



Longhorsley Tree

The newsletter for the parish of St Helen's
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Longhorsley Annual Parish Meeting Agenda

Wednesday May 15th at 6:30pm in Longhorsley Village Hall

ALL ARE WELCOME

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held May 2018
2. Chairman’s Report - including activities & projects completed in the year
3. Moor Report
4. The Old Church Wood Report
5. Circulation of unaudited Accounts 2018/19
6. Presentation of the Longhorsley Community Award
7. Winners of the Students Artwork Project to be announced
8. Question and Answer Session
9. Formal Opening of the MUGA

MUGA Refurbishment (was Breaking News)

Work on the refurbishment is planned to start on **Monday April 29th**.
The MUGA will be closed for two weeks.

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.

June Edition

The last date for submissions for the June edition is **May 20th**.
You can email, phone or leave short articles in Millar's Village Shop.
Alan & Sue Etchells ☎ **788847** ✉ Longhorsley.Tree@gmail.com

Election of North of Tyne Mayor

The election of the mayor of North of Tyne Combined Authority will take place on **Thursday May 2nd 2019**.

If you are eligible to vote you will have received a Poll Card detailing your polling station eg Longhorsley Village Hall between 7am and 10pm. You do not need to take this card with you in order to vote.

The leaflet "Your guide to the election, the candidates and how to vote" should have been delivered to every house by now. The leaflet is also available on the newsletter website.

Neighbourhood Policing Team (some elements were Breaking News)

It has been reported that charity bags of clothing and goods which have been left outside properties for collection have been taken by unknown persons to the allotments where they have been opened and items taken. The items that those responsible didn't want they have left strewn all over the allotments. Theft of charity bags is quite common but they are not usually opened and dumped near to where they have been taken! As a result of this I would ask you to donate goods directly to a shop to make sure they are going to where they should be. If you have any information which can directly identify those responsible please let me know.

I am aware there have been other issues around the area of the allotments and would advise putting CCTV in the area to catch those responsible.

Poaching continues to be an issue that is being addressed and we are hoping to have a rural crime team in operation on a trial basis to look at this issue.

There have also been several cars going off the road due to poor road conditions with sleet and ice - and poor driving! Please take care - the gritters have been out but you still need to slow down on the bends!

If you have anything you wish to report, please contact me. If you do not wish to report incidents to the Police you can pass information anonymously via Crime Stoppers at 🌐 crimestoppers-uk.org or ☎ 0800 555 111.

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



Adult Learning Within Reach

The WEA are starting a new programme of classes in Longhorsley Village Hall in June. They will include Rock and Roll singing, Upcycled Crafts and Watercolours - full details will be in the June newsletter and will soon be available on www.WEA.org.uk

The Workers' Educational Association is a charity bringing professional education into the heart of communities. With the support of nearly 3,000 volunteers and 2,000 tutors they deliver friendly, accessible and enjoyable courses for adults from all walks of life.

Prayer Net

St Helen's Pastoral Team have started a Prayer Net. It is for anyone in the community that would like prayers for themselves or others. This will be entirely confidential and, if requested, no names need to be mentioned. If anyone would like prayers they just need to give me a call.

Diane Armstrong Pastoral Care Co-ordinator ☎ **788096**

Inside Morpeth

The latest issue of "Inside Morpeth" magazine is available now. View it on the Morpeth Town Council and Longhorsley Tree websites.

Planning Application - Land South East Of The Shoulder Of Mutton

Longhorsley Parish Council have submitted their comments about the application for approval of all reserved matters relating to the development of 55 dwellings on Land South East Of The Shoulder Of Mutton.

They have objected to three aspects of the application but say they believe that all can be resolved by further work on the issues and thus should be able to be withdrawn. In summary the objections are

- the application does not provide a safe pedestrian connection to the main village
- stone or stone cladding is needed where the new buildings are part of the street scene that already includes this
- the application makes no provision for children friendly play areas

The Parish Council have also raised other concerns including

- the 1800mm close board fence along the A697 will be unsightly
- the application does not identify the 16 affordable houses
- future responsibility for roads and footpaths needs to be specified

See the full comment on NCC's Public Access and the newsletter website.

