

LONGHIRST LEADER

June / July 2023



TWO VILLAGE GARDENS OPEN

Sunday 2 July 11am to 3pm

Linda Mowbray (No. 10) and Pam and Andy Bolton (No. 12) invite you, your friends and family to enjoy their hidden gardens in aid of St. John's Church.

£3 per adult to include refreshments.

CORONATION BIG LUNCH



35 residents attended the Coronation Big Lunch "street party" in the Village Hall on Sunday 7 May and brought along a really impressive range of savoury and sweet dishes which were shared and proved to be a lovely and quite delicious mixture.

Everyone seemed delighted to have been able to celebrate such a rare occasion and join in the loyal toast at the end. My sincere thanks to one and all.

Peter Coates



PARISH COUNCIL REPORT



**Longhirst
Parish Council**

The annual meetings of the Parish Council were held on 4 May and in my **Annual Report** I highlighted the successful outcome of the Domino's Field planning appeal, the creation of the Wildlife and Community Trust (including the award of a £10,000 Heritage Lottery grant), another very successful Open Gardens Weekend and the well attended public meeting held to discuss the proposals for the re-use of the Butterwell Disposal Point.

I also mentioned the marking of the 20th anniversary of the formation of the Longhirst Litter Pickers and their starring role on the front page of the Morpeth Herald! I am very grateful to everyone who has already stepped forward, but we still need more volunteers willing to take on a number of tasks that preserve the highly attractive rural Parish in which we live and to organise events that help to bring our community together. My thanks go to the other members of the Parish Council for their continued support and in particular to our Clerk, Helyn Douglas, for everything she so ably does on our behalf.

Peter Lovering is standing down from the Council as he is moving to Morpeth and was warmly thanked for his contribution. This creates a **vacancy for a new member**. The current Chair and Vice Chair (myself and Chris Marr) were re-elected.

In other business it was reported that a contractor from Amble has finally been appointed to undertake the **repairs to the lychgate** at St. John's Church (work is programmed to start in late May) and the "**hole in the wall**" through to Longhirst Hall from Dairy Lane had been repaired.

Members were very concerned when Glen Fahy described recent cases of extensive **poaching on the former Potland opencast** land with carcasses of swans, geese and ducks being abandoned beside the various ponds.

The **Local Government Boundary Commission's proposals** to revise the NCC ward boundaries and move Longhirst from the existing "Pegswood" ward to a new "Longhirst" one including ourselves, Hebron and Ulgham were broadly welcomed and the Parish Council will respond accordingly.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING : 7pm Thursday 6 July in the Village Hall. All residents are invited to attend.

Peter Coates (k)

HELLO AND GOODBYE



Michael and Anna Sargent and their young daughter Corellia recently moved into Sydney Cottage at Longhirst Colliery. We hope they will be very happy in their new home and look forward to seeing them at future events.

We are sad to report that Peter and Margaret Lovering are moving to Morpeth at the beginning of June as they have been asked to vacate their house here so that it can be sold. They have played an active part in Village life for many years. Peter has been a Parish Councillor and is a Trustee of the Longhirst Wildlife and Community Trust and Margaret has cooked for the Village Lunch Club and organised Tai Chi sessions. They are both keen apiarists and have supported many events by showing and selling their honey and beeswax products.



We hope that they are happy in their new home, but they will both be missed and we trust they will make frequent return visits.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS



The Fresh Air Ventilation System is still on track to be installed during the month of August. We have just received the updated estimate which, while more expensive due to inflation, is nevertheless still affordable due to additional funding made available to us by the National Lottery. Work will start outside the rear wall of the Hall during July and the installation of the ductwork in the Elphick Room and Reading Room will commence on Monday 31 July. Completion of the work is promised by Friday 25 August at the latest. It will be good to have this long running project complete.

Mike Elphick (c)

THANK YOU

A number of people have commented on the wonderful display of daffodils and other spring flowers that have appeared down Dairy Lane just past Glebe Cottage and on the beautiful tulips in the tubs by the war memorial.

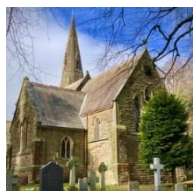
We are very grateful to Anne Atkinson, Ian Pledger and Lawrence and Ann Carey for volunteering to make our Village look so much brighter.

CONGRATULATIONS

Many congratulations to Alistair Buglass and Claire Batey who are getting married in June. We hope they will enjoy the day and have a long and happy life together.



CHURCH NOTICE BOARD



Two Village gardens will open on Sunday 2 July (see page 1) and on Saturday 19 August Carol Robson will be hosting Afternoon Tea at Rose Cottage. Both these events will be in aid of Church funds.

