



Longhorsley Tree

The newsletter for the parish of St Helen's
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Longhorsey Community Award

The Parish Council has recently revamped the Community Award process and now asks for **your** nominations. The award will be presented for activities that enhance the parish, its environs and community.

The criteria upon which the award will be measured are:

- Service to the community
- Contribution to the life of the parish
- Credit to Longhorsley's reputation
- Charitable work
- Selflessness

Both organisations and individuals can be nominated for the award by any resident of the parish aged 18 years and above, noting that only a resident of the parish or an organisation associated with work in the parish can be nominated.

Full details of the criteria and the nomination form can be found on the Parish Council website, the Longhorsley Tree website and as hard copies at the Village Hall. Nominations can be emailed or posted to the Clerk or you can complete the form online at the Longhorsley Tree website.

The closing date for nominations is 31st Marchgood luck to you all.

Longhorsley Parish Council

The **Longhorsley Tree** is edited and delivered by a team of volunteers organised by St Helen's Church. We are indebted to Longhorsley Parish Council for funding the publication.



It is with much regret that we will not be able to hold a Village Day in 2019. We really do need six people to be able to run Village Day. At the AGM we only had two volunteers so we weren't even able to form the required minimum committee of three - chairman, secretary and treasurer.

We are planning to hold an Extraordinary General Meeting on 29th September, where hopefully we will get sufficient support to be able to run Village Day in 2020. If not, the Village Day Group will have to be wound up.

Neil Fraser, Chair ☎ **07850 127649** ✉ diverlad@hotmail.co.uk

Neighbourhood Policing Team

There have been on-going issues at Longhorsley School around the current building works. There have been several thefts of building supplies and people seen taking items from the skip and vehicles entering the car park at night. Please phone 101 - or 999 straight away if you see anyone at the site who should not been there. If you have any CCTV, descriptions of people or registration numbers of vehicles please let me know so that enquiries can be progressed. You can send this directly to me via email and it will remain confidential. If you do not wish to report incidents to the Police you can pass information on anonymously via Crime Stoppers - online at crimestoppers-uk.org or phone 0800 555 111.

I am aware there have been several other issues in and around Drummonds Close but I really need people to let me know what's going on so that action can be taken.

There are also issues around poaching across the area and associated with that at Longwitton last week there were several thefts from insecure sheds and other items which had been left in gardens. Please ensure your property is locked away at all times and consider extra security measures like lights and padlocks.

If you have anything you wish to report, please contact me.

Neighbourhood Beat Manager PC Andrea Teasdale

☎ 07736 193262 or 101 extension 61181

✉ andrea.teasdale.8603@northumbria.pnn.police.uk

Bedlington Police Station ☎ 101 extension 63526 8am-8pm 7days

Longhorsley Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **13th March**, 2019 in St Helen's Church Meeting Room starting at 7pm, with a parishioner slot at 8pm. All are Welcome. Meeting notices are displayed on village notice boards, with minutes and other info found on the Parish Council website northumberlandparishes.uk/longhorsley

Contact details for the current members are detailed below:

Clerk: Gillian Turner, 4 Lowther Close, Seaton Manor, Ashington, NE630HY
☎ 01670 812704 or email ✉ parishclerk@longhorsleypc.org.uk

Chairman: Iain Elliott ☎ 788905 ✉ iain.elliott@longhorsleypc.org.uk

Vice-Chair: Tom Lowrie
Councillors: Paul Brannan, Penny Ford, Kate Foreman, Victoria Pagan and David Pringle.

MUGA Refurbishment

Brilliant news – we now have secured the necessary funding to proceed with the refurbishment project, thanks to grants from Sport England, LEADER and Wingates Community Fund and kind donations from local residents via our Crowdfunding campaign. Hopefully the works will commence in April so that the facility will be completed and open for business in time for the May school holidays.

Longhorsley Community Award

The nomination process is now open so please find the necessary nomination form on the Parish Council website, the Longhorsley Tree website and hard copies can also be found in Longhorsley Village Hall.

Old Church Wood

In order to comply with funding arrangements, 200 new trees have been ordered, ready for planting in March. Volunteers are sought to help with the planting - dates will be announced shortly.

