

LONGHIRST LEADER

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SPRING FAYRE

SATURDAY 21st APRIL

10am - 2pm

Village Hall



There are many stalls to browse and tempt you including:-

Greetings cards and stationery products from Pheonix

Frans Bags with upcycled bags and accessories

David Kerr - Northumbrian Artist

Plants from Wansbeck Garden Centre

Forever Living (aloe vera products), Longhirst Honey, Crafts, Preserves, Tombola, Raffle and lots more!

When you need to sit down the refreshments on offer will be wonderful **bacon butties, soup, homemade scones and drinks.**

FREE ENTRY and all proceeds in aid of St. John's Church.

An event not to be missed - for more information contact Rev Lee Cleminson (j)

BAPTISM PICTURES NEEDED!



Have you or a member of your family been baptized in the Parishes of Bothal, Pegswood or Longhirst?

Do you still have pictures?

If so, we would like to exhibit them, at our Baptism exhibition which is to be held at St. Andrew's Church, Bothal. On Friday 7th - Saturday 8th September.

Please e-mail your picture to Revd. Lee Cleminson (j) and in the header of your e-mail include the names of the people featured in the picture, the date of baptism and, if known, the name of the vicar.

If your picture cannot be e-mailed you can send a **PHOTOCOPY** of your original with the same information to the Revd. Lee Cleminson, 126 Green Lane, Morpeth, NE612HB. Unfortunately **we cannot return any of the photographs, so please be sure to send us a SCANNED OR PHOTOCOPIED image of the original.** If you would like more information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Lee Cleminson (j)

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT



The meeting of the Parish Council scheduled to take place on Thursday 1st March was postponed because of bad weather. At the time of writing the rearranged meeting is to be held on Thursday 29th March at 7pm in the Village Hall.

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Parish Council will take place on **Thursday 3rd May** at 7pm in the Village Hall and all residents are invited to attend.

Parish Groups Meeting

The Chairmen and Secretaries (or their equivalents) of the Parish Council, the PCC, the Parish Association, the Garden Association and The Longhirst Leader met in late February.

It was recognised that by the end of this year the population of the Parish will have grown by approximately 60% since 2011, mainly because of the influx of residents into Micklewood Close and the new Longhirst Hall apartments. As a consequence, it was agreed that the time had come to reconsider how best to welcome new residents to the Parish and how to communicate most effectively with both existing and new households. Particular attention should be given to Micklewood Close, Longhirst Hall, The Colliery and outlying areas such as Ulgham Lane, High Steads and the caravan site.

The widespread perception is that Longhirst already has an active community (examples include numerous Church and Village Hall activities, the Open Gardens Weekends, the Village Show, the Litter Pickers and The Leader) but we need to demonstrate the value and enjoyment of community life and encourage more residents to become involved and give them a reason for doing so. One current problem is the closure of the pedestrian access preventing Micklewood (and shortly Longhirst Hall) residents gaining access to the Village and public transport.

Various actions were agreed including exploring means of circulating more paper copies of the Longhirst Leader as it was believed that these were more widely read than e-mail copies and updating the Parish website and combining this with the Open Gardens site. A welcome meeting would be arranged later this year for residents in the new Longhirst Hall apartments and a number of future Parish events were identified where the involvement of more residents would be encouraged.

Peter Coates

WELCOME



We are pleased to welcome Alexandra and Kevin McGhee to Arranmore House in Micklewood Close. Alex is from Hebron and Kevin is from Ireland.

They are both Civil Engineers working in construction. They both like the outdoors, Kevin is especially interested in fishing and they look forward to meeting the other residents of Longhirst.

We also welcome Pauline and Dave Williams who have moved into 22 The Village.

We hope they will be very happy in their new homes and look forward to meeting them at future events.

VILLAGE HALL CELEBRATION EVENING

This was a very enjoyable evening with excellent food and entertainment. £290 was raised for Village Hall funds.

