

LONGHIRST LEADER

June / July 2018

LONGHIRST PARISH RESIDENTS' DATA PRIVACY CONSENT

Many of you will already know about the new "General Data Protection Regulations" that came into force on 25 May. They require that persons or organisations, such as Longhirst Parish, that hold personal data must tell us what data they hold and the precise purpose/s for which they hold/use that data. They must also get formal consent in writing in the following areas:-

- consent to our relevant details being held;
- consent to our details being destroyed when we cease to live in the Parish;
- consent to our data being used for the disclosed purposes only.

Longhirst Parish holds data about your names, postal addresses, e-mail addresses and in some cases, your telephone numbers.

The primary purpose is to ensure that you receive by e-mail, or by hand delivery, the bi-monthly Parish Newsletter 'The Longhirst Leader' and the e-supplement sent out during the intervening month. The data is also used to keep you informed about local events and other information of local interest including information about the Longhirst Hundred Club. Your data will never be shared with any other persons or organisation without getting your specific consent in writing.

IF YOU WISH TO CONTINUE RECEIVING THE LONGHIRST LEADER, THE e-SUPPLEMENT AND OTHER INFORMATION of local interest please COMPLETE AND SIGN the form which has been sent as an attachment (if you get your Longhirst Leader by e-mail) or inserted in your paper copy and RETURN IT TO MIKE ELPHICK in one of the following ways:-

- by post, or hand delivery, to Howarth Cottage, Longhirst, NE61 3LJ
- by leaving it in a box on the Village Hall gate
- by scanning the signed and completed form and e-mailing it to mike.elphick1@gmail.com
- by telephoning Mike on (01670) 790 764 and asking him to call round and collect it.

THIS MUST BE DONE BY 30TH JUNE.

Many thanks.

Mike Elphick (c)

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH FETE on SATURDAY 23rd JUNE from 2pm
in the Village Hall

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

Cakes, Preserves, Plants, Tombola, Bric-a-Brac, Books, Outdoor Games

GRAND RAFFLE - Draw at 4pm

1st Prize - £150 cash, 2nd Prize - £100 travel voucher, 3rd Prize - £50 M&S voucher
plus many other vouchers for restaurants, garden centres and local attractions.

Entry: Adults £1 Children Free

We look forward to your valued support.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The meeting planned for 1st March was postponed because of bad weather and was held on 29th March.

Reports were presented on recent meetings:

- a) with a Highways Officer from County Hall which covered the installation of **vehicle speed warning signs** on the B1337 at each end of the Village and the removal of the existing sign, **parking problems** at the north end of Main Street and concerns over **increased traffic** if planning permission is granted for 2 new houses on Dairy Lane.
- b) with a Planning Officer from County Hall which covered proposals to **reopen the pedestrian gate at the rear of Longhirst Hall** to provide access to the Village for residents of Micklewood Close and the new Longhirst Hall apartments. Also discussed were issues relating to the **planning application for the new houses on Dairy Lane** and **ongoing developments in the grounds of Longhirst Hall**.
- c) the Parish Groups meeting, the outcome of which was summarised in the last edition of The Leader.



The Parish Council accepted the recommendations of the Parish Groups Meeting and agreed, if necessary, to **support the future production costs of more paper copies of The Leader** to a maximum of £400/annum and (as a one-off contribution) to **help underwrite the costs of holding an NTC play** in the Village Hall this September for up to £100.

The meeting was pleased to see that the County Council had recently undertaken **drainage improvement works along the Pegswood road** and had started **pothole repair and resurfacing work** at the same location.

A resident from the north end of Main Street had written to the Parish Council concerning the **parking of their car in front of the Village Hall**. The Council supported the Parish Association in their wish to reserve the car park for Village Hall users but were well aware that every effort to improve the parking situation at the north end of the Village had so far failed.

Planning applications: Revised schemes at Fawdon House and Longhirst Golf Course (150 chalets) had been submitted together with a proposal to convert existing barns to residential homes at Potland Farm.

