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# The Alnmouth Village Newsletter

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## Alnmouth Parish Councillors

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## Iona and Oliver Light Up Alnmouth

All the hard work, those hours up ladders and the fund raising throughout 2013 by the Christmas Lights Committees paid off on Saturday when Bill Bourne, ably supported by Iona Morrison and Oliver Pinchen from Hipsburn First School switched on the Alnmouth Lights.

Iona and Oliver were chosen by the school because of their good behaviour and manners. Well done and thanks to both of you.



## Bus Welter!

The bus shelter on Shepherds Hill came off second best in a collision with an unknown object.

As yet the object has not been identified and anyone with any information as to whom the culprit might be is asked to contact the Parish Council.

Whatever it was left samples of its blue paint on the shelter's gutter (inset) in the area of impact.

## Senior Citizens' Lunch

This ever-popular annual event will take place on Sunday, 12 January 2014 in the Hindmarsh Hall and all those residents who have reached 65, plus their partners of whatever age, will shortly be getting their invitations. No Bingo this year, but there will be a raffle, songs from the Alnmen and, new for this event, entertainment from Ernie Coe. Guests will be waited upon by your Parish Councillors and again this year it is all entirely paid for thanks to the hard work of the fundraising organising committee, together with generous support from the Burgage Holders.

(Note: the committee's November Coffee Morning raised a staggering £543!)

## Bonfire Night - a real team effort - raising £161 for Hipsburn First School

A big thank-you to Jill Brown for making the soup, the parents of Year 2 children at Hipsburn for serving it and setting off the fireworks donated by the Parish Council; Kevin Holden for making the bonfire and David Emmerson for the use of his trailer; Aln Valley Railway for the generator and floodlights; the Village Golf Club for the use of the BBQ gas heater to keep the soup warm, and the Schooner Hotel for coming to the rescue when the original gas cooker failed.

Helen Holden

## Organisations and Activities

### **Alnmouth Parish Council**

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

### **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)

### **Alnmouth Camera Group**

Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday  
(Terry Collinson 830228)

### **Alnmouth Local History Group**

(Adrian Osler 830112)

### **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 **Tuesdays** from  
5 - 6.30pm in the Old  
Methodist Chapel.  
Ages 8 - 12.  
**Note change of Day!**

### **River Aln Boat Club**

(George Terment 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)**

## Lest We Forget



Service of Remembrance, Sunday, 10 November

### CAN YOU HELP?

Next year will be the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of WW1. The Alnmouth Local History Group are researching information about those who fought in the war and are listed on our village War Memorial and the Roll of Honour in St. John's Church and hope to display some of their stories in the village next year. If you have any information you would be prepared to share with us, especially family stories and photographs, we would be very pleased to hear from you. Please contact Pam Muggleton: 01665 830315 / [pjmuggleton@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:pjmuggleton@tiscali.co.uk)

### **St John the Baptist Church Christmas Coffee Morning**

**Sat, 7 Dec, 10am until noon**  
in the Hindmarsh Hall.

Raffle, Tombola and more!

### **Family Ceilidh**

**Sat, 7 Dec at 7.30pm**

Hindmarsh Hall  
Tickets, £7, from Post Office.  
Children go free.  
Pooled supper, BYOB.  
Proceeds to Alnmouth Bay  
Community Rowing Assoc.

### **Puglia Returns to Alnmouth**

Once again Jo and Oliver Driscoll will be selling the luscious organic extra-virgin olive oil they produce from their farm in Italy with all the profits going to Hipsburn First School and Lesbury Pre-School. The 5 litre cans are still only £30 and will be available from their house, 12 Riverside Road, before Christmas. For more information or to order your can, email Jo at: [info@vallecoppa.com](mailto:info@vallecoppa.com)

## Fred Bettess

1918 - 2013



Fred first came to Alnmouth with his family in the late 1940s before buying a holiday cottage in 1957. On his retirement in 1978 he and his late wife, Gladys moved here. They both played a major role in village life. Fred was elected to the Parish Council serving as Chairman for 11 years. He also chaired a small group which raised funding to update the Hindmarsh Hall. He became

an expert on the history of Alnmouth, and was a founder member of the Local History Group. Having already written a number of books in his professional life, at the age of 92 he published 'An Alnmouth Scrapbook', which detailed much of the village's history and its landmarks, followed one year later by his autobiography, 'Recollections'.

He will be greatly missed, but never forgotten.

## What's On

(In HH unless stated)

### **Alnmouth WI**

Mon, 2 Dec at 7pm.  
Christmas Party

### **St John the Baptist Christmas Coffee Morning**

Sat, 7 Dec from 10am-noon.

### **Ceilidh in aid of ABCRA**

Sat, 7 Dec at 7.30pm.  
See this page.

### **Autumn Club**

Tues, 10 Dec  
Christmas Lunch

### **Alnmouth Camera Group**

Tues, 10 Dec at 7pm in  
Village Golf Club,  
"Work"

### **Alnmouth Local History Group**

Meeting, Thurs, 12 Dec  
at 2pm.

### **Aln Valley Railway**

Thurs, 12 Dec at 7.15pm  
at Barter Books.  
"The Members Entertain"

### **Barn Dances**

Tuesdays, 17 and 31  
Dec at 7.30pm

### **Western Front Assoc.**

No formal meeting in  
December

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

**Senior Citizens' Lunch**  
Sunday, 12 January

### **Promote Your Event Here!**

Simply email  
[alnmouthnews@fsmail.net](mailto:alnmouthnews@fsmail.net)

The closing date for items to be considered for the Jan issue is  
Mon, 23 Dec.