

# Boulmer Howick & Longhoughton



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## LONGHOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL TO SIGN THE ARMED FORCES COVENANT

The Parish Council is to sign the Armed Forces Covenant. A resolution was passed unanimously at the April meeting and preparations are being made for a signing ceremony.

The primary purpose of signing the Covenant is to demonstrate the Parish's commitment to the armed forces and particularly the RAF, and to bring the military and civilian communities closer together. The area is unique in having Royal Air Force Boulmer within the Parish.

Adrian Hinchcliffe, Chair of Longhoughton Parish Council said "It makes absolute sense to sign the Covenant for there are 150 houses in Longhoughton which are the homes of military families and many ex-military personnel and veterans have settled in the parish as residents. Also, the RAF is a major part of the community and RAF Boulmer is our largest employer."

The Covenant is a pledge that together we acknowledge and understand that those who serve or who have served in the armed forces, and their families, should be treated with fairness and respect in the communities, economy and society they serve with their lives.

David Keighley, Commander of RAF Boulmer said, "On behalf of serving personnel and veterans in the area, I wholeheartedly welcome the signing of the Armed Forces Covenant by the Longhoughton Parish Council. Service life often comes with its own unique challenges, especially for our families. So I am very grateful to the Parish Council for acknowledging these challenges through signing the Covenant. This act reinforces our joint commitment to ensuring that military personnel (and their families) are not unduly disadvantaged by their 'nomadic' lifestyle."

## Parish Council News & Views

### QUEEN ELIZABETH PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

#### YOU ARE INVITED!

All residents are invited to the celebration being held at the Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre (Westfield Park) by the Parish Council and the RAF with the help of many community organisations.

It will take place on **Sunday 5 June 2022 from 11.00am to 5.00pm.**

**THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT. There is NO entry fee and most of the rides are FREE.**

A loyal toast will be made at 1.00pm.

Food vans will be available and there will be facilities for those bringing their own picnics.

There are lots of rides and competitions for all the family .

Live Music by the **Tenth Avenue Band**; live accordion from **Frank Lynch**; DJ; **Dog Show**; **children's races**; **Penalty Shoot Out**; **Falconry Display**; **Dodgems**; **Fairground Rides**; **Climbing Wall**; **Marquee**; **Exotic Animals Display**, **Welly Wanging**; **Face Painting**, **Children's Art and Poems competition**; **Memories of the Queen**; licenced bar; refreshments, **sandwiches and cakes**, whole village drone photograph!

**COME AND ENJOY THE DAY – A GREAT DAY OUT!**

### LONGHOUGHTON, BOULMER AND HOWICK OVER THE LAST 70 YEARS

We are indebted to the Parish Heritage Group for looking back at how our villages have changed since the Queen's Coronation in 1953 and below they feature some of the changes that have happened during this period. To take this further the Group needs your help! If you have any photographs or anecdotes from the last 70 years we would love to show them at the Platinum Jubilee Celebration on 5 June. Please get in touch with us at [longhoughtonheritage@gmail.com](mailto:longhoughtonheritage@gmail.com) if you would like to add yours!

#### Do you remember any of these events?

**June 1953** – A thousand children from local schools, including Longhoughton County Primary, sang Elizabethan ballads and danced in green, yellow and red outfits at a pageant at Alnwick Castle to celebrate the Coronation. Anyone attending might remember the colours of the outfits, but also the terrible weather which cancelled some of the performances. There was a lot of mud.

**June 1962** – Longhoughton Railway Station closes. It used to boast an impressive station building, as did all the stations on this line, thanks to the architect Benjamin Green, whose work also included the Penshaw Monument and Greys Monument in Newcastle.

**October 1975** – A NATO-wide exercise resulted in mobile wailing sirens going off around Longhoughton in the early hours, followed by cars and lorries "screaming through the village". This was to wake up key RAF personnel to respond to the alert. Some locals were not amused. Do you remember being woken up?

**June 1977** – The Longhoughton WI dedicated a new flower bed at the church to the Queen for the Silver Jubilee, planted with different varieties of roses. Do you recognise any of the group pictured here with Reverend Priestner?

