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The Alnmouth Village Newsletter

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Weather Causes Near-Disasters

The driver and his two passengers had a narrow escape on Wednesday 22 Dec when the 518 bus to Newcastle skidded on the approach to The Wynd. It slid backwards, coming to rest with its rear end hanging over the steep drop down to the marsh below. Luckily no-one was hurt and the bus was recovered some three hours later.



In a separate incident on the previous Sunday, six members of the River Aln Boat Club also became victims of the weather. Five dinghies had set out in snow showers but with almost no wind. All the crews, who were very experienced, were clad in wet suits and all were wearing buoyancy aids. Suddenly the wind increased to 25 knots and one boat capsized and another boat went to its assistance. Two people were then in the water and people on shore were sufficiently concerned to call the Coastguard. The rest of the sailors rallied round and this resulted in more of them being immersed in the very cold water. Working as a team, they managed to get themselves and their craft to safety. Most were suffering from the cold to varying degrees and it was felt that one of them should be treated in hospital. He was airlifted by a Sea King helicopter from RAF Boulmer to Wansbeck Hospital, where he was detained overnight before returning home the next morning, none the worse for his experience.

Everyone involved would like to thank the emergency services for their prompt and efficient response. Their timely arrival and expertise ensured that the situation was brought quickly and safely to a close.

A Sea King helicopter from RAF Boulmer was again in action on Christmas Day when a Japanese tourist fell near Alnmouth, breaking his leg. The Coastguard from Amble and an ambulance were unable to reach him and the helicopter was called in to take him to Wansbeck Hospital.

Volunteers Help School Re-Open

After having been closed for five days due to the adverse weather conditions, parents, teachers and pupils responded magnificently to a call to help clear the snow from around Hipsburn First School. Headteacher, Mrs Charlton said, "On behalf of the staff and the pupils, I would like to thank everyone who came and worked so hard to make it safe to re-open our school."



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. **NOTE**, fourth Sunday at 10am. (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

(George Ternent 830444)

To hire the Hindmarsh Hall contact Jean Cullen (830501)

Happy New Year



Northumberland Street was packed with revellers at midnight on 31 December waiting for the newly-restored Church Clock to welcome in 2011. It gave the correct time but unfortunately had a temporary loss of voice and needed human intervention to strike the midnight chimes. We all hope it will be better soon!

Allotments – Some Progress



Our allotments had a facelift in December when Northumberland Estates sent a team to cut the overgrown hedges and replace the fencing. The site is now rabbit-proof, although the rabbits on the inside will have to be escorted from the premises! Progress was also made in clearing the invading trees and scrub from the upper part of the site, but we are still in the dark as to who the tenants of these plots are or whether the Castle has new tenants in mind. Existing tenants who have been battling against the rabbits and general dereliction have been given tremendous encouragement by the work and hopefully the 2011 season will see the complete restoration of this vital village asset.

St John the Baptist Church Alnmouth Church Clock

The generous response to the appeal for extra donations to fund the more extensive work required to repair the Church Clock has been very much appreciated. Donations have been received from Alnmouth Parish Council, The Burgage Holders of Alnmouth and from two individual parishioners. The Vicar, Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council would like to say a very big thank you to all those concerned.

Thanks also to everyone who made the recent Coffee Morning such a great success, raising £825!

Tickets Sales!!!

Burns Supper, 10.00am on Sat, 8 Jan in HH, £12.50 ea, max 4 per person.

“Hall of Fame” 10.00am on Saturdays, 22 and 29 Jan in HH, £8 each.

Palace of Varieties Night, same times as “Hall of Fame”, £8 each.

White Gardenias – New Date, Sat, 5 March at 8.00pm (doors open 7.30pm – bring your own refreshments)

Please return any unwanted tickets to the Alnmouth Post Office for re-selling – there is a waiting list!!

Christmas Lights – Thank You

The Newsletter has been asked to convey the village's thanks to everyone involved with this year's wonderful Christmas Lights display; to those who raised money and to those who put them up in often appalling conditions.

Thank you to everyone concerned

JANUARY

Barn Dance

Tuesdays, 4 and 18 Jan at 7.30pm in HH. Entry £2 to include refreshments.

Alnmouth WI

Mon, 10 Jan at 2pm in HH. Alnmouth Friary with Brother Jason.

Alnmouth Autumn Club

Tues, 11 Jan at 2.30pm in HH. “Behind the Scenes” with Bob and Marris from Orion TV.

Alnmouth Camera Group

Tues, 11 Jan at 7pm in the Hope & Anchor. Theme, “An Abstract from Nature”

Alnmouth Local History Group

Meeting on Thurs, 13 Jan at 2pm in HH.

Aln Valley Railway Soc

Thurs, 20 Jan at 7pm for 7.30pm, Alnwick Station. “The Alnwick Branch” by Bart Rippon, all the way from Oz.

Burns' Supper

Fri, 21 Jan at 7.30 in HH. See this page for ticket sale details.

Alnmouth Village Golf Club Coffee Morning

Sat, 29 January at 10am

Senior Citizens' Lunch

Sun, 30 Jan at 12.30pm.

LOOKING AHEAD

“Hall of Fame”

Thurs, Fri and Sat, 24, 25 and 26 Feb at 7.30 in HH. See this page for ticket sale details

White Gardenias

Sat, 5 March at 7.30 for 8pm in HH. See this page for more details.

Palace of Varieties Night

“Good Old Days” Music Hall Style, with period dress option, **Sat, 12 March** at 7.30pm in the Schooner Hotel. See this page for ticket sale details.

Alnmouth Arts Festival

Sat- Sun, 25-26 June
www.alnmouthartsfestival.com