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Hindmarsh Hall Update



The Hindmarsh Hall entry lobby now has a smart new look – new lighting, a new suspended ceiling, panelling to solve the problems of damp plaster, and a new colour scheme. The next stage is to carry out improvements up the stairs to the landing, including, thanks to a grant from the Parish Council's Arts Festival Fund, a permanent place to display the Village Map. None of this will be affected by any later work in the Main Hall and

the Hall Committee felt justified in getting on with it so we can all get the benefit now. Users of the kitchen will be relieved to hear that the cooker has been repaired and the faint smell of gas is, at last, a thing of the past. Shame we cannot say the same about the noise of the extractor fan, but we are working on it.

In February an appeal was launched to raise £8,000 specifically to buy the hardwood boards for the new Main Hall floor, part of our overall target of £350,000 for the Hall refurbishment. So far it has reached £2,460, plus another £580 in reclaimed Gift Aid. £3,040 is well on the way to the target, so a big thank-you to all who have contributed so far. If you haven't yet done so but would like to, and have your name included in the time capsule which is going to be placed under the new floor, please contact Bill Bourne (01665 830530) or billbourne@btinternet.com. If you Gift Aid your donation so much the better – it is worth another 25% to us in reclaimed tax and we will send you a form. Next month we will update on the position of the Appeal fund as a whole – but you can get an idea of progress by looking at the thermometer on the façade of the Hall. Thank you all for so much support.

The Hall Committee

Another Food Fest Success

This year's Food Fest, the second, was another great success with large crowds enjoying all the gourmet delights on offer. The day raised £2,500 for the Hindmarsh Hall Refurbishment Fund. Many thanks to all those who helped make it such an enjoyable day and a special thank-you to Julie Roper at the Aln Gift Shop who contributed to the cost of the Shuttle Bus.

Photographs of the event can be seen at www.alnmouth.info

Village Housing Survey

In March, the Parish Council undertook a survey of the Village's housing stock to establish the split between those houses and flats which are permanently occupied and those which are second homes or holiday lets.

Of the privately owned properties, the survey found that second homes and holiday lets together accounted for almost 50% of the total (49% to be precise).

The Parish Councillors felt that it was important that the Council and the Village should be aware of the situation and they intend to monitor future trends.

Shaun Whyte

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
(Caroline Martin 830798)

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

Alnmouth Community Rowing Association
(Richard Wilson - 01665 577811)

Alnmouth Burgage Holders
www.burgageholders.co.uk

To hire the Hindmarsh Hall contact
Bill Bourne (830530)

The Restoration of a Grade 2 Listed Greenhouse at Felton Park

A talk by **Tim Maxwell** on **Friday, 4 May** from **7.30 – 9.30pm** in the **Hindmarsh Hall**

Tickets, £10, from the Post Office, to include a glass of wine with cheese and biscuits.

Proceeds to the Hindmarsh Hall Restoration Fund

Lazy Sunday Afternoon

Sunday 6 May from **2 – 6pm** in the **Hindmarsh Hall**

Tickets, £25, from the Red Lion, to include fizz, canapes and entertainment. Three local ladies raising funds for Women's Cancer Research by cycling from London to Paris in Sept.

Alnmouth Croquet Club Open Day

Friday, 11 May between **10am and 5pm** at the **Alnmouth & Lesbury Cricket Ground**

All equipment provided, just bring flat shoes or trainers. Light refreshments will be provided.

Havershams at the Hindmarsh Hall

A pop-up restaurant in the Lower Hall

Friday, 11 May at **7pm**

£25 per head from the Alnmouth Post Office (with £5 donated to the Hindmarsh Hall)

Menus can be seen on the PC and HH notice boards

Christmas Lights Quiz

Friday, 18 May at **7pm** in **HH**

Teams of 6 players maximum, £5 per player. In aid of Christmas Lights

To book a table contact Hazel Eccleston on 07747735990

St John the Baptist Church

Annual Gift Day – Sat, 26 May from **10am - 4pm**

River Aln Boat Club Push the Boat Out! Saturday - Monday, 26 -28 May

Want to try boating for free? River Aln Boat Club Members are offering just that to locals and visitors.

There will be 'taster sessions' on sailing dinghies, small yachts, the ACR rowing skiff and a canoe.

Last year's event was a sell-out, but you can book a slot at:

www.RABCptbo2018.eventbrite.co.uk

For more details contact John Taylor at RABC@typex.com

Visitor, Jan Macpherson, has contacted the Newsletter asking it to pass on her thanks and those of her "motley group of friends" to everyone at the recent Barn Dance who made them so welcome and apologises that they couldn't join them for a drink afterwards.

Speed Gun Volunteers

The Parish Council is looking for volunteers to be trained to use a speed gun. If you are interested, please send your full name and address to the Parish Clerk, Hazel Eccleston at hazel2426@aol.com or call on 01665 830042.

Note the closing date is Monday, 7 May.

Note – The Secret Gardens Day will not take place this year.

What's On

(In HH unless stated)

Talk by Tim Maxwell

Fri, 4 May at 7.30pm.
See this page

"A Lazy Sunday Afternoon"

Sun 6 May from 2-6pm.
See this page.

Alnmouth Autumn Club

Tues, 8 May at 2.30pm. "Poisons in our gardens" with Rob Wilson

County Councillor Surgery

Tues, 8 May from 6.15pm to 7.15pm

Alnmouth Camera Group

Tues, 8 May at 7pm in AVGC. "Time".

Croquet Club Open Day

Fri, 11 May.
See this page.

Havershams at HH

Fri, 11 May.
See this page

Alnmouth WI

Mon, 14 May at 7pm. "The other Side of Elvis" with Stephanie Yearnshire

Quiz Night

Fri, 18 May at 7pm.
See this page.

Western Front Association

In The Serviceman on Mon, 21 May at 7.30pm. "Douglas Haig Reconsidered" with Prof John Derry

St John the Baptist Church – Annual Gift Day

Sat, 26 May

RABC Push the Boat Out

Sat- Mon, 26-28 May.
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