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The Alnmouth Village Newsletter

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Local Housing Issues Discussed

Over 60 people, both members of the public and housing professionals, met to discuss various concerns at Alnmouth Area Forum's Housing Event. We worked hard for our cup of tea and biscuit, working in small groups developing solutions to problems across 6 themes – Affordable Housing, Provision of New Housing, Holiday and Second Homes, Homelessness and Housing Quality. These ideas will form the basis of campaigns to resolve housing problems in the 21 parishes involved in the Forum. If we had hoped for progress on one of our particular Alnmouth issues, namely the failure of NCC to continue Alnmouth District Council's policy of keeping the former council homes as family accommodation by enforcing the restrictive covenants on them, we were destined to be disappointed because the NCC officials responsible turned down the invitation to attend. However, we are clearly not alone in wanting action to protect these homes and the message will be passed on from the Forum to NCC. It was also illuminating to hear that the planners often feel as frustrated as we do about planning decisions. They are severely constrained by national policy and frequently have no option but to agree to developments no-one in the community wants, knowing that permission will be granted after an appeal if they refuse permission. When collated, the outcomes from the event will be posted on Alnmouth PC's website pages. We will let you know when.

Wellfield Development Work Resumes

Everyone will have observed that work has resumed at the Wellfield site now that the developers have gained approval from NCC for their solution to repair the subsiding embankment. It is still unclear however how long the unsightly barriers will remain in place or how long it will be before the footpaths are fully restored. The Parish Council continues to press for answers and will keep you informed.



Boys' Club

Planning Application Withdrawn

The Parish Council has been informed that Northumberland Estates have withdrawn their planning application (see Issue 4) to demolish the Boys' Club and build 10 holiday apartments there. The future of the site is therefore in doubt but the Council remains of the view that it provides the ideal opportunity to build much-wanted affordable family housing in Alnmouth and will continue to lobby to this end.

Police Community Forum Meeting

There was a good attendance at the recent Forum when the Police reported on recent local crime which fortunately has been of a relatively minor nature. They advised that they will continue to monitor inconsiderate and illegal parking and will issue warning notices to first time offenders. Those who re-offend will get parking tickets. They are also planning to check vehicle speeds particularly by Hipsburn School, Shepherds Hill and Marine Road following concerns raised by local residents.

Vacancy Parish Council

Following the resignation of Hilary Burns (see Issue 10) there is a vacancy on the Parish Council. Anyone interested in serving on the Council is invited to read the information on the Notice Board in the Church grounds which explains in detail the procedure to be followed.

Alnmouth Organisations and Activities

Alnmouth Parish Council

Meets on the 2nd Monday of each month in HH

St John the Baptist Church

Services 9.15am, first three Sundays of the month.
(Isabel Chalmers 830362)

Alnmouth Women's Institute

Meets on the 1st Monday of each month in HH.
(Pam Muggleton 830315)
www.alnmouthwi.co.uk

Alnmouth Autumn Club

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in HH.
(Alistair Sinton 830784 or Audrey McKabe 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)

Alnmouth Village Golf Club

Full and Social Membership available.
(Clubhouse 830370)

Brownies

Meets Tuesdays in HH.
(Sue Jackson 830142)

Yoga and Yoga Bugs

(Claire Lang 581434)

Chapel Art Group

Meets weekly in the Old Methodist Chapel on Thursday mornings.

Alnmouth Youth Club

Meets Fridays from 5 -7pm in the Old Methodist Chapel. Ages 8 - 12.

River Aln Boat Club

Dinghy Racing every second Sunday.
(George Ternent 830444)

To hire the Hindmarsh Hall contact Jean Cullen (830501)

Autumn Club Goes into Battle!



Thirty four members of the Autumn Club enjoyed a day out visiting the site of the Battle of Flodden. Following an excellent indoor presentation on the details of the battle they went to see the site, finishing off with lunch in Milfield.

Alnmouth Parish Church – Summer Fete

The recent Summer Fete raised nearly £2,900 for Church Funds. Thanks to all those who helped before and on the day – and of course those who took part.



We wonder how much the thrower of the sponge (above) paid for the privilege!

Local History Group Coffee Morning Saturday, 23 Oct from 10am until noon

Displays to include:

- Lesbury Churchyard Survey
- The H. Kenyon Temperley Memorial
- Schooners and Sloops of Alnmouth

Fred Bettess will be launching a new book on various historical aspects of Alnmouth – and signing copies!!

Help for Heroes

Friday – Sunday, 8-10 Oct

The Red Lion is holding a Beer Festival in aid of Help for Heroes and other local charities.
See notices in village for further details.

2011 Arts Festival Public Meeting

Wed, 10 Nov at 7 pm in the Hindmarsh Hall

Further details will appear on Notice Boards and in next month's Newsletter.

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Alnmouth WI

Mon, 4 Oct at 7pm in HH.
Cat Morley on her recent travels to Costa Rica. New members/guests welcome.

Barn Dances

Tuesdays, 5 and 19 Oct at 7.30pm in HH.
Entry £2 to include refreshments.

Beer Festival

Friday – Sunday, 8-10 Oct
In the Red Lion Inn.
In aid of Help for Heroes and other local charities.

River Aln Boat Club

Dinghy Race, Sun, 10 Oct at 4.30pm.

Alnmouth Autumn Club

Tues, 12 Oct at 2pm.
AGM followed by Rosie Ross, "Flitting about in Tall Ships".

Alnmouth Camera Group

Tues, 12 Oct at 7pm in the Hope & Anchor. Topic: "Weather" - note, please bring pictures on disc or stick

Aln Valley Railway Soc

Thurs, 14 Oct at 7pm for 7.30pm in Old Waiting Room, Alnwick Station. "The Quintinshill Disaster" by Cliff Pettit of Alnwick

Alnmouth History Group Coffee Morning

Sat, 23 Oct from 10am 'til noon in HH. Further details this page.

Diary Dates

Alnmouth Arts Festival 2011 - Public Meeting

Wed, 10 Nov at 7pm in HH. Further details to follow.

Alnmouth Christmas Lights

Switch-on at 4.30pm on Sat, 27 Nov.

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