

# LONGHIRST LEADER

## February / March 2020

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### DEFIBRILLATOR IN THE BUS SHELTER

We now have a fully functional defibrillator that has been installed in the bus shelter in the centre of the Village outside the Village Hall. The initiative has been undertaken by the Parish Council with help from Mike Elphick and the Longhirst Parish Association in obtaining grants for the majority funding, County Councillor David Towns with a generous donation from his Members Fund and an unexpected welcome donation from the Freemasons of Northumberland, who do a wonderful understated job of helping community groups.

The defibrillator forms part of the local area network of village devices. Should it be required please ring 999 and the Ambulance Control will ask for the location number on the device and then advise you of the access code. You stay on the line and are given further guidance. To give you an idea of effectiveness, every minute delayed before use of a defibrillator means a 10% lower chance of survival. For further information please see [www.resus.org.uk/resuscitation-guidelines/adult-basic-life-support-and-automated-external-defibrillation/](http://www.resus.org.uk/resuscitation-guidelines/adult-basic-life-support-and-automated-external-defibrillation/).

**I am looking at co ordinating some free training on the use of the unit and would very much welcome expressions of interest from any resident.** Please contact me (h) or 07850 066633 as soon as possible.

Finally, a big thank you to our local fully qualified electrician Ron Young of RY Electrical (07802 925258) who very kindly donated his time and knowledge free of charge. Ron has also installed a much needed light in the bus shelter.

Richard Tordoff

### EASTER BAZAAR - SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> APRIL

On **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April** between 10am and 2pm we have an Easter Bazaar in the Village Hall. This is run as a 'Table Top Sale' in the main hall (tables are £20 each) and we serve our usual wonderful homemade refreshments, including bacon butties and soup, in the small hall. We hope you will come along and support the event which is aid of St. John's Church. If you are interested in having a table or you know of anyone who might, please get in touch and I will send full information and a booking form.



Carol Robson (f)

### WELCOME



Kim and Alan Woolhead recently moved into The Granary at Broomhaugh. We hope they will be very happy in their new home and look forward to seeing them at future Village events.

## PARISH COUNCIL REPORT



At the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> January the **Chair, Catherine Farrell**, announced that due to other commitments she intends to stand down from the Council at the AGM in May.

Two residents attending the meeting raised the issue of the expected increase in traffic volumes if North East Grains receive planning permission to install an **Anaerobic Digester** at their plant. It was agreed that given the potential scale of the development and the current state of the road to their entrance, the issue of lorry routing and the number of vehicles would be raised with the County Council.

Catherine, Peter Coates (as Vice Chairman) and Glen Fahy (as local member) were meeting representatives of the **Longhirst Colliery Residents Association** the following Thursday.

Peter Coates reported that the County Council has agreed that the cost of installing two new **flashing speed warning signs** (one at either end of the Village) will be met from County Councillor David Towns' Members Fund and sincere thanks were expressed to him for offering to do so. The installation and the other proposed re-signing works are expected to be carried out during the course of this year. NCC had already carried out **footpath clearance work** either side of the entrance to the Colliery.

Richard Tordoff was delighted to report that the **new defibrillator** had been installed in the bus shelter outside the Village Hall. He is anxious to find volunteers to undergo training in the use of the equipment (see detailed report on Page 1). Richard was warmly thanked for all his efforts as was our local electrician, Ron Young.

The **construction of two new dwellings** in the field on the north side of Dairy Lane is likely to go ahead in the near future. The access for works vehicles should be through a temporary gap opposite the site in the stone wall from Longhirst Hall.

The level of the **Annual Parish Precept** was discussed at some length. There has been concern for some time that the current precept does not allow the Council to offer meaningful financial support to important assets and organisations within the Parish. The development of a large number of new properties within the grounds of Longhirst Hall provides the opportunity to increase the precept without adding to the burden on existing households and it was felt that this opportunity should not be missed. It was agreed to increase the precept to £7000. Residents will be invited to suggest spending priorities at the AGM to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> May.

The **next meeting** will be held at 7pm on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** in the Village Hall and all residents are invited to attend.

