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The Alnmouth Village Newsletter

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Alnmouth is “Second Most Desirable Village in Northern Britain”

That was the verdict of an article in The Times (15 March), which listed the top 20 “most desirable villages” in the north. It said, “Conveniently situated on the main East Coast line, [*Conveniently? They clearly hadn't heard about the X18!*] train users will be familiar with the brightly coloured houses framing golden beaches”. It also mentioned regular events such as volcano night and a charity raft race. Will the village become even more popular with visitors?

And the village which came first? It was Pittenweem in Fife.

Work Starts on Lovers Walk

In the March issue we said we would keep you informed about the repair to Lovers Walk. Work has now started on another area which was also in danger of falling into the sea (see picture right). Once this is completed the section which gave the original cause for concern will be rectified. The aim is to have it re-opened in time for the Raft Race.



Meanwhile, the wall protecting Church Hill (left), was damaged by the tidal surge in Dec 2103. The wall belongs to the Estate but the land is leased to the National Trust. For some time your PC has lobbied the County Council, the Estate and the National Trust to have it repaired before the hill is further eroded. We hope to report progress soon.

Should We Prepare for a French Invasion?

Comments

I came straight from France as soon as I saw the TF1 documentary. I've not been disappointed, especially by the weather conditions which lived up to the reports in the video! I've spent a lovely weekend with the exception of one pub owner insisting that I cover my roast lamb with mint (quoi?). Will come back to ~~visit~~ with some friends soon.

The above note was written in the visitors' book in the Ferryman's hut by a gentleman from France who had seen the programme about Alnmouth on French TV. You will see he is threatening “to invade”, even though this had a line through it. Perhaps they could be repelled with mint sauce!

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)

Village Pond Woodland

At a meeting in late February, the Burgage Holders and the Northumberland Coast AONB Partnership outlined their plans to manage the area of woodland surrounding the pond which amongst other things will benefit plants and wildlife and create viewpoints for the public.

Rory Straker, a third year Wildlife Conservation Student at Harper Adams University, who is closely involved with the project, has written the following report for the Newsletter.

“As part of my placement year with the Northumberland Coast AONB Partnership, I have written a management plan for the Village Pond Woodland for the Burgage Holders which, in brief, includes coppicing the woodland, creating a small wildflower meadow and opening up a couple of viewpoints over the pond. My plan for the woodland is to introduce a rotational coppicing regime to open up the canopy, encouraging the growth of woodland flowers. The regrowth of a coppiced tree also provides vital habitat and protection from predators and disturbance for nesting birds. Some trees would be left standing for song birds to use as perches. I have also written a plan for an area next to the pond that could be transformed into a wildflower meadow, attracting butterflies and bees.

The woodland has exciting potential and I am really looking forward to being involved and seeing its transformation over the years.”

Captains' Day at the AVGC



A beautiful Good Friday saw an excellent turnout at the AVGC for Captains' Day. Pictured are ladies' vice-captain, Barbara Clark, ladies' captain, Edna Yeadon, men's captain, Richie Campbell, and vice-captain, Geoff Stancliffe.

“It Will Be Alright on the Night”

An evening of fun and entertainment organised by the Alnmouth Lions Club

Sat, 23 April at 7.30pm in the HH

Proceeds to local charities – Tickets £5 from the Post Office
Bring your own drinks and refreshments!

Alnmouth Beach Car Park

Residents' passes are available at the Post Office.

Please provide proof of residence such as a utility bill.

Contacting the Newsletter

In mid-February the email address for the Newsletter: alnmouthnews@fsmail.net failed and emails rejected.

After numerous telephone calls it was restored!

However, in case the problem should occur again, a second account has been set up so you can also contact us at:

alnmouthnews@yahoo.com

What's On

(In HH unless stated)

Alnmouth WI

Mon, 4 April at 7pm.
Annual Meeting.

Barn Dances

Tues, 5 & 19 April at 7.30pm.

Alnmouth Autumn Club

Tues, 12 April at 2.30pm, “The Old Great North Road” with Alistair Sinton.

Alnmouth Camera Group

Tues, 12 April at 7pm in AVGC. “The End of the Line”

Aln Valley Railway

Thurs, 14 April at 7.15 for 7.30pm in the Old Waiting Room, Alnmouth. “Early Diesels in the North East” with Dave Dunn.

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See this page.

Western Front Association

Mon 25 April at 7.15 for 7.30pm in the Ex-Servicemen's Club.

“In the footsteps of T E Lawrence” with George Sutherland.

Dates for your Diaries

Alnmouth Arts Festival

Sat and Sun, 18 & 19 June.

Annual Raft Race

Sat, 20 Aug

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