

# LONGHIRST LEADER

## June / July 2017

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### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH FETE

in the Village Hall

**SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE from 2pm**

There will be **Home Made Teas** and the usual stalls:-

**Cakes, Preserves, Plants, Tombola, 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.

Draw at 4pm on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at the end of the Open Gardens Weekend.

Raffle tickets are on sale from members of the congregation.

**Entry: Adults £1 Children Free**

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

#### OPEN GARDENS - LONGHIRST'S BIG WEEKEND!



We invite you to join the planning group on **TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JUNE** at 7.30pm in the **VILLAGE HALL** to find out all about the **Longhirst Open Gardens and Flower Festival Weekend** which is on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**. The **Opening Ceremony** will be on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June** at 7pm in St. John's Church. Many people have already offered help and support in different ways but we still need **more!**

**Parking for visitors will be at The Brocks (next to North East Grains)**, with a park and ride minibus service. We may need cars to augment this system, would **you** be prepared to help? You can also help by being a **steward** and help with parking, welcoming people to the Village and selling tickets.

Longhirst is known for its wonderful homemade **refreshments** that will be served both days in the Village Hall - would **you** like to be a member of this hard working team? Dogs on leads will be welcome in the Village and there will be a dog friendly Gazebo for owners to sit in at the Village Hall - could **you** help run this area?

If you are not available over the Weekend **you** could help to prepare the Church for the **Flower Festival** or with the **Village Clean Up** on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June**, to **distribute publicity** or let us have a

**photograph of your garden** for the exhibition 'Gardens around the Parish'. There is a job for everyone so please consider how you could help and be part of this wonderful community event.

At the **Opening Ceremony** the Mid Northumberland Chorus will be providing a short entertainment and Tom Pattinson (who writes in the Morpeth Herald) will officially open the event.

Over the Weekend

- **Eleven Village gardens** will be open each day from 11 - 5pm;
- 'Our Favourite Poems and Rhymes' is the theme of the **Flower Festival** in St. John's Church, there will be **musical interludes** from time to time and **Morning Coffee** will be served each day
- At the Village Hall **lunches and teas** will be served from noon and there will be an **Arts and Crafts** display together with the **exhibition of photos of gardens around the Parish**.
- There are **Plant Sales** and **Grand Raffle** tickets available all Weekend and a **Classic Car display** on the Saturday.

Admission is £5 per adult per day with accompanied children free.

Parking in the Village will be reserved for people with a blue badge and residents only.

If you have been inspired to help please contact one of the following:-

For **Stewarding** contact Claire and Peter Coates - 791088

For **Minibus/car drivers** contact Mike Elphick - 790764

For **Refreshments** contact Carol Robson - 07773 738442

To help in the **Church** contact Dorothy and Keith Launchbury - 790491

A **dog lover?** Contact Mike Elphick - 790764

**Keen gardener?** Contact Linda Mowbray - 791627

**Photographer?** Contact Keith Cochrane - 07890 757101

For all other offers of help and any queries contact Jill Elphick - 790764

Please check the web site: [www.longhirstopengardens.org](http://www.longhirstopengardens.org) (created by Jill McManus)

Jill Elphick

## VILLAGE HALL NEWS



The Longhirst Parish Association has regretfully had to increase its hire charges for the first time since 2013. This increase took effect for new bookings after the 1<sup>st</sup> April but as most bookings are made three months in advance, the main effect will come in from the 1<sup>st</sup> July.

The charge for hire of the Reading Room for Village residents will remain the same at £6 per hour but for hire of the Sports Hall, the charge increases by 12.5% to £9 per hour. Hire of both Halls rises to £15 per hour.

The charge for those living beyond the Parish boundary rises to £10 per hour for the Reading Room and £15 for the Sports Hall. Government and business organisations pay even more.

A full list of hire charges can be found on the notice board in the Village Hall foyer.

Our thanks go to Margot Deas for her contribution as a Trustee on the Longhirst Parish Association Board of Trustees and we wish her well as she moves to the Swalwell area.

The Longhirst Parish Association Trustees

## PARISH COUNCIL REPORT



The **AGM** was held on 11<sup>th</sup> May. In the recent election 2 members of the PC stood down, Peter Nicol is leaving the area and Bob Jackson decided to retire. Four councillors submitted nomination papers and were elected. At the meeting the chair nominated Richard Tordoff for co-option and Councillors agreed. The chair asked Councillors to talk to Parishioners to see if anyone would be interested in being co-opted as two more places are available.

