



Longhorsley Tree

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Longhorsley Community Award 2024

In March 2024, parishioners were asked to nominate a person or organisation who they believed had enhanced the parish.

The number of nominations received determined who the deserving recipients would be. This year, we have joint Winners Derek Knox, Anne Peat and Jane Pringle. Our congratulations go to you all.

Parishioners who nominated the volunteers said the following kind words:

Derek Knox - has done outstanding work with the local History Society. He does much research and is always posting items of interest on the Longhorsley Facebook page.

Both Derek and the late Bill Ricalton have done a marvellous job in recording and keeping Longhorsley history alive. Their passion for the village and the characters and events that have shaped Longhorsley have been meticulously recorded.

Anne Peat & Jane Pringle - Jane and Anne volunteered to set up and run the Warm Space Coffee mornings in the Village Hall in 2022 and have continued to do so every Wednesday morning since. They put a great deal of hard work into this initiative which provides a welcoming atmosphere and is a lifeline for single households.



Anne rallied a variety of people from throughout the community to arrange the Coronation Day celebrations in May 2023.

Jane is also a driving force behind many Village Hall events and Anne is the Parish Councils representative on the VH Committee.



Longhorsley Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, **12th June**, in the Village Hall, starting at 7pm, with a parishioner slot at 8pm.

Meeting notices are displayed on village notice boards, with minutes and other information found on the Parish Council website at:

northumberlandparishes.uk/longhorsley

Contact details for the current members are detailed below:

Clerk: Gillian Turner, 4 Lowther Close, Seaton Manor, Ashington, NE63 0HY
☎ **01670 812704** or ✉ parishclerk@longhorsley-pc.gov.uk

Chairman: Norman Douglas ☎ **07485 174529**
✉ norman.douglas@longhorsley-pc.gov.uk

Councillors: Sarah Alcock, Kirsty Bell, Peter Boyle, Jennie Parker, Anne Peat and Trevor Potts.

D-Day Anniversary 6th June 2024

Commemorating the Largest Naval, Air and Land Operation in History

We are pleased to announce that Longhorsley has been added to the list of authorities taking part in the official **Beacon and Lamp Lights of Peace Lighting Ceremony** to be held on **6th June**. We will be holding our ceremony on the Village Green with the Beacon being lit at 9.15pm. We will also be joining the Nation's Tribute at that time too.

Please come along and join us in remembering those who gave their lives at home and abroad during the D-Day landings, whose sacrifice enables us all to enjoy the peace and freedom we have today.

Drop in events to learn more about the Digital Switchover

Many people in Northumberland will have questions or would like to know more about the Digital Switchover. By December 2025, services that rely on the old landline system such as home phones and healthcare devices will be switched to upgraded digital landline services as part of a national switchover led by the UK telecommunications industry.

This may include: Home phones (traditional landline), Amplified phones (for those with hearing loss), Personal telecare products, Fall and motion detectors, Portable healthcare devices such as ECG or oxygen monitors.

Throughout June, BT will be heading to Northumberland where a team will be on hand to tell people about its new home phone service Digital Voice, why the change is necessary, and what it means. Please see the event information below which may be of interest to you - you don't have to pre-book, just turn up.

Morpeth - Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 June, 10am - 4pm, Dobbies Morpeth (carpark), Heighley Gate, Morpeth, NE61 3DA.

Visit www.northumberland.gov.uk to find out more about the Digital Switchover.

Your County Councillor

It will only be a few months before the new Northumberland Line begins operation with twice hourly journeys from stations including Blyth and Ashington straight to Newcastle where the Metro can be joined. Ticket fares are looking attractive.



The line used is one that was closed over 60 years ago to passenger trains so the job of creating new stations, signalling and significant engineering has been very expensive but the Government has continued to back the scheme making this one of the best examples of public transport regeneration. The County Council has also contributed.

The cost has risen hugely because of Covid, inflation, coal shafts that were not marked on maps, a buried rubbish dump, unexploded ordnance and archaeological finds that slowed work down. Above all the flooding and awful weather this winter has hampered progress significantly.

However, the end product will be really important, opening up the south east of the County for commuters, visitors and travellers. And the proposed reduction in commuter trains from Morpeth has also been shelved after much opposition!! In the meantime please get in touch anytime if I can help with any NCC issues however small.

