

# LONGHIRST LEADER

## June / July 2016

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### COFFEE MORNING TO CELEBRATE THE QUEENS 90<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY

Please come to the Village Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> June from 10 am to 12 noon for coffee and cake to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. There will be a fun quiz and crown making activity for all ages and a tombola. There will be a small charge of £2 and proceeds will be divided between the Village Hall and the Church.

See you there!!

Val Block and Dorothy Launchbury

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH FETE

in the Village Hall

### SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JUNE from 2pm

There will be **Home Made Teas** and the usual stalls:-  
**Cakes, Preserves, Plants, Tombola, Health Products,**  
**Bric-a-Brac, Books, Outdoor Games**

### GRAND RAFFLE

1st Prize - £150 cash

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - £100 travel voucher

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - £50 M & S voucher

plus many other vouchers for restaurants, garden centres and local attractions.

Tickets are on sale from members of the congregation. Draw at 4pm.

**Entry: Adults £1      Children Free**

**We look forward to your valued support.**

## PARISH COUNCIL REPORT



Notes from the Parish Council AGM on 12<sup>th</sup> May.

The Chairman gave a summary of events for the last year and as there were no questions from the public the Chair asked Peter Coates to give an update on the access of **superfast broadband** for the Parish. 790 and 791 numbers should be getting fibre broadband in 2017. Ashington numbers and the east of the Parish are a problem. Peter is following up the chance of broadband signals being transmitted from mobile telephone masts. He has contacted EE to see if there is any possibility of a new mast being erected to serve the Parish. Peter was thanked by the Chair for his efforts and his continuing updates.

The AGM started with the election of officers. Catherine Farrell was re-elected as Chair and Richard Tordoff was re-elected as Vice Chair. There were no other nominations.

Richard Tordoff will be meeting with a representative from the Highways Department to discuss **basic maintenance and servicing in the Parish**. Gill Featonby pointed out the need for work to be carried out to reduce flooding at the eastern end of the Parish. Flooding at the Colliery is still unresolved and there are also problems on the newly reopened C126. A letter is to be sent to David Jordon asking if he could fill potholes on the track running down from the Institute at the Colliery.

There were a number of **planning issues**. An application to carry out pruning and felling of certain trees within Longhirst Hall grounds has been approved. The application to demolish the cricket pavilion and replace it with a new residence has been refused. The application to build 6 more chalets at the cattery has been approved. Relocating and increasing the capacity of an electrical substation at N.E. Grains has been approved. A new conservatory and sun room at Willow cottage has been approved. New applications include one from 14 Micklewood to create a sundeck at 1<sup>st</sup> floor level and install an internal spiral staircase. A variation to the planning application for Longhirst Hall shows details for garages, fencing and gardens. An outline planning application for the siting of 2200 fully serviced holiday homes around the courses at Longhirst Hall Golf Club has been submitted. This was discussed and the Parish Council's thoughts submitted to NCC.

David Jordon has again rented the **football field** for 2016-17.

The Clerk has been asked to speak to the Highways Department about the **sale notices** at the entrance to Longhirst Hall. Maureen Lowes suggested that the possible use of **rumble strips** at the north and south ends of the Village is also discussed with them in an attempt to reduce the speed of vehicles. It was mentioned that the speed humps in Micklewood may be removed.

Chris Marr asked that Lisa Topham be thanked for her efforts with the **tubs around the War Memorial**.

The **next meeting** will be held on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July** at 7pm in the Village Hall. All residents are welcome to attend.

Catherine Farrell

## NEW LOOK VILLAGE SHOW



Is **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September** in your diary? Have you read the 2016 Show Schedule yet? Check out the **website** (Google 'Longhirst Show 2016') for general information, useful hints about entries and to see the full schedule. If you would prefer to have a paper version of the schedule pick one up from the Village Hall or contact Jill Elphick (e).



Just to whet your appetite the **Cookery section** has been on a diet, but the new slim-line list still has all the classes that have been most popular in recent years and we have added some to reflect modern trends in home cooking.

There will be one new **Photographic class** this year - Abstract. The other classes will be Landscape, Seascape, People, Buildings, Animals, Plants, Close-up and the Open.

It was a busy evening at Youth Club on the 19<sup>th</sup> May with half a dozen or more **young people** sowing peas, carrots and sunflowers and planting petunias. It will be interesting to see how their efforts turn out on Show Day. If there are any others who would like to get involved and grow something for the Show, Mike Elphick (c) will be happy to help with plants, seeds, compost, pots etc. Just text him on 07729 688580.

Jill Elphick

## PEGSWOOD SHOW

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**, 11am - 4pm on the Welfare Field. Fire Station Open Day; Allotment Association Show; Competition Show Tent; Fun Dog Show; Amusements; Food and Drink; Music and lots more. Please come along and enjoy the fun.

Pegswood Parish Clerk

## OPEN GARDEN/VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING



On **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July** between 10am and noon Mike and Jill together with their granddaughter Grace, a member of 'Team United', offer you a warm invitation to join them for coffee in the garden of Howarth Cottage, off Dairy Lane.