The election of the Chair and the Vice-Chair then took place. Catherine Farrell and Richard Tordoff were both re-elected. Catherine then introduced our new County Councillor, David Towns. The Clerk issued the Councillors with a summary of the accounts for the year and these were accepted by all. A new budget and expenditure forecast was presented to the Councillors along with the meeting dates for 2017-18.

Under **planning issues** the 150 holiday homes on Longhirst Golf Course was rejected. The garden shed at the Town Farmhouse was granted and new window frames at 1 Farm Cottage was granted. New plans were received and the PC comments were submitted for 3 houses proposed on land south of Longhirst Station, 7 houses proposed at Fawdon House and a variation document for access/landscape etc. for 2 houses on land north of Dairy Lane.

A new **insurance policy** for the coming year was agreed. It was also agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent to Alan Sambrook for his dedicated service to the Parish in the past.

**WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR TWO NEW COUNCILLORS. CURRENTLY WE HAVE 3 FROM THE VILLAGE ITSELF, 1 TO THE NORTH OF THE VILLAGE AND 1 TO THE EAST OF THE VILLAGE. WE WOULD DEARLY LIKE TO HAVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SOUTH AND WEST OF THE VILLAGE. IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN BECOMING A COUNCILLOR BUT IS UNSURE AS TO WHAT IT ENTAILS PLEASE SPEAK TO EITHER MYSELF (CATHERINE FARRELL) OR IAN THOMPSON, THE CLERK (a), OR ANY OF THE OTHER CURRENT COUNCILLORS\*. WE WOULD ALL BE ONLY TOO HAPPY TO OFFER ANY INFORMATION AND HELP.**

\*The Parish Councillors are: Catherine Farrell (Chair), Richard Tordoff (Vice-Chair), Gill Featonby (h), Maureen Lowes and Chris Marr (p).

The **next meeting** is on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July** at 7pm in the Village Hall. All residents are invited to attend.

Catherine Farrell

## MICKLEWOOD MATTERS

Margot Deas joined the Editorial Group at the end of last year and established a regular report from Micklewood. Unfortunately she is leaving the Village and will be greatly missed. We wish her all the best in her new home and hope to see her at local events in the future.

We are keen to see the reports from Micklewood continue and are looking for a replacement. If you think it could be you, or can suggest someone else, please do not hesitate to contact one of the Editorial group (see page 8).

## LONGHIRST GARDEN ASSOCIATION - VILLAGE SHOW



The Village Show this year is on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** starting at 2pm in the Village Hall. We've decided to try it on a Sunday for a second year but with a slightly later start time.



There will be a few changes to the schedule. New classes this year will include - **Best arrangement of wild flowers or weeds; Best scented flower; Jar of marmalade.** In the senior Photographic section Abstract will be replaced by **Pet(s)** and the two photo classes in the Junior section will be **Pet(s) and On Holiday.**

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, so make sure you start growing and creating now. We would particularly like to encourage more of the younger people in the Parish to join in and welcome their suggestions and ideas for future Shows.



The complete Village Show schedule and entry form will be issued soon.



Carol Benbow

### WELCOME



We are pleased to welcome Phil Doodley and David Cunningham to No. 2 Broomhaugh. We hope they will be very happy here and we look forward to seeing them at Village events.

### MANY THANKS

I would like to thank everyone who has let me have their empty jam jars. I now have plenty!  
Margaret Lediard

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed their time, lots of material and various skills to enable us to make some lovely colourful bunting. It will be on display during the Open Gardens Weekend in the Village Hall, do make sure you check it out!  
Jill Elphick

### THE MILE OF PENNIES APPEAL

The mile of pennies fund is still going strong and has so far raised £1,408 for the Village Hall and the Church. This equates to a mile and 1,447 yards. The 2 mile post is tantalisingly close.

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



## WELCOME TO MY ORDINATION AND FIRST COMMUNION

On **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June**. The Reverend Lee James Cleminson will be ordained priest in the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas by the Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Newcastle at 10am. People are asked to be seated by 9.30am and I extend a warm invite to everyone in the Village who would like to attend. I have organised a coach which will collect people from St. John's Church at 8.15am and from St. Nicholas Cathedral at 11.45am. The cost is £10 per person. If you wish to book a seat on the coach please contact me on 01670 519398. Payment should be made on or before Sunday 28th May.

Also, on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** at 9.30am I will preside at the Parish Communion for the first time at St. John's Parish Church. All are warmly welcome to share this occasion.

With continued prayers and every blessing, Rev. Lee Cleminson

## OUR VICAR IS HONOURED FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE LIFE OF THE DIOCESE



On Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> May our vicar, Rev. John Park was installed as an Honorary Canon of St. Nicholas' Cathedral.