Glen Sanderson 07730 979737 glen.sanderson@northumberland.gov.uk

LOCAL EVENTS

 and Wingates Village Institute Hall present	
	Rum Ragged - Thu 13th June, 7.30pm (Highlights) Rum Ragged take a bold approach to the distinct music of their home Newfoundland, Canada. They have performed at some of the world's premier folk, Celtic and roots venues and have recorded four award-winning studio albums. Tickets: Adult £12, Child £6 (see below)
Info and bookings from: ✉ famelton@rothbury.net , ☎ 01669 620512 and also online (for a small extra fee) from 🌐 www.highlightsnorth.co.uk	

	“Fun with Flowers”	
Longhorsley Village Hall Friday 21st June 2.30 - 4pm		
Booking is essential, so we can provide the necessary equipment. Contact Olive ✉ olivelight72@gmail.com or ☎ 07907 714455		

GROUP ACTIVITIES

Ladies Lunch Group

The next Ladies Lunch will be at Eshott Hall at 12.30pm on the **13th June**. Could those intending to come please let me know at

✉ francesmurphy48@gmail.com, and copy to ✉ olivelight72@gmail.com

Longhorsley WI

After a successful AGM and a very enjoyable 40th Birthday party in May, we look forward to a new year of interesting Speakers and activities.

At our next meeting on Thursday **6th June** we will be hearing about 'Chasing Eclipses'. Visitors would be very welcome.

For any information please contact:

Audrey Wiggins, Secretary ☎ **788692** or ✉ swigginsa@btinternet.com

Longhorsley Juniors Football Club

As the season draws to a close, the Longhorsley Juniors Football Club is celebrating another successful year, with two of their teams clinching league titles.

The club will host its annual end-of-year BBQ and awards ceremony on Friday, **7th June**, on the common from 5pm till 9pm. There will be raffle prizes to help raise funds for the club.

Additionally, the club is seeking to establish an under-6 team for the upcoming season and is calling for interested children and adults to get involved. For more information, please reach out to **Andrew** at ☎ **07810 115152** or **Freya** at ☎ **07841 536797**.

Walking Group

The walks are usually 4 to 6 miles long and it's a good idea to bring a drink and energy snack on the walk. The next upcoming walks are:

Monday **3rd June**: Drake Stone, led by Keren ☎ **07547 566669**.

Thursday **20th June**: TBC

Monday **1st July**: Etal and Ford, led by Penny ☎ **788278**.

New walkers are always welcome. For more information please contact **Sheena & Jan** ☎ **07801 005634**

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GROUP ACTIVITIES

Longhorsley Local History Society

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday **11th June** in the Village Hall, 7 for 7.30pm. Refreshments available from 7pm.

Gary Ritchie will be talking about The Census.

The AGM will be held before the talk. All are welcome, admission is free.

Derek Knox ☎ **788329** ✉ derekknox6710@gmail.com

Longhorsley Village Hall Baby & Toddler Group

Join us every Thursday morning, 9.15 - 11.15am, for a play, chat and snacks. Only £2 per child (under 6 months free). Everyone is welcome! No booking necessary. Follow our Facebook page for updates.

We need your help!

We are looking for new people to take over the running of the group, now our own “toddlers” are at school! Please contact Joanna Reilly for an informal chat, so we can keep this important community group going - otherwise sadly it will end.

Christian Vision for Men

The Christian Vision for Men group has monthly breakfasts at the Angler's Arms. Our next breakfast will be on Saturday **29th June** at 8.30am. Our speaker that morning will be Joe Beswick, who is leading an urban mission in Hexham called the Eden Project. Joe has had an eventful life and will share some of his experiences in his talk entitled “Who am I?”. The charge for those attending the breakfast is £11 (cash only).

For more information and to book a place, please contact

Jim Cockburn on ☎ **01670 510130** or ✉ jim.cockburn@btinternet.com

Keep Fit Class

We continue to exercise in the Village Hall on Monday mornings, between 9.15 and 10.15am. Our aim is to have fun while exercising and new members are most welcome.

Shirley Forster is our Instructor and sessions are in conjunction with Age UK.

Mary Stephenson ☎ **788232**

St. Helen's Coffee Morning

Our next Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday **1st June** at 10am in St. Helen's Church. There will be a raffle, and stall as usual. All are welcome.

