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# The Alnmouth Village Newsletter

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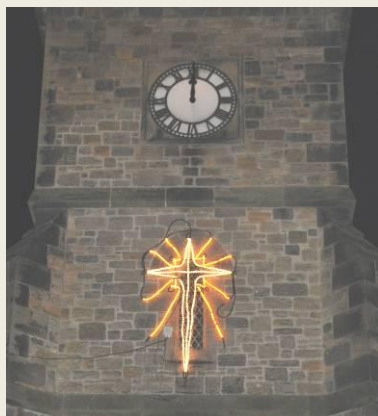
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## Happy New Year

A happy, healthy and prosperous 2013 to all  
our readers in Alnmouth and beyond.

Alnmouth Parish Council

## Another Christmas Lights Success

Thanks to the hard work of the Christmas Lights Committee and the skills of Charlotte and Grace Holden, ably supported by Val McDermid (pictured right), Alnmouth had yet another successful and popular lights switch-on.

The Committee had great difficulty in finding a suitable Christmas Tree, locating one only two days earlier, so if anyone can suggest where they can get one this year, they'd love to hear from you.



## What did the Parish Council ever do for me? - (1)

*(The first in a series of articles about the role of the Parish Council and its Councillors aimed at encouraging more people to come forward to serve on the Council. In the first article we look at the Council's finances and where the money is spent.)*

Parish Councils can raise a precept, which is added to the Council Tax, to fund their work. In Alnmouth this is currently £11,500 per year, which is required for numerous activities such as providing the public liability insurance, premium currently about £2,000 per year, which we need for the Christmas Lights, the Arts Festival, the Children's Playground and all the other things the PC is involved with. It also pays for the village's raffle licence, business rates on the larger boathouse, accounting and auditing fees and other administrative expenses.

The PC is also responsible for the Children's Playground equipment and cutting the grass, looking after the seats around the village, Dr Joy's Garden and the War Memorial, planting up the tubs, and installing all the dog waste and litter bins. It has to maintain our Grade 2 listed boathouses and we share the cost of having litter picked from the beach with the Burgage Holders. The Parish Council contributes to

looking after the Church Cemetery on the Foxton Road, and also makes occasional grants to other organisations whose activities benefit our village. This Newsletter costs about £1,500 a year. This is just the printing cost – it is produced and distributed by enthusiastic unpaid volunteers.

There are some major projects in progress at the moment: the restoration of the War Memorial, replacing the very worn and jaded information boards, plus installing a new one in the harbour area, developing our own website, and refurbishing the larger boathouse, currently used for storage. So, while the PC may meet just once a month, its activities go on all the time and there is plenty for your Councillors to do.

Next month we will tell you more about PC activities and what being a Parish Councillor involves.

## 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 (Haley Hackett 833711)  
[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)

## St John's Christmas Coffee Morning

December's Coffee Morning raised a magnificent £900.82 for Church Funds. Our picture shows Dick and Anne Forman who won the raffle for the Christmas Cake. Dick and Anne celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary this month - many congratulations to you both.



## Carols for the Children's Society



The Sunday evening before Christmas saw the intrepid Alnmouth Carol Singers entertain the village with their songs, raising over £160 for the Children's Society. They are pictured in the Hope & Anchor at the start of their tour.

## Burns' Supper

Friday, 25 Jan at 7.30pm in HH.

## Alnmouth and Lesbury Cricket Club Annual Jumble Sale

Wed, 20 Feb at 12pm - more details next month.

## "Almost Anything Goes"

Thurs, 28 Feb - Sat, 2 March at 7.30pm in HH.

## But Don't Forget Your Tickets!

### Burns' Supper

Tickets, £12.50, will be on sale on Sat, 12 Jan in HH from 10am until noon. Maximum of 4 tickets per person.

### "Almost Anything Goes"

Tickets, £8, on sale on Sats, 26 Jan and 2 Feb in HH from 10am until 1pm.

## What's On

(In HH unless stated)

### Alnmouth WI

Mon, 7 Jan at 7pm. Allergy Testing with Alan Hopewell.

### Alnmouth Camera Group

Tues, 8 Jan at 7pm in the Hope & Anchor. Social Evening.

### Autumn Club

Tues, 8 Jan at 2.30pm. Simon Thompson, The Northern Ark Nursery Gardens at Longhorsley.

### Senior Citizens Lunch

Sunday, 13 January at noon.

### Barn Dances

Tuesdays, 15 and 29 Jan at 7.30pm.

### Aln Valley Railway

Thurs, 17 Jan at 7 for 7.30pm at Alnwick Station. "An Evening with Atholl Swanston".

### Burns Supper

Fri, 25 Jan at 7.30pm. Tickets £12.50.

### Western Front Association

Mon, 28 Jan at 7.15 for 7.30pm in Alnmouth Ex-Servicemen's Club. "British Junior Officers on the Western Front, 1914-18".

### Alnmouth and Lesbury Cricket Club

Annual Jumble Sale, Wed 20 Feb at noon - more details next month.

### "Almost Anything Goes" at the Hindmarsh Hall,

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