Grace writes - 'Team United' from Kenton School in Newcastle are attending the International Finals of the 'F1 in Schools' competition in Austin, Texas, USA this coming October. The competition is for school children across the world aged 11-18 and it is based around STEM subjects- Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

Teams with no more than six official members (although they can have others help them and be advisors) are tasked to design and manufacture a model car to race down a 20 metre track together with providing an eye-catching pit display, a ten minute presentation and a supporting portfolio. As the competition is being held in Texas a key part of our job is fundraising. To do this we sell merchandise, hold raffles and homemade cake sales as well as getting in touch with companies linked with the engineering world.

'Team United' need to raise £20,000 and we hope, with your assistance, we might be able to help a little towards this target! Thank you.

Jill and Mike Elphick

## PARISH OUTING

We will definitely run a Travelsure coach from Longhirst on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July** to visit Adderston Mains, Belford which will be open for the National Gardens Scheme. The bus will leave St. John's Church car park at 12.15 and return by approximately 5.30pm, the cost for the coach will be £10 per person and there is a £5 admission charge to the gardens.

Adderston Mains is a Victorian Farmhouse with gardens, millpond, walled garden and grounds. Some areas are well established but there are many new projects being developed with Sean Murray, RHS Chelsea Challenge Winner. Light refreshments will be available in the Courtyard. To book your place on the coach and for more information contact Jill Elphick (e).

## CHURCH NOTICE BOARD



We hope you will join us at our **CHURCH FETE** on **SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE** which is held in the Village Hall from 2pm, with the Grand Raffle being drawn at 4pm. This is an important date in the Village social calendar and our major fund raising event for the general running expenses of the Church. Please support us! We particularly need items to go on the Tombola Stall [contact Sibell Pigg or Carol Robson (x)] and your spare plants for the Plant Stall [contact Linda Rudd (i) or Mike Elphick (c)]. All donations of goods for the Bric-a-brac,

Cakes/Preserves and other Stalls can be left in the Village Hall from Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June. If you would like to help at the Fete or need donations collected please contact Jill Elphick (e). Grand Raffle tickets are available from any member of the Church congregation or at the Fete itself.

We are looking forward to welcoming Lee Cleminson early in July when he takes up his position as Curate in this Parish - see page (5).

We offer you a warm welcome to our combined services at St. John's Longhirst, St. Andrew's Bothal and St. Margaret's Pegswood which take place as follows:-

5<sup>th</sup> June - Holy Communion 9.30am at St. John's; Evensong 4pm at St. Andrew's

12<sup>th</sup> June - Holy Communion 9.30am at St. Andrews; Evensong 4pm at St. John's

19<sup>th</sup> June - Holy Communion 9.30am at St. John's; Evensong 4pm at St. Andrew's

26<sup>th</sup> June - Holy Communion 9.30am at St. Andrew's; Evensong 4pm at St. John's

3<sup>rd</sup> July - Holy Communion 9.30am at St. John's; Evensong 4pm at St. Andrew's

10<sup>th</sup> July - Holy Communion 9.30am at St. Andrew's; Evensong 4pm at St. John's

17<sup>th</sup> July - Family Service 10am at St. John's; Evensong 4pm at St. Andrew's

24<sup>th</sup> July - Holy Communion 9.30am at St. Andrew's; Evensong 4pm at St. John's

31<sup>st</sup> July - Combined service for 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month 10.15am at St. Margaret's

Home Communion service on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July both at 11am at the home of Mary McGill and Laura Hughes, The Dairy, Dairy Lane, Longhirst. For more information please contact Linda Mowbray (f).

Our Spring Fayre raised £640 and Carol Robson's Wildlife Watch day £380 - thank you to everyone who helped and supported these occasions.

Jill Elphick

## VICAR'S LETTER



Introducing Rev'd Lee Cleminson who will be ordained Deacon at St. Nicholas' Cathedral on 2<sup>nd</sup> July this year and will join the Parish as full time Curate. He writes,

"I was born and raised in the West End of Newcastle (Benwell), where I have lived all of my life. Before training for ordination I worked as part of a nursing team at Newcastle Freeman Hospital (The Northern Centre for Cancer Care), whilst also being a resident volunteer at The Pendower Good- Neighbour Project, in Newcastle's West End. I have a great passion for the Northeast and I am proud to have been born and raised here.

Prior to training for ordained ministry, I also studied for three years with the Lindisfarne Regional Training Partnership and have worshiped for twenty-two years at St James Church Benwell. Although I had felt the call to ordination from an early age, it was at St James Church, during my study with Lindisfarne and my volunteer years at The Pendower Good Neighbour Project, where this call was very much developed and nurtured. It was a huge step to finding myself agreeing with Bishop Martin in 2013 that I would give up my job and all that I knew to train full-time for the priesthood!

I have spent a very interesting, busy and challenging three years at the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield, where I have had the opportunity to study, pray and live alongside a monastic community (The Community of the Resurrection). As well as the academic work my time at Mirfield has involved some interesting placements including schools work, hospital chaplaincy, a summer mission placement in Holmfirth and a rural summer placement in the Parish of Cleobury Mortimer, Kidderminster. All of which I have really enjoyed!

