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The Alnmouth Village Newsletter

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All Set for 12th Arts Festival



The village is all set for the 12th Annual Arts Festival with 75 artists and groups exhibiting in 21 venues. On Saturday and Sunday they are open from 10am until 5pm and there is the usual Preview Evening on Friday, 17 June from 6-8pm. *And don't forget to hang out your frames!*

Second Section of Lovers Walk Being Repaired

The second section of Lovers Walk which collapsed due to erosion is now being rebuilt with completion due in mid-June. The repair turned out to be much more serious than first thought, with nearly 30 metres needing to be replaced.



Dot Charlton retires after 20 years



Hipsburn First School's headteacher, Dot Charlton, has retired after 20 years at the school. A leaving party at the end of April attended by ex-pupils, parents and governors, saw each class pay their own tribute to a much-loved and respected head. A collection to mark her retirement is being used to create a learning pod in the school grounds.

Dot is pictured with the new headteacher, Kevin Moloney

Alnmouth Parish Council invites you to
The Alnmouth Village Party
to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday
Sunday, 12 June from 2 – 5pm in the Park

Cream scones, cakes and savouries, and a cuppa, all of course made by the ladies of Alnmouth WI and served in the Parish Council marquee.

Children's Fancy Dress Competition – Theme, "Storybook Characters" – to be judged at 4pm.
Tug of War at 3pm – teams welcome – max 8 per team.

Bring the family and enjoy a village celebration

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)

The Last Hairdo!

Mel hangs up her scissors



After 18 years of caring for the hair of the people of Alnmouth, Mel has given up her hairdressing business. Fittingly, the last haircut was for Andrew Baxter, who was also Mel's very first customer. There will no longer be a hairdressers in the village.

So where now, Andrew?

"The Old Great North Road from Newcastle to Berwick"

A talk by Alistair Sinton of the Alnmouth Local History Group.

Tuesday, 21 June at 7pm in the Hindmarsh Hall
Visitors welcome as always.

The Coffee Morning in March in aid of the Hindmarsh Hall raised £213.50.

We will keep you up to date on what is required to repair the floor and how much is needed in future issues.

"It'll be Alright on the Night" – it was!

Thank you to all the people from Alnmouth and District who supported us for our show in the Hindmarsh Hall and hope that not too many people were "traumatised" by the acts. We would also like to thank Wooler and Alnmouth Ukulele groups for their support in producing a cheerful sing-along night which raised £480 for Alnmouth LIONS charities fund which is distributed to people or charitable groups around the area who are in need. (ALL the money raised by us is distributed without administration costs).

Richard Hall

"Let's move to Northumberland" says the Guardian

An article in the Guardian (29 April) ran the above headline and said, "If a place still looks magical under glowering skies, a force nine gale and driving rain, it's a keeper. Alnmouth Bay is a keeper. If a beach this stunning were 400 miles south, it'd be smeared in luxury apartment complexes*, hooray Henries and yachts and, thereby, ruined. Those 400 miles and glowering skies keep the beasties away, leaving the delights of Alnmouth, Amble and Warkworth for the rest of us."

**they must have missed Seabank and its residents!!*

What's On

(In HH unless stated)

Alnmouth & Alnmouth Croquet Club

Open Day, Friday, 3 June from 10am until 4pm at Alnmouth & Lesbury Cricket Ground.

Alnmouth WI

Mon, 6 June at 7pm. "Cider Production and Products" with Chris Harrison

Alnmouth Community Rowing AGM

Tues, 7 June at 7pm in the Old Lifeboat House

Queen's 90th

Birthday Tea Party
Sun, 12 June from 2-5pm. See front page.

Alnmouth Autumn Club

Tues, 14 June, Summer Outing

Alnmouth Camera Group

Tues, 14 June at 7pm in AVGC. "The AAF"

Alnmouth Arts Festival

Sat and Sun, 18 & 19 June.

Alnmouth Local History Group

Tuesday, 21 June at 7pm. "The Old Great North Road" with Alistair Sinton. See this page.

Western Front Association

Mon 27 June at 7.15 for 7.30pm in the Ex-Servicemen's Club. "1916 - Three Battles and their aftermath" with Prof John Derry

Dates for your Diaries

HH at the Friary
Sun, 17 July

Volcano Night
Sat, 6 Aug

Annual Raft Race
Sat, 20 Aug

Red Lion Beer Festival
7, 8 & 9 Oct.