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The Alnmouth Village Newsletter

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by Terry Collinson.

Note: the closing
date for items to be
considered for the
April Issue is Thurs,
23 March.

Traffic Scheme Consultation

Although you may have already completed the Consultation form circulated recently by John Taylor's team, NCC apparently take account only of individual, attributable responses, so may class all these completed forms as only one response. To be sure NCC takes your views into account, you also need to contact NCC as an individual (email: HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk or post to:

NCC, Programme & Production Team, Technical Services, Sustainable Transport (Alnmouth Experimental Order 2016), County Hall, Morpeth NE61 2EF.

Comments will be accepted throughout the year's experiment but objections must be submitted within the first six months, by 9 May. This deadline is before the new arrangements are tested by the summer holiday traffic. Objections should be sent to Liam Henry, Legal Services Manager, NCC, County Hall, Morpeth, NE61 2EF. It would be very helpful if you could send a copy (anonymously if you prefer) to our APC clerk Hazel or to one of your Parish Councillors, so that we can be aware of the differing views in the village.

Parish Council Elections

County Council elections will be held on Thursday, 4 May 2017 and include elections to our Parish Council. If you are interested in serving the village as a Parish Councillor please contact the Parish Clerk who will advise on obtaining nomination forms and other aspects of the process. We need to hold an election only if there are more than 10 candidates for the ten places on the Council and the nomination period will be between 20 March and 4 April.

Grant Success for Pease's Park

Your Parish Council's application for grant aid to pay for upgrading Pease's Park resulted in £6,275 from NCC towards the new Team Swing, new picnic tables, repairs to the Tower and Slide, new fencing, and removal of the old privet hedge. We also had a generous donation from the Burgage Holders to help us repair the damage done to fencing in the storm surge a few years ago. Now all that remains to be done to complete the Park's refurbishment is replanting the area where the privet hedge used to be, which will be done in the spring. Plus, of course, persuading the moles to move elsewhere!

The 1st Alnmouth Food Fest - 9 April

A day which all you 'foodies' can look forward to! The Alnmouth Arts Festival has successfully showcased the talents of Northumberland's artists and craftworkers for many years. Now the Parish Council intends also to celebrate the wealth of wonderful foods from our local artisan producers by staging the 1st Alnmouth Food Fest on 9 April. It will be based in the Hindmarsh Hall, but with stalls located elsewhere throughout the village. All proceeds will go to the Hindmarsh Hall Repair Fund.

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)

Dog Fouling Alnmouth's Perennial Problem

The Newsletter has been asked to remind readers about the Parish Council's and NCC's approach to the problem and how it can be reported. We contacted the NCC who provided us with the following information:

"The council has a zero-tolerate approach to dog fouling in Northumberland. If you own a dog and it makes a mess, you must clean it up. Failing to pick up after your pet is antisocial, dirty and spreads diseases like toxicariasis, which is of risk to children and can cause blindness. If you're found to have not cleaned up your dog's mess, you will be issued with a fixed penalty notice of £100.

If payment is not received within 14 days you will be prosecuted. Offenders face a court appearance, with a maximum penalty of £1,000. Claiming ignorance of the dog's actions is not a valid defence. Registered blind dog owners are exempt from any fines."

Reporting Dog Fouling: NCC say that all complaints they receive are fully investigated and if you wish to report dog fouling they ask that you contact them (0345 600 6400) with the following information:

- Type and description of dog and description of offender
- Time, location and frequency of alleged offence
- Your details for feedback (note all information is treated as confidential)

Perhaps a few £100 fines might have an effect!

"The Golden Guide for over 50s"

The Golden Guide is a free independent handbook and signposting directory produced with the support of NCC, Northumbria Healthcare and Age UK. It gives information on local social and leisure activities and contacts for getting help with health, home, care and money issues.

Copies are available from a variety of outlets; libraries, practice nurses in GP surgeries, selected Boots and many more.

It is also online at: www.goldenguide.org.uk

Or phone 01670 784821 to have a free copy posted out to you.

Quiz in aid of Hindmarsh Hall Funds

Fri, 10 March at 7.30pm for teams of six – £5 per person - BYOB

To book a table phone 01665 830444

"Celebrate Spring with the Bailiffgate Singers"

A lunchtime concert with soup and music

Sat, 25 March from 12.30 – 2pm in the Hindmarsh Hall

Tickets; £6 for adults; £5 for over 60s, students and 18s and under, £1 for children – from the Post Office.

If you'd be willing to be part of Alnmouth's "toad patrol", please ring Sarah Murphy on 01665 830858"

Dick Forman

The family of the late Richard (Dick) Forman would like to thank everyone who joined them for the service of thanksgiving and reception on 21 Jan. So many wonderful memories were shared of a wonderful man and we really felt that the whole weekend could not have gone any better thank you. Thank you to so many people who gave their support in so many ways.

What's On

(In HH unless stated)

Dog Walkers' Dinner

Wed, 1 March at 7pm in the Sun Inn. Tickets £15 from the Sun.

Alnmouth WI

Monday, 6 March at 7pm. "Press Gangs in the North East" with Alan & Pauline Giles and Pete Cryer.

Barn Dances

Tuesdays, 7 & 21 March at 7.30pm.

Hindmarsh Hall Quiz

Fri, 10 March at 7.30pm. See this page

Alnmouth Autumn Club

Tues, 14 March at 2.30pm. "Prep School Personalities" with Marjorie Mountain.

Alnmouth Camera Group

Tues, 14 March. Annual Dinner

Aln Valley Railway

Thurs, 16 March at 7.15 for 7.30pm in Alnwick Station. "Newcastle's Forth Goods Station" with Bill Fawcett.

Bailiffgate Singers Concert

Sat, 25 March from 12.30 – 2pm. See this page.

Western Front Association

Mon, 27 March, 7.15 for 7.30pm in RAFA Club, Alnwick. "Green Howards in the Great War" with Carl Watts.

Dates for your Diaries

1st Alnmouth Food Fest

Sun, 9 April. See front page.