Mike Elphick

LONGHIRST GARDEN ASSOCIATION - VILLAGE SHOW



This year's Longhirst Village Show will be held on **Sunday 2nd September starting at 2pm** in the Village Hall and now is the time to start planning your planting for the Vegetable, Fruit and Flower classes. The only change to the classes this year in those particular sections is the addition of a class **"A Vase of Flowers from the Garden"**. There will also be a new Photographic class **"A Northumbrian Event"**.

A copy of the full Schedule has already been sent to everyone on e-mail and paper copies are available in the Village Hall entrance porch or can be obtained from Carol Benbow (p). Nearer the time we will re-send an e-mail copy and hard copies will be distributed with the paper copy of the August/September Longhirst Leader.

To make it as much fun as possible, please get involved - even if you are an absolute novice. The Show really isn't a Show without you. We love to attract visitors to our Village and need plenty of exhibits (successes and failures!) for them to see. We'd like to encourage more of the younger people in the Parish to join in this year and would welcome their suggestions and ideas for future Shows.

Carol Benbow

RECIPE FROM VILLAGE HALL CELEBRATION EVENING

A number of people enjoyed the vegetarian dish so much that they asked for the recipe.

Sweet and Sour Tagine Serves four

1 large onion, thinly sliced
4 tbs vegetable oil
50g butter
800g peeled butternut squash or pumpkin,
cut into 2.5cm dice
 $\frac{1}{2}$ chilli, thinly sliced
4 tbs chopped parsley
1 bayleaf
3 cardamom pods
1 tsp ground coriander
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp ground nutmeg

$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp ground ginger
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp ground turmeric
Small pinch saffron
2 cinnamon sticks
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tbs honey
Salt and pepper
Vegetable stock (or water)
150g dried apricots, chopped
 $\frac{1}{2}$ preserved lemon, skin only, chopped
4 tbs coriander, roughly chopped
2 tbs pinenuts, roasted and roughly chopped

In a large, heavy saucepan, sauté the onion in oil and butter for 10 minutes, add the squash and cook for five minutes. Add the herbs, spices, honey, salt and pepper, cover with stock and simmer for 12 minutes.

Add the apricots and lemon, and cook for another 12 minutes, or until the squash is soft but doesn't mash.

The sauce should have thickened slightly by now - if it's too runny, increase the heat to reduce. Stir in half the fresh coriander. Serve over couscous or rice, and garnish with pinenuts and the rest of the coriander.

Anne Arter

Carol Robson invites you to a **WILDLIFE WATCH DAY** in aid of St. John's Church
at **ROSE COTTAGE, ULGHAM LANE** on **SATURDAY 5th MAY**



10.00am - 12.00noon Coffee/tea and scones
2.00pm - 4.00pm Tea/coffee and cake



Raffle and Bottle Tombola
£5 per session, includes refreshment

Come with your friends to enjoy a peaceful haven and watch the wildlife.
Tickets from Carol Robson (f), Sibell Pigg (790354) and Dorothy McMillan (d).

Parking is limited so please car share if possible.

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNINGS



We meet in the Village Hall on the second Saturday of every month from 10.15am to noon. Do come along whether you are new to the Parish or have lived here for some time, young or more mature - everyone is welcome! We serve coffee, tea, hot chocolate and juice together with biscuits and/or tray bake and scones all for £1.50 for adults and 50p for children. On 12th May there will be a Coffee Morning, but because we have an outside event booked in the Village Hall we will meet somewhere else to be confirmed nearer the time.

Jill Elphick (e)

COMMUNITY FITNESS CLASS

David Johnston has begun to run a Community Fitness Class at the Village Hall on Mondays between 5.15pm and 6.00pm which he describes as "FATBURN CIRCUITS WITH CORE" and is intended to burn calories, help you feel good and get you fit. He charges £4 per class and all fitness levels are catered for from beginners to advanced. If you are interested, contact him on 07887 350842 for more details. He would be willing to consider another weekly class at Longhirst, say on a Thursday or Friday evening if there is sufficient interest.



