

Boulmer Howick & Longhoughton

Longhoughton Parish Council



Tenth Avenue doing their stuff

LONGHOUGHTON QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Thanks to everyone involved in organising the event. It was an enormous success. Here are some pics from the day.



Wilma, winner of the best-dressed Jubilee dog competition



Enjoying the dodgems

WI members provided refreshments at the Jubilee event

SUMMER FUN DAY PROPOSED FOR LONGHOUGHTON

Following the great success of the Queen's Jubilee event in Longhoughton there is enthusiasm to have a similar celebration in Summer 2023 and for this to be established as an annual event. The organising committee are keen to put on an event for all the family that can bring the community together. Both the Parish Council and the RAF Boulmer support this idea and will provide some funding. Representatives of Community organisations in the parish will be shortly invited to an initial meeting so that ideas for the event can be discussed.



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Newsworthy items for the next edition, before the

deadline on 21 Sept 2022, please.

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COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

The police are at last reintroducing the speed watch scheme which had been unavailable due to COVID. The Parish Council is fully supportive of this and is asking for volunteers to join the scheme. Community Speed Watch is a scheme to allow volunteers to monitor the speed of passing vehicles using a hand-held speed detection device. The volunteers record the details of vehicles which are exceeding the speed limit. Training, distinctive clothing and the speed gun will be provided and the scheme will be co-ordinated by the police. The scheme can only take place in 20 or 30mph zones so it would be restricted to Longhoughton, Boulmer and Howick. This is a very good way of making a contribution to your community for it is directly linked to road safety. Please put your names forward to Adrian Hinchcliffe, Chair of the Parish Council (telephone and email address on the right of this page), who is willing to answer questions and provide more information.



ELEANOR PHILLIPS AWARDED FREEDOM OF LONGHOUGHTON PARISH

The Parish Council has awarded Eleanor Phillips the status of Honorary Freewoman of Longhoughton Parish. This is the highest award that the Parish Council can make and it is awarded for eminent and outstanding voluntary service to the community. The Award was approved at a special public meeting on 18th July 2022 and reflects the many roles that Ellie has undertaken over an eight-



Eleanor Phillips, Freewoman of Longhoughton Parish

year period. These involve her seven years of service to the Parish Council, including three years as Chair and two years as Vice Chair. She has been a Trustee/Director of Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre for seven years, its Chair for six years and Booking Manager for three years. Additionally, she created a team of volunteers that helped people who are vulnerable and needed help, especially during the COVID lockdowns, and she has helped to establish the Warm Hub in Longhoughton. During Storm Arwen Ellie opened the Community Centre as an emergency help centre for those who did not have an electricity supply. She also acts as a joint editor of this newsletter and has organised many litter picks. A certificate for the award will be presented to Ellie in September.

HOWICK BURN PERMISSIVE ROUTE AND NEW BRIDGE

Through the efforts of Peter Bromley the Parish Council has been awarded a grant of £22,000 by the Farming and Protected Landscapes fund managed by the AONB. The award will cover the building of a new bridge over the Howick Burn along with new gates and stiles associated with an amended route for

the permissive footpath. Coast Care will also help to clear all the fallen trees caused by Storm Arwen. This has been a difficult project to organise and the Parish Council would like to thank Peter Bromley along with Howick Trustees, Coast Care, the AONB, Chris Thomas, Richard Hodgson and James Forsyth, who have all had a hand in finding a solution. The work will be done in late summer 2022.

LOW STEADS AND CAR PARKING AT LONGHOUGHTON BEACH

A quotation for the operation of a ticketing system for parking at Longhoughton Beach has been received from a parking operator and this seems to meet all the requirements for an effective system. However, in view of what looks like a drop in traffic visiting the coast, the ticketing scheme is not going ahead at the moment. No more changes will be made to the parking arrangements for the time being and residents and visitors can continue to park in the restricted parking area. This decision will be reviewed at the end of the season. Voluntary contributions of £1 are still requested please from those parking in the car park. It is good to see the headland and dunes rapidly recovering now that they are free of vehicles running over them.

DAVID PURVIS, K W PURVIS LTD.