February and March Sunday services are:

Date	Holy Communion	Evening Service
4 June	9.30am St. John's, Longhirst	4.00pm St. Andrew's, Bothal
11 June	9.30am St. Andrew's, Bothal	4.00pm St. John's, Longhirst
18 June	9.30am St. John's, Longhirst	4.00pm St. Andrew's, Bothal
25 June	9.30am St. Andrew's, Bothal	4.00pm St. John's, Longhirst
2 July	9.30am St. John's, Longhirst	4.00pm St. Andrew's, Bothal
9 July	9.30am St. Andrew's, Bothal	4.00pm St. John's, Longhirst
16 July	9.30am St. John's, Longhirst	4.00pm St. Andrew's, Bothal
23 July	9.30am St. Andrew's, Bothal	4.00pm St. John's, Longhirst
30 July	10.15am St. Margaret's, Pegswood	4.00pm St. Andrew's, Bothal

Morning Service Wednesdays at 9.30am in St. Margaret's, Pegswood

VICAR'S LETTER

Introducing our new Bishop of Newcastle



On 22 April I was delighted to have been present at a service of welcome for the Right Reverend Helen-Ann Hartley upon her installation as the 13th Bishop of Newcastle in St. Nicholas' Cathedral in Newcastle. She succeeds the Right Reverend Christine Hardman who retired as Bishop of Newcastle in November last year.

Helen-Ann was born in Edinburgh and spent her early years living in the Scottish Borders, where her father was a Church of Scotland minister. At a very young age, she moved with her family to Sunderland where she attended primary and secondary school, after her father transferred to priesthood in the Church of England. Helen-Ann read theology at the University of St. Andrews and later undertook New Testament postgraduate studies at Princeton Theological Seminary and Worcester College, Oxford



She was ordained into the Church of England in 2005 as deacon in the Diocese of Oxford, and was ordained priest a year later. In 2010, Helen-Ann relocated to New Zealand where, in 2013, she was elected to become the Bishop of Waikato on the country's North Island. In 2017, she returned to the UK having been appointed Bishop of Ripon. She was awarded an honorary doctorate in education by Sunderland University in 2019 and is an honorary fellow of both Worcester and Harris Manchester Colleges, Oxford.

It was at Oxford that she met her husband, Dr. Myles Hartley, who is an organist and musician. Myles and Helen-Ann both enjoy the outdoors and Helen-Ann is a keen runner and particularly enjoys "parkrun". She is also active in the world of media.

Upon hearing of her appointment Bishop Helen-Ann said: *"I am absolutely delighted and excited to be the next Bishop of Newcastle. With life-long connections to the whole region covered by the Diocese, I am inspired by the example of the Northern Saints, whose engagement in God's mission lies deep in the fabric and contours of the land. I am, and will continue to be in this new role, a passionate advocate for the region. I look forward immensely to supporting and encouraging the vital work of the Diocese at every level: parishes and benefices, schools, chaplaincies, clergy and lay together as we continue to engage in God's mission."*

John Park (b)

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)
April	Ticket No. 121 Richard Tordoff <i>for Jack</i>	Ticket No. 129 Julie Rollisson	Ticket No. 132 Jules Rickard
May	Ticket No. 110 Marie Labus	Ticket No. 16 Carol Robson <i>for Erin</i>	Ticket No. 196 Gordon Ferguson <i>for Peter</i>

Mike Elphick (c)

LONGHIRST TO ULGHAM ROAD CLOSURE

NCC are proposing to close the B1337 between Longhirst and Ulgham from 8am to 6pm on Monday 5 until Friday 9 June. This is for road maintenance works, and diversions will be signed. Presumably residents living along this stretch will be allowed access but there may be temporary delays!

REPORTING ROAD DEFECTS

The County Council has just announced a new system for residents to report road problems such as potholes, loose kerb stones, blocked road drains, street lighting or fly tipping. Search on-line for nland.cc/fix.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE

2	Friday	Late blue bin collection	
5 to 9	Monday to Friday	8am – 6pm Proposed closure of Longhirst to Ulgham road	
7	Wednesday	11.45am Lunch Club in the Village Hall	(i)
10	Saturday	10am Litter pickers meet at the Village Hall 10.30am – 12noon Coffee Morning in the Village Hall	(n) (r)
21	Wednesday	11.45am Lunch Club in the Village Hall	(i)
16	Friday	7.30pm Pub Night in the Village Hall	(h)
23	Friday	9.45am Mobile Library in the Village	

JULY

2	Sunday	11am – 3pm Village gardens at Nos 10 and 12 open (see page 1)	
5	Wednesday	11.45am Lunch Club in the Village Hall	(i)
6	Thursday	7pm Parish Council meeting in the Village Hall. All welcome	(a)
8	Saturday	10am Litter pickers meet at the Village Hall 10.30am – 12noon Coffee Morning in the Village Hall	(n) (r)
14	Friday	Deadline for August / September Longhirst Leader e-mail to clairecoates32@gmail.com	Ed. Group
19	Wednesday	11.45am Lunch Club in the Village Hall	(i)
21	Friday	9.45am Mobile Library in the Village 7.30pm Pub Night in the Village Hall	(h)

REGULAR EVENTS

- Church services as detailed on page 3 (b)
- 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

FUTURE EVENTS

Saturday 19 August – Afternoon Tea at Rose Cottage

CONTACT DETAILS

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Village Pub Nights – Allison and Richard Tordoff 790364 / e-mail : rtordoffs@gmail.com **(h)**

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

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