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The Alnmouth Village Newsletter

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VILLAGE ACCESS – SITUATION WORSENS

Worst fears about the stability of the highway entering the village seemed to be coming true during the week ending 6th Dec. The cracks in the footpath had been both lengthening and widening, with extra cracks appearing. On Sunday, 6th Dec, a water main fractured and Friary Gardens lost their water supply. Water could be seen cascading out of the embankment into the already waterlogged Wellfield development site.

Northumbria Water arrived to install traffic lights and investigate, but Friary Gardens were without water for a couple of days. County Council highway engineers also appeared and met with members of the Parish Council. We were told a full engineering inspection of the site was required.

However, the lights were soon removed and once more heavy lorries and buses are passing within a



Single lane operation

few feet from the edge of a clearly unstable embankment.

Our worry is that there might be a collapse of the road, possibly with a vehicle on it at the time. The Parish Council is extremely dissatisfied with NCC's response.

Action promised last summer included an engineer's survey to establish whether there was a problem. It wasn't done then and there

seems little sign that it is being done now.

Apart from the lack of any action, NCC seem incapable of keeping the Parish Council informed about an issue which has already caused serious inconvenience.

It may have the potential to cause a great deal more, possibly with more tragic consequences.

It is simply not good enough.



Val McDermid with Ella and Tom

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

A large crowd turned out on 28th Nov to watch Tom Rippon and Ella Ridley switch on the lights with Master of Ceremonies, local crime writer, Val McDermid. Tom and Ella were the winners of a competition run by Hipsburn First School to find the children who were the best behaved throughout the year and who had shown kindness to others. The crowd was entertained by a local choir and afterwards could view the Art Exhibition in the Chapel. Local pubs sold mulled wine and mince pies to help keep everyone warm.

Alnmouth Organisations and Activities

Alnmouth Parish Council

Meets on the 2nd Monday of each month in the Hindmarsh Hall.

Alnmouth Women's Institute

Meets on the 1st Monday of each month in the Hindmarsh Hall.
(Jean Cullen 830501)

Alnmouth Autumn Club

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Hindmarsh Hall.
(Alistair Sinton 830784 or Audrey McKane 830809)

Alnmouth Camera Group

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Hope & Anchor.
(Barbara Aitchison 830107)

Alnmouth Local History Group

(Fred Bettess 830638)

Brownies

Meets Tuesdays in the Hindmarsh Hall.
(Sue Jackson 830142)

Yoga and Yoga Bugs

(Claire Lang 581434)

Chapel Art Group

Meets weekly in the Old Methodist Chapel on Thursday morning.

To hire the Hindmarsh Hall contact Jean Cullen (830501)



Christmas Celebrations



Fifty three members of the Alnmouth W.I. enjoyed Christmas Dinner in the Hindmarsh Hall, followed by a "feast" of entertainment, including poems, music and comedy.

All the best to everyone for 2010 from the members of Alnmouth W.I.

The Bailiffgate Singers delivering, "The Spirit of Christmas" to an appreciative audience in the Hindmarsh Hall



Members of the Alnmouth Autumn Club being entertained by "Piddler's Pot," following their Christmas Dinner at the Hope & Anchor.

Alnmouth Arts Festival

There will be a public meeting on xxx at yyy in the Hindmarsh Hall to discuss this year's Arts Festival Weekend.

Our aim is to make this year's event even more successful than previous ones.

EVERYONE WELCOME

"Alnmouth Goes Down Under"

Back by popular demand, an evening of entertainment and wine tasting, celebrating Australian New World Wines.

All proceeds will go to "The Aln Valley Railway Society" and "The Villages Performing Arts"

If anyone has, or has access to, a Didgeridoo, can they please contact Mary Hollins (830330)

Don't Miss!

Barn Dances

New Year's Eve from 19.30 – 23.00
Tuesdays, 5th and 19th Jan at 19.30 in the Hindmarsh Hall.
Entry £2 to include refreshments.

Alnmouth W.I.

Nearly New Sale & Coffee Morning
Wed, 27th Jan in the Hindmarsh Hall at 10.30.
Esme (830225) or June (830403) would welcome any good quality clothes, accessories etc in advance.
Proceeds to Charity.

Aln Valley Railway Society

"Nigel Gresley: the man and his achievements,"
Thurs, 21st Jan at 19.15 for 19.30 in the Waiting Room, Alnwick Station.
(Roger Jermy 606168)

Alnmouth Village Golf Club

Coffee Morning, Saturday, 30th Jan at 10.00

"Alnmouth Goes Down Under"

Friday, 12th March at 19.30 in the Hindmarsh Hall.
Tickets (singly or by table) on sale on 16th, 23rd and 30th Jan from 10.00 – 12.00 in Hindmarsh Hall

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