Peter Coates

## THANK YOU

Once again, we would like to express our thanks to you all for your continued support and understanding as we adjust to a completely new way of life. Jill is making slow but positive progress and is now continuing her recovery at home. We wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year.

Jill and Mike Elphick

## **BROTH and BEETLE**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in the Village Hall**

Join us for some lovely homemade broth followed by our usual  
hilarious Beetle Drive

Only £5. Names to Carol Robson (f) by 7<sup>th</sup> March please.

All proceeds to St. John's Church

### **VILLAGE COFFEE MORNINGS**

Our Village Coffee Mornings take place regularly on the second Saturday of every month in the Village Hall from 10.15am to noon. Everyone is welcome, we charge £1.50 for coffee/tea/hot chocolate and biscuits or homemade goodies, 50p for juice for children. This is an ideal opportunity to get to know those who live in the Parish and to catch up with Village gossip! During the winter months we always make sure there is a welcoming fire burning and in the summer we sometimes re-locate into one of the lovely Longhirst gardens. Volunteers take it in turn to make the coffee. If you would like to be included on the rota please contact Helen and Paul McCabe (n) who have very kindly offered to take over as organisers.



Jill Elphick

### **VILLAGE HALL LIBRARY**



Many of you will know that we have a small book lending library in the little room, next to the kitchen, in the Village Hall. This has recently been extended to include jig-saws and I feel sure this will provide a useful resource for those who cannot get out and about very easily particularly when the weather is bad. All we ask is that you make a donation of 10p in the box provided which goes into Village Hall funds. Thank you.

Jill Elphick

### **THE MILES OF PENNIES APPEAL**

I am delighted to report that we have now collected 2 miles and 166 yards of pennies and raised £1,618 for the Village Hall and the Church.

Role on the third mile!!

If you have a copper pot full of pennies and two-pences (or any other coins including foreign currency) just let me know. I will be happy to collect and count them and ensure that your contribution is receipted and recorded.

Mike Elphick (c)



**THE REPAIR SHOP AT CHRISTMAS**

Some of you may have been filled with nostalgic memories as the TV Repair Shop experts restored a Teddy 'born' before the second world war; got a train set from the 1950's running again and beautifully repainted a 1970's Chopper bike.

The last item they had brought to them was a Harmonium. The more observant of you may well have noticed that we have a very similar instrument in the Church. No one seems to know where it came from, when it was last used or who it belonged to. Can anyone help please? Or maybe you can put us in touch with someone who does know about the Harmonium. Even better, is there anyone who has the knowledge and skills to restore the instrument? Please contact Mike Elphick (c) if you think you may be able to help. Thank you very much.

**CHURCH NOTICE BOARD**



We welcome you to our **Ash Wednesday Services on 26<sup>th</sup> February** which are at 9.30am St. Margaret's Pegswood and 7pm St. John's Longhirst.

**Mothering Sunday is on 22<sup>nd</sup> March** this year and the morning service is at 9.30am in St. Andrew's Bothal.

Our joint Morning Holy Communion and Evening services at St. John's Longhirst, St. Andrew's Bothal and St. Margaret's Pegswood are as follows:-

Date	Holy Communion	Evensong
February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am at Longhirst	4pm at the Rectory
February 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am at Bothal	4pm Prayers for Healing at Bothal
February 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Family Service at Longhirst	4pm at the Rectory
February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am at Bothal	4pm at the Rectory
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am at Longhirst	4pm at the Rectory
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am at Bothal	4pm at the Rectory
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am at Longhirst	4pm at the Rectory
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am at Bothal	4pm at the Rectory
March 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am at Pegswood	4pm at the Rectory

Other dates for your diary:

**St. John's PCC** will meet on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March** at 10am in Longhirst Village Hall and will hold its **Annual General Meeting** on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March** at 6pm in Longhirst Village Hall.

