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# The Alnmouth Village Newsletter

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10am until noon)

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## Record Numbers Enjoy Their Dip

A record number of swimmers, many in fancy dress, took part in this year's annual New Year's Day Swim organised by Nick Mattlock from the Alnmouth Post Office. More than 100 people ran into a cold North Sea and the prize for the best dressed swimmer went to Princess Leia, (Lynsey McKenzie-Rao from Shilbottle), second from right. For more photos, go to [www.alnmouth.info](http://www.alnmouth.info).



## Christmas Lights Switched-On!



A large crowd watched as Jack Wright, Indie Driscoll and Daniel Collins switched on Alnmouth's wonderful display of lights, attended by Santa of course.

A huge thank you must go to the team who spend the year raising money to fund the lights and who then have many cold hours on ladders putting them all up – and of course taking them down!

And a big thank you to those villagers who allow the lights on their buildings and then pay to illuminate them!

### **"The People of Northumberland ... warm, lovely and so very helpful"**

That was just one of the comments in two letters written by a lady from Kent to Julie at the Aln Gift Shop and to the Northumberland Gazette. She also said, "stopping off in Northumberland during trips to and from Scotland has restored my faith in human nature", adding, "A special mention to the shops in Warkworth, Alnmouth, Alnwick and The Red Lion, which I found just lovely."

## What Generous People You Are – Yet Again!

Throughout 2017, the Newsletter has reported on how much is being raised in the village for good causes by the various coffee mornings, fetes and festivals. The total was over £23,000, which is £3,000 more than 2016. Some of the larger sums were from the Red Lion Beer Festival (£8,546), the Church Fete (£2,700), the AVGC Captain's Day (£1,400) and Macmillan Coffee Morning (£1,267).

## Flood Alert/Snow Patrol

The Parish Council would like to put together a team of volunteers to erect the flood barriers on Riverside Road and clear snow should the need arise.

If you can help, please contact the Parish Clerk, Hazel Eccleston.

## 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 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 1<sup>st</sup> Monday  
(Janis Crook 603430)

### Alnmouth Autumn Club

Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday  
(Caroline Martin 830798)

### 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)

### Exercise, Movement & Dance for 50+

Wednesdays 9.30-10.30am in HH.  
(Margaret - 712818)

### Alnmouth Community Rowing Association

(Richard Wilson - 01665 577811)

To hire the Hindmarsh Hall contact  
Bill Bourne (830530)

## "We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year"



The Alnmouth Carol Singers start their Christmas Eve village tour at the Hope & Anchor raising £173 for the Salvation Army.

### Senior Citizens Xmas Lunch Sunday, 14 Jan at 12.30pm

Invitations have been sent out but if anyone thinks they have been overlooked could they please put a note in the reply box in the Post Office by Sat, 6 January, stating their name and address.

### Burns Night

Friday, 26 January at 7pm

Tickets (£18) from the Post Office. Proceeds to Hindmarsh Hall

### Arthur's Seat Primary School, Jamaica

For the past year or so Robin Winder, his family, friends and Alnmouth Methodist Church have been raising money for Arthur's Seat Primary School in Jamaica. To date £3,500 has been raised from various events and donations, including one from the John Appleby Trust, an Alnmouth based Methodist Educational Trust. Toilets are being built at the school and future funds will be used to provide outside play equipment and materials. The next fundraising event will be a Taste of Jamaica Coffee Morning – watch this space!

The recent **Church Coffee Morning** raised £650. Thanks to everyone who worked hard to make it such a success and special thanks to the Alnmouth Highland Dancers. *Isabel Chalmers*

### The Parish Council's Hindmarsh Hall Refurbishment Committee

would like to send hearty thanks to everyone who supported the Christmas Craft Fair on 18 November. The final amount raised for the Hindmarsh Hall refurbishment was £1485. *Martha Hitchcock*

### In Praise of the Bakers

The ladies of Alnmouth are brilliant at bakes. Whatever the cause, they turn up with their cakes. Their Tray Bakes are scrummy, the Mince Pies are sublime. Fruit Cakes are a winner and the Chocolate's a crime! Cheese Scones and Shortbread; they even make soup. Then stand there and serve them 'til they start to droop! So let's say a "thank you" for all their goodwill, And think of the bakers while we eat our fill! *"JB"*

### Alistair Sinton

Dorothea wants to thank everyone for their wonderful cards and letters – she regrets far too many to answer individually. They were a great comfort at a difficult time and will be forever treasured by the family.

## What's On

(In HH unless stated)

### Alnmouth WI

Mon, 8 Jan at 7pm.  
"Members Night"

### Alnmouth Autumn Club

Tues, 9 Jan at 2.30pm.  
"Alnmouth Lions and the Talking Newspaper" with Richard Hall.

### Barn Dances

Tuesdays, 9 and 23 Jan at 7.30pm

### Alnmouth Camera Group

Tues, 9 Jan at 7pm in AVGC. "Attachment"

### Aln Valley Railway Meeting

In the Old Waiting Room, Alnmouth Station.  
Thurs, 11 January at 7.30pm. "The Rise and fall of the Sleeper Train" with Tom Lloyd

### Burns Night

Friday, 26 Jan at 7pm.

### AVGC Ladies Coffee Morning

Sat, 27 Jan from 10am until noon in the Golf Club

The last date for items to be considered for the February issue is Tuesday, 23 January.

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