

LESBURY NEWS
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PARISH COUNCILLORS

We have three new parish councillors: Welcome Emma Wynne, Jane Brunger and Lorraine Starkey.

There is still a further vacancy If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor and supporting your local community, please contact the Parish Clerk or any of the Parish Councillors for more information. **We look forward to hearing from you!**

NEW BUILD PROPOSAL — The appeal for the planning application for the proposed new build in the village lodged by Northumberland Estates has been **unsuccessful**. This outcome reflects the strength of our collective voice and the importance of preserving the character and integrity of our community. Thank you to everyone who took the time to submit comments and supported the effort to make a difference

COMMUNITY SHOP UPDATE- The Village Shop has made significant improvements following a grant award from the Northumberland Rural Asset Multiplier Programme (RAMP) which is funded by the North East Combined Authority Investment Fund and by the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and the Rural England Prosperity Fund, with the North East Combined Authority as the lead authority.

- A Battery system has been installed that will allow the shop to run 'off-grid' for several hours when there is a power cut. It will also help reduce electricity bills.
- A sedum green roof on The Hub introduces 15sqm of diverse greenery where there was none and adds an extra layer of insulation.
- A more economical heater is now in place in the main shop compatible with the latest energy-saving standards.
- 4. A DIY Bike Repair Station allows passing cyclists to make running repairs - and enjoy some added 'coffee and snack' fuel for their onward journey. 5. Enhanced signage includes a large OS map in The Hub plus a 1926 map of Lesbury (kindly donated by shop volunteer Kate Yde). Pop in and see if you can spot your house!

More Community shop news.....

The Bees Needs and **Holiday Hunger** events were a great success, with £53.70 raised for the Bumblebee Conservation Trust and nearly 100 items donated to the Alnwick district food bank.

The shop will also be taking Greens Christmas orders again this year where customers can order and collect their Christmas dinner items from the shop.

HIGHLIGHTS EVENTS. HELP NEEDED

We are looking for someone to book and run two Highlights Events each year; one in May and the second in November. Highlights events are heavily subsidised and allow us to bring international entertainers to Lesbury. The work involves selecting from the range of artists available, hosting them during the day, selling tickets, and setting up the event in the village hall. If anyone is able to help, or would like to know more, please contact Jean 07906146163 for a fuller explanation of how it all works!

FRIENDS OF ALNMOUTH STATION— CONGRATULATIONS!

This September Friends of Alnmouth Station celebrated their fourth consecutive Gold award from Northumbria in Bloom. The judges commented on the **"stunning display of large planters with colourful annuals and perennials... much admired by travellers at the station"**. These displays have developed over the past 15 years and, to continue this work, we need volunteers! To find out more please email:

friendsalnmouthstation@gmail.com or follow us on Facebook for regular updates. There is no time commitment, nor is gardening experience necessary.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Church Services will be back in the village Hall from November through until March.

Saturday 29th November: Christmas coffee morning will be in the Village Hall

25th October Gift Day: Gift Aid envelopes will be delivered to all houses in the parish in the new few weeks

LESBURY GARDEN CLUB: The first meeting of the garden club will be on Tuesday 7th October at 7.30 pm. The Lesbury Garden Club and Lesbury in Bloom will be holding a Gardener's Question Time in the Village Hall with local experts Tom Pattinson and Robert Jamieson. It will be an informative and entertaining evening. Come along and get the answers to those tricky gardening questions and find out what plants have been doing well in Tom and Robert's gardens. Tickets are £5.00 on the door.

LESBURY COMMUNITY SHOP

There will be a series of events held in the community shop raising awareness of breast cancer: Please see in shop for details.

25th October 2024 1.45–1.30pm—There will be a fundraiser for the Northumbrian hedgehog rescue trust consisting of a talk in the village hall. Tickets will be available for purchase from the shop

EVENTS AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 4th October : Quiz Night. Raising funds for St Mary's church in Lesbury. Teams of 8 needed Tickets £10 per entrant. Please let Gill Bland (07974746154) or Elizabeth Bendix (077080651210 know by 2nd October (for catering purposes).

Saturday 1st November: SING ALONG TO MAMA MIA! Raising funds for the community shop: Join us at the Village Hall on Tickets cost £15 (available from Lesbury Community Shop) and include light refreshments. Please bring your own drinks. Bring out all your sparkly and 70s fashions. 'The winner(s) take it all', with prizes for the best dressed man and woman. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. 'When all is said and done', it's going to be a fun night!

Saturday 15th November the HIGHLIGHTS AUTUMN SHOW will be "Graffiti Classics". A comedy Cabaret String Quartet described as "wickedly funny and fantastically exhilarating" tickets can be purchased from the Community shop or from Jan and Nick Taylor (see in See community shop for contact details)

Saturday 29th November: Ceilidh

Come and join us for a Ceilidh in the Village Hall. Music will be provided by Real to Reel and the dances will be called so come along and enjoy the fun and if you don't want to dance come along anyway! . No experience needed!! All proceeds will go to the Lesbury Community Shop. Tickets will be on sale from the start of October so keep an eye out...

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Parish Council meetings are usually held in Lesbury Village Hall on the 4th Tuesday of the month at .7.30pm. All residents are welcome

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