

# LONGHIRST LEADER

## October / November 2022

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### LONGHIRST WILDLIFE AND COMMUNITY TRUST NEWSLETTER



The Longhirst Wildlife and Community Trust Newsletter is issued four times a year and is emailed to all Parish residents and added to the Village website. If you are unable to access these but would be interested in receiving a printed copy, please contact me.

Kim Woolhead (y)

### PROTECTING WILDLIFE AT LONGHIRST HALL

Could residents and visitors using the drive to Longhirst Hall please be aware there is a speed limit of 10 mph. Endangered red squirrels and hares live around the Hall and regularly cross this road : a number have recently been hit by cars. We cannot afford to lose any individuals from these fragile populations

Thank you.

Morpeth and District Red Squirrels



### VILLAGE COFFEE MORNINGS



Everyone is welcome at the regular Village Coffee Morning which usually takes place in the Village Hall on the second Saturday of every month from 10.30am. The charge is £1.50 for adults and 50p for children for coffee/tea/juice and biscuits. Usually there are home baked treats as well!

The next Coffee Morning will be on **Saturday 8 October**. Please note that there is then a **Special Coffee Morning** in the Village Hall on **SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER following the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial**. 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.

Helen McCabe (n)

### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

The Macmillan Coffee Morning is being held on **Saturday 1 October** from 10.30am - 12.00noon in the Village Hall. Entrance will be £5 per person to include coffee/tea and homemade cake.

Please come along and bring your family and friends.

All proceeds to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Linda Rudd (i)



MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT

## PARISH COUNCIL REPORT



The following items were discussed at the September meeting.

**Domino's Field** – the Planning Inspectorate is holding a **public hearing** into the appeal against the planning refusal by NCC at Morpeth Town Hall starting on **Wednesday 5 October**. Residents are welcome to attend and details of such hearings can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-appeals-dealt-with-by-an-inquiry-taking-part/guide-to-taking-part-in-planning-and-listed-building-consent-appeals-proceeding-by-an-inquiry>

The **car park between Micklewood and Longhirst Hall** (currently used to store building materials) will be reinstated when the construction of the two properties on Dairy Lane is complete. The developers have also confirmed that the hole in the boundary wall of Longhirst Hall will be repaired.

The **litter bin at Longhirst Colliery bus shelter** has been fitted and the requested additional **direction sign at the Ashington Road junction** installed by NCC.

**Ashington Road flooding issues** - concerns were raised that residents are facing a fourth winter of disruption. Numerous visits and correspondence with the County Council and Advance Northumberland have not resulted in any meaningful action either in the short term (clearing ditches) or in the long term (raising the road).

**Potland Park** - NCC officers have been invited to attend the November meeting to give a presentation on future plans for the Park.

**Longhirst Wildlife and Community Trust** – the Trust has been awarded formal charity status and a bid has been submitted to the Heritage Lottery for funding. The fourth newsletter has just been circulated.

**Footpath clearance near Longhirst Cricket club** - NCC will be contacted to chase up the clearing of the path.

The **seat opposite St John's Church** has been repaired. **St John's lychgate repairs** - work has not started as apparently the handmade tiles are not ready. It may be some time before this work is complete.

**Repairs to the wall near South Lodge** - NCC is not satisfied with the work but it is unclear what remedial action will be taken. The Parish Council will request a formal update.

**Parish logo** - the competition has been advertised in the Longhirst Leader and an invitation extended to pupils at Pegswood Primary School (See page 3).

**Inventory of historic paperwork** - the Clerk will review the Parish Council files held in the cabinets at the Village Hall.

**Revised football field tenancy agreement** - solicitors have drawn up a revised agreement for use next year.

**St John's churchyard** - the Parish Council agreed to increase the annual donation to the Church from £600 to £660.

**Paddock Wood maintenance** - Tillhill (the company responsible for maintaining the wood) have failed to respond to requests for an update on maintenance. The Parish Council will try to contact the new Woodland Trust Regional Officer.

**Damaged Woodland at Potland Park** - a number of trees blown down in the storms have still not been removed and pose a danger to walkers using the paths. NCC will be contacted regarding this issue.

**Date of next meeting - Thursday 3 November** in the Village Hall at 7pm. All residents are invited to attend.

Janet Quinn (q)

## LONGHIRST LOGO

A reminder that we are looking for a logo that represents Longhirst and can be used by a number of different organisations within the Parish (for example the Parish Council, the Village Hall Committee, St John's Church Council or the new Wildlife and Community Trust). It should be a simple line drawing in black and white or a single colour.

We welcome contributions from Longhirst residents of ALL ages and have extended the invitation to Pegswood Primary School pupils. There will be a prize of £50 for the winning entry. Please send your entries to me (k) by 15 October and contact me if you would like any more information.

Peter Coates (k)

## REST IN PEACE

It is with great sadness that we report the recent deaths of Kathleen Lamont who lived at Mercator, Mary McGill, formally from The Dairy and Roger Buglass who spent many years at High Steads Farm. They will be greatly missed and our thoughts are with all their families and friends at this sad time.

