

## Alnmouth Parish Councillors

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10am until noon)

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## NCC to Go Ahead with Traffic Proposals

The last issue of the Newsletter listed NCC's proposals for improving parking and traffic flow. At the October meeting of the Parish Council it was confirmed that the schemes would be going ahead "on an experimental basis" without any further discussion with the PC, which had no response to a request for an NCC Highways officer to attend the meeting and explain the thinking behind the scheme as well as the results of the consultation with residents. It appears that the experts know best and the PC had no choice but to accept the situation. Most measures that the PC had been asking for over the years are included: e.g. extended parking restrictions at the top of Riverside Road plus the provision of a passing place, parking restrictions by the Duchess Bridge, rationalising parking on Shepherds Hill, changes to the Riverside Road/Northumberland Street junction and traffic calming measures at the Foxtan Road village entry. But a one-way system was unsuccessfully tried before in the village and we did not ask for it to be repeated. We are concerned, even with a new 20mph speed limit, that it will increase traffic speed around the village when pedestrian safety advocates exactly the opposite. One resident described it as "like taking a sledge-hammer to crack a nut". The scheme also suggests an overall reduction in parking provision in the village, with some of the bays in controversial positions, especially on Marine Road. There are also worries about the numerous new road signs which will be required in the village. The scheme is only experimental, although we do not know how or by whom its success will be evaluated. At a reported cost of £100 000 it could be an expensive experiment. The plans can be seen in St Johns Church porch during daylight hours, courtesy of the Rev Ian MacKarill. For further information please talk to a Parish Councillor or send any comments to NCC Councillors Gordon Castle or Heather Cairns at: [Gordon.Castle@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:Gordon.Castle@northumberland.gov.uk) and [Heather.Cairns@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:Heather.Cairns@northumberland.gov.uk)

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## Future of the Public Toilets

The public toilets currently cost the Parish Council £2,000 per annum to keep open following NCC's decision to close them in the winter despite them being essential 52 weeks a year. The PC is now looking at other ways to raise money to fund them other than through the precept so that not all the cost is borne by council-tax payers. We will keep you posted.

## Resurfacing of Northumberland Street

Residents have received a letter from NCC advising them that Northumberland Street will be resurfaced from 13 – 17 November, with final resurfacing of the roundabout on Sunday, 20 November. The work will be carried out "under road closure" and local diversions put in place. The letter asks that "residents liaise with staff on a day to day basis to establish which areas will be restricted on a specific day."

For further information, contact John Haddon on 07876 145 101

## 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 10.30am.)  
(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

**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](http://www.alnmouthfc.com)

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

**Alnmouth Community Rowing Association**  
(Richard Wilson - 01665 577811)

**To hire the Hindmarsh Hall contact Jean Cullen (830501)**

## Information Boards at the Lifeboat House



Boards describing the history of the lifeboats and the lifeboat house were unveiled by Bill Bourne at a recent ceremony. They were produced by Adrian Osler from the Alnmouth Local History Group with the support of the Parish Council and funding from the Fred Bettess Memorial Bequest.

### Floral Night to Remember

The recent demonstration of flower arranging by award winner Sean Murray on the theme of "Reclaim and Renew" raised a magnificent £615 for the Hindmarsh Hall Refurbishment Fund. It was organised by Mary Hollins who would like to thank all those who helped and all who came to the evening. And well done, Mary!

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

This year's coffee morning raised a splendid £1,339.55 with an attendance of 127. Many thanks to everyone who took part and made the event such a great success for a very worthy cause.

### River Aln Boat Club Coffee Morning

In aid of Amble RNL  
Sat, 5 Nov from 10am until noon in HH  
Christmas cards and gifts on sale

### Bonfire Night

Sat, 5 Nov at 6pm  
Fireworks, soup and hot-dogs  
Proceeds to HH Refurbishment Fund

### Christmas Coffee Morning

Sat, 12 Nov from 10am until noon in HH  
In aid of Senior Citizens' Xmas Lunch

### Service of Remembrance

St John the Baptist Church  
Sunday 13 Nov at 9.30am followed by the service at the War Memorial at 11am

### Craft Fayre – Free Entry

Sat, 19 Nov from 10am - 4pm in the Hindmarsh Hall  
Crafts, refreshments and more; and the "Pride of Aln"  
Proceeds to the HH Refurbishment Fund

### Christmas Lights Switch-On

Saturday, 3 Dec at 5pm  
See Notice Boards for more details

### Something to look forward to!

The first **Alnmouth Food Fest** will take place on Sunday 9 April 2017 in the Hindmarsh Hall. There will be a wide range of delicious local produce on sale and we plan to involve all the village food outlets too, making it a real village event. All proceeds will go to the HH Refurbishment Fund. If you would like to know more please phone Martha Soppitt on 01665 830764 or Jill Bourne on 01665 830530.

## What's On

(In HH unless stated)  
**Barn Dances**  
Tuesdays, 1 & 15 Nov at 7.30pm.

**Alnmouth Local History Group Meeting.**  
Thurs, 3 Nov at 2pm

**Coffee Morning**  
Sat 5 Nov from 10am until noon. See this page

**Bonfire Night**  
Sat, 5 Nov at 6pm.  
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**Alnmouth WI**  
Monday, 7 Nov at 7pm.  
A Musical Evening with Sandra Kerr.

**Alnmouth Autumn Club**  
Tuesday, 8 Nov at 2.30pm. "Grace Darling" with Jack Arrowsmith

**Alnmouth Camera Group**  
Tues, 8 Nov at 7pm in AVGC. "Reflections"

**Aln Valley Railway**  
Thurs, 10 Nov at 7.15 for 7.30pm in Alnwick Station. "The Railway Films of Raymond Rourke" with Ian McInnes

**Coffee Morning**  
Sat, 12 Nov from 10am until noon. See this page

**Remembrance Sunday Service**  
Sun, 13 Nov. See this page

**Craft Fayre**  
Sat, 19 Nov from 10am until 4pm. See this page

**White Gardenias**  
Sat, 26 Nov at 7.30pm.

**Western Front Association**  
Mon, 28 Nov at 7.30pm in the Ex-Servicemen's Club. "Somme Success" with Peter Hart

**Dates for your Diaries**  
**Christmas Lights Switch-On**  
Sat 3 Dec at 5pm.

**Alnmouth Food Fest**  
Sun, 9 April 2017.  
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