The **Parish Council AGM** was held on 3rd May and Cath Farrell was re-elected as Chairman and Richard Tordoff as Vice Chairman. Ian Thompson was re-appointed as Parish Clerk. There is still a **vacancy for a new Member** and any Parish resident who is interested in joining should contact the Clerk (a). The financial accounts for the previous year and the budget for 2018/19 were approved. Meetings will continue to be held on the first Thursday of every other month.

The Parish Council had submitted its comments on the **Longhirst Hall Golf Club planning application** for 150 chalets around the course and it was noted that Pegswood PC had employed a specialist consultant to prepare a formal response on their behalf. An application for a change of use for a **building behind Longhirst Station** was being dealt with by County Council officers under delegated powers.

As a significant number of planning applications are coming forward at present it was agreed that a list would be maintained of all current applications including their NCC Planning Portal number so that details could easily be accessed on line. If necessary additional PC meetings would be called to help the Clerk prepare responses to urgent planning applications.

The Fire Service had recently been called out to deal with a **Village bonfire** which was blanketing the surrounding area with noxious fumes. See below for a note on this issue.

NCC Highways has recently cleaned the footpath alongside the Linton Road and had monitored traffic speeds through the Village. Once the data has been processed it is intended to agree locations for new speed warning signs on the approaches.

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Thursday 5th July in the Village Hall and all residents are welcome to attend.

Peter Coates

WHEN TO HAVE A BONFIRE

As the season for gardening is well under way, on behalf of the Parish Council I would like to give some guidance on having a bonfire in your garden so that it does not cause pollution, a nuisance or harm people's health.

To minimise the impact on neighbours it would be wise to wait until the wind is blowing away from them, have it later in the day when people are normally inside and avoid starting one when washing is out, windows are open, etc. Green waste that is dry causes the smallest smoke plume but large quantities of wet green waste will cause the greatest nuisance. Tyres and plastics (milk containers etc.) are hazardous. There are occasions where smoke has drifted across the road and become a danger to traffic. You can be fined for this.

If you are not happy about your neighbour's bonfire please speak to them but if the problem persists you may wish to take it further and contact Environmental Health at the County Hall.

You can get rid of household or garden waste by composting or taking it to the Recycling Centre on Whorral bank. The Council also have a green collection bin service that runs from early March to the beginning of December at a current cost of £36 per year.

Richard Tordoff

This article has been edited due to a shortage of space.

PARISH BROADBAND WORKING PARTY NEWS

At their "drop in" session for residents held in the Village Hall on 10th May iNorthumberland from County Hall explained the delays in the remainder of the Parish fibre installation programme from Openreach. In brief, the Ashington numbers are now expected to be live by the end of this year. The Morpeth numbers (around Fawdon) and the outstanding Ulgham numbers (around Broomhaugh/Ashtrees) should have their new fibre service by the end of next year. We still live in hope!!!

Peter Coates (I)

LONGHIRST GARDEN ASSOCIATION - VILLAGE SHOW



This year's Longhirst Village Show will be held on **Sunday 2nd September starting at 2pm** and by now you might already be growing vegetables, fruit and flowers to enter into the Show. Now is also the time to start making your jams and chutneys, creating your wonderful entries for the Crafts section and taking those winning photographs!



If you would like to know some do's and don't's or get some really useful common sense advice with helpful pictures, the Longhirst Garden Association has purchased the RHS book "Great British Village Show" which you can borrow from Carol Benbow (p). A few hints and tips from the book will be included in the next issue of the Longhirst Leader.

Carol Benbow

OBITUARIES

It is with great sadness that we report the recent death of two people who have lived in Longhirst.

VAL BLOCK 1952-2018



Val was born in Newcastle General Hospital. Her musical talent was spotted early and in addition to singing lessons she learned to play the piano, violin and guitar.

Alan and Val first went out together when they were 15 and 16 but it only lasted 3 months. Val then went to Portsmouth Poly, graduated in Sociology and started work in Kingston-upon-Thames as a Residential Social Worker in a Children's home. When she returned home for Christmas one year Alan asked her out for a drink and within a year they were married and set up home in Jesmond. Val

completed her Social Work qualifications and got a job with Blaydon Social Services. She also started singing in Working Men's Clubs in a band called "Hooker".

