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# The Alnmouth Village Newsletter

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Vacancy

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## Arts Festival - Record Number of Exhibitors

This year's Arts Festival will have a record number of exhibitors, thanks to the generosity of residents and businesses in Alnmouth who have provided yet more venues, and to Northumberland Estates who have made the Boys' Club available for the weekend.

Since November there has been a waiting list of exhibitors wanting to come to the festival and now they can all be accommodated - and there is even room for a few more. But note the closing date is 5 April. To find out more and see who is coming this year go to:

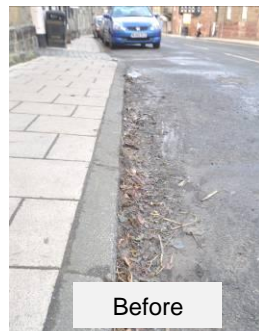
[www.alnmouthartsfestival.com](http://www.alnmouthartsfestival.com)



## Supporting Arts and Crafts in the Community

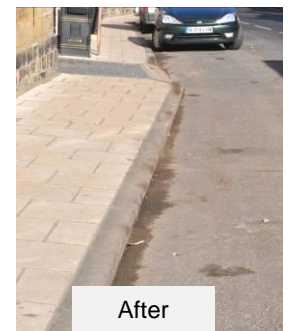
One of the aims of the Arts Festival is to use any surplus funds to foster interest and local participation in arts and crafts among members of the community. Readers will recall that in November 2011 the Arts Festival Committee purchased a hanging system to be used by the Alnmouth Camera Group. What else should be done?

If you have any suggestions as to what other activities could be supported, contact the Newsletter at [alnmouthnews@fsmail.net](mailto:alnmouthnews@fsmail.net)



## A Clean Sweep

Northumberland Street was spring-cleaned last month thanks to a special visit from NCC's staff and Cllrs Judi Hill, Jack Ross & Bill Bourne turning out with their brooms. Thanks also to all those who moved their cars so the cleaning team could do its job.



## Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

The Parish Council wants to celebrate the forthcoming Jubilee and has already commissioned specially-designed commemorative mugs as it did for the Millennium. Also, festive events, like tea and games in the Park for the children, a barbeque and a boat regatta are being considered. If you would like to help in any way please contact Ian Aitchison (830 107).

## Vacancy Parish Council

Following the resignation of Judi Hill (Newsletter, March 2012), there is now a vacancy on the Parish Council. Further information is available on the PC Notice Board in the Church grounds.

## 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  
(Terry Collinson 830228)

### 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)

## Another Resounding Success



This year's show by the Hindmarsh Hall Players was yet another great success playing to packed houses over three nights. Many congratulations to everyone involved. It was generally agreed that it was one of the best performances yet.

So no pressure for 2013 then!

### "Alnmouth's Secret Gardens"

Sunday, 27 May

Twenty-one of Alnmouth's gardens will be open to visitors from 11am until 4.30pm and proceeds will go the restoration and repair of the village War Memorial.

Tickets, £4.50 will be available from 5 April at the Post Office, Aln Gift Shop and Alnmouth Country Store.

### Diamond Jubilee Weekend Flower Festival

St John The Baptist Church

There will be a flower festival in the church and anyone wishing to sponsor a flower arrangement, for example to commemorate a special event or a loved one is invited to contact Joan Davidson (830 893) for more details.

### Garden Bonfires - One Villager's Plea

Well, if it is a lovely sunny day or a special weekend....then you can be sure that someone will light a garden bonfire and spoil the day for everyone living around about them! "Quick...Close the windows, take the washing in and don't even to try work outside in the garden."

Those who find it difficult to take garden waste to the Sita site at Alnwick have the alternative of a Garden Bin from NCC which is a great service and should be supported.

So, please think before you heap all your garden rubbish into a pile and set alight to it! Is the wind blowing across all my neighbours' properties? And do I really need to pollute the air and spoil a lovely fine day?

The recent **Christmas Lights Quiz** raised £145.15

## What's On

(In HH unless stated)

### Alnmouth WI

Mon, 2 April at 7pm,  
Annual General Meeting

### Alnmouth Camera Group

Tues, 3 April at 7pm in the Hope & Anchor. Exhibition Set-Up.

### Barn Dances

Tuesdays, 3 & 17 April  
at 7.30pm.

### Alnmouth Local History Group Meeting

Thurs, 5 April at 2pm

### Autumn Club

Tues, 10 April at 2.30pm.  
"Three Men in a Boat"  
(across the Atlantic) with John Hall.

### Aln Valley Railway Soc

Thurs, 19 April at 7pm for 7.30pm in Alnwick Station.  
"The Border Counties Line"  
with Dave Dunn.

### Coffee Morning

Sat, 21 April from 10.30am - noon. Entrance £1.50.  
Proceeds in aid of Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch.

### An Evening of Flamenco

Sat, 21 April at 7.30pm.  
Tickets £6 from Post Office and Aln Gift Shop.  
In aid of the Brothers of Alnmouth Friary.  
Bring your own refreshments

### Western Front Association

Mon, 23 April at 7.30 for 8pm in Alnmouth Ex-Servicemen's Club.  
Members' Night: Sharing interests.

**Promote your event here**

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