

LONGHIRST LEADER

August / September 2017

LONGHIRST GARDEN ASSOCIATION - VILLAGE SHOW



The Village Show this year is on **Sunday 3rd September starting at 2.00pm** in the Village Hall. We've decided to try it on a Sunday for a second year but with a slightly later start time.

To make it as much fun as possible, please get involved - the Show isn't a Show without you! There is no charge to enter exhibits and you could be awarded a trophy. If your flowers, fruit, vegetables, baking, arts, crafts or photos didn't turn out as well as you'd hoped, enter them anyway - it is the taking part that really counts. We'd like to encourage more of the younger people in the Parish to join in this year and would welcome their suggestions and ideas for future Shows.

This year's Village Show schedule, which includes entry forms, were issued by e-mail in June and you can expect a further copy by e-mail nearer the time. If you would like a paper copy you can either pick one up from the Village Hall foyer or from Jill Elphick (e). For those without e-mail, you should find a paper copy with this Longhirst Leader.

Entry forms can be found at the back of the schedule and can be submitted by e-mail to pandccoates@gmail.com. Also see the <http://fb.me/longhirstvillage> Facebook page from where you can download an entry form. Paper copy entry forms can be left in the box marked Village Show Entries in the foyer of the Village Hall or posted in the letter box on the Village Hall gate. Entries can be submitted between Monday 21st and Wednesday 30th August.

Exhibits can be set up on the Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning of the weekend of the Show.

We're making some changes to the Afternoon Teas but would still like to enlist your help in baking a homemade cake or tray bake that we can serve to visitors to the Show. Any cakes that aren't used for the Afternoon Teas will be sold at the auction to raise extra money. Carol Benbow

CAROL ROBSON invites you for

AFTERNOON TEA

at Rose Cottage, Ulgham Lane

on **Saturday 26th August 2.30 - 4.30pm**

Tickets £6 from Carol (x) or Dorothy McMillan (d)

All proceeds to St. John's Church

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT



At the meeting in July Peter Coates outlined the latest information on **broadband** in the Parish (see below). The **footpath access to the Village from Micklewood** was raised again, with no improvement in the situation. It was suggested that a meeting with Dere Street Homes might help, and perhaps there is a need for press coverage to highlight the residents' problems. (There has since been a meeting with our MP Ian Lavery's team which could be more productive).

It was mentioned that money is available for **repairing potholes** through our County Councillor who can nominate roads that are overdue for attention.

The **co-option of 2 new members** did not go ahead and this should be resolved by the next meeting.

It was agreed by everyone that a **letter of condolence** should be sent to the Jordon family as Bill Jordon had been a loyal and active member of the Council for over 40 years (see page 4).

Finance: this years audit documents have been sent to the external assessor.

Planning: several local applications have been granted this month by NCC and one refused. For the 3rd time the application for 7 houses at Fawdon House has been refused planning permission. There has been an application from Haworth Estates to re-open the Butterwell washing plant for a possible 10 years to receive coal from the yet to be approved Highthorn site. This was discussed and a return submitted.

Maureen Lowes expressed concern that **Simpsons Malt wagons** are still using the Village instead of the new bypass. The Clerk will mention this to North East Grains.

The **C126**, the road to Ashington from the station, still **floods**. The Clerk will ask the Highways Department if they intend to implement some preventative measures.

The **next meeting** will be on **Thursday 7th September at 7pm** in the Village Hall. All residents are invited to attend.

Catherine Farrell

PARISH BROADBAND WORKING PARTY NEWS

The latest information received from iNorthumberland at County Hall indicates that all properties within the Parish should have access to fibre broadband by the end of next year. Once we have further details these will be copied to everyone on the Parish e-mail data base. For further information please contact Peter Coates(I). Longhirst Parish Broadband Working Party

VILLAGE WEB SITE

We had a very successful web site for the Open Gardens Weekend which received nearly 2000 hits! We would like to keep this site open and feel it would make more sense for it to be part of the existing Longhirst Village site. Do you have the skills to do this? Would you enjoy the challenge of developing a vibrant up to date site for Longhirst Parish? We would love to hear from you, please contact Mike Elphick (c).

OPEN GARDENS AND CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL WEEKEND



As the dust settles on what was, yet again, a very successful Weekend I feel that the following card written to the 'Longhirst Open Gardens Team' is an excellent summary of the event.

".....I enjoyed myself so much going round your beautiful Church and amazing gardens. The owners were so pleasant, speaking to everyone and I learned many practical ideas to use in my own garden. The car park and bus service were excellent as was the food. So much work for everyone but so worthwhile and really appreciated. See you in two years' time!"

