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The Alnmouth Village Newsletter

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“Ambassadors” Switch On Lights

Toby Renton (8) and Erin Davies (9), pupils at Hipsburn First School, switched on this year’s Christmas lights. Headteacher Dot Charlton, who hosted the event said, “They were chosen by their classmates as ambassadors because of their trustworthy, kind behaviour.”
Congratulations to you both.



Flood Barriers Installed

A number of flood barriers have been installed at properties in Riverside Road by NCC. They are to prevent the kind of damage caused by last December’s tide surge. In the event of a similar incident they can be quickly and easily made ready to prevent further flooding.

Bienvenue à Alnmouth, TF1

French TV station TF1 are coming to Alnmouth to make a short programme about the village for their 8 million viewers in France. There are also more than half a million French people living in the UK, many of whom watch TF1.

We will let you know when it has been broadcast and hopefully provide a link so that we can all see what our French neighbours saw.

Arts Festival Committee

The Arts Festival has a new committee comprising Jill Brown (Chair), Donald Blythe, Hilda Blythe, Clive Gibson, Keith Jackson, Dale Maloney, Eddie McKee, Stuart Milligan, Andrew Scott, Deirdre Taylor, Naomi Valentine and Julia Wilson. They would love to hear from you as to what you would like to see at the 2015 Arts Festival (20 and 21 June). Please contact the Committee Secretary, Hazel Eccleston (830042) with your suggestions.

Parish Council News Items

- The PC has received a generous donation of £5,000 from the Bettess family in memory of Fred. The fund is to be used to support the type of projects which were dear to Fred’s heart such as the history and heritage of the Parish. (See story over page regarding Fred.)
- The War Memorial gets added protection – English Heritage have given it Grade II listed status. It includes the roundabout and railings and planning permission will now be required for any alterations to it.
- For the first time anyone can remember, the village did not have a 5 Nov bonfire. To avoid future disappointment, your PC has decided to take responsibility for organising it in 2015 and will be calling for volunteers nearer the time.
- Northumbria Water are going to repair a fault in Riverside Road’s sewer, which will mean excavating the Children’s Playground just inside the new fence. The work will take around 3 days in early December.

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)

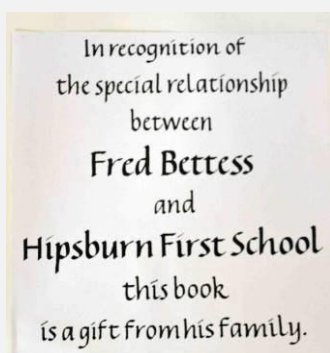
The Pride of Aln Launched



The Duchess of Northumberland officially named 'The Pride of Aln' at a ceremony at the lifeboat houses.

The skiff, built by the Alnmouth Community Rowing Association, was blessed by the Rev Ian MacKarrill before being launched into the sea.

Fred Will Be Long Remembered at Hipsburn School



Fred Bettess will be remembered at Hipsburn First School for many years to come thanks to the generosity of his family. When Fred died the family donated his credit balance at Barter Books to the school and the children went to Alnwick and chose their favourite books. Each one has now been inscribed (left) ensuring they will provide a lasting tribute.

Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch

The Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch will be held on Sunday, 11 Jan at 12.00 for 1pm in the Hindmarsh Hall. Invitations will be issued shortly.

There will be a **Coffee Morning on Sat, 13 Dec from 10.30am until noon in support of the Lunch.** The draw for the Christmas Hamper Raffle will take place then.

New Year's Day Charity Swim

There will another New Year's Day Charity swim – at mid-day. You select the charity you want to support and the Puffin Stores will provide hot soup and food for everyone who dares to take the plunge! Contact the Puffin Stores for more information.

Congratulations.....

To Andrew Baxter who has been collecting for the Poppy Day Appeal for 45 years. This year he raised a record £408.55. Well done, Andrew. *Neil Brison (Poppy Appeal Organiser)*

And finally.....

It is five years since the Newsletter was first published – Issue 1 appeared in Dec 2009. Thank you all for your contributions and kind comments. We hope you find it useful and informative.

What's On

(In HH unless stated)

Alnmouth WI

Monday, 1 Dec at 7pm.
"Christmas Party"

Barn Dances

Tuesdays, 2 & 16 Dec at 7.30pm.

Christmas Shopping Fair

Fri, 5 Dec from 7-9pm in
Lesbury Village Hall.
In aid of St Oswald's
Hospice.

St John's Church Christmas Coffee Morning

Sat, 6 Dec from 10am
until noon in HH.

Autumn Club

Tuesday, 9 Dec at 12.30
for 1pm. Christmas
Lunch at the Holiday
Fellowship

Alnmouth Camera Group

Tues, 9 Dec at 7pm in
the AVGC. "Starry Night"

Aln Valley Railway

Thurs, 11 Dec at 7.15 for
7.30pm in Alnwick
Station. "The Members
Entertain"

Messy Church

Fri, 12 Dec from 3.30-
5.45pm in the Old
Chapel. "Fun Crafts,
Celebration & Food"

Carol Service

Wed, 17 Dec at 7pm in
the Old Chapel.

Western Front Assoc.

No formal meeting this
month.

Looking Ahead

New Year's Charity Swim

Thurs, 1 Jan at mid-day.

Alnmouth Youthise

Tues, 13 Jan from 4.45-
6.15pm in the Old
Chapel.
A new youth club for
School Years 5-8.

Piano Recital

Sun, 18 Jan at St John's
Church

Promote your event here!

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