



# The Hindmarsh Hall Times

June 2021

## Fabulous News!

We will reopen on July 31<sup>st</sup> as we have raised all the money needed to refurbish the upper hall.

This wouldn't have been possible without much hard work on behalf of our fundraising team, the generosity of residents, visitors and all the trusts, foundations and charities who have donated to the project.

Over the last 5 years £150,000 has been raised for the Hindmarsh Hall which has allowed us to renovate the lobby and stairs, revamp our storage space, replace water heaters and completely refurbish the upper Hall. This is a huge effort by the whole community and shows just how much the Hall is valued by all. Well done everyone. So now . .

## You are invited

to our opening day on Saturday, July 31st. The Duchess of Northumberland has kindly agreed to perform the opening ceremony at 11am.

The Duchess launched our fundraising campaign in 2018 and the Trustees are thrilled that she has agreed to return for the opening. All are welcome to come and tour the building at any time that day between 10.30am and 2pm.

## We can now look forward to

- **Thursday afternoon at the Hindmarsh.** All retired Alnmouth residents are welcome to come along for a cuppa, companionship, chatter or perhaps a game of drafts or dominoes. Every week starting on August 5<sup>th</sup> 2 – 3.30pm
- **Tin Shed Arts** bringing their pop-up Fair to the Hindmarsh Hall on August 8<sup>th</sup> and September 5<sup>th</sup>.
- **Northumberland Theatre Company** production of 'The Importance of Being Ernest' on September 17<sup>th</sup>.
- **'Art at the Hindmarsh'** – an opportunity to buy quality art work from local artists. Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October from 10am till 4pm.
- **And** all your favourite groups and classes. See back page for more details.



## The Produce Stall returns!

The ever popular Produce Stall, offering the best of Alnmouth's baking, preserve making and home grown goodies is back from the beginning of July. We'd love to widen the circle of bakers etc so if your marmalade is marvellous, your brownies are buonissimo or your plums are a'plenty please bring them along. We'll be there every Saturday in July and August from 11am-1pm.



## A Recipe Book just for us



Julie Roper of the Aln Gift Shop has created a lovely, innovative recipe book based around two favourite ingredients, apples and sausages. The book costs just £2.25 and all proceeds are going to Hall renovations. It's available from the Gift Shop or the Produce Stall. Thank you to Julie for this great enterprise. Do have a look.

## Just visiting?

Everyone is welcome at Hall events

Check our website for more information or email us with your query.

Our Grade II listed building is worth a visit for its own sake. Built about 250 years ago as a granary for the extensive grain trade out of Alnmouth Harbour, it has also been the village's church until the current one was consecrated in 1876. It has many architecturally valuable features including the large, lancet windows in the upper hall.



## Generous Funders

Over the last two years we have received funds from:

Alnmouth Parish Council  
AONB Partnership  
Barbour Foundation  
Burgage Holders of Alnmouth  
Bernard Sunley Foundation  
Carr-Ellison Trust  
Catherine Cookson Foundation  
Cllr Gordon Castle  
Community Foundation  
Fenwicks Ltd  
Foyle Foundation  
Garfield Weston Foundation  
Joicey Trust  
Lottery Communities Fund  
NCC Community Chest  
Northumberland Freemasons  
Rothley Trust  
Scholefield Trust  
Sir James Knott Trust  
Sturton Grange Developments  
William Webster Trust

Without the generosity of these funders we wouldn't have been able to refurbish the Hall. So thank you to all.

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## But the work goes on . . .

By the time you read this it is likely that scaffolding has gone up around the Hall as maintenance continues. Work to prevent damp penetration, repair the gutters and the roof will be taking place this summer. With a 250 year old building, there is no end to the work, or the expense!

The Trustees are determined to maintain this historic building as a valuable community asset.

## Planning a celebration?



The newly refurbished upper Hall is a wonderful venue for wedding receptions, anniversaries, birthday parties, in fact most types of celebration.

Let us help you plan. We can supply a list of local contacts including caterers and places to stay. Just email us to get the ball rolling.

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## Ways to Support the Hall

- Come to our events or visit the Produce Stall
- As you buy online - through [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk)
- Donate through JustGiving. Go to [JustGiving.com](http://JustGiving.com) and search for Hindmarsh Hall.
- We still accept cheques! And all Gift Aided donations are especially welcome. A Gift Aid Form can be downloaded from the website or just email us.
- Become a Trustee. We particularly need an IT savvy person to help maintain our website. If this is you, please email us. **Thank You**

## Back in Business

Classes and groups due to restart:

- Dancing Girls from August 4th at 9.30am. Contact 01665 712818
- Fun Little Foodies cookery class 10.30am August 11th. All age groups. Contact Julia on 07581 316293.
- Friendly Bridge from September 6th at 2pm. Contact [info@hindmarshhall.com](mailto:info@hindmarshhall.com) to book a place.
- Yoga and Dance for Adults from September 6th at 09:30. Contact [dansformation@me.com](mailto:dansformation@me.com) or call 07920 514401 to book a place.
- Yoga from Sept 9th at 9.30am. Contact [Clairejstewart40@gmail.com](mailto:Clairejstewart40@gmail.com)
- Creative Dance for Children from Sept 9th at 4.30pm. To book a place contact [dansformation@me.com](mailto:dansformation@me.com)
- Dance Fit from September 28th at 9.30am and 6.00pm. Contact [amymacwellness@gmail.com](mailto:amymacwellness@gmail.com)
- WI from October 4th at 7pm. Contact [info@alnmouthwi.co.uk](mailto:info@alnmouthwi.co.uk)
- Barn Dances on Tuesdays at 19:15 from October 5th. Contact Lynne or Tony Hambleton on 01665 602229.

Also restarting but with no fixed date yet:

Pilates            Explorer Scouts  
Brushstrokes Art group

More details on our website.

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## The Trustees

The hall is run by a group of trustees who work on an entirely voluntary basis.

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