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# The Alnmouth Village Newsletter

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## Welcome to the 100<sup>th</sup> Issue

In late 2009 the Parish Council decided that Alnmouth could benefit from having some regular means of telling residents what was happening in the village. The result was the first Newsletter (right), which was published in December of that year. Funded by the PC, the Newsletter is distributed to every property in the parish and emailed to more than 70 recipients throughout the UK and overseas. It also has its own website ([www.alnmouth.info](http://www.alnmouth.info)) which in a typical month gets around 600 "hits" mainly from the UK, but in January, for example, it was opened in 50 countries. Issue 1 was concerned about access to the village being cut off due to cracks appearing in the highway by the Wellfield development. Since then we have covered



numerous topics, some serious like the arson attack at Seabank and of course parking and the one-way system. There have been numerous Arts Festivals, Raft Races, Volcano Nights, Alnmouth Shows, Christmas Lights, New Year's Day Swims, Church Fetes and more coffee mornings than we can count. But the Newsletter can only be as good as the information you send to it – so it depends on you, the reader, to keep it and your fellow readers informed as to what is happening. Thank you for the many messages of support that have been received over the years and thank you to that small group of people who every month brave the elements to post a copy through your letterbox. "Ed"

### Alnmouth Parish Councillors

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(Wed - Friday  
10am until noon)

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The last date for items to be considered for the April issue is Wed, 21 March.

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## Duchess Launches Hindmarsh Hall Appeal Fund



A packed Hindmarsh Hall saw the Duchess of Northumberland officially launch the appeal to refurbish the building. Our picture shows one of the Hall Trustees, Hilda Blythe, with the Duchess and the fund thermometer which will be located outside the hall. One of the initiatives, the "Plank Fund", is seeking donations for the £8,000 required to buy hardwood for the floor. It raised £1,000 in only two hours.

We will keep you posted each month on what the Trustees are doing and progress with the fund.

## The Beach Car Park

The Alnmouth Beach Car Park will commence charging on 24 March 2018. Residents' passes will be available from Puffin Stores/Post Office from 17 March. Please produce a utility bill as proof of residence.

## 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  
(Caroline Martin 830798)

**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)

**Alnmouth Community Rowing Association**  
(Richard Wilson - 01665 577811)

**Alnmouth Burgage Holders**  
[www.burgageholders.co.uk](http://www.burgageholders.co.uk)

To hire the Hindmarsh Hall contact  
**Bill Bourne (830530)**

## Alnmouth WI – One Hundred Years Old!



Congratulations to the Alnmouth WI who this month celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Events to mark the occasion in March include "A Costume for Every Decade" evening and a 100th Birthday Dinner.

### The 2018 Golden Guide for Over 50s in Northumberland

This popular free guide lists local activities, clubs etc and carries a wealth of contacts for finding expert help with Health, Care, Community and Money problems. Copies are widely available or if you ring **Age UK on 01670 784821**, they will post you one free of charge. It is also online at: [www.goldenguide.org.uk](http://www.goldenguide.org.uk)

**Organ Recital by Alison Rudd**  
**Sat, 3 March at 10.30am in St John's Church**  
Followed by refreshments – Donations Welcome

**"Alnmouth and My Family"**  
**A talk by John Yearnshire on Tues, 6 March at 7.15 for 7.30pm in the Bailiffgate Museum**

**Dog Walkers' Dinner**  
**Wed, 7 March in the Sun Inn. Tickets, £15, from the Sun**

**"Misspent Uke"**  
**Friday, 9 March at 7.30pm in the Hindmarsh Hall**  
Tickets, £10 from the Alnmouth Post Office to include pie and pea supper. In aid of HH Fund. BYOB

**'Taste of Jamaica' Coffee Morning**  
**Sat, 31 March from 10am until 1pm in the Old Chapel**  
To raise money for educational equipment in Arthurs Seat School, Jamaica,

**The Alnmouth Show**  
**Fri & Sat, 27 & 28 April in the Hindmarsh Hall**  
Tickets on sale at the Alnmouth Post Office  
Children £5, Adults £10. To book a table of 10 call 830330.

**Thanks to everyone who made the following possible**  
The recent Burns Night raised £346 for the HH Appeal Fund. The Christmas Lights Coffee Morning raised £248; the AVGC Ladies Coffee Morning in excess of £600, and the Alnmouth Cricket Club Jumble Sale more the £400.

**Northumberland CCC Will Promote Your Event**  
Northumberland Coast & Country Cottages have a community window and will promote your event free of charge. Call in the office at 28 Northumberland Street, or call 830783 or email them at: [reservations@nccc-ltd.co.uk](mailto:reservations@nccc-ltd.co.uk)

**The Autumn Club – Help!!**  
The Alnmouth Autumn Club will fold on 13 March unless someone is willing to take over the organisation of speakers etc. If you can help, please contact Caroline Martin on 830798

## What's On

(In HH unless stated)

**Organ Recital by Alison Rudd**  
Sat, 3 March at 10.30am in St John's Church

**Alnmouth WI**  
Mon, 5 March at 7pm.  
"A Costume for Every Decade".

**"Alnmouth and my Family" – A talk by John Yearnshire**  
Tues, 6 March at 7.15pm at the Bailiffgate Museum

**Barn Dances**  
Tuesdays, 6 and 20 March at 7.30pm

**Dog Walkers Dinner**  
Wed, 7 March at the Sun Inn. Tickets £15.

**"Misspent Uke"**  
Fri, 9 March at 7.30pm

**County Councillor Surgery**  
Tues, 13 March from 6.15pm to 7.15pm

**Alnmouth Autumn Club**  
Tues, 13 March at 2.30pm. "Buildings on the North East Coast" with John Grundy

**Alnmouth Camera Group**  
Tues, 13 March at 7pm in AVGC. "Light and Dark"

**Aln Valley Railway Meeting**  
In the Old Waiting Room, Alnwick Station.  
Thurs, 15 March at 7.30pm. "North Eastern Railway in World War 1" with Rob Langham.

**Taste of Jamaica Coffee Morning**  
Sat, 31 March in the Old Chapel

## Dates for Your Diaries

**The Alnmouth Show**  
27 and 28 April.  
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