## VILLAGE HALL NEWS



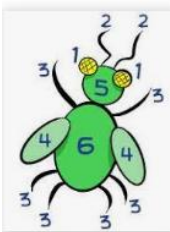
Our application to the County Council's Planning Department for Listed Building Consent was approved on 18 August and work started on the Reading Room refurbishment on the 30<sup>th</sup>. The old ceiling has already been removed and new ceiling joists, strong enough to support a floored-out loft, are in place. The drop-down ladder will soon be installed, together with new LED lighting, a fan assisted radiator, new skirting boards and a wooden wainscot and windowsills around the front wall to assist the wall to dry out. The floor joists will also be repaired.

Finally, we will make sure the roof is watertight, redecorate the Reading Room and install a new carpet and curtains with the intention that all the work is complete by the end of October.

The installation of the Photo-voltaic cells on the Elphick Room roof is planned to start during October. As to the Fresh Air Ventilation System, this will have to wait until next July/August and, because of inflation, it will be dependent upon our raising more funds either from the Lottery or from other grant making Trusts.

The Longhirst Parish Association Trustees

## BROTH AND BEETLE EVENING



Please join us **on Friday 28 October** for our Broth and Beetle Drive at 7pm in the Village Hall. An evening of good food, fun and hilarity not to be missed.

Tickets are £5 from Carol Robson (f) by 21 October please.



## GIANT 2 HYBRID BIKE FOR SALE

The bike is medium size and in pristine condition. For further information please contact Julie on 07723 745663.

## CHURCH NOTICE BOARD



Many thanks to Carol Robson and her helpers who worked so hard to provide such an enjoyable afternoon tea at Rose Cottage in August. £453 was raised for St. John's Church funds.

Unfortunately the **Church Autumn Fair** has had to be **CANCELLED** due to the work currently taking place in the Village Hall but there will be a **Broth and Beetle Evening on Friday 28 October** (see Page 3).

October and November's Sunday services are:-

| Date        | Holy Communion                   | Evening Service                 |
|-------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 October   | 9.30am St. John's, Longhirst     | 4.00pm St. Andrew's, Bothal     |
| 9 October   | 9.30am St. Andrew's, Bothal      | 4.00pm St. John's, Longhirst    |
| 16 October  | 9.30am St. John's, Longhirst     | 4.00pm St. Andrew's, Bothal     |
| 23 October  | 9.30am St. Andrew's, Bothal      | 4.00pm St. John's, Longhirst    |
| 30 October  | 10.15am St. Margaret's, Pegswood | 4.00pm St. Andrew's, Bothal     |
| 6 November  | 9.30am St. John's, Longhirst     | 4.00pm St. Margaret's, Pegswood |
| 13 November | 9.30am St. Andrew's, Bothal      | No Evening Service              |
| 20 November | 9.30am St. John's, Longhirst     | 4.00pm St. Margaret's, Pegswood |
| 27 November | 9.30am St. Andrew's, Bothal      | 4.00pm St. Margaret's, Pegswood |

Every Wednesday morning at 9.30am there is a church service in St. Margaret's Hall in Pegswood.

**Sunday 6 November, 10.55am - Act of Remembrance at Longhirst War Memorial**  
**2.55pm - Act of Remembrance at St. Andrew's, Bothal**

**Sunday 27 November** is Advent Sunday and at St. John's Church, Longhirst we are intending to hold our **annual Toy Service at 2pm**. This is a wonderful way of anticipating Christmas through the singing of Advent Carols and blessing the Advent Ring. Children are especially welcome and we traditionally get a good turn out from the young peoples' uniformed organisations with their banners. We have done this for many years now, but for newcomers to the Parish who may not have attended before, the idea is very simple. Worshippers bring a wrapped Christmas present indicating on it whether it is suitable for a boy or girl and an approximate age. Presents for teenagers are also welcome. During the service the presents are placed at the front of the Church and are later taken to North Shields where they are given to the Cedarwood Trust, a Church of England community outreach organisation, for distribution among less well-off families in the Meadow Well area. This helps some children to have a much happier Christmas than they might otherwise have expected. In past years it has been an enjoyable occasion for all and I look forward to seeing you.

If you are unable to come to the service presents can be left in the Village Hall or at the Rectory in Pegswood. If this is not possible, please contact me (b) and I will collect them. John Park (b)

## VICAR'S LETTER



This morning, Sunday 9 September at our morning service I read out the following statement by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, on the death of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth and wish to take the opportunity of sharing it again now, with everyone.

“It is with profound sadness that I join the nation, the Commonwealth and the world in mourning the death of Her Late Majesty The Queen. My prayers are with The King and the Royal Family. May God draw near them and comfort them in the days, weeks and months ahead. As we grieve together, we know that, in losing our beloved Queen, we have lost the person whose steadfast loyalty, service and humility has helped us make sense of who we are through decades of extraordinary change in our world, nation and society.