In 1982 their son Alex was born. Alan's band had split up and he had retrained as a computer programmer and they moved to Ellon near Aberdeen. Three years later their daughter Lucy was born and they soon moved to Cockermonth to be nearer their relations in Newcastle. Music continued to be a big part of both their lives with Val playing in a number of bands and becoming the first musical director of a community choir.

Retirement brought them back to the North East and to Micklewood Close. Val was soon involved in Village life and helped to organise the Village Show. As she enjoyed many crafts including painting, knitting, crochet, breadmaking and flower arranging she entered several classes, many of which she won along with a trophy for the Best Craft Entry. She contributed to the Flower Festival at two Open Garden Weekends, helped on the Craft Stall in the Village Hall and would have opened their garden had access to the Village been better. Val was also a valued helper for a number of special coffee mornings and Val and Alan, together with a few of their friends, provided a very varied entertainment after the Harvest Supper in 2016. This was when a number of Villagers realised for the first time what a lovely voice Val had.

At the end of last year Val was diagnosed with a brain tumour. Alan recalls her initial reaction was "I have had a good life. You three look after each other". She never said "Why me?" and always had a smile for her visitors.

She will be sadly missed by her family, her many friends and all those who knew her.

Following her funeral over £1000 was donated to MacMillan Cancer Support.

PETER ANGUS 1948 - 2018

Peter, a southerner, moved up to Morpeth with his partner Eileen Bowler in the 1980s and Peter contributed in many ways to the life of the town. They then lived in Longhirst for nearly 10 years until Eileen died in 2005 and shortly afterwards Peter moved away. While in Longhirst Peter was an enthusiastic member of the Longhirst Leader Editorial Group; a member of the Luncheon Club where he enjoyed many lively discussions and occasionally walked with the Longhirst Amblers group. He was a colourful character who will be missed by his many friends and colleagues.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS



The Trustees are pleased to confirm the granting of a **Premises Licence** to the Village Hall covering the performance of films, plays, dance, live and recorded music, the holding of sporting events and the provision or sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises.

We have had various improvements carried out during the past few months including the clearing of the vegetation along the northern boundary of the site and the redirection of rainwater from the

unsatisfactory soakaway at the south eastern corner of the sports hall into an existing drain further along the back wall. This will have a drying effect upon the rear car park. We have also carried out repairs and improvements to the storeroom door, had the ovens in the kitchen professionally cleaned, replaced the old hot water boiler and thanks are due to Colin Bentham for fitting an additional shelf in the mug cupboard.

If you have any ideas for further improvements, please speak to one of the Parish Association Trustees.

The Longhirst Parish Association Trustees

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hedgehogs and Honeybees

At this time of year we are beginning to see an increase in activity from **hedgehogs** which are sadly in decline. We can make their lives a little easier by feeding them. Whiskas tinned cat food that is JELLY based chicken (50p from Poundland) is best. Bread is not very nutritious and they should be given water, not milk. If you are concerned about cats taking your food then perhaps make or buy a hedgehog feeding station (I will be happy to give you details 790364).

Hedgehogs require a large area to maintain their food intake needs, especially if the female has a litter of five to look after, and so please leave a six inch gap under your fence/wire for access.

If you see a hedgehog out during the day then it is most unusual. Please ring me and I may be able to give you some help and assistance. This usually happens toward the end of the year and is often an autumn juvenile that needs help.

Also at this time of year we see a valuable part of the **honeybee** lifecycle - the swarm. Swarms are not dangerous, simply the old queen and the flying bees from a hive leaving their original site and looking for a new home. The old queen has laid new queen eggs in her old hive and these will take over. This is the only way honeybees can naturally multiply.

There are at least two beekeepers in the Village. We do what we can to assist the bees with their swarming instincts but they are still wild and have their own agendas. If you see a swarm that has settled in your garden please feel free to phone me on 07850066633 and I will arrange its collection. It often takes the form of a rugby ball but can be as small as a tennis ball. They are not looking to sting you, they are simply resting until the scout bees find them a new home.