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	Mon	10:30am - 6pm	L'horsley V Hall	Term-time	07522 486910 07522 486953
		Every	T-Th	7:30am-6pm			
		Every	Frd	7:30am-1:30pm			
Ballet Classes	3-9 yrs	Every	Wed	3:30pm - 4:15pm	1st School	Term-time £4/class	Miss Becky 07944 659090
	5-6 yrs	Every	Frd	4pm - 4:45pm	L'horsley V Hall		
	7-9 yrs	Every	Frd	5pm - 6pm			
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 except 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	May 9th	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	May 8th May 22nd	Brenda Turland 788470
St Helen's Coffee Morning	1st Saturday		10am	St Helen's	May 4th	Mary Stephenson 788232
Longhorsley WI	1st	Ths	7:30pm	L'horsley V Hall	May 2nd	Marian Chilvers 788351
Local History Society	2nd Tue alt months		7:30pm	L'horsley V Hall	May 14th	Derek Knox 788329
Christian Vision for Men	Last	Sat	8:30am	Anglers Arms	May 25th	Jim Cockburn 510130
Walking Group	1st	Mon	10am	SofM Car Park	May 6th	Brenda Turland 788470
	3rd	Ths			May 16th	
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

Junior Football Club

The club are over the moon with the news of the upgrade of the MUGA in the coming weeks.

The club have been performing well so far this year and are now moving to the common to play on a Tuesday night. As we are approaching the end of the season we are looking to next year and to bring back an under 12 team which we lost last year due to numbers. We are also looking to increase our intake for the under 8's so, if anyone knows of kids looking to play football who are between 6 to 8 years old or 10 to 12 years old, then please get in contact.

Andrew Archibald ☎ **07810 115152**

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 6th May: Longhorsley Moor Memorial. 5+ miles.

Lunch at Shoulder of Mutton. Organisers **Jan & Sheena** ☎ **07801 005634**

Thursday 16th May: Causey Arch. 5 miles.

Lunch South Causey Inn. Organiser **Brenda** ☎ **788470**

Monday 3rd June: St Cuthbert's Cave. 5+ miles.

Lunch Wooler. Organisers **Jan & Sheena** ☎ **07801 005634**

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, 4th May at 10am. There will be refreshments, stall and raffle. All are welcome.

Mary Stephenson ☎ 788232

Coffee and Chat

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

8th May - Mary Hughes

22nd May – Brenda and Marjorie

5th June - Eleanor

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

All welcome. **Brenda Turland** ☎ 788470



Longhorsley WI

After being inspired by the talk on the National Garden Scheme in April, this month we come back down to earth for our Annual Meeting at 7.30 pm on **Thursday, 2nd May**, in the Village Hall.

Do please come along and hear our reports on the past interesting year. A volunteer for committee would be lovely (but not obligatory) and no job would be handed out! The National resolutions on 'Decline in Rural Bus Services' and 'Don't Fear the Smear' will be discussed and voted upon. Please join us for a social evening followed by a small supper, courtesy of the committee. Newcomers welcome to come and meet the members.

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

Local History Society

Our **Tuesday 14th May** meeting will be a talk by George Nairn - 'Northumberland Coast from North Shields to Berwick in postcards' 7:30pm in Longhorsley Village Hall, all welcome.

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

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 25th May: We shall be having a discussion on the progress of our project to help ex-offenders with housing and other support, led by Joss Bray and Paul Allen. All men are invited to come along.

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

THANKS

LLHS WW1 Airfield Memorial Ceremony

About 50 people gathered on the moor on Tuesday 9th April for the unveiling of the memorial plaque on its specially designed plinth. The Mayor of Morpeth, Cllr Jack Gebhard, said a few words and unveiled the plaque and we raised a toast to the airmen of WW1. We were then treated to a fly past of 5 old and new small planes in formation, a wonderful sight.