Wild Ponies on the Moor

Even during periods of bad weather, residents are reminded not to feed the wild ponies on the Moor - they receive enough food via their natural habitat found on the Moor.

Inside Morpeth

The Feb/March edition of Inside Morpeth is available on the Morpeth Town Council website.

M1 Bus

The Nexus website and the bus stop signs show PCL Travel's M1 service to Morpeth and Thropton filling some of the gaps left by the X14. However, there is no evidence that this service actually runs.

GROUP ACTIVITIES

Highlighting indicates that there is an article about that group.

More details about all groups on our Longhorsley website.

Toddlers Group	Every	Ths	9:30am - 11:30am	L'horsley V Hall	Term-time	Kathryn Fox 788880	
Mother and Toddler Group	Every	Tue	9:30am	Mission	Term-time	Win Pagan 788263	
Bible Club	Every	Frd	6pm	Mission	Term-time	Ian Pagan 788263	
Playgroup	Every	T-Th	7:30am - 6pm	L'horsley V Hall	Term-time	07522 486910 07522 486953	
TaeKwon-Do Classes	Every	Mon	5:30pm - 6:30pm	L'horsley V Hall		William McElhone 07971 818282	
Junior Football Club	<8	Every	Tue	6pm - 7pm	Common Hardcourt	Apr - Oct Nov - Mar	Ben McMorrow 07970 840587
	<10	Every	Tue	6pm - 7pm	Common Hardcourt	Apr - Oct Nov - Mar	Steven Dick 07803 026786
Longhorsley Carpet Bowls	Every	Mon	7pm - 9pm	L'horsley V Hall	Sept to June	Sue Etchells 788847	
Wingates Carpet Bowls	Every	Wed	7:30pm	Wingates V I Hall	Oct-May	Neil Purvis 01669 620268	
Ladies Fellowship	Every	Tue	2:15pm	Mission	Not Jan	Iris Moore 788550	
Embroidery Group	1st	Frd	2pm	L'horsley V Hall	Not Jan Not Aug	Daphne Morrison 788547	
Art Group	2nd 4th	Frd	2pm - 4:30pm	L'horsley V Hall		Margaret Scott 788499	
Senior Singalong	1st	Tue	2:30pm	Mission	Not Jun-Sept	Ian Pagan 788263	
Exercise to Music	Every	Mon	9:15am - 10:15am	L'horsley V Hall		Mary Stephenson 788232	
Yoga Classes	Every Ths but not 1st Ths		7pm - 8:15pm	L'horsley V Hall		Gordon Smith 07703 581171	
Wingates Bridge Club	Every	Tue	7:30pm - 10pm	Wingates V I Hall		Neil Fowler 788553	
Wingates Reading Group	2nd	Ths	7:30pm	Wingates V I Hall	Mar 14th	Carol Fowler 788553	
Body Blitz Bootcamp	Every	Tue	6:30pm	L'horsley V Hall	£4 per session	David Johnston 07887 350842	

Coffee and Chat	Alt	Wed	10am	St Helen's	Mar 13th Mar 27th	Brenda Turland 788470
St Helen's Coffee Morning	1st Saturday		10am	St Helen's	Mar 2nd	Mary Stephenson 788232
Longhorsley WI	1st	Ths	7:30pm	L'horsley V Hall	Mar 7th	Marian Chilvers 788351
Local History Society	2nd alt months	Tue	7:30pm	L'horsley V Hall	Mar 12th	Derek Knox 788329
Christian Vision for Men	Last	Sat	8:30am	Anglers Arms	Mar 30th	Jim Cockburn 510130
Walking Group	1st	Mon	10am	SofM Car Park	Mar 4th	Brenda Turland 788470
	3rd	Ths			Mar 21st	
Wildlife Trust	1st	Mon	7:30pm	Jubilee Rothbury	Not May-Aug	Conrad Chilvers 788351
Tai Chi	Every	Ths	10am	St Helen's	£6 per class	Shirley Wood 788518

Christian Vision for Men

A Men's Breakfast is arranged on the last Saturday of each month at 8:30am in the Anglers Arms. This is followed by a talk, generally from a speaker with a Christian background, with lively discussion.

There is a £9 charge for each attendance, to cover the cost of breakfast.

