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The Alnmouth Village Newsletter

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Goodbye to the Boys' Club?

A chapter of Alnmouth history seems to be ending as Northumberland Estates progress their application to demolish the Boys' Club and build 10 holiday apartments on the site. The Parish Council is objecting to the scheme on the grounds that a very large proportion of dwellings in the village are already in the holiday letting or second homes sector. Although holiday letting is a very important economic activity in the village, a more urgent need is for affordable family housing. The Council believes that the development of the site provides such a housing opportunity. Around 50 Alnmouth residents came to the Hindmarsh Hall on 9 Feb to discuss the plans with



Parish Councillors and support for the Council's position was virtually unanimous. A few of us may have reservations about the modernistic style of the 1930's building, but many

will regret that what was originally provided by a generous village benefactor as a public asset will end up by being developed for private gain.

Alnmouth Allotments



Do you rent one of the Alnmouth Allotments? Are you fed up with the rabbits eating your produce? Would you like to have an allotment or part of an allotment? Do you think the currently neglected appearance of much of the allotment site detracts from the appearance of the village? Are you worried that we may lose the allotment site to development?

If you answer "YES" to any of the above, come to the Hindmarsh Hall on Wed, 17 March at 19.00. The Parish Council proposes to set up an Allotment Association, affiliated to the National Association of Allotments and Leisure Gardeners, which could organise the restoration and maintenance of our allotments and protect them for the future. So please come to the meeting and have your say!

VILLAGE ACCESS - UPDATE

Northumberland County Council have installed studs either side of several of the cracks in the pavement next to the Wellfield site and are monitoring whether any further movement is taking place. The Parish Council will continue to liaise with the NCC and keep you advised of any developments.



If you would like to receive the Newsletter by email, please contact the Editor.

Alnmouth Organisations and Activities

Alnmouth Parish Council

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

St John the Baptist Church

Services 09.15, first three Sundays of the month. (Peter Annett 830086)

Alnmouth Women's Institute

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

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

Next meeting Tuesday, 9 March at 19.00 in the Hope & Anchor. (Barbara Aitchison 830107) See exhibition in H&A.

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 mornings.

To hire the Hindmarsh Hall contact Jean Cullen (830501)

Congratulations to

Everyone concerned with the Nearly-New Sale which raised the magnificent sum of £1044.70 for the Smile Train Charity.



Doreen Warwick, who was presented with a picture of one of her favourite views by Peter Sutcliffe, the Vicar, at Morning Service, for her involvement with the Church flowers for the past 50 years.

The Haiti Earthquake Coffee Morning which raised £850.00!

The Alnmouth Village Golf Club Coffee Morning which raised £700.00!

And last but not least...

Everyone associated with "Alnmouth All At Sea", for their outstanding performances on three consecutive nights to packed and highly appreciative houses in the Hindmarsh Hall.



Alnmouth Arts Festival

The downstairs meeting room in the Hindmarsh Hall was packed with enthusiastic Arts Festival supporters on 1 Feb, with plenty of ideas, suggestions and offers of help.

The Festival, which takes place this year on 26-27 June, will be even bigger and better than ever. More details are available from our website:

www.alnmouthartsfestival.com

If you want to join those already involved, or know artists who would like to participate, please contact Bill Bourne (830530 or billbourne@btinternet.com)

Alnmouth – Mentioned in Dispatches!

The Sunday Telegraph (21 Feb) listed Alnmouth as one of six villages in the UK which were "Alive and Kicking". The article stated, amongst other things, "there is an art trail, wine tastings, barn dances and a busy Women's Institute."

Don't Miss!

Alnmouth WI

Mon, 1 March at 19.00. Dorothy Osler, "North Country Quilts and Quilters" New members/guests welcome.

Barn Dances

Tuesdays, 2 and 16 March at 19.30 in the Hindmarsh Hall. Entry £2 to include refreshments.

Dog Walkers' Dinner

Wed, 3 March at the Sun Inn

Alnmouth Autumn Club

Tues, 9 March at 14.30 in the Hindmarsh Hall.

Jean Findlay, "Pacific Travel"

Alnmouth Goes Down Under. Wine Tasting

Fri, 12 March at 19.30, Hindmarsh Hall

(Don't forget your wine glasses!)

Alnmouth Allotment Meeting

Wed, 17 March at 19.00 in the Hindmarsh Hall

Aln Valley Railway Society

"Sir Thomas Bouch – Railway Engineer", by Prof Iain Moffat.

Thurs, 18 March at 19.15 for 19.30 in the Waiting Room, Alnwick Station.

(Roger Jermy 606168)

Alnmouth Local History Group

Thurs, 1 April at 14.00 in the Hindmarsh Hall.

Looking Ahead...

Christmas Lights Quiz

Fri, 9 April at 7pm in the Hindmarsh Hall

Alnmouth Arts Festival

Sat, 26 and Sun, 27 June

Alnmouth Raft Race

Sat, 21 August

Build your own Coracle!

Sept - in the Hindmarsh Hall.

Limited spaces! Contact Mary Hollins (830330) for more info.

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