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The Alnmouth Village Newsletter

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by Terry Collinson.

Lovers Walk Bypass Opened!

Lovers Walk was blocked when December's tidal surge washed the masonry of the harbour wall onto it, but NCC have responded rapidly by fencing off a parallel strip of the field to form a new path by-passing the obstruction. Hopefully they are not regarding this as a permanent solution – we would like our historic and beautiful harbour wall re-instated as soon as possible.



"Alnmouth Goes Travelling"



The Alnmouth Show proudly presents their 2014 production "Alnmouth Goes Travelling" from Thursday, 27 February to Saturday, 1 March at 7.30pm.

Tickets, £8, will again be on sale in the Hindmarsh Hall on Saturday, 1 Feb from 10am until noon.

Our photo shows the lucky couple who were at the front of the queue when tickets were first sold on 11 January.

Hipsburn School Needs Your Help!

"We're searching for memories of Alnmouth, Hipsburn and Lesbury, so they don't get lost. Please can you help us? Where did you play, go to school, go shopping or go for days out? What were your favourite games? Was life just the same as it is now? We'd like to invite you to find out more and we really need your help. We've been baking so please bring your friends for coffee, and let us know if you'd like a lift."

Wednesday, 12 February from 2 - 3pm at the school.
Tel 830210 or email: admin@hipsburn.northumberland.sch.uk

The Christmas Lights Committee would like to thank everyone who turned out for the Christmas Lights Switch on and who kindly donated towards next year's lights. In particular, thanks go to the White Gardenias, who donated all of their takings for their concert that night and Andrew Baxter who did a sterling job collecting donations. Thanks also to all the homes and businesses who allow us to hang lights off their properties and provide the power to make them work.

"VERA" The Newsletter has been in contact with ITV asking when the episode featuring Alnmouth will be broadcast. No date has yet been fixed, although it is "likely to be in the Spring". They have promised to let us know as soon as a decision has been made and we will pass the details on to you.

Organisations and Activities

Alnmouth Parish Council

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday

St John the Baptist Church

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

Alnmouth Women's Institute

Meets on the 1st Monday
(Haley Hackett 833711)
www.alnmouthwi.co.uk

Alnmouth Autumn Club

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday
(Alistair Sinton 830784)

Alnmouth Camera Group

Meets on the 2nd 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

Exercise, Movement & Dance for 50+

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

To hire the Hindmarsh
Hall contact Jean
Cullen (830501)

Senior Citizens Luncheon

courtesy of the magnificent seven - and many others!



The fundraisers for the Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch (aka "The Magnificent Seven"), pictured above, would like to thank everyone for their support throughout 2013, the result of which was a splendid lunch and afternoon's entertainment in the Hindmarsh Hall. They want to thank Bren, Mel and Tony from the Sun Inn for preparing the meal, the Parish Councillors for serving it - and doing the washing-up! Thanks also to the Burgage Holders for their kind donation of £250 and the many individuals and businesses for their raffle prizes.

Happy Birthday, Robbie



The bard's birthday was celebrated in style at the Hindmarsh Hall with all the traditions and enjoyment the occasion demands. We were even brought up to date with part of Val McDermid's erudite and humorous account of Burns the poet speculating whether or not he would have supported Scottish independence.

Dog Walkers' Dinner

Wednesday, 12 Feb at 7pm at the Sun Inn
Tickets £15 with proceeds to Alexa's Animal Rescue

Our Overseas Readers

In our last issue we asked our overseas readers to get in touch and we've had a number of fascinating responses. We have been contacted by Ann, who grew up in the area but has lived in Norway for nearly 40 years. She and friends have previously enjoyed Alistair's New Year ceilidhs when visiting. She has enquired about dates in February and March so she can take part again on her forthcoming visit. We look forward to seeing you soon, Ann. A lady in Ontario, Canada, tells us she looks forward to reading the Newsletter on-line each month as it brings her "closer to my favourite place on earth". Readers will remember Gunvor Soderstrom from Sweden, who returned to Alnmouth last August, fifty-six years after her first and only visit. The Newsletter sent Gunvor a DVD of the See Hear television programme which featured the Alnmouth Arts Festival. She says she watched it with her family over Christmas and thoroughly enjoyed it. *We'd love to hear from more of our readers, from overseas or the UK.*

December's Coffee Morning in aid of St John the Baptist Church raised £788.90 plus £202 raffle fund matching from Barclays Bank.

The **Alnmouth Carol Singers** raised £207 for Help for Heroes whilst entertaining the village over Christmas.

What's On

(In HH unless stated)

Alnmouth Goes Travelling

Ticket Sales, Sat, 1 Feb from 10am until noon.

Alnmouth WI

Mon, 3 Feb at 7pm.
Rag Rugging with Jane Jackson and Margaret Kenny.

Barn Dances

Tuesdays, 4 and 18 Feb at 7.30pm

Autumn Club

Tues, 11 Feb at 2.30pm.
"Seaton Delavel Hall" with Ken Hutchinson.

Alnmouth Camera Group

Tues, 11 Feb at 7pm in the AVGC. "Music"

Hipsburn School Needs Your Help.

Wed, 12 Feb from 2-3pm. See Front Page.

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Aln Valley Railway

Thurs, 20 Feb at 7.15pm at Barter Books.
"The Streamlined Trains and Mallard's Record Run" with Chris Nettleton.

Western Front Assoc.

Mon, 24 Feb at 7.15 for 7.30pm in Alnmouth Ex-Servicemen's Club.
"British Politics and the First World War" with Dr Martin Farr.

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Thurs - Sat, 27 Feb - 1 March at 7.30pm.

Looking Ahead

Alnmouth Arts Festival
Sat and Sun, 21 and 22 June.

Annual Raft Race

Saturday, 23 August.

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