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Parish Council Open Meeting

More than 50 residents came to question councillors and exchange views during the Parish Council Open Meeting. This informal format allowed more people to have their say and certainly the room was buzzing for the whole 90 minutes of the meeting; John Hall had almost to shoo them out into the street so he could lock up.

A gratifyingly positive reception was given to the Boys' Club/Allotment Site development and there were lots of ideas and comments about Alnmouth's perennial traffic and parking problems and the street trading situation. The Parish Council will collate the information that was gathered and consider how to progress some of the issues raised, particularly those concerned with traffic and parking, where we are likely to seek an early site meeting with NCC Highways. We will keep you fully informed via the Newsletter about these topics and the progress of the new housing development.

Finally, please note that local council elections are due in May 2013, including Parish Council elections. The PC is hoping new candidates will come forward to make it an election with real choice, so watch out for news about this in following issues of the Newsletter.

Ferryman's Hut Gets New Custodian



Once described as the smallest museum in the country, the Ferryman's Hut has a new custodian, Donald Blythe. More than four years ago, Judi Hill took on the responsibility for the hut and won a grant from the Northumberland Coast AONB Partnership to pay for repairs to its structure. She then transformed it into a mini-museum with photographs of ferrymen who had used it in the past and with assorted memorabilia. Judi is now finding herself with less time to look after the hut and Donald Blythe (pictured with Judi receiving the hut's keys) has kindly agreed take over one of Alnmouth's treasures.

Next Stop, Devon!

Alnmouth's Sarah Moor (pictured centre) and her colleague, Jane Hardy from Little Mill, used the Aln to practise for their forthcoming 10km swim in the River Dart. They started at the Steppey Lane bridge and swam the 3.3km to the estuary accompanied by their "unofficial trainer", Andrew Ternent.

STOP PRESS.....
Sarah and Jane completed their 10km swim on Sat, 22 Sept in times of 3hr 15mins and 3hr 13mins respectively. 650 swimmers took part. Many congratulations to you both!



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)

A Dream Performance



The Northumberland Theatre Company's latest production, A Midsummer Night's Dream, opened at the Hindmarsh Hall before going on a seven week tour around the UK. Yet another excellent NTC performance was received by a rapturous audience in a packed hall. The Newsletter understands that the Alnmouth venue was added to the tour at the request of the cast - thank you very much, cast; be sure to come back again!

"Alnmouth - The Port & Resort of Alnwick"

An exhibition by the Alnmouth Local History Group at the Bailiffgate Museum, Alnwick, Sat, 6 Oct until Sun, 28 Oct.

2013 Arts Festival Gets Under Way

Readers of the Northumberland Gazette will have seen that the Arts Festival Committee has joined up with the newspaper again to run a competition to find the poster image for the 2013 festival. For further details go to www.alnmouthartsfestival.com

Hindmarsh Hall at the Friary

The recent event at the Friary generated a splendid £683 for Hindmarsh Hall funds. Once again the Brothers of the Order of St Francis kindly made the gardens and the Friary available to help the Hall. Many thanks to all those who made this popular family afternoon such a success.

New Storage System in Hindmarsh Hall

A new storage and archiving system has been installed in the upper floor office in the Hindmarsh Hall. The much needed system was paid for thanks to generous contributions from the WI's Winter Warmer lunch (£425), the Arts Festival Committee (£500) and HH funds (£155). It will be used variously by the Parish Council, the WI, the Alnmouth Local History Group and the Hindmarsh Hall.

Alnmouth Church Summer Fete

Although the weather was rather inclement, everyone's spirits were lifted when our annual summer fete was officially opened by Laura Weightman who put in such a wonderful performance in the recent Olympic Games and is a great ambassador for the area. Although some of the activities, including concert numbers by the Alnwick Playhouse Band, had to be relocated in the church, everyone attending the fete had an enjoyable afternoon. Many thanks to the organisations, businesses, and individuals from within and around the village who supported the event in so many ways. And ultimately the event was a success because of the hundreds of people who braved the elements to attend. A total in excess of £2,200 was raised for church funds. But let's hope the weather is kinder to us next year!

John Galbraith

What's On

(In HH unless stated)

Alnmouth WI

Mon, 1 Oct at 7pm.
"A Dickens of a Life" with Freda Thompson.

Barn Dance

Tues, 2 Oct at 7.30pm.

Alnmouth Methodist Church: Celebration of the Harvest.

Wed, 3 Oct at 6.30pm in Old Chapel.

Red Lion Beer Festival

Fri, 5 Oct to Sun, 7 Oct.
Proceeds to Help for Heroes and Diamond Blackfan Anaemia.

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an exhibition by the Alnmouth Local History Group at the Bailiffgate Museum from Sat, 6 Oct - Sun, 28 Oct.

Alnmouth Camera Group

Tues, 9 Oct at 7pm in the Hope & Anchor. "Autumn"

Alnmouth Autumn Club

Tues, 9 Oct at 2.30pm.
"Helicopter Special Operations during the Falklands Conflict" with Simon Branch-Evans.

Royal British Legion

Coffee Morning, Sat, 13 Oct from 9 am - 12.30pm in Alnmouth Ex-Servicemen's Club.

Aln Valley Railway

Thurs, 18 Oct at 7 for 7.30pm at Alnwick Station, "The Stainmore Railway" with Mike Thompson.

Western Front Association

Mon, 22 Oct at 7.30 for 8pm in Alnmouth Ex-Servicemen's Club. "Teesside Pioneers" with Michael Hutchinson.

Alnmouth Local History Group

Coffee Morning, Sat, 3 Nov from 10am until noon.

Christmas Lights Switch-On

Sat, 1 Dec at 4.30pm outside the Hindmarsh Hall.