Many thanks to all involved who helped make it a very special occasion.

Penny Ford, Chairman Longhorsley Local History Society

A special thanks to Jimmy Bell for providing transport at the moor.

Billy Ricalton

See MorpethNewsTV's video on the newsletter website.

Dorothy Chicken

Ralph Chicken and family would like to thank everyone in Longhorsley and friends beyond for cards, expressions of sympathy and shared memories of Dorothy. Special thanks to Frances Dower for a beautiful service, also Anne Robinson and Ann Redpath for the very special tributes. Thanks also to Mark Conroy, funeral director, and Macmillan Cancer Support. Dorothy will be sadly missed but forever remembered.

Ralph

The Children's Society

I am indebted to all who attended, helped and contributed to the Coffee Morning on April 6th. It was very successful, raising a wonderful £238.52. In addition, I was delighted to welcome 5 new box holders.

My grateful thanks for everyone's generosity at my first fund raising event.

Audrey Wiggins, Box Coordinator 📞 **788692**

DATES for your DIARY

Northumberland Miners' Picnic

Saturday June 8th ~ 🌐 experiencewoodhorn.com

Morpeth Fair Day

Sunday June 9th ~ 🌐 morpethfairday.co.uk

Open Gardens - fundraising for Hospice Care

Most Sundays in June ~ 🌐 www.hospicecare-nn.org.uk

Thought for the Month

I am writing this in Passiontide, on Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. During this last week an amazing thing has happened in the political world and I don't mean anything to do with Brexit!

Two political leaders, one a Catholic and the other a Presbyterian, who control the two factions causing civil war in South Sudan were invited by Pope Francis and The Archbishop of Canterbury to come into silent retreat at the Pope's residence in Rome. The purpose was to pray and reflect, together with the two church leaders, on how they could strengthen and extend the fragile cease-fire they brokered at the end of last year. Both Church leaders are desperate to find a way to lasting peace for this war-torn country because the civil war has left an estimated 400,000 people dead, a further six million starving and four million displaced from their homes.

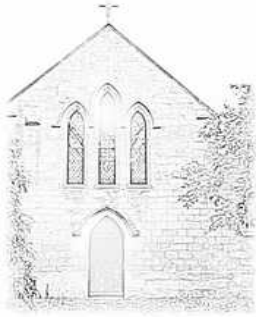
At a time when most politicians are concerned with narrow national issues, the Pope and the Archbishop, who command no armies and have virtually no political power, have pulled off an act of global statesmanship. By their joint action in drawing the warring leaders together in prayer they are demonstrating to the rest of the world that historical differences can be put aside by concentrating, not on our differences, but on what unites us. Obviously they hope that this message will not be lost on the warring leaders. To this end each would be given a bible at the end of the retreat with the inscription "Seek what unites. Overcome that which divides."

It was no coincidence that the event took place in Passiontide when Christians reflect on the suffering and death of Jesus, the price he paid to demonstrate God's redeeming love. *"God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son to the end that all, who believe in him, should not perish but should have eternal life. God sent his son into the world not to condemn the world but so that the world through him might be saved."* John 3.16ff

I hope there will be lasting peace in South Sudan, but whatever happens Pope Francis and Archbishop Welby have shown that even in a divided Christendom we can work together to show God's reconciling love. *"God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself and has entrusted unto us the news that they are reconciled"*.

2 Corinthians 5.19

God Bless you all, **Fr Ian**



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 ✉ iandavidhoskins@btinternet.com

Longhorsley Parish Council

Contact details for the current members are detailed below:

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

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

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

The Parish Council Annual meeting will be held on **8th May, 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 information found on the Parish Council
website 🌐 northumberlandparishes.uk/longhorsley

Annual Parish Meeting

The Longhorsley Annual Parish Meeting will take place on **Wednesday
15th May** at 6:30 pm in the Village Hall - this is your chance to air your
views or indeed to raise any issues - All are welcome.

