

One Year On – The Newsletter is 1 year old!

Dec 2009 to Dec 2010

Wildlife Site Restoration



In late 2009 the Burgage Holders started a major restoration of the marsh next to the football field. In Issue 1 we reported how the first phase was taking shape. The final phase has just been completed resulting in a much larger area of open water for the nesting swans, ducks and other wetland species – and more attractive to humans as well.



Wellfield Development



The unsightly barriers by the Wellfield Development which have greeted visitors to the village since 2009 are still in place. We understand that remedial work to prevent the pavement and road from slipping is completed. Is it too much to hope that the barriers will be gone by Dec 2011?



In December 2009 Alnmouth welcomed.....

Janice Gallon to the Alnmouth Country Store and Cat Morley to the Post Office and Newsagents. One year on we asked them how they had enjoyed their time in the village.

“It’s been hard work but good fun,” said Janice. “Thanks to the excellent support from the village the shop is going from strength to strength.”



“This year has provided many interesting challenges for us,” said Cat. “But it’s been great. We have tried hard to develop the business while still providing a good service for our customers. I’d like to thank everyone for their help, support and understanding while we have been learning the ropes!”

Ladies, we wish you every success for 2011.

How to produce a Newsletter

Textboxes, pdf files, page formatting and all the mysteries of Word were the initial obstacles, soon overcome, but without those who contribute items and pictures our Newsletter would be nothing. Thank you all very much and keep it up! However, the star find was our Editor Terry Collinson, who was volunteered by Dorothea Sinton a year ago and has done a magnificent job ever since. He produces each monthly issue, takes most of the pictures, deals with the printers and even delivers to half the village. Very many thanks to you Terry from all your friends in Alnmouth. Now, about the Arts Festival website.....

Bill Bourne

What generous people you are.....

In this issue we report the substantial amounts of money being donated to various organisations as a result of the Raft Race, the Beer Festival and the WI Winter Warmer Lunch. Looking through the previous 12 issues of the Newsletter reveals that the following sums were raised in the village during the year for a variety of causes:

Murder/Mystery Evening - **£280**
WI Nearly New Sale - **£1,044**
Alnmouth Goes Down Under - **£485**
Christmas Lights Quiz - **£257**
WI Coffee Morning - **£130**
Village Golf Club Coffee Morning - **£700**
Macmillan Coffee Morning - **£1,402**

Christmas Lights Coffee Morning - **£340**
Haiti Earthquake Coffee Morning - **£850**
Alnmouth All At Sea - **£2,029**
Volcano Night - **£700**
Hindmarsh Hall at the Friary - **£730**
St John's Summer Fete - **£2,900**

£11,847 in total, and that's just from those reported in the Newsletter!

Over the year..... we have covered a variety of topics important to the village, including the Boys' Club, Dog Fouling, Parking, the Arts Festival, Allotments, the Raft Race and Bus Services. Habitat Improvement and the Wellfield Development have also featured strongly (see opposite) as have local housing matters. It's been quite a year!!



The Newsletter On-Line

The Newsletter is available on-line and as a result we are able to monitor how many "hits" each one receives and where in the world they come from.

Typically each issue receives well in excess of 200 hits, from countries throughout Europe, and further afield in places such as, Singapore, Korea, India and the Antipodes.

A new website dedicated to the Newsletter has been created which will help us improve the quality of this data, but more importantly make it easier for the reader to access current and previous Newsletters with just one click. Visit the new website at:

www.alnmouth.info

(You can also enlarge the photographs which have to be kept small in the printed version due to space constraints.)