**Broth and Beetle Evening** on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March** in Longhirst Village Hall at 7pm (see page 3)

John Park

**VICAR'S LETTER**



Many thanks to all who supported and contributed to our Toy Service at St. John's on Advent Sunday. Cherri Bray-Bowden, Head of Operations at the Cedarwood Trust, attended the service and transported the collected gifts to North Shields. She sent this message of thanks a few days later,

*"I just wanted to drop you a message to say how extremely grateful we all are for all of the donated gifts and time that you all spent going out of your way to buy and wrap them.*

*I was overwhelmed with the response from your congregation and all of the staff at Cedarwood were amazed with the number of thoughtful gifts that were donated. We still have lots of presents to hand out, which we will be sharing into the community in the next week, which we are hoping parents will leave for Christmas day.*

*Finally thank you so much for making both myself and my mother-in-law feel so welcome. We had a fantastic morning sharing in your morning service and absolutely loved the hymn relating to shopping and debts.*

*Again thank you so much for all of your generosity. Your gifts really are most definitely appreciated by the families and children on the Meadowell estate."*

Cherri Bray-Bowden

Our Christmas carol services at St. Andrew's Bothal and St. John's Longhirst were also very well attended and the combined collections from these along with that raised by carol singing around Longhirst Village and Micklewood, raised £680 which has been divided equally between two local charities, Samaritans of Northumbria and Oliver's Journey. Oliver's Journey can be viewed on Facebook by typing 'Oliver's Journey Morpeth' into the search bar. The receipt from Samaritans Northumbria will be posted on the Church notice board.

John Park

**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>December</b>	Ticket No. 142 <b>Barbara Dales</b>	Ticket No. 107 <b>Dennis Hodges (for Will)</b>	Ticket No. 64 <b>Susan Shirley</b>
<b>January</b>	Ticket No. 166 <b>Andy Foreman</b>	Ticket No. 139 <b>Eileen Buglass</b>	Ticket No. 164 <b>Jules Rickard</b>

We are approaching that time of year when we all need to join or renew our membership of the Longhirst Hundred club. If you have not signed a standing order you should receive a letter from me by the middle of March. If you have not heard from me by the last week of March, please let me know. All proceeds are shared between the Church and Village Hall.

Mike Elphick (c)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### FEBRUARY

Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	11.45am Luncheon Club in the Village Hall	(i)
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10am Litter Pickers meet at the Village Hall	(r)
	10.15am Village Coffee Morning in the Village Hall	(n)
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	2pm Mothers' Union meet at St. Margaret's Pegswood	(g)
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	11.45am Luncheon Club in the Village Hall	(i)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm Village Pub Night in the Village Hall	(h)

### MARCH

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	11.45am Luncheon Club in the Village Hall	(i)
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	7pm Parish Council in the Village Hall - all welcome	(a)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Deadline for items for the April/May Longhirst Leader e-mail to <a href="mailto:claire@petercoates.plus.com">claire@petercoates.plus.com</a></b>	<b>Editorial Group</b>
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	7pm Broth and Beetle evening	(f)
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10am Litter Pickers meet at the Village Hall	(r)
	10.15am Village Coffee Morning in the Village Hall	(n)
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	6 pm St. John's Church AGM in the Village Hall	(b)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	2pm Mothers' Union meet at St. Margaret's Pegswood	(g)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	11.45am Luncheon Club in the Village Hall	(i)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm Village Pub Night	(h)
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am Mothering Sunday Holy Communion at St Andrews Bothal	(b)
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	British Summer Time begins remember to put your clocks forward	

## REGULAR EVENTS

Everyone is welcome to.....

- Church services as detailed on page 4
- Junior Activities Club (7 - 14 yrs) in Village Hall every Tuesday during term time  
Contact Carol Robson (f) if you are interested
- Yoga in the Village Hall on Wednesday 7.30pm

Mobile Library 10am in Village / 4pm in Colliery on 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Feb and 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March

## FUTURE EVENTS

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April - 10am to 2pm, Easter Bazaar

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April - 9.30am, Easter Sunday Holy Communion at St. Andrew's Bothal

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May - 10am to noon and 2 to 4pm, Wildlife Watch Day at Rose Cottage

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June - 2pm, Church Fete

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July - 2 to 4pm, Afternoon Tea at Rose Cottage

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September - Village Show

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