Over the Weekend nearly 600 people visited Longhirst and we made a profit of just under £5,000. This money has been split between the Church Refurbishment Fund and the Village Hall, each receiving £2,200, with £500 kept as seed money for a future event.

It only remains for me to thank all our wonderful team of volunteers, on a rough count about 130 from within the Parish and 65 friends from the surrounding area. I just hope that you all enjoyed the Weekend as much as I did and that the community of Longhirst continues to flourish.

Jill Elphick

ST. JOHN'S GRAND RAFFLE

Our Grand Raffle raised £841 for the Church but we still have to find three of the lucky winners. Can you help please? The ticket numbers are 0136 and 0139 both in the name of Mrs J Brodie who probably comes from the Durham area and was here over the Open Gardens Weekend. The other is 1606 with the name Joan on it. If you think you know who any of these winners are please contact Jill Elphick (e).

FOUND

Two keys on a teddy bear key ring were found as people were leaving Bill Jordon's Thanksgiving Service in St John's Church on Monday 10th July. Please contact Jill Elphick (e) if you think they may be yours.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

The annual Macmillan Coffee Morning will be held in Longhirst Village Hall on **Friday 29th September**. Further details will follow or contact Val Thompson (a) nearer the time.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

For the very first time in more than fifteen years since the Parish Association came into being, the Board of Trustees failed to meet in June due to the pressures associated with the organisation of the Open Gardens Weekend.

However, we will meet again on September 21st when we are due to receive and discuss a survey of the building that has been kindly carried out by one of our newly appointed Trustees, Alan Hardiman, who represents the U3A on our Board.

This survey was undertaken along similar lines to the 'Quinquennial' surveys that the Church of England requires for all its church buildings, and it is hoped that we will be able to use the data as a basis for planning appropriate levels of maintenance on the building over the next five years and to set our hire charges at a level that will enable us to pay for that work as it becomes necessary.

The Longhirst Parish Association Trustees



OBITUARY

Bill Jordon - 30th September 1920 - 1st July 2017



It is with great sadness that we report the death of Bill Jordon at the age of ninety six. Born in Middle Stobswood Bill spent his early years at Highlaws, attending Tritlington School. He joined Tritlington Calf Club at the age of eight and, when this became Tritlington Young Farmers' Club two years later, Bill took a prominent role, becoming Chairman of the Club in 1942.

Bill joined King Edward VI Grammar School in Morpeth in 1932 and, in 1933, Bill's father, Joe, bought Old Moor, Longhirst, followed in 1943 by the purchase of The Brocks. During this time, Bill and his father put all their energies into developing an acclaimed herd of dairy Shorthorn cattle. In 1952 the Longhirst Shorthorn herd won the first prize for progeny in the U.K. and, at the London Dairy Show in 1951/2, the Jordons won the Championship Cup for the Best Cow for Milk and Conformation. In agricultural circles, Longhirst had become famous.

Bill was a very enthusiastic and highly skilled gardener, with a great love of the natural world. He planted thousands of trees and shrubs at The Brocks and Old Moor, plus along the roads between the two farms, and was presented with an award by the Countryside Commission for his contribution to environmental conservation.

In 1953, Bill married Margaret; they had Rosemary in 1954 and David two years later. Margaret worked as a doctor for Northumberland Health Authority for twenty five years.

Sadly, the Shorthorn breed fell out of favour in the early 1960s, so Bill moved first into turkeys and then into rearing calves, at one stage having nearly three thousand barley beef cattle at both farms. At this stage David began working alongside his father and their partnership developed and prospered over many years. One of the highlights was the formation of Longhirst Grain storage company which became N.E. Grains and is now a hugely successful cooperative.

By the early 1990s, Bill and David were farming over a thousand acres of arable land, mainly focusing on cereals and oil seed rape production. In addition, Bill and his son developed a great interest in Limousin beef cattle and by the late 1990s, the Longhirst Limousin herd began to grow and develop. Bill immersed himself wholeheartedly in the study of this breed and he possessed an encyclopaedic recall of Limousin pedigree. He loved attending cattle sales at Carlisle and various herd visits.

Bill was a Church Warden at St John's Church, Longhirst for twenty five years and he very much valued this opportunity. He had a great respect for the church and Christian values and was insistent that the collection at the end of his thanksgiving service should be for St John's Church. How pleased he would be to learn that this collection raised over £900.