Mike Elphick

THE LONGHIRST HUNDRED CLUB

The winners of the final two 'Hundred Club' draws of the year are:

Month	1 st Prize (£60)	2 nd Prize (£40)	3 rd Prize (£20)
February	Ticket No. 173 Ian Rowling	Ticket No. 50 Chris Hurt	Ticket No. 133 Jim Lamont
March	Ticket No. 170 James Tordoff	Ticket No. 200 Irene Clarkson	Ticket No. 68 Gill Featonby

This year the Club raised £700 each for the Church and the Village Hall, significant sums which will be passed over to them shortly.

A list of all the winners this year will be on display in the Foyer of the Village Hall.

Mike Elphick

GILL FEATONBY - THANK YOU, FAREWELL BUT NOT GOODBYE



Gill lived at Middle Moor for over 40 years but at the end of March she moves into William Turner Court (on the south bank of the river beside the Telford Bridge) in Morpeth.

She was born in Tynemouth in 1944. She started school in Monkseaton and then went to the Central High before obtaining a degree in Agricultural Zoology at Newcastle University. She always loved horses, started riding at the age of 8, was bought her own horse when she was 15 and continued to keep horses until very recently. She specialised in dressage and then endurance competitions but also bred foals from her stallion and taught others to ride. Over the years she has been Chairman, Secretary and

Treasurer of the Newcastle Riding Club and was the British Horse Society Access Officer for South Northumberland for 10 years.

Gill met David at Whitley Bay Round Table and they married in 1966. They started life together in Whitley Bay where David worked in the family business, Featonby Auctioneers. They wanted a house with more land, discovered Longhirst and Middle Moor and moved there in 1976. Gill kept horses, cows, sheep, chickens and geese, worked part time for David and part time at Oldgate Saddlers in Morpeth. Sadly David died in 2012 and Gill ran Featonby's for another 4 years until she was forced to sell when diagnosed with Aplastic Anaemia.

In addition to horses, Border Terriers have been a constant and important feature in Gill's life. She and David bought their first one soon after they married and owned 4, all from the same breeder. If you see Gill you can almost guarantee that Pip (her current Terrier) is not far away!

As soon as they moved to Longhirst David and Gill were encouraged to join in Village life by Jimmy Moore and they both contributed a great deal to the Community. Gill was a member of the Parish Council for many years, Secretary of the Garden Association for nearly 25 years, Chairman of the Parish Association from its conception around 2000 and has been one of the chefs for the Luncheon Club since it started after the refurbishment of the Village Hall.

In recognition of her work Gill has been made Honorary Life President of both the Parish Association and the Garden Association. The latter means that she will still be able to enter the Village Show even though she will be living in Morpeth. She will not have a garden to grow vegetables but we look forward to her continuing to enter the other classes. She is sad to leave Longhirst but is looking forward to her future. She expects to be a frequent visitor to the Village and will continue to cook for the Luncheon Club.

We wish her every happiness in her new home and thank her for all her contributions to Longhirst life.

Peter and Claire Coates

Since 2000 Gill has been keeping newspaper articles about Longhirst and there are now 11 scrapbooks in the Village Hall library if you would like to look through them.

CHURCH NOTICE BOARD



Our Easter Holy Communion Service will be held at St. John's in Longhirst on Sunday 1st April at 9.30am and we offer you all a warm welcome. Our combined Sunday services at St John's Longhirst, St Andrew's Bothal and St Margaret's in Pegswood continue in the usual pattern:-

8th April - Holy Communion 9.30am at Bothal, Evensong 4pm in the Rectory

15th April - Holy Communion 9.30am at Longhirst, Evensong 4pm at Bothal

22nd April - Holy Communion 9.30am at Bothal, Evensong 4pm at Longhirst

29th April - Combined benefice service 10.15am at Pegswood; Evensong 4pm at Longhirst

6th May - Holy Communion 9.30am at Longhirst, Evensong 4pm at Bothal

13th May - Holy Communion 9.30am at Bothal, Evensong 4pm at Longhirst

20th May - Family Service 10.00am at Longhirst, Evensong 4pm at Bothal

27th May - Holy Communion 9.30am at Bothal, Evensong 4pm at Longhirst

We invite you to join us at these upcoming events:-

Saturday 21st April - Spring Fayre, 10 - 2pm in the Village Hall (see page 1).