The untimely death of David Purvis, owner of Longhoughton Quarry, is very sad and we offer our sincere condolences to all his relatives. David was a very good friend of Longhoughton Parish and over the last few years has given very generously to many causes and has offered his excavation and groundworks services to many community projects free of charge.

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AT SCHOOL GREEN

A motorist ran into the planters with such force that it caused the new seat costing over £1,000, to be damaged beyond repair. Did anyone see this happen? The car must have been damaged. Any information would be welcome so that a claim can be made against the offending party. Also, many thanks to Parish Councillor Chris Thomas for re-instating the plaque on the monument in a position that it can be read.

COASTLAND PROJECT

The Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) are making a £3.2m application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund for projects from Longhoughton (Howick Burn) in the north to Amble and Hauxley in the south. This project, which they are calling Coastlands, will celebrate what makes our landscape special, provide new habitats for nature, protect our cultural heritage and create new experiences for local people and visitors. It will also develop new interpretation and information to give more people access to information about our Coastlands and to encourage activities which fit with this special landscape. Longhoughton Parish Council are hoping that the project will include some of the greenways that have been planned following the 2018 consultation with residents.

SOUVENIR WATER BOTTLES

As a souvenir of the Queen's 70th Jubilee the Parish Council provided each child and young person under 18 in the Parish with an aluminium water bottle complete with a carabina clip. There are still a few left. If your child or young person did not receive one please contact Stewart Barrett by email on stewbnufc@aol.com to make arrangements for collection.

NEW HOUSING SITES

The Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group requested work from an international company to design new housing sites in rural locations and incorporating all the principles that have been identified in the Neighbourhood Plan to date. This work has now been received and will be reviewed for possible new housing sites at Longhoughton and Boulmer. The outcomes will be included in the draft plan which will be consulted on later in the year.

TRANSPORT AND PARKING STRATEGY

Following a review of a report on transport and parking in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) produced by specialist consultants the decision has been taken to pursue a sustainable transport

strategy for the area. A more detailed report will now be produced by the same consultants which will include detailed suggestions on how the strategy can be implemented, probably over a period of ten or more years. This is a big change from the present strategy that encourages more and more vehicles to come into the AONB.

NEW LITTER BINS

New general purpose litter bins are being provided at Quarry Lane and on the coastal path just north of Boulmer. A dog-poo bin is to be installed near the entrance to the camp site on Boulmer Road.

RAIL AND BUS PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The Parish Council has conducted an exercise to identify gaps in the bus services and especially those linking communities to Alnmouth Railway Station. The exercise has also looked at public transport connections to the hospitals at Wansbeck, Cramlington, Newcastle RVI and Freeman. This information is being pooled with other local parish councils with a view to meeting the experts in Northumberland County Council to see if these anomalies can be eliminated.

LONGHOUGHTON SURGERY

Alnwick Medical Group (AMG) have not yet concluded their consultation on the future of Longhoughton Surgery. However, on 30 May 2022 the Parish Council met Tony Brown, Manager of AMG. The meeting concluded with the following agreed statement: "The discussions were very productive and will allow the Practice to further investigate

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the use of the Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre for some appropriate types of clinics."

DEAD AND DYING SEA BIRDS

It is an absolute tragedy that so many sea birds have died and are still dying from avian flu. Some species look as if they are completely wiped out and others badly depleted. What is equally alarming is how the authorities have been so slow to manage this crisis and particularly to clear up dead and dying birds from our beaches.

The latest guidance for dead sea birds found on the beach is as follows:

- Do not touch a dead or dying bird – it is likely to be infected with a virus.
- Keep dogs on a lead and well away from the dead and dying birds.
- Report dead birds to DEFRA on 03459 335577 giving their location.
- If DEFRA are not going to pick them up phone the County Council on 0345 6006400.

Jane Hardy has been working behind the scenes with a small group trying to put a scheme together for removing the dead birds. This has now been approved by the County Council and will involve designated volunteers (who are experienced hands in wildlife) collecting the dead birds and using agreed arrangements to send them for incineration. **Well done Jane and friends.**



LONGHOUGHTON HERITAGE GROUP MEMORIES OF THE PARISH

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to the Longhoughton Parish Heritage Group stall at the Jubilee celebration, and for sharing your memories with Val, David, Rhoda, Liz and Jenny. Also thank you to RAF Group Captain David Keighley for selecting his favourites of the memories to be awarded prizes.

