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## The Alnmouth Village Newsletter

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## Alnmouth Celebrates in Style!



Around two dozen hardy souls shook off the effects of the previous night's celebrations by plunging into the North Sea for a New Year's Day swim, raising money for their nominated charities in the process. They were rewarded for their bravery with hot soup and sandwiches from the Puffin Stores. It is hoped that this will become a regular annual event, so start training for next year!

## Lovers Walk – Repairs Under Way



Work is now well under way to repair the damage caused to Lovers Walk by last December's tide surge. The by-pass which was put in place as a temporary measure proved difficult to navigate due to the stiles at each end. It will be good to have the path restored.

## Alnmouth Seen By 8 Million French Viewers

The programme filmed by French TV station TF1 in early December was broadcast to their estimated eight million viewers on New Year's Eve. Local artist Francesca Simpson, (pictured with TF1's Gaetan Lecointe and Catherine Jentille), was interviewed in the short feature. She first knew it had been transmitted when she started receiving lots of messages from France shortly after mid-day!

You can watch it by following the link below.

<http://videos.tf1.fr/jt-13h/2014/royaume-uni-alnmouth-l-un-des-plus-beaux-villages-du-pays-8540769.html>

Will we be seeing lots of French visitors in the village in the coming months?



## 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 Methodist Church Services**

Every 4th Sunday at 10.30am

Every 2nd Wed at 7pm.

### **Alnmouth Women's Institute**

Meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday (Janis Crook 603430)

### **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)

### **Yoga and Yoga Bugs**

(Claire Lang 581434)

### **Chapel Art Group**

Every Thurs morning in the Old Methodist Chapel

### **Alnmouth Youthie (Rock Solid Alnmouth)**

Tuesdays, 4.45-6.15pm in Old Methodist Chapel.

### **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)

## “The Pride of Aln” Gets a New Home

Alnmouth Community Rowing Association's skiff, officially named "The Pride of Aln" by the Duchess of Northumberland at its launching ceremony last month, is to have a permanent home in the Large Boathouse at Alnmouth Beach. Alnmouth Parish Council is offering the Association space in the boathouse for the skiff and hopes that it will become a centre of rowing activity in the village. The boathouse was originally built by the 4th Duke for a lifeboat but has not been used for this purpose for about 80 years so, as a home for "The Pride of Aln", the building will to some extent be returning to its original function when the skiff is moved there later this month.

## Alnmouth Youthie (Rock Solid Alnmouth)

A new youth club for School Years 5-8.

**Tuesdays, 4.45 - 6.15pm in the Old Chapel Starts Tuesday, 13 January**

A Contagious Club supported by the John Appleby Trust.

## Grand Jumble Sale

**Sat, 17 Jan from 10am until 1pm in the Old Chapel Entrance £2, including refreshments**

Door to door collections on Friday, 16 Jan, or donate in person at the Old Chapel from 6 – 9 pm on the same day. All proceeds to support local homeless people through projects run by the Salvation Army.

NOTE: tickets (£15.00) for the **Charity Valentines Day Ball on Sat, 14 Feb** will be on sale at the Jumble Sale or they can be reserved in advance by calling Robin Winder on: 07713842388

## Piano Recital – St John's Church Sunday, 18 January at 7pm Admission by donation

Solo piano recital by Dr Nick Collins van't Closter, Reader in Composition and Piano at Durham University. To include works by Chopin, Rachmaninov, Schumann and Duke Ellington.

## Where in the World

As we have reported before, the Newsletter is delivered by hand to every property in the Alnmouth Parish and is emailed to more than 60 addresses in the UK and abroad.

It can also be found on its website at: [www.alnmouth.info](http://www.alnmouth.info). We receive details of the number of “hits” the website has received and where they originate. The most recent results make interesting reading with the Newsletter being seen all over the world. In December 2014, for example there were 318 hits from the UK and 37 from France – will this increase due to the TF1 coverage – we'll let you know!

## What's On

(In HH unless stated)

### **Alnmouth WI**

Monday, 5 Jan at 7pm. “Working with Stained Glass” with Helen Grierson

### **Barn Dances**

Tuesdays, 6 & 20 Jan at 7.30pm

### **Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch**

Sunday 11 Jan, at noon for 12.30pm.

### **Autumn Club**

Tuesday, 13 Jan at 2.30pm. “In Good Stead”, written and produced by Andy Griffin.

### **Alnmouth Camera Group**

Tues, 13 Jan. Annual Dinner

### **Alnmouth Youthie**

Tues, 13 Jan from 4.45-6.15pm in the Old Chapel.

A new youth club for School Years 5-8.

### **Aln Valley Railway**

Thurs, 15 Jan at 7.15 for 7.30pm in Alnwick Station. “An evening with Dennis Cromarty”.

### **Grand Jumble Sale**

Sat, 17 Jan from 10am until 1pm in the Old Chapel.

Proceeds to local homeless.

### **Piano Recital**

Sun, 18 Jan at 7pm in St John's Church

### **Burns Supper**

Fri, 23 Jan at 7.30pm.

## Looking Ahead

### **Charity Valentines Day Ball.**

Sat, 14 Feb, 7pm until late.

### **Cricket Club Annual Jumble Sale**

Wed, 18 Feb at 12.30 in Lesbury Village Hall.

## Promote your event here!

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