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# The Alnmouth Village Newsletter

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The last day for items  
for the March Issue is  
Sat, 20 Feb.

## The Hindmarsh Hall

We all know that the Hindmarsh Hall needs a new floor. Some of the boards are broken, the whole thing has a pronounced slope and basically it all needs to be taken up and completely replaced. The large cracks in the east wall have been monitored for the past five months and seem to be stable, which is a great relief, so the next step is a professional survey of the floor joists and the rest of the building. This will be completed in the next week or so, after which we will know what has to be done and how much it will all cost. The Hall Committee, working with the Parish Council, will then launch a major appeal for funds and start applying for whatever grant aid is available, but will need all the support the village can give. Other reports in this Newsletter are a very encouraging indication that they will get it, so very many thanks to everyone involved for a great start.

Bill Bourne

### And Here's £800!

Last month we reported how more than 70 people took part in the annual New Year's Day Swim, with many raising money for good causes. Nick Mattlock, who organised the swim, and Robin Winder, raised a staggering £800 for the Hindmarsh Hall floor fund. They are seen here in banana outfits presenting a cheque to John Hall.



And the Hindmarsh Hall was not the only good cause to benefit; David Denton's sponsors contributed £359, which David is donating for the Amble Shannon Lifeboat Appeal – they need another £45,000 to meet their target of £200,000. We would love to know how much was raised by the swim. Please contact the Newsletter and tell us how much you got and for whom: [alnmouthnews@fsmail.net](mailto:alnmouthnews@fsmail.net)

### We Can All Raise Money for the Hindmarsh Hall

Without spending an extra penny!

There are nearly 3,000 on-line retailers who will make a charitable donation, including Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, Aviva, the trainline and all the major supermarkets – it doesn't cost you a penny extra! It's really simple, all you have to do is:

1. Join - Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hindmarshhall/> and sign up for free.
2. Shop - Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first, pick the retailer you want and start shopping.
3. Raise - After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Hindmarsh Hall will be really grateful. Beccy Morley

### "In the Frame"

The Alnmouth Arts Festival 2016 may be several months away however the Committee would like to engage your help in making this year's festival a memorable one! We would like as many people in the village as possible to dust off an old picture or photo frame or two – just the frame, not the contents – and a fortnight ahead of the festival hang it up outside on their front door, garden gate, a tree ... The 'empty' frames will be an eye-catching way to herald the arrival of art to the village. They could turn something unexpected in your front garden into art. We hope that this unusual form of publicity will get villagers and visitors alike talking about our next Arts Festival!

*The Alnmouth Arts Festival Committee.*

## 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

### **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](http://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)

## The Big Beach Clean



The heavy rains over December washed a lot of litter and debris from up the Aln Valley down on to our beach. On Sunday, 17 January a small army of volunteer beach cleaners organised by local resident Sharon Williams removed over 30 bin liners of rubbish and a number of car tyres! Sharon and Puffin Stores rewarded the volunteers with hot drinks for their fantastic effort. (photo, courtesy Sharon Williams)

## Another Great Burns Night



The Baird's birthday was celebrated in style with all the tradition the occasion demands. Toastmaster, Gordon Inkster, aided by Sheila, addresses the haggis with Piper Andy Spence and John Hall.

## Thank You from the Christmas Lights Committee

The Alnmouth Christmas Lights Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of this year's lights. The Christmas Lights Committee and the villagers of Alnmouth worked hard to raise money for the displays through collecting tins, a fundraising coffee morning and by residents and businesses providing the power to illuminate the lights. Our thanks also go The Alnwick Lions Santa Sleigh who visited Alnmouth during the switch-on and the carol singers there to entertain everyone at the Switching-on ceremony. We look forward to seeing you all at the 2016 switch on.

## Thank You from the Senior Citizens Lunch Committee

The Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch Committee would like to thank everyone who helped to make the 2016 lunch so successful. Sixty-six villagers enjoyed a very tasty meal prepared by Bren, Tony and the Sun Inn team. Many thanks to them and to Mel and all the helpers who served the meals so quickly and looked after our every need. Also a big thank you to the behind the scene dishwashers. Thanks to Bill Bourne, to the Hindmarsh Hall Committee for allowing us free use of the Hall, to the Burgage Holders for their kind donation and to Stoveclose Caravan Park for their much appreciated contribution. Many thanks to all those people and local businesses who gave Raffle Prizes and donations. £220.00 was raised and was donated to the H.H. floor fund. Last, but not least, thank you all for attending the meal and supporting our many fundraisers in 2015.

## What's On

(In HH unless stated)

### **Alnmouth WI**

Mon, 1 Feb at 7pm.  
"Forensic Science" with John Yearnshire

### **Barn Dances**

Tues, 2 and 16 Feb at 7.30pm.

### **Alnmouth Autumn Club**

Tues, 9 Feb at 2.30pm,  
"Lord Armstrong of Cragside" with Andy Griffin.

### **Alnmouth Camera Group**

Tues, 9 Feb, Annual Dinner at "Beaches"

### **Alnmouth & Lesbury Cricket Club Jumble Sale**

Wed, 17 Feb in Lesbury Village Hall. Bric-a-brac to the Hall before 6pm Tuesday or on the Wed morning.

### **Aln Valley Railway**

Thurs, 18 Feb at 7.15 for 7.30pm in the Old Waiting Room, Alnwick Station. "Railway Roundabout to HS2" with Tom Lloyd.

### **Alnmouth Local History Group Meeting**

Thurs, 25 Feb at 2pm.

## Looking Ahead

### **Alnmouth WI, 98<sup>th</sup> Birthday Dinner**

Wed, 16 March.

## Promote your event here

Email [alnmouthnews@fsmail.net](mailto:alnmouthnews@fsmail.net)

## The Dancing Girls

Lack of space this month has meant we could not cover their recent "Last Tango" event, but it will feature in the March issue