What, we hear you ask, is an Honorary Canon when he's at home? Does it mean we are going to lose our Vicar? What do Honorary Canons do and how does one get to be one? Well we have to admit that even we as Churchwardens did not know the answers to these questions so we did some research and this is what we have come up with.

Honorary Canons are appointed on the nomination of the Bishop as recognition of the contribution they have made to the life of the diocese, and become honorary members of the Cathedral Clergy Chapter. As the main focus of their work remains in their parishes, they are asked to pray for and make only a very modest contribution to the work and witness of the Cathedral. This involves taking occasional midweek communion services, attending occasional evening services on Sundays and two meetings of the Cathedral Chapter per year. Every Canon has his or her designated seat in the Cathedral Choir Stalls. The seat that Rev. John Park will occupy is that of St. Ethelwold who was Bishop of Lindisfarne from the year 721. He was also a friend of St. Cuthbert and he provided the cover for the Lindisfarne Gospels.

John's installation at the Cathedral was a most impressive occasion. There was a very good turn out from the three Churches of St. John's, St. Andrew's and St. Margaret's. The Cathedral Choir was simply brilliant and the happy occasion coincided with Newcastle United securing the Championship title two hours earlier, a fact Bishop Christine referred to in her sermon as she had been at the match.

So we are all pleased that John has been honoured for his work in the Diocese and the local Deanery and we are all going to have great fun calling him 'Ethelwold'!

Churchwardens Mike Elphick and Dorothy McMillan

## CHURCH NOTICE BOARD



We hope you will join us on the occasion of our **Annual Church Fete** on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 2pm** in the Village Hall. This is an important date in the Village social calendar and it also raises much needed funds to help with the general running of the Church. Our annual insurance bill is now over £1,700 to say nothing of heating and lighting costs. We value your continued support and in particular we 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 for the Bric-a-brac, Cakes/Preserves and other Stalls can be left in the Village Hall from Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June. If you would like to help at the Fete or need donations collected please contact Jill Elphick (e). The Grand Raffle tickets are now available from any member of the Church congregation and this will be drawn on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at the end of the Open Gardens Weekend.

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:-

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

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

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

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

2<sup>nd</sup> July - Holy Communion 9.30am at St. John's, Evensong 4pm at St. Andrew's

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

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

23<sup>rd</sup> July - Holy Communion at St. Andrew's, Evensong 4pm at St. John's

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

Carol Robson hosted a Spring Wildlife Watch day at her home and raised an amazing £530. We thank Carol once again for her generous hospitality and everyone who supported the event.

Our friends Sue and Peter Nicol are moving to Cumbria. We thank them for their support over the years and wish them much happiness in their new home. Their leaving gift to the Church of two large pump flasks will be very well used to provide welcome hot cups of coffee and in particular will be a great asset over the Open Gardens Weekend.

Jill 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)
<b>April</b>	Ticket No. 132 <b>Jim Lamont</b>	Ticket No. 177 <b>Craig Penfold</b>	Ticket No. 83 <b>Tony Shirley</b>
<b>May</b>	Ticket No. 137 <b>Katherine Leech</b>	Ticket No. 14 <b>Carol Robson for Hanna</b>	Ticket No. 52 <b>Linda Mowbray</b>

Mike Elphick

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### JUNE

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	2pm <b>CHURCH FETE</b> in the Village Hall	(e)
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	11.45am Luncheon Club in the Village Hall	(i)
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10am Litter Pickers meet at the Village Hall 10.15am Village Coffee Morning	(r) (e)
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm <b>Open Meeting for everyone involved in Open Gardens</b> in VH	(e)
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10 - 2pm Selling Grand Raffle Tickets at Asda	(d)
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	2pm Mother's Union Strawberry Tea	(g)
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	11.45am Luncheon Club in the Village Hall	(i)
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10am Litter picking and Church cleaning prior to Open Gardens	(e)
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	7pm <b>Open Gardens Opening Ceremony</b> in St. John's Church	(e)

### JULY

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	11 - 5pm <b>OPEN GARDENS/CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL</b>	(e)
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	11 - 5pm <b>OPEN GARDENS/CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL</b>	(e)
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	11.45am Luncheon Club in the Village Hall	(i)
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	7pm Parish Council in the Village Hall	(a)
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10am Litter Pickers meet at the Village Hall 10.15am Village Coffee Morning	(r) (e)
Friday 14 <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>
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	2pm Mother's Union at St. Margaret's Pegswood	(g)
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	11.45am Luncheon Club in the Village Hall	(i)
Sunday 30 <sup>th</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 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 2<sup>nd</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> June and 14<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> July

## FUTURE EVENTS

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - Village Show

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