Telephone To Go?

The Parish Council has written to the NCC objecting to their proposal to disconnect the emergency telephone at the Boat House and asked them to reconsider their decision. The Council believes its removal would result in "a quite inappropriate risk" and does not justify the few pounds' saving that NCC is seeking to achieve.



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 (Haley Hackett 833711)
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)

New WI President



Haley Hackett and Pam Muggleton

Alnmouth Women's Institute welcomes Haley Hackett as their new President for 2012. Haley, originally from Warkworth, has been a member of Alnmouth WI since 2008 and has been in the role of Vice President for the past twelve months. Haley is a working mother and lives in Bilton. She said, "I am delighted to be President of Alnmouth WI following Pam Muggleton who has been a superb President and represented our members so well for the past few years. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as a member and hope as President I can continue the success that the institute has had over the past 94 years. We have over 70 members and an excellent committee whom I am sure will help me and our newly appointed secretary, Yvonne Farmer, to achieve great things for our members and community this coming year. It is an honour to be appointed in this role and I am looking forward to the challenge."

Alnmouth's Jubilee Celebrations

Preparations are well under way for various events to celebrate the forthcoming Jubilee and full details will be appearing on Notice Boards and the June Newsletter. Many activities are being planned, but the organisers would appreciate input from people in the village with suggestions for children's activities and they are also looking for helpers. If you can help in any way, please contact Ian Aitchison on 830107.

What's Behind that Door?

Find out by visiting "Alnmouth's Secret Gardens" on **Sunday, 27 May** from 11am until 4.30pm. Tickets, £4.50, children free, are available on the day and now from the Post Office, Aln Gift Shop and Alnmouth Country Store. Proceeds for the restoration of the War Memorial

Coffee Morning in aid of Senior Citizens' Lunch

The recent Coffee Morning raised £258.91. Thanks to everyone who attended and to those individuals and businesses who donated to the Raffle and Stalls. Further events are in the pipeline.

Street Trading Licence

Mrs Helen Smith has applied to NCC for a street trading licence for her ice-cream van, which she has been parking at the top of Riverside Road next to Dr Joy's Garden. Your Parish Council has been asked by NCC Trading Standards whether or not it wishes to object to permission to trade being granted and will decide on this at its next meeting on 14 May. If you have any views on this which you want the Parish Council to consider, please forward them to the Clerk or any Councillor as soon as possible.

What's On

(In HH unless stated)

Barn Dance

Tuesday, 1 May at 7.30pm.

Autumn Club

Tues, 8 May at 2.30pm.
Angela Clayton of Age UK, N'land, talks about their services.

Alnmouth Camera Group

Tues, 8 May at 7pm in the Hope & Anchor.

Alnmouth WI

Mon, 14 May at 7pm.
Life in the Middle East with Bro Christian.

Aln Valley Railway Soc

Thurs, 17 May at 7pm for 7.30pm in Alnwick Station. Quiz versus Gunnerton Railway Circle.

Alnmouth's Secret Gardens

Sun, 27 May from 11am-4.30pm. Tickets £4.50.

Western Front Association

Mon, 28 May at 7.30 for 8pm in Alnmouth Ex-Servicemen's Club. "Artillery of the B.E.F" with Geoff Spring.

St John's Church

Flower Festival, Diamond Jubilee Weekend.

Alnmouth Local History Group Meeting

Thurs, 7 June at 2pm

Alnmouth Arts Festival

Sat-Sun, 23 and 24 June

Promote your event here - it's free!

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