Saturday 30th March: The speaker is Jonathan Hughes, an engineer with Catapult Renewables in Blyth, who will speak on "Testing Times".

All men are invited to come along.

Contact **Jim Cockburn** ☎ **510130** ✉ jim.cockburn@btinternet.com

Walking Group

We meet for all walks at 10am in the Shoulder of Mutton car park. It's a social walking group. The walks are usually 4 to 6 miles long. A drink and energy snack should be carried on the walks.

The following walks have been scheduled:

Monday 4th March Felton to Weldon Bridge. Linear walk approx 5 miles. Lunch at Anglers Arms. Organiser **Leigh 01669 620268**

Thursday 21st March St Mary's Inn 5 mile circular. Lunch at St Mary's Inn. Organisers **Estelle 07803 137279** and **Jacquiline 07816 247702**

Monday 1st April Corbridge, part of Heritage Trail. 4-5miles. Lunch at the Black Bull. Organisers **Paul & Anita 788965**

The full list of planned walks is available on the Longhorsley Tree website.

If you want further information please contact **Brenda 788470**

GROUP ACTIVITIES

St Helen's Coffee Morning

The next Coffee Morning will be on Saturday, 2nd March at 10 am. There will be refreshments, stall and raffle. All are welcome.

Contact **Mary Stephenson** ☎ 788232

Coffee and Chat

Every other Wednesday at 10am in St Helen's.

13th March - Eleanor

27th March - Brenda and Marjorie

10th April - Mary Stephenson

Do drop in and join us for a coffee from 10am - 11am.

All welcome. **Brenda Turland** ☎ 788470



Longhorsley WI

Many thanks to John Moore for standing in for Anne in February and for his interesting explanation of the organisation, founded locally, of Traidcraft promoting the Fair Trade movement.

We next meet at 7.30pm on **Thursday 7th March**, when a representative from the Newcastle Sports Injury Clinic is running a Workshop on Podiatry. We're not sure what the format of the evening is - but come prepared! We all need to learn how best to look after our feet. Visitors welcome.

Any information, contact **Marian Chilvers** ☎ 788351

Northumberland Wildlife Trust - Coquetdale Group

Meets 1st Monday of each month at 7.30pm, tea and coffee available from 7pm, at the Jubilee Hall, Rothbury.

March 4th: "Longhorsley Moor - a Special Heath", a talk by Penny Ford.

April 1st: "The Farne Isles", a talk by Steve Newman.

This is preceded by the AGM.

Non-members very welcome: £3. Contact **Conrad Chilvers** ☎ 788351

Art Group

Exciting times for Longhorsley Art Group - three of our members have had work accepted for the 'Into the Woods' open exhibition at Woodhorn Colliery Museum. It's open now and runs until Sunday 21st April.

Woodhorn is open Wednesday to Sunday 10am to 4pm.

The exhibition forms part of the 'Coal Forest' season with a series of art installations in the colliery heritage buildings.

Margaret Scott ☎ 788499

GROUP ACTIVITIES

Local History Society

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 12th March** and our speaker will be Philip Rowett on “The Shadow of the Gallows”.

All are very welcome, 7:30pm in Longhorsley Village Hall.

Contact **Derek Knox** 📞 **788329** ✉ haustimsrus@yahoo.co.uk

Tai Chi

Forget the lycra, expensive trainers, your age or fitness level, Tai chi is suitable for everyone. It's a low impact exercise with slow continuous movements which are gentle on joints and muscles, focusing on breathing and relaxation. Studies have shown it can reduce stress, improve posture, balance, muscle strength and general mobility. Interested?

Come along to St Helen's church on a Thursday at 10am, classes are open to all abilities in fact all existing members in this small friendly group are novices. Cost £6 per session.

Contact **Amanda** 📞 **01670 820464** or **Shirley** 📞 **788518**

March Tweets along Archie's Pond

The recent burst of mild weather has encouraged our resident birds to form their pair bonds. They are singing and constantly calling to each other as they investigate possible nest sites along the walk. Great Tits produce a loud two note song with much repetition. When you see two together with a close but unaided view, compare the smaller size of the female and her narrower black breast band to the larger male to recognise them as pair. When two Blue Tits are seen together, look for the brightness of the blue cap and the upper wing – the brighter hue identifies the male. Any recurrence of colder weather means flocks will form again and the birds will roam far outside their territory, to gardens possibly miles away.

