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The Alnmouth Village Newsletter

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The last day for items
for the April Issue is
Thurs, 24 March.

The X18 Will Go To The Station But only in the evenings and on Sundays

Readers will recall that in the November 2015 issue we reported that the X18 was no longer going to the Railway Station and in the December issue how Arriva planned to re-introduce the service in the evenings from mid-January. That did not happen. Then every household in Alnmouth had a leaflet through their letter-boxes promoting the X20 service which doesn't even come into the village!

The Newsletter contacted Arriva to ask what was happening and we received the following reply from Nick Knox, area managing director for Arriva North East, "We can confirm from Sunday 22 May 2016 the X18 will serve Alnmouth station Monday to Saturday evenings and all day on Sundays (and Public Holidays). In the meantime, we are continuing to liaise with Northumberland County Council regarding the potential for a new stop on Lesbury Road closer to the train station, which will ensure we are offering the most convenient service possible to all of our customers." *The Newsletter has a suggestion for Arriva; don't waste your money on new bus stops on Lesbury Road. Have every X18 go to the station as before, and not only will you save money, but you will increase your fare revenues by having rail passengers and residents in the Curly Lane area travelling to and from Alnmouth.* Ed.

Lovers Walk Closed "Due to Erosion"

A section of the retaining wall between the river and the Lovers Walk footpath has been deteriorating for months and now looks as though it could collapse at any minute.

Lovers Walk is not only part of the Northumberland Coastal Path, the 20KV electricity main runs under it and a main sewer is just to the side, so a collapse could have more serious consequences than just the loss of a popular walk.

The wall belongs to Northumberland Estates who are responsible for its maintenance. For some time your PC has lobbied the Estate to repair the wall before the damage gets worse and the NCC have now erected closure signs at each end of the walk to prevent access. We will keep you up to date on what the plans are for restoration and the likely time-scales.



Two New Parish Councillors Appointed

At its February meeting your Parish Council co-opted Neil Gale and Sarah Murphy as new Councillors to fill the two vacancies, bringing the PC up to strength. Both live in the village and we welcome them to the Council and thank them for agreeing to serve as councillors.



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

Rock Solid Alnmouth
Weekly during term-time.
Tuesdays, 6-7pm (tuck shop 7-7.15pm) in Old Methodist Chapel.

River Aln Boat Club
(George Ternent 830444)

Alnmouth Football Club
www.alnmouthfc.com

Join the Dancing Girls!
Wednesdays 9.30-10.30am in HH.
(Margaret - 712818)

To hire the Hindmarsh Hall contact Jean Cullen (830501)

Dancing Girls Raise £1,033



John Hall with the girls

In late January more than 80 people enjoyed a play performed by the "Dancing Girls" followed by afternoon tea. Jenny Beck, a member of the group writes, "The Dancing Girls would like to thank everyone who attended The Last Tango. We would also like to thank the Alnmouth WI members who helped us serve and provide the full afternoon tea. Together we raised £1,033 for the Hindmarsh Hall floor fund in the name of our friend, Anne MacLean."

Anyone interested in becoming a Dancing Girl should contact Margaret on 712818.

Arts Festival Seeks Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to sell Festival guides in the village, on either Saturday 18 or Sunday 19 June, for 2 hours between 10am-4pm. You will be paired with another volunteer. If you can help, please ring Deirdre 830470 or Lilian 833786.

Alnmouth Beach Car Park Residents Parking 2016

The car park will officially open from 19 March. Residents' passes will be available at the Post Office. Please bring utility bill or driver's license.

Print Making Workshops at the Old School Gallery

The Old School Gallery, Alnmouth has linked up with Newcastle based Northern Print to bring a series of print making workshops. Led by one of Northern Prints expert tutors you will be introduced to a range of print making techniques. There will be sessions on Thursday evenings and full days on Saturdays.

Contact the Gallery for more details: 01665 830554

And Finally

the Dog Walkers Dinner in the Sun Inn raised £486 for Alexa's Dog Rescue
the Christmas Lights Coffee Morning raised £188.75
and last but not least, we asked people who took part in the New Year's Day Swim to let us know how much they raised. Claire MacKarill contacted the Newsletter to say she collected £350 for SSAFA, a body who help forces families when they need financial help.

What's On

(In HH unless stated)

Barn Dances
Tues, 1, 15 and 29
March at 7.30pm.

Alnmouth WI
Mon, 7 March at 7pm.
"Cuts of Meat and Cooking Methods" with Daniel Turnbull.

Alnmouth Autumn Club
Tues, 8 March at 2.30pm, "Trench Art" with Andrew Marriott.

Alnmouth Camera Group
Tues, 8 March at 7pm in AVGC. "Bad Weather"

Alnmouth WI, 98th Birthday Dinner
Wed, 16 March at 7pm.

Aln Valley Railway
Thurs, 17 March at 7.15 for 7.30pm in the Old Waiting Room, Alnwick. "An evening with Pat Murphy".

Dates for your Diaries

Alnmouth Arts Festival
Sat and Sun, 18 & 19 June.

Annual Raft Race
Sat, 20 August

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