The winner was:

The Exploding Fish and Chip Shop (late 70s) from John Kim

Adjacent to what is now The Running Fox was a fish and chip business run from the cottage. The gas cylinders must have been stored within the cottage because unfortunately, there was such an explosion, that the gable end of the cottage was blown away! People came in their cars from far and wide to view the damage. Unfortunately, the owner did not have much luck with gas as his mobile fish and chip shop exploded as well.

And the runners up:

Tommy the Last Blacksmith from Bill Newlands

Tommy Weightman was the last blacksmith in Longhoughton, his blacksmith's workshop on South End is now a house. In WWII he survived the crash of the bomber he was flying in; it landed in a fjord and he was rescued by the Norwegian Resistance. Years later the plane was brought to the surface and his boots were found and returned to him - he put them in the bin!

Tommy was a lovely man, and stayed in touch with the Norwegian Resistance who rescued him, who I met when they visited.

Raf Jubilee Day Fancy Dress From Sheila Butler

Sheila showed us this photograph of her son Andrew, who entered the fancy dress competition at the RAF 1977 Silver Jubilee event as the Queen's Herald. The tabard was made from two tea towels!

There were so many memories given that you may remember too:

- The huge bonfires on bon fire nights at Boulmer
- Brownies with Mrs Head as Brown Owl
- The Silver Jubilee Street Party
- Santa arriving at Longhoughton First School by helicopter
- Friendship Hall, which met at the old school after WWII for teas and bingo
- Forest school at Longhoughton Primary
- A huge dead whale washed up at Seaton Point. Attempts were made to dispose of it using explosives, and it eventually was buried inland.
- Walking through Longhoughton to the new school from the old on the day it opened



We would like to do more of this, so the Heritage Group are hoping to have an evening at the Community Centre (Westfield Park) where anyone can bring their memories or questions about the area in the past. Please look out for posters with more detail in the next few weeks.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

August	No meeting
September	19.09.22 Howick Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.
October	17.10.22 Boulmer Village Hall at 7.30pm

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COMMUNITY LUNCHES

There will be no community lunch in August.
September – Wednesday 28.09.22 at 12 noon.
To book, please call Pat Ellis on 01665 577973.



The WI Jubilee tea party

Longhoughton and Boulmer WI

Following the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration at the Community and Sports Centre, where our members were delighted to provide refreshments, our June meeting was also devoted to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Following the pooled supper, Joan gave a toast to the Queen. Janet won the quiz and Rosemary won 'pin the crown' on the Queen. Geraldine won the Jubilee memorabilia competition with her corgi. Pass the Parcel was played and much fun had.

On Tuesday 5 July, we were taught how to make wonderful paper earrings by Emma Archbald of Mind and Sole. There were some beautiful earrings created and Winnie won the 'Best on Night' competition. We look forward to her next visit. £22 was made on the night from the raffle, donations, plants, books and donated scarves. There is a coffee morning and walk and visits to the Playhouse and Bamburgh Pavilion to see Lady Killers and the Chairman's Roadshow, and a visit to the Bailiffgate Museum and Gallery in the coming weeks before our next meeting in September, which will be our AGM.

Anyone interested in joining would be most welcome. Contact Alison on 07837271882.

Fridays	Evening – Social Evening (watch Facebook)
Saturdays	AM Yoga

SHAKESPEARE'S MACBETH – WITH A DIFFERENCE

FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2022

Northumberland Touring Theatre's latest production of Shakespeare's Macbeth is coming to Longhoughton Community & Sports Centre. "When shall we three meet again" - the cauldron will be bubbling on Friday 16 September 7.30pm. If you think Shakespeare is boring – this certainly won't be! Show runtime: 40 minutes each half with a 15 minute interval Tickets will be available shortly but please call on 01665 572315 to leave your details if you'd love to come along and support the Arts. Look out for posters around the village and on social media.