My interests include travelling, reading, darts and walking.

I am delighted to be moving to the Morpeth Deanery, living, praying and worshipping alongside everybody in the Parishes of Longhirst, Pegswood and Bothal. It will be lovely to be back in the North East and I am very much looking forward to what the next few years will bring."

John Park and Lee Cleminson

## REFUGEE WEEK

Is there anything we can do to help refugees? Why not visit the Refugee Crisis Stall at Morpeth Market on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** to find out?

Jill Elphick

## ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOMME

At 7.30am on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 1916, three blasts on a whistle marked the start of the Battle of the Somme. By nightfall 38,000 British soldiers would be wounded and 19,000 dead; the battalions with the highest casualty rates were from the Northumberland Fusiliers.

If you would like to mark the centenary of the moment, please come to Longhirst War Memorial at 7.30am on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 for a five-minute act of remembrance. There will be no speeches, no music, no uniforms: just three blasts on a whistle and a minute's silence to think of those who were "going over the top" a hundred years ago.

Mo Dewar

## WOODRUFF WOOD GUIDED TOUR - SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE



wildlife, well-being, woodfuel, warmth

We would like to invite residents of Longhirst to our annual free of charge, behind the scenes guided tour of Woodruff Wood on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm.**

This will be an opportunity to look at the wildlife and biodiversity within the wood whilst learning about the importance of woodland habitat and how we are caring for it.

Please note: everyone is welcome but the ground is uneven and is wet and muddy in places (there are no hardstanding paths). Suitable footwear is essential and unfortunately it is not suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs. Also, there are no toilets on site. As disturbance is kept to a minimum for the benefit of wildlife (which in June includes ground nesting birds), only dogs on short leads please.

If you are interested in joining us, please arrive for a 2pm start (no need to book). The tour will last for approximately one-two hours. We will meet under the old haul road bridge on Ulgham Lane (just south of Ulgham Animal Sanctuary). For satnav users, the postcode of the nearest dwellings is NE61 3NQ.

For further information, please contact us at [info@woodruffwood.co.uk](mailto:info@woodruffwood.co.uk) or tel. 07525 841361.

We hope to see you soon!

Julia Meldrum and Chris Tomlinson

## THE MILE OF PENNIES APPEAL

The mile of pennies fund is still going strong and has so far raised £1,369 for the Village Hall and the Church. This equates to 1 mile and 1,358 yards. The 2 mile post is almost in sight.

If you have a pot full of pennies and two-pences (or any other coins including foreign currency) just let me know. I will be happy to come round and collect them, count them and ensure that your contribution is receipted and recorded.

Mike Elphick



## THE LONGHIRST HUNDRED CLUB

The winners of the last two 'Hundred Club' draws are:

Month	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize (£60)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize (£40)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize (£20)
April	Ticket No. 191 <b>Julie Rollison</b>	Ticket No. 168 <b>Simone Costello</b>	Ticket No. 186 <b>Andy Boulton</b>
May	Ticket No. 126 <b>Doreen Hodges</b>	Ticket No. 238 <b>Alan Wooldridge for Reece</b>	Ticket No. 110 <b>Brian Rudd</b>

Mike Elphick

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**JUNE**

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	11.45am Luncheon Club in the Village Hall	(i)
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	2pm Tour of Woodruff Wood see page 6	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Late black bin collection	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	11am Home Communion at the Dairy	(f)
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10am Litter Pickers meet at the Village Hall	(r)
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10am Special Village Coffee Morning to celebrate the Queen's 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday - see page 1	
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	11.45am Luncheon Club in the Village Hall	(i)
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	2pm Church Fete in the Village Hall	(e)
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	2pm Mother's Union Strawberry Tea at the home of Angela Mason	(g)
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Village Amble in Northumberland	(l)

**JULY**

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	7.30am Marking the centenary of the Somme at the War Memorial	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	11.45am Luncheon Club in the Village Hall	(i)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	7pm Parish Council meets in the Village Hall	(a)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Deadline date for items for August/September Longhirst Leader e-mail to <a href="mailto:claire@petercoates.plus.com">claire@petercoates.plus.com</a></b>	<b>Editorial Group</b>
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10am Litter Pickers meet at the Village Hall	(r)
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10am Village Coffee Morning at Howarth Cottage, see page 3	(e)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	11am Home Communion at The Dairy	(f)
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10am Family Service at St. John's Longhirst	(b)
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	12noon Parish Outing to Adderstone Mains Garden, Belford	(e)
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	2pm Mother's Union at St. Margaret's, Pegswood with Ann Patton	(g)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	11.45am Luncheon Club in the Village Hall	(i)
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.15am Combined service for 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in St Margaret's Pegswood	(b)

**REGULAR EVENTS**

Everyone is welcome to.....

Church services as detailed on page 4

Yoga on a Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Mobile Library 10am in Village/4.10pm in Colliery Friday 3/17<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> July

**FUTURE EVENTS**

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September - Village Show

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August - Afternoon Tea at Rose Cottage

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