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# The Alnmouth Village Newsletter

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**Note: the last date  
for items to be  
considered for the  
May issue is  
Thurs, 23 April.**

## “The Most Desirable Place to Live in Northumberland”

That was how The Times (9 March) described Alnmouth in an article featuring the 30 best places to live in Britain. The village was one of four listed as “Best for the Great Outdoors.” It said it was, “Very seaside chic. Its windswept beach, in an area of outstanding natural beauty, is made for brisk walks, horse riding and seal spotting. House prices average at about £400,000.”

## Duchess Visits Lint Gardens



The Duchess of Northumberland made her second visit to Alnmouth in ten days when she came for an unveiling ceremony at Lint Gardens and to welcome new residents at Four Housing’s seven affordable homes.

*She is pictured presenting house keys to two year-old Alexa Joy Potter and her mother, Stacey Young.*

## The Hindmarsh Hall ‘So Central to Village Life’

The Hindmarsh Hall is so central to village life it is impossible to imagine being without it. About 200 events are held there each year, from committee meetings to coffee mornings, from barn dances to zumba, from craft fairs to concerts: it is very much where we do what we do and about 9,000 people pass through its doors each year. Not 9,000 different people of course: some of us visit the Hall many times for various reasons, but it is a busy place.

The Hall is the responsibility of a dedicated committee, some of whom have been its trustees for very many years, and the day-to-day running of the Hall is a demanding task, especially as it is a 200-year-old listed building which requires constant attention. Finding the money for special maintenance and improvement projects is always a concern, so the Parish Council has decided to work with the Hall Committee by helping with fundraising. The PC has powers to pay for goods and services and donate them to the Hall Trustees, using its special tax status to reclaim the VAT, so there are significant financial advantages to such an arrangement

A small sub-committee of the PC is being established and is looking for people with enthusiasm and ideas for fundraising. One important activity will be making bids to various trusts and other bodies for whatever grant support is available. If you would like to get involved please contact Bill Bourne or any Councillor. Your Village Hall needs you!

## 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  
(Alistair Sinton 830784)

### **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

### **Alnmouth Youthie (Rock Solid Alnmouth)**

Weekly during term-time.  
Tuesdays, 4.45-6.15pm  
in Old Methodist Chapel.

### **River Aln Boat Club**

(George Ternent 830444)

### **Alnmouth Football Club**

[www.alnmouthfc.com](http://www.alnmouthfc.com)

### **Exercise, Movement & Dance for 50+**

Wednesdays 9.30-10.30am in HH.  
(Emma Dunn 572771)

To hire the Hindmarsh Hall contact Jean Cullen (830501)

## Pride of Aln's Maiden Voyage



A large crowd gathered on the beach to welcome the Duchess of Northumberland who joined the crew for the maiden voyage of the Pride of Aln. Three other skiffs, from Amble, Blyth and Gosforth, took part in the event. Members of the Alnmouth Bay Community Rowing Association, who took eighteen months to build the boat, would love to hear from people who would like to join the group or learn more about it.

Any would-be rowers should email:

[Rowing@AlnmouthRowing.org](mailto:Rowing@AlnmouthRowing.org)

or phone Richard on 07780782282

## “Cabaret Night!”

**Saturday, 25 April at 7pm in HH**

Featuring local talent and a hot supper.  
Tickets, £10, on sale from Alnmouth Post Office.

## Children's Easter Treasure Hunt

**Runs until 20th April**

Trail maps, £1 from the Alnmouth Post Office  
Prizes donated by the Post Office and all proceeds go to  
Hipsburn First School.

## Beach Car Park Repaired

The damage to the beach car park caused by the bad winter weather has been made good using 60 tons of mixed aggregate. It is now ready for the thousands of vehicles expected in the coming months.



## Alnmouth Beach Car Park Residents Parking 2015

Season Tickets are now available from the Alnmouth Country Store. Please provide evidence of residency, E.g. a driver's license or utility bill.

**And finally .....** The Dog Walkers' Dinner at the Sun Inn raised a splendid £408 for Alexa's Dog Rescue!

## What's On

(In HH unless stated)

### **Alnmouth WI**

Mon, 12 April at 7pm.  
Annual Meeting.

### **Barn Dances**

Tuesdays, 14 and 28  
April at 7.30pm

### **Autumn Club**

Tues, 14 April at  
2.30pm. "The Making of  
the New War Memorial  
at Shilbottle" with  
Elizabeth Haddow

### **Alnmouth Camera Group**

Tues, 14 April at 7pm in  
AVGC. "Colour"

### **Aln Valley Railway**

Thurs, 16 April at 7.15  
for 7.30pm in Alnwick  
Station. "The G5 Project"  
with Dr Mike Wood.

### **Cabaret Night**

Sat, 25 April at 7pm.  
See this page.

### **Western Front Association**

Mon, 27 April at 7.15 for  
7.30 in the Ex-Serviceman's Club.  
"1915 Theme" with Sean  
Godfrey.

## Dates for your Diaries

### **Christmas Lights Quiz**

Fri, 29 May at 7.30pm  
Book now with John Hall  
on 830894.

### **Alnmouth Arts Festival**

Sat-Sun, 20 & 21 June.

### **"Songs of Summer"**

A Concert in St Johns.  
Sun, 21 June at 7pm.

### **Raft Race**

Sat, 1 August

## Promote your event here!

Simply email:  
[alnmouthnews@fsmail.net](mailto:alnmouthnews@fsmail.net)