Mary Stephenson ☎ **788232**



GROUP ACTIVITIES

Longhorsley WI - 40th Anniversary

Longhorsley WI celebrated their 40th anniversary this month with a 'touch of red' party. Members shared their memories of the year 1984 and many went on to explain their involvement with the WI over the past 40 years and discussed just how important the WI was to their lives. It was a fabulous evening of friendship and fun.



Everyone is now looking forward to our next year which includes evenings of astronomy, chocolate, the law and knitting.



We welcomed 4 new members last year and would love to see even more in this celebratory year.

Here are 3 photos from our 40th anniversary party earlier this month.

It's a full group, founder members from 1984 and first president Esther Roberts who cut our special cake.



TAKEAWAY FOOD IN LONGHORSLEY

The Shoulder of Mutton is open and offering takeaways every day
Sunday lunches 12 - 6pm ~ Monday to Saturday 5 - 8pm
See their menu at shoulderofmuttonpub.com ~ phone 788236 to order

The Flying Fryer every Friday from 4pm - 7pm, or later.
They will not be here on Fridays 31st May, 7th and 14th of June.
Facebook [The Flying Fryer](https://www.facebook.com/TheFlyingFryer) ☎ 07984 426 725

Dou_h&co will visit the second **Thursday** in June from 4.30pm - 7.30pm
The next visit date is **13th June**.
Pre-order on ☎ 07507 834 628 from Monday 9am.
See their menu on dou-h.co.uk, Instagram or Facebook [Dou_h & Co.](https://www.facebook.com/Dou_h_Co)



Join us for a fun-filled afternoon, celebrating the best of Longhorsley!
All at the Village Hall, Longhorsley First School and the Village Green.

Just some of the items we have lined up are:

- Industrial section
- Local business stalls
- Tombola
- Treasure Hunt
- WI Cream Teas
- Entertainment
- Dog Show
- Local charities
- Scarecrows
- Best Garden
- Games
- Mobile bar

With more to be announced...!

Entry is **free**, but there will be donation buckets at various points.
All funds raised will go towards future events!

For more information and updates, please visit:

 Longhorsley Village Fete -  @longhorsleyvillagefete
or contact longhorsleyfete@gmail.com

SCARECROW COMPETITION

THEME: Television Characters

We're so excited to bring you the Longhorsley Fete Scarecrow Competition! This fun event will show off the imagination and creative skills of our residents, to create a scarecrow based on a TV Character/ Characters. We'd love to see your scarecrows still displayed on Fete Day, but to make it easier for our judges we ask you to submit a photograph of your finished scarecrow - with your name and address - to longhorsleyfete@gmail.com by **Friday 5th July 2024, at 5pm**.

Judges will be looking at the variety of materials used and how they've been constructed – recycling and reusing materials is an important element!

1. All entries must be within the Parish of Longhorsley.
2. The scarecrow must be on display and have its photograph submitted by Friday 5th July at 5pm.
3. Only ONE entry per house / class / business or group.
4. The scarecrows must be handmade and family appropriate!
5. Scarecrows must not be supported or hung by the neck.
6. The scarecrow must be displayed on your own property / school / business.
7. Judging of all the registered scarecrows will be completed by 12th July 2024.
8. Photographs will be displayed and the winners will be announced at the Fete.

BEST GARDEN / BEST ALLOTMENT

We have some wonderfully well-kept gardens and allotments in Longhorsley, and if you would like your garden or allotment to be considered for “Best Garden” or “Best Allotment” then please register by **Friday 5th July 2024 at 5pm** using a form from the Village Hall, Longhorsley Village Shop or via email to longhorsleyfete@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS!

If you can spare any time to help on the day (no matter how much) we'd love to hear from you. The more volunteers we have, the better the event will be! Please contact us via email at longhorsleyfete@gmail.com, via Facebook (Longhorsley Village Fete) or Instagram (@longhorsleyvillagefete).

DOG SHOW

Woof woof! Calling all our four-legged friends to come and join us on the Village Green from **12:30pm** on Fete Day (registration will start from 12:00). Entry is **free**, but there will be donation buckets at various points. All funds raised will go towards future events!