There are other types of bees such as Tree Bumblebees that may take up refuge in your bird box. Please also phone if they are annoying you as they can be territorial.

Many thanks,

Richard Tordoff

TRADESMAN RECOMMENDATION

Many of you will know John Phizacklea as a gardener. He is now a fully trained electrician and we are happy to recommend him to you. He recently fitted a new hob in our kitchen. John can be contacted on 787411.

Jill and Mike Elphick

CHURCH NOTICE BOARD



Our Annual Church Fete takes place on **Saturday 23rd June** in the Village Hall from 2pm (see page 1) and we look forward to seeing you there. 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. We greatly value your continued support and in particular we need help selling our Grand Raffle Tickets as local stores rarely give us this opportunity now. The tickets are available from any member of the Church congregation or they can be purchased at the Fete where the draw will be made at 4pm. All donations for the Bric-a-brac, Cakes, Preserves, Plants, Tombola and other stalls at the Fete can be left in the Village Hall from Thursday 21st June. Jill Elphick (e) would be delighted to hear from you if you can help at the Fete, need donations collected or have other queries.

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

- 3rd June - Holy Communion 9.30am at St. John's, Evensong 4pm at St. Andrew's
- 10th June - Holy Communion 9.30am at St. Andrew's; Evensong 4pm at St. John's
- 17th June - Holy Communion 9.30am at St. John's; Evensong 4pm at St. Andrew's
- 24th June - Holy Communion 9.30am at St. Andrew's; Evensong 4pm at St. John's
- 1st July - Holy Communion 9.30am and Songs of Praise 6pm at St. John's (see below)
- 8th July - Holy Communion 9.30am at St. Andrew's; Evensong 4pm at St. John's
- 15th July - Family Service 10am at St. John's; Evensong 4pm at St. Andrew's
- 22nd July - Holy Communion 9.30am at St. Andrew's; Evensong 4pm at St. John's
- 29th July - Combined service 10.15am at St. Margaret's; Evensong 4pm at St. John's

THANK YOU from Rev Lee Cleminson to everyone who helped and supported the Spring Fayre which raised £550 for Church funds and to Carol Robson for once again hosting a Wildlife Watch Day at her home and raising £475 for Church funds.

Jill Elphick (e)

SONGS OF PRAISE SERVICE at ST. JOHN'S on SUNDAY JULY 1st AT 6pm



We are holding this Songs of Praise service not only because we enjoy singing our favourite hymns but also because we want to give thanks for the successful installation of our "servery" at the back of the Church which has so far been admired by all who have had the opportunity to see it. Constructed mostly from redundant pews it fits perfectly with the existing Victorian furnishings. In fact you might think it had been there from the beginning and for that we owe a debt of thanks to Colin Bentham who designed and constructed it. How fitting that Colin just happens to be a Longhirst resident. All are welcome to join in this celebration

on July 1st and if you wish to have your favourite hymn sung, please get in touch. John Park (b)

THE LONGHIRST HUNDRED CLUB

The winners of the 'Hundred Club' draws are:

Month	1 st Prize (£60)	2 nd Prize (£40)	3 rd Prize (£20)
April	Ticket No. 59 Gill Featonby	Ticket No. 209 Betty Potts	Ticket No. 135 Tim Oakley
May	Ticket No. 60 Gill Featonby	Ticket No. 101 Brian Rudd	Ticket No. 3 Mike Elphick for Lauren

Mike Elphick

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE

Friday 1 st	Late Black bin collection after Bank Holiday	
Wednesday 6 th	11.45 Luncheon Club in the Village Hall	(i)
Saturday 9 th	10am Litter Pickers meet at the Village Hall	(r)
	10.15am Village Coffee Morning in the Village Hall	(e)
Tuesday 19 th	Mothers' Union Strawberry Tea	(g)
Wednesday 20 th	11.45am Luncheon Club in the Village Hall	(i)
Saturday 23 rd	2pm CHURCH FETE in the Village Hall	(e)
Sunday 24 th	Village walk in Northumberland	(l)
Saturday 30 th	Deadline for return of Data Privacy Consent forms (see page 1)	(c)

