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# The Alnmouth Village Newsletter

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## Arts Festival – 25 & 26 June

Preparations for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts Festival are nearly complete with a record number of artists, photographers and craftspeople being located in 20 different venues around the village.

This year sees more activities for children including their own Art Trail and free drawing workshops on both Saturday and Sunday.

There will be a “Saturday Evening in the Park” event with a BBQ and music starting at 4.30pm.



*This year's poster artist, Helen Stuart*

A shuttle bus service will operate this year running from the football club car park into the village.

Further details and timings for the weekend will be displayed on notices around the village.

On Friday (24 June) there is a Preview Evening from 6pm until 9pm when villagers are cordially invited to see the exhibits before the event officially starts at 10am on Saturday.

To see who is exhibiting go to:  
[www.alnmouthartsfestival.com](http://www.alnmouthartsfestival.com)

## Parish Open Meeting

Parking, traffic and dog fouling may be hot topics in Alnmouth but, disappointingly, residents attending the Annual Parish Open Meeting in May to discuss them and other Parish Council activities were actually outnumbered by the Parish Councillors. However, on the plus side we can therefore assume that most residents must be very content with what the Council is doing. Most time was spent on parking problems so it was decided to arrange another meeting in the autumn to discuss possible solutions and, in the meantime, seek advice from NCC's Highways Department and the AONB's Iain Robson, who pioneered the Bamburgh traffic study.

On the dog fouling front Robin Winder is to lead a small team which will advise the Parish Council on where the problem is worst, whether the current signs and bins are adequate and effectively placed, and what other measures might be usefully employed to help rid our pavements and open spaces of this insanitary and disgusting feature. If you want to be involved with this or have any suggestions to contribute please contact the Parish Clerk.

## Organisations and Activities

### Alnmouth Parish Council

Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in HH.

### St John the Baptist Church

Services 9.15am. (Fourth Sunday at 10am.)  
(Isabel Chalmers 830362)

### Alnmouth Women's Institute

Meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday  
(Pam Muggleton 830315)  
[www.alnmouthwi.co.uk](http://www.alnmouthwi.co.uk)

### Alnmouth Autumn Club

Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday  
(Alistair Sinton 830784 or Audrey McKane 830809)

### Alnmouth Camera Group

Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday  
(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

Every Thurs morning in the Old Methodist Chapel

### Alnmouth Youth Club

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

### River Aln Boat Club

(George Ternent 830444)

### Alnmouth Football Club

[www.alnmouthfc.com](http://www.alnmouthfc.com)

### Exercise, Movement & Dance for 50+

Wednesdays 9.30-10.30am in HH.  
(Emma Dunn 833780)

To hire the Hindmarsh Hall contact Jean Cullen (830501)

## Danger! Fires on the Beach

A lady from Washington contacted the Newsletter asking us to warn people about the dangers of beach fires.

On Easter Sunday she had come to Alnmouth with her 8 year old daughter who was playing on the beach when she ran over a fire that had not been properly extinguished. As a result she had to be treated at Alnmouth Infirmary for burns to her right foot. Fortunately she is now recovering and her mother says she is sure she will enjoy more days out at the beach – “with me watching her every move.”

*So if you do have a fire or BBQ on the beach, please make sure it is fully extinguished before you leave – after all there is plenty of water around!!*

## Seabank – Nearly Finished



The work on the fire damaged flats is essentially finished and thankfully the scaffolding has gone. All that remains to be done is to re-lay a small section of tarmac and replace some of the garage doors.

## Alnmouth WI Plays Host

As a result of a successful bid at the Northumberland WI Federation Auction, a group of 12 members (below) of Southridge WI in Whitley Bay came to Alnmouth. They were treated to a walk around the village, led by Alistair Sinton, and an afternoon tea, homemade from local produce which surely rivaled that on offer at the most prestigious hotels.



## Quiz

### In aid of Alexa's Dog Rescue

Friday, 1 July at 8pm in the Hindmarsh Hall  
Teams of up to 6 people - £5 per person  
Bring your own drinks and nibbles.  
For more details call 830261

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## JUNE

(All events in HH unless otherwise stated)

### Alnmouth WI

Mon, 6 June at 7pm.  
“Life as a Criminal Lawyer” with Chris Mitchinson.

### Alnmouth Village Golf Club

Sat, 11 June, Bingo.  
Sat, 18 June, Quiz Night & Eggheads Challenge.

### Autumn Club Outing

Tues, 14 June to Floors Castle.

### Alnmouth Camera Group

Tues, 14 June at 7pm in the Hope & Anchor.  
Theme: Arts Festival

### Alnmouth Arts Festival

Sat – Sun, 25 and 26 June  
With Friday evening for the villagers.  
(See front page for further details.)

### Western Front Association

Mon, 27 June at 7.30 for 8pm in Alnmouth Ex-Servicemen's Club.  
“The Court Martial of Willie Stone & the Durham Six” with David Tattersfield.

## Looking Ahead

### Quiz in aid of Alexa's Dog Rescue

Fri, 1 July at 8pm  
(see this page for more details)

### Barn Dances

will resume on Tuesday, 4 October.

**Promote your event here - it's free!!**