**January 1993** – Fossils often turn up on local beaches, but this was a rare find of the footprint of a temnospondy, a creature which looked like a predecessor of a frog and moved like a crocodile. The footprint was eight inches long and four inches wide, giving a step of 18 inches. The climate here 300 million years ago was swampy, like the Florida Everglades now.





## Parish Council News & Views

### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on Monday 16 May 2022 at the Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre. Adrian Hinchcliffe, the Chair of Longhoughton Parish Council gave a short presentation covering what business the Council had dealt with during the year, particularly those issues that are important to residents. He also gave a review covering a number of community organisation on their progress coming out of the COVID pandemic. A copy of the Annual Parish Report is being distributed with this newsletter and will be available on the Parish Council website [www.northumberlandparishes.uk/longhoughton](http://www.northumberlandparishes.uk/longhoughton)

### NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR FOR HOWICK

Chris Thomas has been co-opted onto Longhoughton Parish Council to fill a vacancy within the Howick Ward. Chris applied for the vacancy in April and was co-opted at the May meeting of the Parish Council. A former Art and Design teacher, he lives in Longhoughton and has contributed to the community in various ways in recent years. He has designed this newsletter since August 2019; he is a member of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and co-ordinates the Longhoughton Paths and Walking Group. He is a volunteer at Howick Hall and looks forward to meeting more Howick residents in the coming weeks and to representing their views. His contact details are on page 1 in the right hand column should you like to contact him.



There is still one vacancy for Howick Ward, so why not join Chris and become a parish councillor?

### PROPOSED CLOSURE OF LONGHOUGHTON SURGERY

We are still awaiting for contact from Alnwick Medical Group on the outcome of their consultation. Several residents attended the April Parish Council meeting in the hope that we had some good news. Many elderly people and young families are very concerned about the proposed closure. We need a positive outcome.

### LONGHOUGHTON PARISH QUARRIES LIAISON GROUP

The Parish Council has approved the setting up of a Liaison Group Longhoughton and Howick Quarries. Both quarries welcome this proposal as it will lead to improved communications with the community on routine operations and future plans.

The Liaison Group will consist of parish councillors, the County Councillor for Longhoughton, a representative from the local business/farmers and up to eight residents. If you are interested in being a member of the Group please send your name, address and contact details to Elizabeth Taylor, Parish Clerk email [parishclerk@hotmail.com](mailto:parishclerk@hotmail.com)

### ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Following a recent number of incidents of vandalism and anti-social behaviour a Liaison Group has been set up with Northumbria Police. This group will meet quarterly. The police have stepped up their patrols in the areas where these have been happening. Let us hope that positive actions can eliminate any further anti-social acts.

### HOWICK BURN BRIDGE AND THE PERMISSIVE FOOTPATH

Coast Care has agreed to undertake most of the ancillary work and agreement has been reached with all parties. The next step is to apply for the funding with a view to the project going ahead in late summer.

### LACEY STREET PARKING

Following the installation of a CCTV camera which was in place for one week the County Council have said that the survey has been reviewed with no significant anomalies.

The bulk of Running Fox customers appear to park in the Running Fox car park. The majority of cars parked on Lacey Street appear to be residents and although there is increased activity at school pick-up and drop-off times it is not significant, with the odd vehicle either parking in the car park or driving through to the bottom of Lacey Street to pick up close to the school.

### Parish Council Meetings

The next two meeting of the Parish Council are as follows:

Monday 20 June 2022

Monday 18 July 2022

Contd over/

Both will be held at the Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre commencing at 7.35PM. Residents are welcome to attend the meeting and the first 15 minutes is aside for answering questions or simply listening to Residents.

## News From Community Organisations

### LONGHOUGHTON AND BOULMER WI

Our AGM has been postponed to September. Pat devised a quiz for the April meeting which Vicki won. Christine arranged a walk to Alnmouth. Our May meeting was a hilarious presentation by Jane and Hilary from Bailiffgate Museum and Gallery on the subject of the Tudors. Christine won the 'T' competition with a wooden treecreeper. Winnie has organised the next coffee morning at the Rocking Horse Café and Gallery.

