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The Alnmouth Village Newsletter

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The last day for items
for the Feb Issue is
Sat, 23 Jan.

What a Way to Start the Year!



Around 70 brave and hardy souls took part in the 2016 New Year's Day Swim raising hundreds of pounds for various good causes. This is more than double the number that took part last year. Organised by the Puffin Stores, this is now another fully established event in the Alnmouth Calendar.

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New Look for Peases Park



The climbing tower in the Park needs repair: it needs a new ramp, a new top deck and a new climbing net. Your Parish Council has the renovation in hand, but in the meantime the tower is not safe and should not be used, so please keep your children away from it as the signs request. In addition to restoring the tower the PC has ordered a new major item of play equipment for the Park and is going to replace the scruffy privet hedge with a fence and

new planting to shelter the arc of seats there. The two old picnic tables will also be replaced, but these will not be fixed down. The three new tables put in the park this year were not fixed in place as an experiment and this has been successful. Visitors seem to like being able to move the tables to suit where they want to picnic and the size of their party, so the PC proposes to leave all the tables moveable at present. All this should be completed by Easter and will complete the programme of improvements which started following the flood damage. A new fence, more litter bins, new tables and the play equipment restored and added to. All we need now is a long hot summer to enjoy it all!

Parish Council Vacancies

Following the resignations of John Hobbs and Callum Burns there are two vacancies on the Parish Council. Anyone who is interested in serving the village as a Parish Councillor should please contact the Parish Clerk, Hazel Eccleston.

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

Join the Dancing Girls!

Wednesdays 9.30-10.30am in HH.
(Margaret - 712818)

To hire the Hindmarsh Hall contact Jean Cullen (830501)

Lesley is Athlete of the Year



Alnmouth's Lesley Miller was named 'Athlete of the Year' at Alnwick Harriers' recent end-of-season presentation evening. In addition Lesley took the first prize in the 2015 Grand Prix as well as the Robert Brown Shield for the highest score in the weekly runs which take place throughout the year at Druridge Bay.

Many congratulations, Lesley.

Senior Citizens Xmas Luncheon

Sunday, 10 January at 12.30 for 1pm

Note: the closing date for ticket applications was Sat, 2 Jan

"Years to Remember" Concert

Fri, 15 Jan in the Hindmarsh Hall at 7.30pm

Tickets, £8 on sale in the Alnmouth Post Office.

Burns Supper

Fri, 22 Jan in the Hindmarsh Hall at 7.30pm

Tickets, £15 on sale in the Alnmouth Post Office.

"The Dancing Girls & The Last Tango"

A play by Anne Ousby

Sun, 24 Jan in the Hindmarsh Hall at 2.30pm

In memory of Anne McLean, one of the original Dancing Girls

Afternoon tea will be served after the performance.
Tickets, £8, to include tea, from the Alnmouth Post Office with proceeds going to the Hindmarsh Hall floor fund.

And finally..... the recent bingo night at the Village Golf Club raised £583 for the Junior Golfers and Alnmouth's Carol Singers collected over £200 on Christmas Eve for the Red Cross. This brings the total raised, which we have reported in the Newsletter during 2015, to well over £17,000. Some of the larger sums were from the Red Lion Beer Festival for HospiceCare (£5,056), the St John's Annual Fete (over £3,000) and the Macmillan Coffee Morning (£1,411).

What generous people you are!

What's On

(In HH unless stated)

Alnmouth WI

Mon, 4 Jan at 7pm.
"Domestic Abuse" with Stephanie Golder.

Barn Dances

Tues, 5 and 19 Jan at 7.30pm.

Senior Citizens' Xmas Lunch

Sun, 10 Jan at 12.30 for 1pm.

Alnmouth Autumn Club

Tues, 12 Jan, "A History of Forestry" with Bob Harrison

Alnmouth Camera Group

Tues, 12 Jan at 7pm in AVGC. "Mood"

Aln Valley Railway

Thurs, 14 Jan at 7.15 for 7.30pm in the Old Waiting Room, Alnwick Station. "Railways around Blyth" with Ed Orwin

"Years to Remember" Concert.

Friday, 15 Jan at 7.30pm. Tickets, £8, on sale at Alnmouth and Lesbury Post Offices.

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