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The Alnmouth Village Newsletter

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Help Needed for the Arts Festival!

Our village's Arts Festival has developed into rural Northumberland's most significant and important art event and we can all be proud of its successes, including:

- Visitor numbers increasing each year, with about 3500 coming to the village over the weekend of the 2014 Festival
- Sales by the exhibiting artists and craftspeople increasing each year, with the 2014 exhibitors making sales worth about £35000.
- Outreach work with local schools giving students new opportunities to engage in art projects, work with local artists, and exhibit their work.
- The competition to find an image for the Festival's poster making a real difference to the career success of the winning artists.
- Village businesses having their busiest weekend during the Festival and the local organisations which provide car parking and other services gaining major contributions to their funds.
- Supporting and improving facilities in the village by making grants and purchasing equipment.

The financial impact made by the Festival on the local economy is substantial, probably into six figures. Its reputation among exhibitors is high, with very positive comments about how professionally it is run, how enjoyable it is to exhibit, and how cost-effective it is. Similarly, visitors comment very favourably on their experience and the welcome they receive in Alnmouth; several thousand people have a great week-end, the village has a real buzz and we all enjoy ourselves. The Festival is clearly amply fulfilling its aims to involve more people in art and craftwork, to support the county's artists and craftspeople, and to promote the village of Alnmouth and the services it offers to visitors.

The villagers of Alnmouth always rally round to help over the Arts Festival weekend and we know that we can rely on you to allow us to use your homes, manage venues, sell Trail Guides, move furniture etc. However, organising a major event like this involves a great deal of work during the 10 months prior to the Festival. At the moment we have a committee of 7 people each with a major role and some with two. This is simply not enough and we need more people to join us if the Arts Festival is to continue. The Committee needs people who have management, organisational, marketing, IT skills and plenty of enthusiasm! We know you are out there and we may come and twist your arm, but if you are hiding your light under a bushel please contact us! Please ring me on 01665 830 530, or email billbourne@btinternet.com. if you would like to discuss how you can be involved.

Bill Bourne

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 Methodist Church Services
Every 4th Sunday at 10.30am
Every 2nd Wed at 7pm.

Alnmouth Women's Institute
Meets on the 1st Monday
(Janis Crook 603430)

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)

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.

River Aln Boat Club
(George Ternent 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)

Alnmouth Has a Fun Day



Alnmouth's recent fun day in aid of the Stephen Carey Fund was officially opened by Stephen's mother, Joy (pictured left).

The money raised will be used to buy a defibrillator which will be installed in the village. We'll let you know how much in a future issue.

Alnmouth Brownies Lose Their Leader

After being Brownie Leader for seven years, Sue Jackson has had to step down from the role. Regrettably no-one has come forward to take her place but the Brownies last meeting was marked by Divisional Commander, Madeline Russell who presented Sue (pictured on the left) with a thank-you gift.



Alnmouth Local History Group Coffee Morning and Exhibition

Saturday, 9 August from 10am until noon.
Alnmouth's History: What's New?

Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch Fundraiser

Sunday, 10 August at 'The Heugh' from 2-4pm
Tea and Scones, £2.50.

Volcano Night – on the beach

Saturday, 16 August: registration at 5.45pm.

Annual Raft Race

Saturday, 23 August, juniors at 2.30pm, adults 3.30pm
Raft registration from noon at the Sun Inn.

St John the Baptist Church Summer Fete

Monday, 25 August at 2pm on the Church Green
Admission £1.50, children free
Attractions include; Alnwick Concert Band, Teas, Cake Stall, Raffle, Tombola, Books, Bric a Brac etc.

Put Your Business on the Village Map

The Parish Council are designing a map of the village to be displayed by the bus stop on Northumberland Street to help guide visitors to Alnmouth to the shops, restaurants and places of interest in the village. Any businesses wishing to have their establishment listed on the map should contact Nick Mattlock at the Post Office 01665 830 356 by 31 August.

What's On

(In HH unless stated)

Alnmouth WI
No meeting in August.

The Boyds – "Classic Songs Unplugged"
Thurs, 7 August at 7.30pm. Tickets £8 on door – BYOB.

Local History Group Coffee Morning and Exhibition
Sat, 9 August from 10am – noon

Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch Fundraiser.
Sunday, 10 August from 2 – 4pm at The Heugh.

Autumn Club
No meeting in August.

Alnmouth Camera Group
Tues, 12 August at 7pm in the AVGC. "Birds"

Volcano Night
Sat, 16 August on the beach! Registration at 5.45pm.

Western Front Assoc.
No formal meeting in August.

Annual Raft Race
Saturday, 23 August.
Races at 2.30 and 3.30pm.

St John's the Baptist Church Summer Fete
Monday, 25 August at 2pm on the Church Green.

Christmas Lights Switch-On
Sat, 29 November

Promote your event here!

Simply email:

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