The WI will be providing tea, coffee and cakes at the Queen Elizabeth Platinum Jubilee Celebration on Sunday 5 June in the Community and Sports Hall. This will be followed by our own party on Tuesday 7 June with a pooled supper. The competition will be Coronation memorabilia. On Tuesday 7 July we will be involved in paper bead making with Emma Archbold and the competition will be 'Best on Night'. Books, plants and produce will be available too. There will be a walk and a coffee morning in June and July. For details contact Alison on 07837271882.



### COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

A big thank-you goes to the small but beautifully-formed group of willing pickers who cleaned up the village on 23 April – it was an amazing amount of litter we picked in just 90 minutes - big shout-out especially to little Finn for all his sterling efforts!



It has been a very busy few months for us as shore nesting bird season is well underway! With the help of dedicated ringed plover surveyors from Coast Care, we have been monitoring the progress of nesting ringed plovers and protecting their vulnerable nests from disturbance and accidental trampling. Elsewhere on the coast, the dune grasslands are in peak flower at this time of year! Orchids, bloody cranesbill and bird's foot trefoil are just a few examples of beautiful wildflowers in bloom right now, providing an essential source of food to pollinators, which in turn are vital food for birds and their young. Many of Northumberland's dune grasslands are internationally important, and we have a vital role in conserving them, keeping the system healthy for the huge diversity of wildlife which they support. More information about the flora and fauna of Northumberland's dune grasslands can be found on our website [www.spaceforshorebirds.co.uk](http://www.spaceforshorebirds.co.uk)



## BOULMER MEMORIAL HALL

A pop-up cafe will be held at Boulmer Memorial Hall on 26 June 2022 10.00am until 2.00pm - **everyone welcome**. The hall is available for hire. Please contact Booking Secretary Nancy Robinson on email [boulmerhall@gmail.com](mailto:boulmerhall@gmail.com) for details and bookings. The Committee are planning further events throughout the remainder of the year. These will be advertised on the hall noticeboard and the Longhoughton and Boulmer Facebook page.

## CELEBRATION OF LIFE EVENT FOR THE LATE JOHN DOUGRAY Sat 4 June 1-3pm.

Did you know John who lived at 41 North End, Longhoughton? John very sadly passed away on 17 December last year aged 85 years. John was a proud Scot, a member of Longhoughton Indoor Bowls Club and was a very valued member of our community. Married to his late wife Betty for over 60 years, they met at Alnmouth Boys Club and married in St Mary's Church, Lesbury in 1955. John was a former news and sport journalist with *The Chronicle* and Press Officer at Newcastle United F.C. His daughter Fiona and family live in Australia and are coming over in a few weeks to hold a Celebration of Life event at **Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre on Saturday 4 June 1-3pm**. Fiona and family warmly invite friends and neighbours who knew John to come along to celebrate a life well-lived, reminisce and give thanks for John's life. Refreshments and a light buffet will be provided. **Please RSVP Fiona at [fwestlake@hotmail.com](mailto:fwestlake@hotmail.com) by 28 May at the latest.**

## Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre Monthly Community Lunch: dates for your diary

Each lunch runs on the last Wednesday of the month starting at 12 noon. A scrumptious Jubilee-themed 2-course lunch awaits for just £5 on Wednesday 25 May. Come along, meet new friends, catch up with old ones and put the world to rights! Every member of the community, young and old, will receive a very warm welcome. **Call Pat Ellis to book your place on 07766 110529.** Please let her know if you have any specific dietary requirements. **If you'd love to come along but haven't got transport to the centre, please call Ellie Phillips on 01665 572315 who will be happy to help.**

**Wed 25 May 12 noon**

**Wed 29 June 12 noon**

**Wed 27 July 12 noon**

## Wheelchair Loan

The Community and Sports Centre has been very kindly donated a brand-new high-quality wheelchair which is available for community use, primarily to help residents to access the Centre facilities. Perhaps you or a member of your family has been discharged from hospital and temporarily need a foldable wheelchair? – we know how difficult it can be to access one at short notice. Don't be stuck, please contact Ellie on 01665 572315. We also have an adult stroller with seat/storage capacity for shopping available to loan.