In addition, Bill served on both the Parish Church Council and the Parish Council for forty years. His dedicated service to Longhirst Parish was recognised by the Mayor of Morpeth in 1999.

Bill was a true countryman, with a huge love of life. He found joy in the smallest thing like a beautiful flower or birdsong. He was never really happy away from home, even for a night, finding instead complete contentment at The Brocks and Old Moor. Now he is buried in Longhirst Churchyard, the family hope to be able to plant a *Magnolia wilsonii* close by as this was one of Bill's favourite trees.

Rosi and David

SAD NEWS

It is with great sadness that we report the sudden death in July of Michael Carr from the Village. We offer our condolences to his family and friends.

CAN YOU HELP US COLLECT GREEN MILK BOTTLE TOPS, USED PRINTER CARTRIDGES OR MOBILE PHONES?

The Salvation Army organise the collection of the green milk bottle tops which are sold to raise money for the Children's Unit at the RVI. In 2015 we raised £200 and in 2016 £300 was raised for the unit. We collect these at the Luncheon Club in the Village Hall and they are passed on to the Salvation Army. If anyone else would like to join this painless way of helping the RVI Children's Unit there will be a box in the entrance to the Village Hall.

Gill Featonby is collecting used printer or toner cartridges and old mobile phones for the Great North Air Ambulance. There is another box in the entrance to the Village Hall for these. She has filled two large sacks already!

Please ask your friends and family to help these two very worthwhile causes.

WANSBECK VALLEY FOOD BANK

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank serves over 66,000 people who live along the River Wansbeck and nearby villages. Their aim is to help anyone who has an emergency need for food. To ensure resources are focussed on the most needy, all their clients are referred via 30+ professional care agencies and are offered stopgap food while the client and referrer sort underlying problems.

I help at the Food Bank in Morpeth. Time spent there is busy: weighing goods and filling shelves with incoming donations of produce and dealing with the general public and their needs. People in different situations can find they need urgent help. It's always good to know that people appreciate our help and that we can alleviate some of their distress.

Most of the food given is dried or tinned, usually enough for three days. We do sometimes have fresh produce - eggs, cheese and some fruit. Any donations are welcome but, at the moment, tinned foods (fruit, rice and vegetables) are in short supply.

The Longhirst collection points for the Food Bank are in the Village Hall and the Church.

Joan McKenzie

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNINGS



Our Village Coffee mornings take place on the second Saturday of each month between 10.15 and 12noon in the Village Hall. This coincides with the Litter Pickers doing their monthly tidy up of the Parish and they enjoy a coffee once they have finished. Would you be prepared to take responsibility for one of these very social occasions once in a while? Please contact Jill Elphick (e) to offer to host one of these gatherings.

ULGHAM FILM CLUB

The next film will be 'Rachel Getting Married' starting at 7.30pm on **Thursday 17 August** in the WI Hall in Ulgham. Everyone is welcome. For further information phone 791849 or e-mail helendunn@tiscali.co.uk.

Helen Dunn

ST. JOHN'S STEEPLECHASERS

On **Saturday 9th September** our incredible Steeplechasers are going off once again to see how many Churches in Northumberland they can visit and will be seeking your sponsorship. Please be as generous as you can. This day falls over the Heritage Weekend when many historic buildings are open and our Village Church, St. John the Evangelist, will be open between 11am and 3pm. Do take this opportunity to see our beautiful Victorian floor tiles that have recently been restored and examine the plans we have to create a kitchen/servery area in the west corner of the Church. Pew cushions have been donated by St. George's URC in Morpeth and will need some alteration to make them suitable for our Church. Again, do pop in and you might be able to help with this - a project for the winter evenings?

Jill Elphick (e) PCC Secretary

CHURCH NOTICE BOARD



After a very busy couple of months when we have worked together as a community we are happy to report that the Church Fete raised £780 and the Grand Church Raffle £841, both for general Church funds. The Church share of the profit from the Open Gardens Weekend, £2,200, will go into the Church Refurbishment Fund. We thank you all for your help and support and trust you have enjoyed these events as much as we have.