Mistle Thrushes are early breeders and can be seen together on any pasture or large expanses of grass around the village. Their large size, bold upright stance, loud song and alarm calls make them easy to pick out in early spring. Two feeding close together on the ground will very likely be a pair. Look out for them in the pastures north of the walk, around the Old Church or on the playing field. They make little attempt to hide their nests in the bare trees and they have to fend off unwanted attention from Crows.

Andrew Brunt 📞 788352

For more information about birds in Northumberland, visit the Northumberland and Tyneside Bird Club website at 🌐 www.ntbc.org.uk



**St Helen's Church
Sunday Services:**

1st Sunday of the month:
10am Family Service
All other Sundays:
10am Holy Communion

PCC and Sub-committee Meetings

All meetings to be held in St Helen's Church Meeting Room.

PCC Meeting

The next meeting of the PCC is Thursday April 11th at 7pm.
Secretary: Stephen Gibson ☎ 788711

Subcommittees of the PCC

The next meetings of the subcommittees of the PCC will be:

Finance & Fabric - Thursday April 18th at 7pm.
Contact: George Wilkinson ☎ 788708

Social Group - next meeting is to be confirmed.
Contact Mary Stephenson ☎ 788232

Parishioners are invited to become members of a subcommittee and are also welcome as observers at any meeting of the subcommittees.



From the Registers

R.I.P. 9th February 2019 Malcolm Stephen Morrison



St Helen's Contact Details

- Website: www.sthlonghorsley.org.uk
- Wardens: Mary Stephenson ☎ 788232
David Pringle ☎ 788283
Stephen Gibson ☎ 788711
Mary Hughes ☎ 788401
- Treasurer: David Pringle ☎ 788283
- Secretary: Stephen Gibson ☎ 788711
- Gift Aid Secretary: David Pringle ☎ 788283
- Pastoral Care: Diane Armstrong ☎ 788096

Thought for the Month

This article was to have been about the sixteenth century parson, poet and writer of hymns, George Herbert whose day of remembrance is 27th of February. However, in the meantime the death has occurred of a dear member of the community of St Helen's.

His wife wrote assuring us of how strengthened and blessed she felt by the family of St Helen's, thankful for the cards, flowers, offers of meals and for the prayers.

We gathered for the usual service on the Sunday morning. The service was taken by the Reverend Frances Dower who knows us and is a deeply thoughtful and caring person. After the announcement she invited us to think for a few moments on why we were there and how each one of us had been called to attend, just as Isaiah and the prophets had been called by God. As the service progressed we felt more and more united and we felt, through her good offices, what we at our best are, that is a family, ready to be alongside whoever needs our loving support.

As a friend said later none of us had to hear the news alone we were supported by the knowledge that others were there sharing the shock. Another friend said she had come to see how it was about relationships.

So, a loving family 'belongs' to a father who accepts us whatever we do, and we are one with each other, just as in a family. We are all unique, all connected to one another. The death of one is an inconsolable loss. It is to lose their unique contribution to the community .

The words of the sixteenth century poet and late in life, dean of London, John Donne, wrote as part of a meditation

No man is an island
Entire of itself.
Each is a piece of the continent
A part of the main.
If a clod be washed away by the sea
Europe is the less
As well as if a manor or promontory were.
Each man's death diminishes me
For I am involved in mankind.
Therefore send not to know
For whom the bell tolls
It tolls for thee.

Mary Hughes, St Helen's



Brinkburn Partnership of Catholic Parishes

Sunday Masses

St Bede, Bedlington, Vigil Mass **Saturday** 5.30pm
St Thomas of Canterbury, Longhorsley 11am
St Robert of Newminster, Morpeth 9am & 11am
St Aidan's, Ashington 6pm

Daily Mass-times and Confessions -
see Notice board and Newsletters.

Contact Father **Ian Hoskins** ☎ **788344**

email ✉ ian davidhoskins@btinternet.com

Longhorsley Local History Society

The history society preserves the records for the village and surrounds and has bi monthly meetings with a variety of interesting speakers. We also have a very informative and comprehensive website.

