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The Alnmouth Village Newsletter

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The last day for items
for the Dec Issue is
Monday, 23 Nov.

Going to or from the Station? Then expect a bit of a walk!



The new bus timetable introduced by Arriva means the X18 no longer goes to the Railway Station but travels along Lesbury Road.

The Newsletter contacted Arriva and asked how this could be regarded as an "improvement" which is the word they use on their website to describe the new timetable. We received the following response from Nick Knox, area managing director for Arriva

North East, "Following feedback from customers, the X20 bus will replace Service X18 at Alnmouth railway station, reducing waiting times between buses and trains for customers travelling to Alnwick, Warkworth and Amble and delivering improved timekeeping for both services." *Yes, but what about the Alnmouth customers?* Your PC has objected to Arriva's withdrawal of the direct connection to the station provided by the X18. Removing this service is really quite unacceptable when we want to encourage even more visitors to come here by public transport. NCC may regard the tourist industry as vital to the economy of rural Northumberland but not providing an integrated transport system, coupled with the proposed winter closure of the public toilets (see below), suggests that they are not going to do much to support it.

Are We Going to be Inconvenienced?

NCC propose to close our public toilets for the winter and at its last meeting your PC discussed the options for keeping them open, all of which involved Alnmouth residents contributing to the costs. However, Councillor Cairns told the meeting that some village toilets were being kept open all year by NCC because tourists visited those villages during the whole 12 months, not just in the summer, and this was confirmed in a report in the Gazette. Alnmouth also has many visitors during the winter so NCC is being asked by the PC to think again and keep the Alnmouth toilets open. The PC's attitude has always been that the toilets are a strategic resource for the holiday industry and it is most unfair to expect village residents to pay for them.

The Small Boathouse

A group led by Jo Driscoll wants to develop the Small Boathouse into an educational facility which would be used by a variety of groups using the beach area as a resource. Following the successful use of the Large Boathouse by the Community Rowing Association your PC hopes that Jo's team will provide a sustainable community use for this iconic Grade 2-listed building. The PC has agreed to lease it to them from April 2016 so that they can start planning the adaptation and applying for funding.

Venues Wanted – 17, 18 & 19 June

Due to the ongoing success of the Arts Festival venues are urgently needed to host the increasing numbers of artists.

Anyone interested in supporting the event please contact Bren Arrowsmith,
Tel 01665 830773

Organisations and Activities

Alnmouth Parish Council

Meets on the 2nd 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 1st Monday
(Janis Crook 603430)

Alnmouth Autumn Club

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday
(Alistair Sinton 830784)

Alnmouth Camera Group

Meets on the 2nd 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

Rock Solid Alnmouth
Weekly during term-time.
Tuesdays, 6-7pm (tuck shop 7-7.15pm) in Old Methodist Chapel.

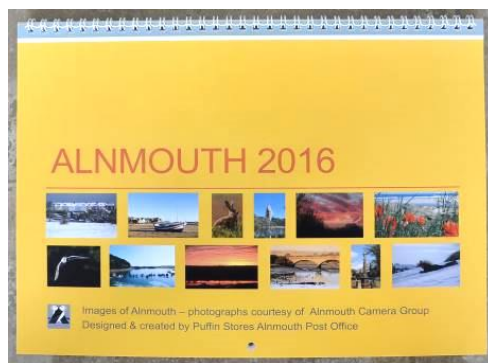
River Aln Boat Club
(George Ternent 830444)

Alnmouth Football Club
www.alnmouthfc.com

Exercise, Movement & Dance for 50+
Wednesdays 9.30-10.30am in HH.
(Margaret - 712818)

To hire the Hindmarsh Hall contact Jean Cullen (830501)

The Alnmouth Calendar



The Post Office and the Alnmouth Camera Group have teamed up to produce a 2016 calendar featuring photographs of Alnmouth scenery, events and wildlife, themed to reflect each month of the year.

Copies are on sale at the Post Office, priced £7.50. It can be ordered and posted anywhere in the UK for £9.50 by e-mailing: alnmouthpostoffice@gmail.com or phoning 01665 830356. Proceeds are being shared with the Camera Group.

Macmillan Coffee Morning You did it!



Anyone for coffee
– or tea?

In the September Newsletter, we asked if you could beat the sum raised at last year's coffee morning which was £1,266. This year you raised £1,411, and there were 17 fewer people than last year (122 against 139). This means that everyone was even more generous than before.

Many thanks to everyone involved.

Coffee Morning – in aid of Senior Citizens' Xmas Lunch

Sat, 21 Nov from 10am until noon in the Hindmarsh Hall

Raffle for a luxury hamper and other prizes. Craft and gift stall. Entrance £1 to include coffee and a mince pie.

Alnmouth Christmas Craft Fair

Sat, 28 Nov from 10am until 6pm in the Hindmarsh Hall

Stall holders with artwork, paper, glass, wood, batik, jewellery, textiles and much more.
Home-made soup and cakes on sale. Free admission.
Proceeds to the Hindmarsh Hall.

Christmas Lights Switch-On

Saturday, 28 November at 5pm

New displays and old favourites

What's On

(In HH unless stated)

Alnmouth WI

Mon, 2 Nov at 7pm.
"Members Evening"

Barn Dances

Tues, 3 and 17 Nov at 7.30pm.

Local History Group Meeting

Thurs, 5 Nov at 2pm.

Bonfire Night

Thurs, 5 Nov at 6pm.

Autumn Club

Tues, 10 Nov at 2.30pm.
"Ordnance Survey Maps" with Bill Bland, followed by the AGM

Alnmouth Camera Group

Tues, 10 Nov at 7pm in AVGC. "Favourite Photos"

Aln Valley Railway

Thurs, 12 Nov at 7.15 for 7.30pm in the Old Waiting Room, Alnwick Station. "31 Years of Metro" with Phil Kirkland.

St John's Annual Prize Quiz Night

Fri, 13 Nov at 7.30pm.
(Helen – 830236)

Coffee Morning

Sat, 21 Nov from 10am until noon. In aid of Senior Citizens Xmas Lunch. (See this page)

Western Front Association

Mon, 23 Nov at 7.15 for 7.30pm in the Ex-Servicemen's Club. "Hunter Bunter" with Dave Barras

Christmas Craft Fair

Sat, 28 Nov from 10am-6pm. Free admission. Proceeds to HH. (See this page).

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Dates for your diary

"Horace Silverman & the White Gardenias"
Fri, 4 Dec in the HH.

St John the Baptist Christmas Coffee Morning

Sat, 5 Dec from 10am until noon in HH.