

LONGHIRST LEADER

October / November 2019

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNINGS



Everyone is welcome at the regular Village Coffee Morning which usually take place in the Village Hall on the second Saturday of every month from 10.15am. We charge £1.50 for adults and 50p for children for coffee/tea/juice and biscuits, often there are home baked treats as well!

The next Coffee Morning will be on **Saturday 12th October**. Please note that we will then meet in the Village Hall on **SUNDAY 10th NOVEMBER** following the **Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 11am**, as we did last year. We offer a special invitation to all residents, new and old, to join us. New residents are most welcome to come along and find out about life in Longhirst and meet other members of the community.

Jill Elphick (e)

VILLAGE PUB NIGHT ANNIVERSARY



It was the first anniversary of Pub Night on Friday 20th September. These evenings are proving very popular, so why not come and join us for a very reasonable priced drink and good company on the 3rd Friday of every month from 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is very welcome.

Pub Night Team (h)



VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The Parish Association's bid to the NCC Community Chest for funds to purchase and fit a defibrillator outside the Village Hall was successful so we, in conjunction with the Parish Council, are going ahead with this project.



An application for funding the first phase of our plans to improve the heating in the Hall will be submitted to the National Lottery's 'Awards for All' programme within the next few weeks.

It has been suggested that in addition to books which people are welcome to donate and borrow from the small meeting room/library in the Hall, we might collect jigsaws for people to borrow. The Trustees would welcome your views on this matter.

Finally, the Longhirst Parish Association holds its AGM on the 21st November. It is your opportunity to make your views known, to hold the Trustees to account and to nominate and elect the people you want to serve on the board. Nomination papers will be distributed with this issue of the Leader.

The Longhirst Parish Association Trustees (t)

VILLAGE FLOWER TUBS

THANK YOU - from everyone in the Parish to Lawrence Carey and family for the provision of a most wonderful display of flowers at the War Memorial throughout the summer.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT



At the meeting held on 5th September the Council agreed to submit a request for the upgrading of the **footpath between Longhirst and Pegswood** as our first priority in the County Council's Local Transport Plan. An approach will be made to Pegswood Parish Council to see if they will agree to support this proposal (NB: Pegswood PC subsequently agreed to do this).

The **flooding of the Ashington Road** appears to be worsening and a site meeting with NCC Highways and Advance Northumberland (who are now the adjacent landowners) has been requested. Glen Fahy has been advised that Advance Northumberland intend to create the **new Country Park** on the site of the former Potland Opencast within 2 years together with the completion of the new public rights of way network.

Richard Tordoff reported that the Parish Association has successfully bid for a £1400 grant from the NCC Community Chest towards the purchase of a **defibrillator** to be installed on the side of the Village Hall (see below). Many thanks go to Mike Elphick for all his work in preparing the application. Further funding will come from the Parish Council and hopefully from County Councillor David Towns' NCC Members Fund.

Discussions are still underway with the County Council to agree the details of their **proposed speed reduction measures** in Longhirst and negotiations are taking place with potential suppliers of flashing speed indicator signs to be sited at either end of the Village.

Further news is awaited regarding progress of the **planning applications** for the construction of 10 bungalows at Domino's Field (NCC No 19/00991/FUL) and the installation of a new Anaerobic Digester at North East Grains (No 18/04533/FUL).

Chris Marr reported that improvements to the **Village and Parish Council websites** are being carried out.

Maureen Lowes requested that the **blocked gullies** on the west side of the main street in the Village be reported to NCC Highways.

The **next meeting** is to be held on Thursday 7th November at 7pm in the Village Hall and all residents are invited to attend.

Peter Coates (k)

TRAINING TO USE A DEFIBRILLATOR

In the near future a defibrillator will be placed on the side of the Village Hall. Training to use this, which is expected to take approximately 2 hours at a date to be confirmed, will be provided for a limited number of people. If you are interested or would like more information please contact me on 790364 or e-mail rtordoffs@gmail.com.

Richard Tordoff

WELCOME



Michelle Marshall has recently moved into 1 Fawdon House Farm Cottage. We welcome her, hope she will be very happy living in Longhirst and look forward to seeing her at future events.

LONGHIRST VILLAGE SHOW



Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Village Show, including helpers, entrants, judges and visitors. It was a huge success and more visitors than in the previous few years came to admire the exhibits and enjoy the tombola, raffle, and of course the ever-popular teas and auction. The profit from this year's Show was £469.70, with the income from teas being the best ever. Profit from the Village Show is spent supporting the Village in many ways, for example buying new tables and table cloths for the Village Hall, supporting the Open Gardens event, contributing to a new gazebo and so forth. If you have any ideas as to how some of the profit may be used for something in the Village this year, please get in touch.