## What's Happening Indoors at the Community and Sports Centre each week?

### MONDAY:

Monday Matters - rag matting and crafts 9.30-12noon - contact Liz Wood 07715 313 989

Loose Needles – crafts group 1.30-4.30pm – contact Ann Brixey 07761 940 324

1st Longhoughton Brownies 6-7.30pm – contact Laura Tollervey 07469 871 758

### TUESDAY

Pound Fusion 6-6.55pm and Pilates Fusion 19.05-20.00 – contact Sophie Hastings 07825 002 702

### WEDNESDAY

Yoga 09.30-10.30 – contact Deb Swift 07958593636

Seated Exercise to Music 11.30-12.30 – contact Sophie Hastings 07825 002 702

Warm Hub Community Lunch takes place on the LAST Wednesday of the month £5 per person for two-course meal – to book a place call one of the volunteers- Pat Ellis 07766 110529.

Longhoughton Indoor Bowls Club Sept-March 2-4pm – contact Sheila Abercrombie 01665 577340

1st Longhoughton Scouts. Contact Scout leader Mike Keith 07895 914994

### THURSDAY

Dance Fusion 6-6.55pm and Yoga Fusion 19.05-20.00 – contact Sophie Hastings 07825 002 702

### FRI-SUN

Available for private hires – call 01665 572315 to book or online at

[www.longhoughtoncommunitycentre.org](http://www.longhoughtoncommunitycentre.org)

## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

The Community and Sports Centre is run entirely by volunteers and relies on community support to keep our doors open for the benefit of all. Can you give an hour – even just 30 minutes a week to help in some way? Please get in touch on the Community Centre number 01665 572315 – come for coffee and a chat with one of the Trustees and we'll tell you all the interesting projects and events you can get involved with - we'd love to hear from you!

## EASTER FUN

The Easter bunny did not disappoint the dozens of children and their families who eagerly awaited the Easter egg hunt around the Centre on 16 April. The children were so creative in designing their Easter bonnets – here are all the winners!



## WHAT'S ON AT THE BEACON COMMUNITY CENTRE IN JUNE AND JULY?

- Every Tuesday - Mindfulness and Mobility: 1000-1045.
- 3 x Tuesday's per month: Bingo: 1900 doors open.
- Friday 24 June – Bingo Charity Event: 1900 doors open.
- 1st Tuesday of the month: WI Forum: 1930 start.
- Every Wednesday Coffee Morning: 1000-1200.
- Every Wednesday Military Wives Choir: 1930-2100. (exc. school holidays)
- Thursday 9 June – Little Movers Taster Session: 1000-1045.
- Saturday 9 July – Little Movers Taster Session: 1000-1045.
- Every Thursday – YMCA Youth Club 1600-1800 (8-12s) and 1800-2000 (12-18).
- Every Friday - Mini Explorers: 1000-1130.
- Every Friday – Ben Club: 1600-1800 (5-7s).
- MT Run to the Metro\* – 4 & 21 June and 2 & 19 July.  
Departure 0910 & Returning 1400. **\*Applicable to military personnel only.**

## STABLEYARD FESTIVAL @ FALLODON HALL, NE66 3HF ON SATURDAY 13th AUGUST 2022

### MARTIN STEPHENSON & THE DAINTIES



Martin Stephenson and the Dainties, one of the UK's finest live bands of the late 1980s and the 1990s. Still very active today, both recording and playing live. A rock/folk/pop band combining elements of 'rockabilly, show tunes, rootsy pop, straight-ahead rock and punk'. Featuring songs old and new, stories both sad and hilarious. The poet and the comedian in perfect synergy; an evening out that will gladden the heart in these uncertain times.

Supported by **Sour Mash Trio** and **Pete Bell**.

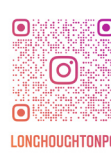
Doors open 12 Noon. Pete Bell 1pm – 1.40pm

The Sour Mash Trio 2.15pm - 4pm. Picnic in the gardens 4pm - 5pm

Martin Stephenson and the Dainties 5pm - 6.30pm. £30/head Bring own picnic, chairs & brollies  
12's and over only Guide dogs only. Tickets strictly paid in advance – None available on the day  
– Advise early booking . Contact John: Mob: 07905696555 E: johnroper1@btinternet.com

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