The results of the Longhorsley Community Award nominations will also be
announced at this meeting together with the winning posters, from the
School Artwork project, which will be placed on all local litter bins.

[See the full agenda on the front page]

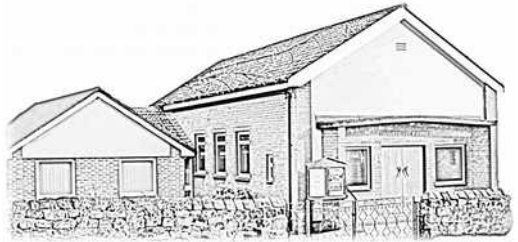
Fly- Posting/Excess Signage

Complaints have been received concerning the recent issue of increased
signage and fly-posting around the Village. Too much signage causes
clutter and spoils the aesthetics of our natural surroundings. There are
many other ways to advertise events, such as using the monthly
Longhorsley Tree newsletter, notice boards in the Village Hall or other
noticeboards around the Village. We are therefore arranging for all excess
signage to be removed.

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

Longhorsley Mission Ladies Fellowship extend a warm invitation to their **Anniversary Service** to be held on **Tuesday 21st May** at 2:30pm. The speaker will be Joan Conn from Alnwick and the soloist Win Pagan. Tea will be provided afterwards.

Do come and join us on this special occasion.

Contact: **Win Pagan** ☎ 788263

Your County Councillor

Congratulations to the school for the excellent litter pick recently. All across the County we have been encouraging the same kind of community spirit and the Council have handed out as usual lots of high vis jackets, gloves, bags and pickers.

Litter costs the Council a staggering £2.6 million a year to clean up. Think what we could do with that money!

So thanks to the village for the great effort in Longhorsley.

Please get in touch anytime if I can help with anything.

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

CAN YOU HELP?



During this week our collectors will be calling at your door for envelope contributions towards this year's world wide campaign. Jebbeh lives in Sierra Leone, the world's most dangerous place to become a mum. She's heavily pregnant. Her sister just died giving birth and she fears she could be next.

The money you give helps fund vital work to transform the lives of people around the world.

Diane Armstrong Co-ordinator - St Helen's Church

LOCAL EVENTS

Step Into Spring and Age Well

Wednesday May 1st, 10am-2pm, Morpeth Town Hall

Find out more about staying active, involved and well.
Find out more about groups, volunteering opportunities
and activities that are available.

Local and voluntary organisations, housing associations and
leisure and health services will all be present to offer advice.

Live Music at the Shoulder of Mutton

Saturday May 4th 9pm-11pm

Mark McCann

Singing soul, pop and Motown

Saturday May 25th 9pm-11pm

Gareth Beddard

Acoustic singer/songwriter

Wingates Village Institute presents

Ian Sherwood

Friday 24th May at 7.30pm

Ian Sherwood is an acclaimed Canadian Folk Singer.
We expect this event to be sold out - Ian's visits in 2015
and 2016 were greatly enjoyed by all who attended
for the high quality of his songs and musicianship.

Bar and raffle ~ doors open at 6.45pm.



Tickets are Family £20, Adult £8.50, Concessions £7 and Children £5
from Julie Famelton ☎ 01669 620512 ✉ famelton@rothbury.net

Tickets are non-refundable, unless we cancel the event.

NSPCC Bluebell Walk

Sunday May 19th 10am-1pm ~ Ratcheugh Observatory

A rare opportunity to visit both the Crag and Ratcheugh Observatory
and enjoy a stunning display as the bluebells come into full bloom.
The Bluebell walk starts from Dunsheugh (NE66 3AD), sign posted from
the Longhoughton Road and the Lesbury Road. Car parking available.

☎ 01665 577630 for further details.