We have been responsible for a number of very successful projects in the last few years:

Compilation of all the headstones in the old graveyard as a permanent record and resource for those seeking family and local history.

The Longhorsley village and Moor trail leaflets.

An ongoing project to record the oral history of the village in WW2.

A plaque of notable local people which is on the village green and contribution to the Emily memorial plaque nearby.

The Emily's Longhorsley book and a booklet on the village in WW2.

WW1 airfield memorial plaque and plinth on the moor.

We are always needing others to help or take on projects, to research and investigate. We have a few ideas for future projects such as:

Longhorsley's water mill; Local wells & water supply; Longhorsley Moor's coal mines; Horse-racing on Longhorsley Moor.

Though any topic that sparks your interest can be pursued.

Penny Ford ☎ **788278**

IF IT HAPPENS IN LONGHORSLEY, IT'S NEWS TO US

If you'd like to submit an article for the newsletter, please contact us.

The last date for submissions for the April edition is March 20th.

Please keep articles under 250 words, if at all possible.

You can email, phone or leave short articles in Millar's Village Shop.

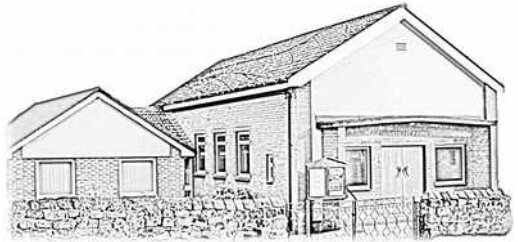
If you leave articles you need to include a contact phone number.

Alan & Sue Etchells ☎ **788847** ✉ Longhorsley.Tree@gmail.com

Mission Free Church

Sunday Services:

11am Family Service and crèche
5:30pm Prayer in the Mission Hall
6pm Evening Worship/Bible Study



For our other group meetings, please see the Group Activities sections.

Visitors are always very welcome to all our events.

Contact **Ian Pagan** ☎ **788263** ✉ idpagan@waitrose.com

Website: 🌐 www.longhorsleymission.org.uk

Your County Councillor

As you may remember, we decided not to proceed with the building of a new Council HQ in Ashington but preferred to carry out normal maintenance on the existing County Hall. If you have been past you will see that things are moving along well with the job due to finish in the early spring. You might be wondering what the new building is that is going up beside County Hall - this is the new school which will replace the old school at Goosehill. Once the move is made this summer we are hoping to convert the old site into new car parking spaces. This will supply much needed longer stage car parking as well as extra places for users of the rail station. In addition to that we hope to build another 25 or so places opposite the station. There are ambitious plans for increased services from Morpeth so we need all the spaces we can get!

If you would like more detail on this or any other NCC matter please just get in touch.

Glen Sanderson 07730 979 737 glen.sanderson@northumberland.gov.uk

Morpeth Talking Newspaper

Morpeth Talking Newspaper produces a FREE fortnightly newspaper magazine which is distributed to sight impaired local residents by a team of volunteers. Their editions are based mainly on the Morpeth Herald, but they are also introducing articles from 'Inside Morpeth' and other publications, a 'Dates for your Diary' section and other local news.

If you would like to receive regular audio files (memory sticks) posted free to your door, or know someone who would, please get in touch with

Barbara Ross on 0771 898 9566.

Citizens Advice Northumberland Trustee Board

Citizens Advice Northumberland is looking for members to join their Trustee Board. Full details on the newsletter website.

LOCAL EVENTS

LONGHO' CINEMA CLUB PRESENTS

Waking Ned



Saturday March 9th
Longhorsley Village Hall
Doors open 6.30pm
Film to begin at 7pm
£2 per person for refreshments
(PG) (1hr 50min)

When Ned Devine dies from shock after winning the lottery, his friends, Michael and Jackie embark upon a scheme to claim the winnings and in doing so, learn the importance of friendship and the true value of money.

Clive & Pattie Taylor and friends ☎ 788554

Beginner's **ROCK N' ROLL** Singing

Saturday March 23rd 2.30pm-4.30pm ~ Longhorsley Village Hall
(Postponed from February 2nd)

FREE one-off taster session with tutors from Sage Gateshead.
Part of the Royal Voluntary Service "First Time for Everything" programme to encourage adults over 55 to try something new.