<u>Class 1</u>	Best puppy (under 12 months)
<u>Class 2</u>	Best dog or bitch
<u>Class 3</u>	Best veteran (over 7 years)
<u>Class 4</u>	Junior handler (under 14 years of age)
<u>Class 5</u>	Best Rescue
<u>Class 6</u>	Most handsome dog / Prettiest bitch
<u>Class 8</u>	Waggiest Tail
<u>Class 9</u>	Best in Show (1 st and 2 nd from all classes)

Rules:

- Limited to 12 dogs per class, on a first come first served basis
- Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times
- Entries must abide by the competition rules
- Please do not enter if your bitch is in season
- Puppies must be fully vaccinated
- The judge's decision is final
- Entry is at your own risk

Special Thanks To:
Robson & Prescott Vets
Elaine Carmichael & Linda Henderson

PLEASE NOTE THAT NO DOGS ARE ALLOWED ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS OR INSIDE THE VILLAGE HALL (OTHER THAN ASSISTANCE DOGS).

Please keep this in mind before enjoying the rest of the activities the Fete has to offer.

INDUSTRIAL SECTION 2024

It will be **FREE** to enter ALL sections. **Entry Forms and rules** are available before the event.

SENIOR SECTIONS

Section 1 – Floral Art

1. Arrangement incorporating a piece of wood
2. Arrangement in an unusual container
3. Arrangement using mostly foliage

Section 2 – Flowers, Fruit & Vegetables

4. 1 lettuce with roots on
5. 2 onions dressed
6. 4 pea pods
7. 2 courgettes
8. 3 beetroot
9. 3 white potatoes
10. Soft fruit (any one variety) 10 on a plate
11. 1 single rose
12. 3 roses
13. Vase of flowers from the garden

Section 3 – Cookery

14. 3 fruit scones
15. 3 pieces of shortbread
16. 3 decorated cupcakes
17. Victoria sandwich cake – jam filled, not sugar dusted (ingredients: 4oz flour, 4oz sugar, 4oz margarine, 2 eggs)
18. Carrot cake – 3 pieces
19. Loaf of bread (any shape) brown or white
20. Men's cookery class: Lemon drizzle cake
21. Jar of jam
22. Jar of chutney
23. 4 pieces of traybake

Section 4 – Art & Handicraft

24. A hand knitted article
25. A crochet article
26. An article or item of embroidery
27. A photograph (5"x7") – "Village Life"
28. A painting or drawing not exceeding 30"x24"
29. An item of woodwork
30. An item of metalwork
31. An item made from recycled materials
32. A handmade greetings card

JUNIOR SECTION

Young people are also invited to enter any of the Senior Sections.

Section 5 – Children's Section

Entries in Section 5 will be judged in three age groups:

(A) 1-4 years

(B) 5-9 years

(C) 10-13 years

33. A miniature garden in a tin lid
34. A decorated biscuit
35. A vegetable creature
36. An A4 poster for Longhorsley Village Fete 2025
37. A 3D model – in any medium – of a CASTLE

Arrangements for Exhibiting

Check in exhibits: 8:30-10:30am
Judging to take place: 10:30-11:30am
Village Hall is open: 1:00-5:00pm
Awards Presentation: 4:30-5:00pm
Collection of exhibits: 4:00-5:00pm

The Maureen Taylor Award for Creative Writing

In honour of our much-missed local resident, Maureen Taylor, we invite children from each of the three age groups to submit a short story entitled "**A Surprise Visitor**".

Entries should be posted into the box in either the Village Hall or Longhorsley First School no later than **5pm on Friday 5th July 2024** to allow for judging.



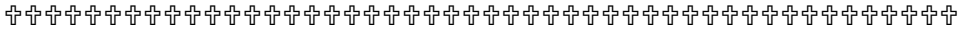
St Helen's Church

Sunday Service:

10am Holy Communion
(1st and 3rd Sundays)

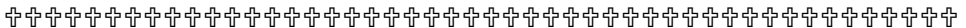
10am Morning Prayer
(2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays)

Everyone is welcome.



PCC Meeting

The next meeting of the PCC is on Wednesday **17th July** at 7.00pm with a parishioner slot at 7.30pm.



St Helen's Contact Details

During the Interregnum the Area Dean will be responsible for the Parish.