Saturday 5th May - Wildlife Watch Day at Carol Robson's (see page 4).

Saturday 23rd June - our traditional **Church Fete** in the Village Hall from 2pm.

All donations of cakes, plants, items for the bric-a-brac stall and tombola prizes would be most welcome, together with your help and support on the day itself.

Our recent Broth and Beetle Drive raised £210 for Church Funds and we thank everyone who supported the evening.

Jill Elphick

VICAR'S LETTER - PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY

On March 5th Dorothy McMillan, who is Churchwarden at St. John's, and myself represented the Longhirst Parish at an award ceremony in North Shields. It took place at the Cedarwood Trust which is a Community Outreach Centre for the Meadowell estate. Originally established by the Church of England, Cedarwood offers community facilities and support in one of the most economically and socially deprived areas in North Tyneside. Representatives from St. John's had been invited along to receive one of Cedarwood's "Golden Fleece" awards as a thank-you for the support we have given the trust over many years. Every year at the beginning of December on Advent Sunday we hold a "Toy Service" where those who wish to attend are invited to bring a Christmas present. All the presents collected at the service are then sent to Cedarwood for distribution to families which otherwise might provide very little for their children to enjoy at Christmas. Last year we sent 169 parcels kindly supplied by supporters from Longhirst, Pegswood, Bothal and beyond. The young peoples' uniformed organisations in Pegswood and Morpeth are especially enthusiastic supporters. The award was for everyone involved.

The ceremony was attended by representatives from several organisations which support Cedarwood, among them the local Police. In conversation with two of their officers afterwards it was pressed upon us how important these presents are to so many families on the estate each Christmas and they had seen, on the ground as it were, how much of a difference it made. In the light of this, our annual Advent Toy Service is not an optional extra in the calendar but goes to the heart of what we are about. Jesus' haunting words in St. Matthew's Gospel come to mind, *"See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven are always in the presence of my Father in heaven."*

John Park

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL

Sunday 1 st	9.30am Easter Sunday Holy Communion at St John's Longhirst	(b)
Wednesday 4 th	11.45 Luncheon Club in the Village Hall	(i)
Friday 6 th	Late Black bin collection after Bank Holiday	
Saturday 14 th	10am Litter Pickers meet at the Village Hall	(r)
	10.15am Village Coffee Morning in the Village Hall	(e)
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)
Saturday 21st	10 - 2pm SPRING FAYRE in the Village Hall	(j)
Sunday 22 nd	Village walk in Northumberland	(l)
Sunday 29 th	10.15 Joint Benefice service at St. Margaret's Pegswood	(b)

MAY

Wednesday 2 nd	11.45am Luncheon Club in the Village Hall	(i)
Thursday 3 rd	7pm Parish Council AGM in the Village Hall	(a)
Friday 4 th	Deadline for items for the June/July Longhirst Leader e-mail to claire@petercoates.plus.com	Editorial Group
Saturday 5 th	Wildlife Watch Day - see page 4	(f)
Thursday 10 th	5.30-6.30pm iNorthumberland highspeed broadband information event in the Village Hall	(l)
Friday 11 th	Late Black bin collection after Bank Holiday	
Saturday 12 th	10am Litter Pickers meet at the Village Hall 10.15am Village Coffee Morning (location to be confirmed)	(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)
Sunday 20 th	10am Family Service at St John's Longhirst	(b)

JUNE

Friday 1 st	Late Blue bin collection after Bank Holiday	
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REGULAR EVENTS

Everyone is welcome to.....

- Church services as detailed on page 6
- Junior (7 - 14yrs) Activities Club in V Hall 6.30 - 7.30pm every Tuesday during term time
- Badminton in the Village Hall on Tuesday at 8pm [please contact Claire Coates (k)]
- Ballet lessons in the Village Hall on Wednesday. Children 4 - 6pm, Adults 6-7pm
- Yoga in the Village Hall on Wednesday 7.30pm

Mobile Library 10am in Village/4pm in Colliery 6th/20th April and 4th/18th May

FUTURE EVENTS

Saturday 23rd June - Church Fete

Sunday 2nd September - Village Show

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