A full list of results can be seen on the Village website (u), the Village Facebook page (v) and on the notice board in the Village Hall. You can also see an interview done on the day for Morpeth News TV on the Facebook page or on YouTube (The Show Goes On At Longhirst).

Congratulations to all this year's successful entrants and the well-deserved trophy winners.

2019 Adult Trophy winners for Best Entry in:-

Vegetable Section - Bob Jackson

Flower Section - Mike Elphick

Cookery Section - Diane Milmore

Photographic Section - Chris Marr

Craft Section - Jill Elphick and Sandy Egan-Fowler

Exhibitor gaining most points in Flowers and Vegetables - Bob Jackson

Exhibitor gaining most points in Cookery, Photographs and Crafts - Jill Elphick

2019 Junior Trophy winners for Best Entry in:-

Junior 'Bake' Section - Ethan Hourigan

Junior 'Snap' Section - Ethan Hourigan

Alan Hagerty Memorial Trophy - Daniel Hourigan

Public vote winners:

Decorated hedgehog cake - Pam Bolton

Open photograph - Pauline Gilbertson

Finally, if you would like to get involved or have any ideas about how we could make the Show even better or how to encourage even more people to enter next year, please let us know.

Carol Benbow (p)

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)
August	Ticket No. 93 Phil Hourigan	Ticket No. 02 Mike Elphick (for Rachel)	Ticket No. 135 Maureen Chambers
September	Ticket No. 49 Gill Featonby	Ticket No. 19 Adrienne Dobson	Ticket No. 132 Marie Labus

Mike Elphick

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Carers Northumberland

Carers come in all shapes and sizes. They may care for a spouse or a child with physical and /or mental illness. A child may care for a parent, adult siblings may care for each other or someone may look in on a neighbour. Increasingly older couples care for each other with often complex physical and mental conditions.

Caring may range from a short visit once a day to intensive 24 hour support and may be short or long term.

Carers Northumberland is a charity dedicated to improving the lives of carers by responding to their needs , informing them of their rights and entitlements, supporting carers to access help for the person they care for, reducing the social isolation that so many carers feel and empowering carers to have a voice.

If you would like to know more about Carers Northumberland please visit our website www.carersnorthumberland.org.uk, contact us on info@carersnorthumberland.org.uk or ring 01670 320025.

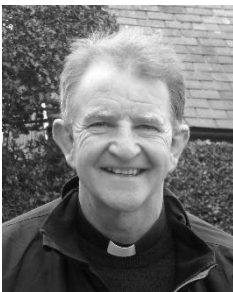
Online Donations are welcomed via our Just Giving page www.justgiving.com/carersnorthumberland
Charity Registration Number: 1122972

Debra Blakey,

Chief Executive Officer, Carers Northumberland

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VICAR'S LETTER



Even though we have not yet celebrated Harvest nor kept Remembrance Sunday as I write, my thoughts are already turning to Christmas because by the time the next edition of the Longhirst Leader appears Advent Sunday may have already come and gone. My favourite service of the year will take place on Sunday 1st December at 9.30am in St. John's Church and is our annual Advent Toy Service when we collect carefully wrapped Christmas presents to send off to the Cedarwood Trust at North Shields for distribution to children and

teenagers belonging to families which otherwise might provide very little for them. You may remember reading that St. John's won an award for this two years ago. Cedarwood is a Church of England community outreach centre for the Meadow Well estate offering support in one of the most economically and socially deprived areas in North Tyneside and indeed in the whole of the UK. It may help the imagination to leap if we consider that Longhirst ranks 11,723 / 12,443 in the UK Indices of Multiple Deprivation (where 1 is the most deprived and 12,443 is the least) while Meadow Well is 262. The contrast couldn't be clearer. Yet Longhirst and Meadow Well are bound together. Not only do we have the Toy Service in common but we also have Rev'd Lee Cleminson because Meadow Well is in one of the parishes in which he now works.

In the light of this, our annual Advent Toy Service is surely not an optional extra in the calendar. Even if church-going is not your thing you could still contribute and bring some much needed Christmas cheer to a child who won't otherwise get much and support the Toy Service by sending a present along. They need to be wrapped and simply write on the label Boy or Girl and the age for which the present would be most suitable. I will even call and collect it, if that would help.