Donations welcomed with all funds going direct to the NSPCC.

LOCAL EVENTS

LONGHO' CINEMA CLUB PRESENTS

A LATE QUARTET

(15) (1hr 45min)

Saturday 11th May

Doors open 6.30pm

Film to begin at 7pm

£2 per person for refreshments

The Fugue Quartet had been performing for over 25 years, when one member admits that he may no longer be able to play, causing the group to face an uncertain future of shifting dynamics and strained relationships, echoed by the complexities of their swan song piece - Beethoven's String Quartet No.14.

Clive & Pattie Taylor and friends ☎ **788554**

Community Action Northumberland Annual Spring Conference

Thursday May 16th 12md-4:30pm Breamish Hall



The free conference will focus how rural Northumberland responds to the needs of an increasingly ageing population.

Full details on the newsletter website.

The Great Longframlington Cream Tea

Saturday May 25th 11am-4pm ~ Longframlington Memorial Hall

Event to be opened by Carol Malia from BBC Look North

Food, Drink and Craft Stalls ~ Raffle ~ Bottle tombola ~ Ice Cream
Face painting ~ Wang a Welly ~ Penalty Shoot Out ~ and much more

In aid of the Alzheimer's Society



Messy Church is happening on **11th May**

Come and join us for a fun afternoon at
St Helen's Church from 4-5.30pm.

For more details, or to let us know you are
coming for tea, please contact **Kirstine Davis**

☎ **772210** ✉ Kirstine@mustardtreetrust.org

Superfast Broadband

NCC have set up a Superfast Broadband Voucher Scheme to enable alternative suppliers to Openreach to access public funding in order to roll out superfast broadband services to residents and businesses not currently covered by existing plans. Up to a total of £1m is available.

NCC's Superfast Broadband Voucher Scheme allocates up to £1,000 per property towards provision of broadband of at least 30Mbps.

Vouchers can be used with any of the approved suppliers and can be pooled with neighbours where appropriate.

The scheme is aimed at properties with speeds less than 15Mbps that aren't in an existing fibre roll-out plan and were built before 2012.

You can test your speed at broadbandtest.which.co.uk

There are also two national voucher schemes.

The Better Broadband Scheme gives up to £450 to provide satellite, 4G or wireless broadband to properties receiving less than 2Mbps.

The Gigabit Voucher Scheme gives up to £500 to provide fibre or wireless for residential properties and more for businesses.

Companies that are providing rural broadband include Incom and Broadband for the Rural North (B4RN).

Alnwick-based Incom provides superfast broadband to rural areas by providing wireless connection between the property and an area with Openreach fibre - at Nunnykirk and Beacon Hill for example.

B4RN is a non-profit community benefit society run by a local team with the support of landowners and volunteers. They have their own fibre network offering 1,000Mbps fibre-to-the-property broadband to properties in their coverage areas for a monthly cost of £30 with a connection cost of £150.

The B4RN network does not provide a telephone landline service but you can sign up to a third party Voice over IP service to provide a telephone service that uses your internet connection.

A community group (B4RN) are now looking to extend the B4RN network and have arranged meetings across Northumberland including one at Netherwitton village hall at 7.30pm on **Monday May 20th**. They have set up Expression of Interest Surveys for 16 areas including Longhorsley.

Links to more details are on the newsletter website.

WINNERS

Longhorsley Village Hall Sweepstake - April Results					
1st Prize	£50	Claire Birnie	3rd Prize	£15	Luke Stephenson
2nd Prize	£25	Bruce Campbell	4th Prize	£10	Graham Foggon
Mark or Frances Nisbet ☎ 788003					

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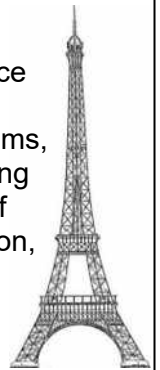
✉ newcastle@greenthumb.co.uk

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For further information, please get in touch:

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