As deep as our grief runs, even deeper is our gratitude for Her Late Majesty’s extraordinary dedication to the United Kingdom, her Realms and the Commonwealth. Through times of war and hardship, through seasons of upheaval and change, and through moments of joy and celebration, we have been sustained by Her Late Majesty’s faith in what and who we are called to be.

In the darkest days of the Coronavirus pandemic, The Late Queen spoke powerfully of the light that no darkness can overcome. As she had done before, she reminded us of a deep truth about ourselves – we are a people of hope who care for one another. Even as The Late Queen mourned the loss of her beloved husband, Prince Philip, we saw once again evidence of her courage, resilience and instinct for putting the needs of others first – all signs of a deeply rooted Christian faith.

As we sustain one another in the face of this challenge, our shared grieving will also be a work of shared reimagining. I pray that we commence this journey with a sense of Her Late Majesty’s faith and confidence in the future. As a faithful Christian disciple, and also Supreme Governor of the Church of England, she lived out her faith every day of her life. Her trust in God and profound love for God was foundational in how she led her life – hour by hour, day by day.

This is what she said in her Christmas Day address to the nation in 2002, “I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God ... I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian gospel.”

May Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II rest in peace and rise in glory.

John Park (b)

## 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)       |
|-----------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| August    | Ticket No. 80<br>Brian Rudd  | Ticket No. 123<br>David Chambers | Ticket No. 24<br>Dorothy McMillan |
| September | Ticket No. 2<br>Mike Elphick | Ticket No. 221<br>Joan McKenzie  | Ticket No. 231<br>Helen McCabe    |

Mike Elphick (c)

## ULGHAM LANE CLOSURE

It is expected that Ulgham Lane (C124) will be closed on Monday 10 October from 8am to 5pm to park an HGV jetting unit and vans on the road to jet and CCTV a culvert.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### OCTOBER

|    |           |  |     |
|----|-----------|--|-----|
| 1  | Saturday  | 10.30am-12noon Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Village Hall                | (i) |
| 5  | Wednesday | 11.45am Lunch Club in the Village Hall                                     | (i) |
| 5  | Wednesday | Domino's Field planning application appeal hearing<br>in Morpeth Town Hall | (a) |
| 6  | Thursday  |  |     |
| 8  | Saturday  | 10am Litter pickers meet at the Village Hall                               | (n) |
|    |           | 10.30am – 12noon Coffee Morning in the Village Hall                        | (r) |
| 18 | Monday    | 8am – 5pm Ulgham Road closed   |     |
| 19 | Wednesday | 11.45am Lunch Club in the Village Hall                                     | (i) |
| 21 | Friday    | 7.30pm Pub Night in the Village Hall                                       | (h) |
| 28 | Friday    | 7pm Broth and Beetle Evening in the Village Hall (see p 3)                 | (f) |
| 30 | Sunday    | British Summer Time ends. Clocks go back 1 hour                            |     |

### NOVEMBER

|    |           |  |              |
|----|-----------|--|--------------|
| 2  | Wednesday | 11.45am Lunch Club in the Village Hall   | (i)          |
| 3  | Thursday  | 7pm Parish Council meeting in the Village Hall. All welcome  | (a)          |
| 11 | Friday    | <b>Deadline for December / January Longhirst Leader<br/>e-mail to <a href="mailto:clairecoates32@gmail.com">clairecoates32@gmail.com</a></b> | Ed.<br>Group |
| 12 | Saturday  | 10am Litter pickers meet at the Village Hall   | (r)          |
| 13 | Sunday    | 10.55am Act of Remembrance at Longhirst War Memorial<br>Followed by a Special Village Coffee Morning in the Village Hall                     | (b)<br>(n)   |
| 16 | Wednesday | 11.45am Lunch Club in the Village Hall   | (i)          |
| 18 | Friday    | 7.30pm Pub Night in the Village Hall   | (h)          |
| 27 | Sunday    | 2pm Advent Toy Service at St. John's, Longhirst  | (b)          |

## REGULAR EVENTS

- Church services as detailed on page 4
- Yoga in the Village Hall on Sunday at 9.30am
- The Fish Van stops at the War Memorial every Friday between 8.30 and 9.00am
- Mobile Post Office in De Walden Terrace, Pegswood every Thursday from 11.45am – 12.45pm
- Mobile Library – 9.45am in the Village on Friday 14 October and 11 November

## FUTURE EVENTS

Saturday 10 December, 10.30am – 2pm. Christmas Coffee Morning and Craft Fair in the Village Hall  
 Tuesday 13 and Thursday 15 December, 6.30pm. Carol Singing around the Village

## CONTACT DETAILS

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**Village Facebook page** - [https://www.facebook.com/longhirstvillage/?ref=aymt\\_homepage\\_panel](https://www.facebook.com/longhirstvillage/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel) **(v)**

**Longhirst Parish Council Website** - <https://northumberlandparishes.uk/longhirst> **(x)**

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