Booking your place will help plan refreshments but you can just 'rock up' on the day to sing or just watch the fun.

If it proves popular, and someone volunteers to coordinate, this could become a regular village event.

To book/confirm a place or find out more, please contact Louise Parker
✉ Louise.Parker@RoyalVoluntaryService.org.uk (best)
or call, text or leave a message ☎ 07824 547 863

QUIZ



Pub Quiz at the Shoulder of Mutton on **Tuesday March 19th** at 7:30pm

£3 per person ~ maximum of 6 per team ~ Raffle
Half-time food courtesy of the Shoulder of Mutton.

Raising funds for Cancer Research UK

Wingates Village Institute and Highlights Rural Touring Scheme present



Blaize Theatre presents

Joan and Jimmy

Friday March 22nd

Known as the 'Mother of Modern Theatre' Joan Littlewood devoted her life to community and political theatre and making it accessible to the people of the north in the 1950's and 60's.

'Joan & Jimmy' tells her fascinating life story and that of her one-time husband Ewan MacColl (aka Jimmy Miller), from founding Theatre Workshop in Kendal to Ewan's departure into the world of folk music.



Yardbird Arts presents

The Remi Harris Duo

Thursday April 4th

Remi Harris is an exciting guitarist whose music draws from gypsy swing, jazz, blues, rock and world music. Joined by Simon Smith on double bass, the duo play a fresh mix of original compositions, jazz standards and new arrangements of music.

Licensed bar from 6.45pm, performances start 7.30pm
Tickets are Family £20, Adult £8.50, Concessions £7 and Children £5
obtainable from ☎ 01669 620512, ✉ famelton@rothbury.net
or book online at 🌐 www.highlightsnorth.co.uk



Northumbrian Gathering Fundraising Concert

Thursday March 14th at 7:30pm in Morpeth Town Hall

Fund-raising and warm-up concert in support of the Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering in April.

Tickets from Chantry TIC: Adults £12, OAPs £11, under-18's £5



Friday 15th March at 7:30pm

Wingates Village Institute

£1 per person entry ~ Teams of four

Pooled Supper ~ Bar ~ Raffle

Come along and test your knowledge

Heather Leatherland ☎ **788413** ✉ hleatherland@yahoo.co.uk

Parish Giving Scheme

Instead of scratching around for loose change for envelopes or collections for church, St Helen's is now implementing the above scheme.

The Diocese administers the scheme via a Direct Debit Guarantee which is more secure than a Standing Order. Donations can be monthly, quarterly or annually plus it can be anonymous if you so wish. Furthermore, you can index link your donation, which in turn enables you to keep pace with inflation and St Helen's to keep on top of ever increasing costs. Tax payers can Gift Aid back the tax from HMRC which the church receives monthly as opposed to waiting twelve months or more as previously. The scheme also accommodates people who no longer pay tax.

Donations can be adjusted up or down to suit an individual's changing circumstances. Most importantly, there is a reduction in administrative work currently performed by church volunteers.

Gift Forms can be obtained from the treasurer,

David Pringle ☎ 788283

THANKS

St Helen's Coffee Morning - 2nd February

Thanks to all who turned out on a wintry morning to support our Coffee Morning. Thanks for all the donations to raffle and stall and to all who helped on the morning. We raised £78.

Mary Stephenson ☎ 788232

Cinema Club

We would like to thank everyone who came to the Longhorsley Cinema Club last month to support us as we launched our first attempt at becoming moguls of the movie industry! Despite a couple of technical hitches, the evening went well and most of you seemed to have enjoyed the film. Our thanks must also go to Francis and Mark Nesbit who 'taught us everything we needed to know' - hopefully we'll get it right soon!

Clive & Pattie

WINNERS

Longhorsley Village Hall Sweepstake - February Results

1st Prize	£50	Sam Prescott	3rd Prize	£15	Joanne Campbell
2nd Prize	£25	Angela Alison	4th Prize	£10	Dr.M.Parrish

Mark or Frances Nisbet ☎ 788003

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www.NorthumberlandWills.co.uk www.dyingmatters.org

Facebook: Northumberland Wills Probate



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Sunday: 8am-noon

☎ 788 365