JULY

Sunday 1 st	6pm Songs of Praise in St. John's Church	(b)
Wednesday 4 th	11.45am Luncheon Club in the Village Hall	(i)
Thursday 5 th	7pm Parish Council meeting in the Village Hall	(a)
Friday 6 th	Deadline for items for the August/September Longhirst Leader e-mail to claire@petercoates.plus.com	Editorial Group
Saturday 14 th	10am Litter Pickers meet at the Village Hall	(r)
	10.15am Village Coffee Morning in the Village Hall	(e)
Sunday 15 th	10am Family Service at St John's Longhirst	(b)
Tuesday 17 th	2pm Mothers' Union meet at St. Margaret's Pegswood	(g)
Wednesday 18 th	11.45am Luncheon Club in the Village Hall	(i)
Sunday 29 th	10.15am Combined service at 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 in the Village Hall on Wednesday at 7.30pm

Mobile Library 10am in Village/4pm in Colliery 1st/15th/29th June and 4th/18th and 13th/27th July

FUTURE EVENTS

Saturday 18th August - Afternoon Tea at Carol Robson's

Sunday 2nd September - Village Show

Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th September - Church open for Morpeth Heritage Weekend

CONTACT DETAILS

For more information about the various activities and events mentioned in this Newsletter contact:-

Parish Council Clerk - Ian Thompson 791851 / e-mail : ianoflonghirst@hotmail.co.uk (a)

Vicar - Rev. John Park 510793 / e-mail : johnp2910@gmx.co.uk (b)

Assistant Curate - Rev. Lee Cleminson 519398 / e-mail : Revleecleminson@gmail.com (j)

Churchwardens - Dorothy McMillan 518375 / e-mail : dorothymcmillan23@yahoo.co.uk (d)

Mike Elphick 790764 / e-mail : mike.elphick1@gmail.com (c)

PCC Secretary - Jill Elphick 790764 / e-mail : jill.elphick1@gmail.com (e)

Mothers' Union - Angela Mason 517872 / e-mail : angela148@hotmail.co.uk (g)

Longhirst Parish Association - Ian Thompson 791851 / e-mail : ianoflonghirst@hotmail.co.uk (a)

Village Hall Bookings - Mike Elphick 790764 / e-mail : mike.elphick1@gmail.com (c)

Luncheon Club - Linda Rudd 790116 / e-mail : barnacrelmr@aol.co.uk (i)

Badminton - Claire Coates 791088 / e-mail : pandc@petercoates.plus.com (k)

Junior Activities Club - Mike Elphick 790764 / e-mail : mike.elphick1@gmail.com (c)

Carol Robson 07773738442 (f)

Longhirst Amblers - Peter Coates 791088 / e-mail: pandc@petercoates.plus.com (l)

Garden Association - Carol Benbow 790194 / e-mail : carol_benbow@hotmail.com (p)

Longhirst Hundred Club - Mike Elphick 790764 / e-mail : mike.elphick1@gmail.com (c)

Parish Voluntary Litter Clearance - Chris Lediard 790268 / chris.lediard@tiscali.co.uk (r)

Village Coffee Mornings - Jill Elphick 790764 / e-mail : jill.elphick1@gmail.com (e)

Longhirst Colliery Recreation Hall - Maureen Carrick 458674 / e-mail : maureencarrick@talktalk.net (m)

Village Website - www.longhirstvillage.co.uk - (u)

Village Facebook page - https://www.facebook.com/longhirstvillage/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel

Church Website - www.longhirstchurch.btck.co.uk (b)

Longhirst Leader Editorial Group:

Jill Elphick - Howarth Cottage:790764, jill.elphick1@gmail.com (e)

Peter and Claire Coates - The Old Farmhouse, Broomhaugh: 791088, claire@petercoates.plus.com (k,l)

Carol Robson - Rose Cottage, Ulgham Lane: 07773738442 (f)

Mo Dewar - 7 Stable Close : 791149, dewarms@btinternet.com (w)



**Our sincere thanks to
North East Grains
for printing this magazine**

If you require a copy in large print please let us know.