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BOOKS BY THE SEA FOR BOULMER

A number of Boulmer residents have been looking for a small local library that could act as a book exchange. Discussions have been held with the organiser of 'Books By The Sea' and this has developed to a proposal to have one of their libraries (illustrated left) located in Boulmer. The location suggested is to the left (south) of the telephone box. There is now a charitable network of 13 'Books By The Sea' libraries from Berwick-on-Tweed to Warkworth. The nearest one is down the Low Steads lane in Longhoughton and one at Alnmouth. They are free to

LACY STREET PARKING

We are still waiting for the CCTV system to be installed.

FILMS/LIVE PROGRAMMES AT THE COMMUNITY AND SPORTS CENTRE

After many years of fundraising and being helped by various funding organisations, including the Co-op, the Centre has now installed the latest audio-visual equipment that will allow the showing of films on a big screen, live streaming of TV programmes, films and sporting events. Live streaming of events or meetings at the Centre will also be possible. The Trustees will be proposing a scheme for residents to attend such events and this will be advertised on Facebook and in other ways.

LONGHOUGHTON COMMUNITY AND SPORTS CENTRE

Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre (Westfield Park)

Regular Programme

Mondays	AM Matting Group PM Loose Needles
Tuesdays	Evening ZUMBA Pound and Pilates
Wednesdays	AM Yoga Stretch Seated Exercise Evening – Longhoughton Scouts
Thursdays	Evening Zumba Pound and Pilates



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use and are intended for local people as well as visitors/tourists. The concept is that the borrower leaves a book at the same time as taking one. The scheme operates on trust and over the last two years the network has been working very well. Locally the key person responsible for the library is a steward and we have a volunteer to take that role but one or more additional volunteers to assist would be welcome. A local craftsman has also expressed interest in constructing the library from the common design. It is good to have people who are willing to volunteer for these tasks.

The views of residents on this proposal are welcomed. Do you support a 'Books by the Sea' library being located in Boulmer.

BOULMER MEMORIAL HALL

A superb Queen's Jubilee event, attended by fifty residents, was held on Saturday 4 June 2022 in the Memorial Hall. John Thompson proposed the loyal toast. Everyone enjoyed the celebration and a piece of the Jubilee cake shown across right. Thanks to the Memorial Hall committee for organising the event.

A Pop-Up Café was held at the Memorial Hall on Sunday 26 June 2022. Thanks are expressed to the Committee for organising these events.

Booking the Memorial Hall – Contact Nancy Robinson on 07769698622 or message her through the Boulmer Memorial Hall Facebook page.

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BRIDGE OVER THE STAMFORD BURN

The Footpaths Group identified that the bridge over the Stamford Burn near Littlemill on a public right of way is extremely rotten and needs replacing. This was reported to the County Council via the Parish Council. A response has been received from Philip Bradley, Area Countryside Officer, saying that this will be taken up with the landowner.

THE COPLEY HALL (Howick Village Hall)

- **Film Club:** Please email John Roper johnroper1@btinternet.com to join the club mailing list and find out which films are showing and when. Donations only are suggested at £5.00.
- **Craft Club:** For details call Audrey Jamieson on 01665 577797.
- **Howick WI:** Meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm. Contact Jeanette Archbold on 01665 577384
- **Howick Art Group** welcomes new members. We meet on Monday mornings in Howick Village Hall, 09.45 to 12.25pm with a longer session on the first Monday of the month. www.howickartgroupnorthumberland.com

Booking the Copley Hall: Contact Jane Doleman on
01665 577801



Boulmer Memorial Hall
Platinum Jubilee cake



The piper at the Howick
Platinum Jubilee celebration



ART EXHIBITION

Howick Village Hall

August Bank Holiday Week-end

27th to 29th August 2022

10am to 5pm

Northumbrian artists
over 100 original art works and prints
greetings cards
wide range of styles and media

www.howickartgroupnorthumberland.com

STABLEYARD FESTIVAL @ FALLODON HALL ON SATURDAY 13th AUGUST 2022

MARTIN STEPHENSON & THE DAINTIES

Supported by Sour Mash Trio and Pete Bell.
Start 1pm to 6.30pm. £30 per head. Contact John
Mob: 07905696555 E: johnroper1@btinternet.com

Parish Councillor Surgery

at Howick Copley Hall on Saturday 17 September 2 to 4pm
Come along to meet Chris Thomas and discuss any local
issues of concern. A slice of cake provided.

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