Rev. Chris Grocock ☎ **01670 813358** 🌐 www.achurchnearyou.com



St Thomas Catholic Church

Every Monday and Thursday - Mass at 12noon

Every Sunday - Mass at 11.15am

✉ longhorsley.stthomas@rcdhn.org.uk

🌐 www.stthomaslonghorsley.com



Longhorsley Mission Free Church

Sunday Services:

11am Family Service and creche

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@btinternet.com

Website: www.longhorsleymission.org.uk

Thought for the Month - Creations Light Show

On Friday the 10th of May were you lucky enough to see and experience the Northern Lights? Friends sent me the pictures the next day that they had taken – amazing images of the sky lit up with so much colour. I had missed it; not even aware it was happening. I had missed an opportunity to gaze in wonder.

Today we know the science behind the Northern Lights. But imagine gazing up at green, red, and purple lights flickering across the sky and not knowing what they are. The aurora borealis has influenced folklore and legends through the ages. The Northern Lights for example were assigned great power and significance by the peoples of ancient Nordic societies. Whether a harbinger of good or evil, the lights were magical and revered. There are many other stories online of tribes and peoples trying to explain the kind of wonderful display many were privileged to see in our skies recently. I love that the Estonians believed that the Northern Lights were sleighs taking guests to a spectacular wedding celebration in the heavens.

I wonder if the spectacles we see in creation be it the Northern lights or the skies lit up with a trillion stars make us wonder about a creator? St Paul wrote in his letter to the Romans ‘Ever since the creation of the world his eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things he has made.’

King David, when he was a shepherd boy had plenty of opportunities to gaze up at the sky as he was tending to his father’s sheep. This is what he wrote in Psalm 19...

*The heavens proclaim the glory of God.
The skies display his craftsmanship.
Day after day they continue to speak;
night after night they make him known.
They speak without a sound or word;
their voice is never heard.
Yet their message has gone throughout the earth,
and their words to all the world.*

If you were lucky enough to see the Northern lights recently, was it a revelation of God as St Paul and King David spoke of? Perhaps like me it is on your bucket list to experience, be it for the first time or again and again.... I doubt any of us would turn down an opportunity of seeing this wonderful spectacle. And so, I hope it’s not too long before creation speaks to us again through the Northern lights.

Diane Armstrong, St Helen’s

July Edition - The last date for submissions is **20th June**.

Jan and Sheena Haveman 07834 740649 longhorsley.tree@gmail.com

THANKS

St Helen's Coffee Morning

Thank you to all who donated items for the raffle and stall, and all who supported the Coffee Morning on the 4th May.

We raised £72 for St. Helen's Church.

Mary Stephenson ☎ **788232**

CAN YOU HELP?



I'm pleased to inform you that we now have a second donation bin in the Shoulder of Mutton as well as the one in the Village Hall entrance. Please keep giving when you can to this essential charity.

Urgently needed items include Packets of cereal, Baked beans, Tinned rice pudding, Custard, Biscuits, UHT Milk, Jams and Marmalade, Tinned ham, Boxes of cup-a-soup and Packets of potato.

Sincere thanks to the Shoulder of Mutton and all contributors.

Sue Eтчells

Longhorsley Village Hall Sweepstake - May Winners

1st Prize	£50	Karen Fish	3rd Prize	£15	Ms Lucker
2nd Prize	£25	Ruth Pringle	4th Prize	£10	Oliver Staines

There are still some spare numbers left in the sweepstake. If you would like to take part, or even take out another number, then please get in touch with **Garry** or **Janice Ritchie** ☎ **07713 583311** ✉ garry7256@aol.com

Post Office in Longhorsley Village Hall

Mon 9.15am - 12.15pm ~ Fri 11.30am - 1.30pm

Please note that this Outreach Service cannot accept large parcels.

Mobile Library Visiting Times

The Mobile Library visits Longhorsley once a month, on Fridays between 3pm and 4pm, in the Village Hall car park.

The next visits will be on the **28th June** and **26th July**.

Gardener Wanted

For weeding and pruning (no mowing) in peaceful farmhouse garden,
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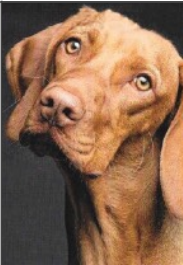
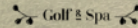
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