We offer you a warm welcome to our combined services at St John's, Longhirst,

St Andrew's, Bothal and St Margaret's, Pegswood:-

- 6th August - Holy Communion 9.30am at St John's and Evening service 4pm at St Andrew's
- 13th August - Holy Communion 9.30am at St Andrew's and Evening service 4pm at St John's
- 20th August - Holy Communion 9.30am at St John's and Evening service 4pm at St Andrew's
- 27th August - Holy Communion 9.30am at St Andrew's and Evening service 4pm at St John's
- 3rd September - Holy Communion 9.30am at St John's and Evening service 4pm at St Andrew's
- 10th September - Holy Communion 9.30am at St Andrew's
- 17th September - Holy Communion 9.30am at St John's and Healing service 4pm at St Margaret's
- 24th September - Holy Communion 9.30am at St Andrew's and Evening service 4pm at St John's

Forthcoming events:-

- Saturday 26th August** - Afternoon Tea at Rose Cottage - see page 1.
- Saturday 9th September** - Sponsored Steeplechase and St John's Church open - see above.
- Friday 15th September** - Pie and Pea Supper and Beetle Drive in the Village Hall. Please book your supper with Carol Robson (x) by **Sunday 10th September**.
- Sunday 15th October** - 9.30am Harvest Festival service at St John's and 6pm Harvest Supper at St Margaret's, Pegswood.
- Friday 27th October** - 6pm Jumble Sale in the Village Hall - please start saving your contributions now!

Jill Elphick (e)

THE LONGHIRST HUNDRED CLUB

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

Month	1 st Prize (£60)	2 nd Prize (£40)	3 rd Prize (£20)
June	Ticket No. 70 Lorna Kirk	Ticket No. 124 Linda Rudd <i>for</i> Robert	Ticket No. 101 Doreen Hodges
July	Ticket No. 164 Simone Costello	Ticket No. 59 Maureen Hannard	Ticket No. 143 Beryl Gibson

Mike Elphick

LONGHIRST LUNCHEON CLUB

We need a new volunteer lead cook for the Luncheon Club early in 2108. This involves planning, purchasing and leading a team to cook a mid-day meal for around 25 people once every other month. Food hygiene training and the opportunity to shadow one of the current cooks will be available. If you would like to talk about the possibility of taking on this role please contact Mike Elphick (c).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUGUST

Wednesday 2 nd	11.45am Luncheon Club in the Village Hall	(i)
Saturday 12 th	10am Litter Pickers meet at the Village Hall	(r)
	10.15am Village Coffee Morning	(e)
Wednesday 16 th	11.45am Luncheon Club in the Village Hall	(i)
Monday 21 st	Entry forms for Village Show can be submitted from today	(k)
Saturday 26 th	2.30 - 4.30pm Afternoon Tea at Carol Robson's	(x)
Sunday 27 th	Village Amble in Northumberland	(l)
Wednesday 30 th	Final date for submission of Show Entries	(k)

SEPTEMBER

Friday 1 st	Late blue bin collection after Bank Holiday	
Saturday 2 nd	2 - 5pm Village Show Exhibits can be set up in Village Hall	(k)
Sunday 3 rd	8 - 11am Village Show Exhibits can be set up in Village Hall	(k)
Sunday 3rd	2pm Longhirst Village Show in the Village Hall 3.45pm Auction of Produce	(k)
Wednesday 6 th	11.45am Luncheon Club in the Village Hall	(i)
Thursday 7 th	7pm Parish Council in the Village Hall - all welcome	(a)
Friday 8th	Deadline date for items for August/September Longhirst Leader e-mail to claire@petercoates.plus.com	Editorial Group
Saturday 9 th	10am Litter Pickers meet at the Village Hall	(r)
	10.15am Village Coffee Morning	(e)
	11am-3pm Church open for Steeplechase.	(e)
Friday 15 th	7pm Pie and Pea supper and Beetle Drive in the Village Hall	(x)
Tuesday 19 th	2pm Mother's Union at St. Margaret's Pegswood	(g)
Tuesday 19 th	6.30 - 7.30pm Junior Activities Club restarts in the Village Hall	(c) (f)
Wednesday 20 th	11.45am Luncheon Club in the Village Hall	(i)
Friday 29 th	10 - 12noon Macmillan Coffee Morning in Longhirst Village Hall	(a)

REGULAR EVENTS

Everyone is welcome to.....

Church services as detailed on page 6

Badminton in the Village Hall on Tuesday at 8pm [please contact Claire Coates (k)]

Yoga on a Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Mobile Library 10am in Village/4.10pm in Colliery Friday 11th/25th August and 8th/22nd September

FUTURE EVENTS

Sunday 15th October - 9.30am Harvest Festival service at St. John's Longhirst

Sunday 15th October - 6pm Harvest Supper in St. Margaret's Church Hall

Friday 27th October - 6pm Jumble Sale in the Village Hall

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