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The Alnmouth Village Newsletter

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What a Way to Start the Year!



The New Year's Swim attracted around 80 brave souls to run into a freezing cold North Sea raising money for various good causes. Last year we know that the figure was over £1,500. Please email us at alnmouthnews@fsmail.net and tell us what your charity was and how much you raised and we will report it in a future issue.

There are more photographs on the Newsletter website: www.alnmouth.info

The New Traffic Scheme

The new traffic scheme for the village is in place, although some work remains to be done, so now we must evaluate it over the next year and decide what, if any, changes we want. Your Parish Council decided last summer to accept the scheme, not that we were given any choice, on the basis that it was an experiment and we should not judge features like the one-way system until we had seen how it worked in a busy summer season. We have all been asked to forward comments, positive and negative, to NCC Highways at HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk and your Parish Council will be doing the same. It would be very useful to us if you would copy your comments to our Clerk (and she will keep your name confidential to her if you want) at AlnmouthClerk@aol.com so that the PC is fully aware of residents' views. We all want what is best for the village and over the next year we must work on what that is, and with a more open process than an NCC Highways consultation.

Bill Bourne

The Newsletter – Not Only Read in Alnmouth!

The Newsletter has its own dedicated website (www.alnmouth.info) and this issue and all previous ones can be found there. We receive regular reports saying how many times the website has been accessed and their location by country. In November for example, there were 514 visitors, which is around 17 per day with the majority (48%) coming from the UK. The other most popular countries were China (7%), USA (7%), Germany (6%) and France (6%). It was accessed in a total of 40 countries in Europe, North and South America, Asia, Africa and Oceania.

We already receive regular emails from overseas readers in Canada and Scandinavia, but we would love to hear from other online readers, wherever in the world you might be.

Please email us at: alnmouthnews@fsmail.net or alnmouthnews@yahoo.com

Organisations and Activities

Alnmouth Parish Council
Meets on the 2nd 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 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)

Alnmouth Community Rowing Association
(Richard Wilson - 01665 577811)

To hire the Hindmarsh Hall contact Jean Cullen (830501)

It wouldn't be Christmas without the Alnmouth Carol Singers



The Alnmouth Carol Singers raised over £200 this year for the Red Cross in their traditional Christmas Eve tour around the village.

Alnmouth Autumn Club

Tuesday, 10 Jan at 2.30pm
"All 282 Munros Completed"
with Nick Mattlock

Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch

Sunday, 15 Jan at 12.30pm in the Hindmarsh Hall

Burns Supper

Friday, 20 Jan at 7.30pm
Tickets, £15, available from the Alnmouth Post Office
(For seating arrangements please ring David Soppitt on 830764)

AVGC Ladies Section - Coffee Morning

Sat, 28 Jan from 10am until noon in the Clubhouse
Admission £1

The recent **St John's Church Coffee Morning** raised a magnificent **£694** – thanks to all the helpers and all the people who came!

What Generous People you are!

Through the year the Newsletter has reported on how much is being raised in the village for good causes by the various coffee mornings, fetes and festivals.

This year the total is **over £20,000**, which is £3,000 more than last year. Some of the larger sums were from the Red Lion Beer Festival (£5,700), the Church Fete (over £2,000), the Annual New Year Swim, (over £1,500), the Macmillan Coffee morning (£1,340) and the Xmas Craft Fair (£1,100)!

Richard (Dick) Forman

Service of Thanksgiving, Saturday 21 Jan at 1.30pm in St John's Church

To remember Dick's wonderful life in the village where he lived for over 50 years with his wife Anne and family in Waleric House. You are all invited to join the family for the service, which will follow the private interment of Dick's ashes in Alnmouth cemetery, and refreshments afterwards at Alnmouth Village Golf Club from 2.30pm.

What's On

(In HH unless stated)

Barn Dances

Tuesdays, 3 and 17 Jan at 7.30pm.

Alnmouth WI

Monday, 9 Jan at 7pm.
Members Evening

Alnmouth Autumn Club

Tues, 10 Jan at 2.30pm.
"All 282 Munros Completed" with Nick Mattlock.

Alnmouth Camera Group

Tues, 10 Jan at 7pm in AVGC. Photoshop Session.

Aln Valley Railway

Thurs, 12 Jan at 7.15 for 7.30pm in Alnwick Station. "Blyth & Tyne Part 2: Newham to Newbiggin and Morpeth" with Ed Orwin.

Senior Citizens Xmas Lunch

Sunday, 15 Jan at 12.30pm.

Burns Supper

Fri, 20 Jan at 7.30.
Tickets, £15, at the Post Office.

Western Front Association

Mon, 23 Jan at 7.30pm in the Ex-Servicemen's Club. "The Final Games – Occupation of the Rhineland" with David Thompson.

AVGC Ladies Section

Coffee Morning (In the Golf Club)
Sat, 28 Jan from 10am until noon.

Dates for your Diaries

Lesbury Cricket Club Jumble Sale

Wed, 22 Feb at 12 noon in Lesbury Village Hall (More details next month)

Alnmouth Food Fest

Sun, 9 April.