John Park

CHURCH NOTICE BOARD



We warmly invite you to join us at our Harvest Festival Service on **Sunday 6th October** in St John's Church at 9.30am and in the evening for our Harvest Supper in Longhirst Village Hall at 6pm. All donations of non-perishable food will be given to the Wansbeck Food Bank together with donations for the Supper which will be soup and stottie followed by trifle. Please let Jill (e) know by **Wednesday 2nd October** if you intend coming to the Supper.

Our joint Morning Holy Communion and Evening Services at St. John's and St. Andrew's Bothal are as follows:-

Date	Holy Communion	Evensong
October 6 th	9.30am at Longhirst	4pm at Bothal
October 13 th	9.30am at Bothal	4pm at Longhirst
October 20 th (Family Service)	9.30am at Longhirst	4pm at Bothal
October 27 th	9.30am at Bothal	4pm at Longhirst
November 3 rd ,	9.30am at Longhirst	4pm at Bothal
November 10 th 10.55am Act of Remembrance at Longhirst War Memorial	9.30am at Bothal	
November 17 th	9.30am at Longhirst	4pm at The Rectory
November 24 th	9.30am at Bothal	4pm at the Rectory
December 1 st	9.30am Advent Toy Service at Longhirst	4pm in the Rectory

THANK YOU - to everyone who supported the Afternoon Tea at Carol Robson's home in August. This raised £510 for St. John's Church funds.

We have a **JUMBLE SALE** coming up on **Friday 25th October** at 6pm in the Village Hall so please donate all your unwanted items to be recycled in this way. Donations can be left in the Village Hall from **Wednesday 23rd October** or if you would like them collected please contact Jill (e).

On **Friday 8th November** please join us for another of our excellent Pie and Pea suppers which will be followed by a Beetle Drive. Carol (f) will have more details nearer the time. Then on **Saturday 7th December** we have our **Christmas Coffee Morning** from 10am in the Village Hall. Once again we will have a range of Stalls and our usual wonderful Raffle. If you would like a Stall, or know of anyone who would, please let Jill (e) know.

Finally, we always donate the money raised from Carol Singing and our Christmas Carol Service to a local charity and would welcome your suggestions.

Jill Elphick (e)

TREES

Wansbeck Garden Centre who provided the Plant Stall for our Open gardens Weekend have a good selection of young trees reduced to half price If you are considering buying a tree it might be worth a look.

Jill Elphick

FREE PAVING SLABS

If you would like some free, large paving slabs that have been used to surround a prize- winning leek trench please contact Tom Pigg on 790354.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

Wednesday 2 nd	11.45 Luncheon Club in the Village Hall	(i)
Sunday 6 th	9.30am Harvest Service at St. John's Longhirst 6pm Harvest Supper in Longhirst Village Hall	(b) (e)
Saturday 12 th	10am Litter Pickers meet at the Village Hall 10.15am Village Coffee Morning in the Village Hall	(r) (e)
Tuesday 15 th	2pm Mothers' Union meet at St. Margaret's Pegswood	(g)
Wednesday 16 th	11.45am Luncheon Club in the Village Hall	(i)
Friday 18 th	7.30pm Village Pub Night in the Village Hall	(h)
Friday 25 th	6pm Jumble sale in the Village Hall	(e)
Sunday 27 th	British Summer time ends remember to put your clocks back	

NOVEMBER

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 8 th	7pm Pie, Pea and Beetle Supper in the Village Hall	(f)
Friday 8th	Deadline for items for the December/January Longhirst Leader e-mail to clairecoates32@gmail.com	Editorial Group
Saturday 9 th	10am Litter Pickers meet at the Village Hall	(r)
Sunday 10 th	10.55am Act of Remembrance at Longhirst War Memorial Followed by a Welcome Village Coffee Morning in the Village Hall	(b)
Friday 15 th	7.30pm Village Pub Night in the Village Hall	(h)
Tuesday 19 th	2pm Mothers' Union meet at St. Margaret's Pegswood	(g)
Wednesday 20 th	11.45am Luncheon Club in the Village Hall	(i)
Thursday 21 st	7pm AGM of the Longhirst Parish Association in the Village Hall	(c)

REGULAR EVENTS

Everyone is welcome to.....

- Church services as detailed on page 5
- Junior Activities Club (7 - 14 yrs) in Village Hall every Tuesday during term time
- Yoga in the Village Hall on Wednesday 7.30pm

Mobile Library 10am in Village on Friday 4th and 18th October and 1st, 15th and 29th November

FUTURE EVENTS

Sunday 1st December - Advent Toy Service at St. John's

Saturday 7th December - St. John's Christmas Coffee Morning in the Village Hall

Monday 16th and Wednesday 18th December - Carol Singing around the Parish

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