

# Boulmer Howick & Longhoughton

## MGL GROUP IMPROVES BOULMER CAR PARK

Longhoughton Parish Council is extremely grateful to MGL Group for improving the access road and car park at Boulmer Beach, allowing it to reopen without further delay.

This project has provided local benefits and contributed to sustainable practices. The whole area has been regraded using locally recycled road planings sourced from a road scheme near Alnwick. The access track was then resurfaced with a high-quality bitumen coated roadstone and the car park area sealed off with a limestone material, both of which incorporate stone supplied from Longhoughton Quarry, operated by MGL Group.

Mark Davison, Joint Chief Executive of MGL Group, said: "It has been a pleasure to help the Parish Council and support the community by enhancing local facilities. Our team did a fantastic job to resurface the car park, and despite challenging weather conditions, everyone worked together to ensure it could finally open to the public. We're delighted to deliver these much-needed improvements which will benefit local people and visitors."

Adrian Hinchcliffe, Chair of Longhoughton Parish Council, said: "The Parish Council is very thankful to MGL Group for its outstanding contribution as we did not have the resources to carry out such a significant resurfacing project. We will now be talking to the County Council to take over responsibility for the car park."



Parish Councillor Adrian Hinchcliffe, County Councillor Wendy Pattison and Manager of MGL's Longhoughton Quarry Jamie Drysdale at the car park inspecting the improvements.

## Longhoughton Parish Council

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Newsworthy items for the next edition, before the

**deadline on 11 May 2023**, please.

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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### LONGHOUGHTON CORONATION CELEBRATION

The event will be a great celebration for the King's coronation and is being organised by the Parish Council, RAF Boulmer and the Community Centre. It will be on **Sunday 7 May** at the Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre (Westfield Park) from **11.00am to 5.00pm**. Entry is free and most of the rides and activities will be free. This is a family event and picnic but there will be hot food vans on site and the WI are selling sandwiches, cakes and refreshments.

There will be running races for under-12s and art and poetry competitions. There will be a dog show, climbing wall, assault course, bouncy castle, roundabouts and lots more. We have ordered good weather, so it should be great fun for all the family. Everyone from Longhoughton, Howick and Boulmer are invited.

### NOMINATE EXCEPTIONAL VOLUNTEERS IN OUR COMMUNITY

What a well-served community we have with many volunteers who do lots of vital tasks for neighbours, individuals and for the community or community organisations. They help to keep Howick, Boulmer and Longhoughton and its residents the way they are. Our community would be impoverished without volunteers.

The Parish Council wishes to recognise volunteers for the vital work that they do and we are asking residents to nominate people who they know who **'go the extra mile'** in the volunteering tasks that they do.

**Please email or write to Elizabeth Taylor, Clerk to the Parish Council with your nominations.** They can be for individuals or groups of people but they must do the volunteering without payment.

Email address: parishclerk@hotmail.com or

Postal address: Rivendell, Steppey Lane, Lesbury, Alnwick. NE66 3PU

Please give the name of your nominee, the volunteering tasks that they do and your name. **Please note that Parish Councillors are not eligible for nomination.**

We will publish the nominations in the June community newsletter.

### SPORT ENGLAND FUNDING

Funding from Sport England of £4,061 has been used to fund new starters in the following activities:

Yoga Stretch : Seated Exercise to Music : Ballance : Tai Chi  
: Indoor Bowling : Friday night football kick-about for 11 to 16-year-olds : Keep fit with Julie : Five-a-side football

Regrettably this funding is coming to an end but it has been successful and it has enabled a significant number of people to experience new physical activities with the result that many have taken them up.

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S FOOTBALL KICK-ABOUT

It is very pleasing that the Sport England funding has enabled the Community and Sports Centre to put on a football kick-about for one hour on a Friday night. This is for 11 to 16 year olds of both genders. The session, which has run from January to March, has attracted 18 local young people, which is superb. The Trustees are hoping to extend it to the end of April and possibly next season.



**Wilma, winner of the best dressed Jubilee dogs competition at the Jubilee event last June.**



**People at the Jubilee event enjoying the picnic.**



**Residents enjoying lunch**

### WINTER WARMER LUNCHES

We have held Winter Warmer sessions each Thursday at the Community and Sports Centre beginning in December and the last will be on Thursday 30 March 2023. A free lunch has been provided to those attending along with good conversation. These sessions have been enabled by a grant from Northumberland Estates of £500 for the cost of the food. The energy costs have been paid for by Community Action Northumberland from a grant of £1,200 and the Parish Council has paid for



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the hire charges for the accommodation. We are very thankful to all these organisations which have helped the 10 to 12 regular attendees. Additionally 26 volunteers have been involved in organising and providing the lunches and we are extremely grateful to all of them and we express our thanks and appreciation.

A demonstration of slow cookers took place on 23 February and a talk on 'The Birds of Boulmer Beach' on 16 March and both were attended by around 35 people. At the end of the 'slow cooker demonstration 12 free cookers were handed out and several people are now singing the praises of the cookers because of their versatility and low cost energy use.

A discussion is going on at the time of writing this newsletter on whether a similar lunch facility is to be provided in the summer months.

## SPRING CLEAN UP

The Great British Spring Clean publicised by the Government and County Council is with us. It has prompted the Parish Council to organise litter picks for Longhoughton and Boulmer. The dates of these will be announced through Facebook and emailing groups and by notices. Please look out for these dates so that we can keep our area free of litter and rubbish.



Now that spring has sprung, most of the shorebirds which we have been watching on the coast over the winter have left Northumberland and headed north to their breeding grounds. However some have stayed to nest on sandy and shingle beaches, including the ringed plover (below), which are in particular need of our help as their population is declining rapidly driven by habitat loss, predation and increased disturbance.

Ringed plover are small wading birds with unique black markings around their neck and across their eyes. Over the coming weeks, we will be creating protected areas along the coast to help protect their nests and chicks. They are extremely sensitive to disturbance, so please give the sites plenty of space as the birds try to raise their young. You can follow their progress on our social media pages, simply search Space for Shorebirds.



## BOULMER HAVEN PHOTO

The picture (left) was taken by Mrs Marjorie Atkinson of Longhoughton around 1990. It has been reproduced from a slide and digitally enhanced by Peter Lake and Tony@angelpeak.net of Glanton.

Can anyone remember whether there was a special event going on at the time or was this the Boulmer fishing fleet of cobs?

## BOULMER NEWS

### BOULMER CAR PARK AND VEHICLE PARKING STRATEGY

Following the Parish Council's letter dated 10 January 2023 to County Council Director Rob Murfin that was out lined in the February newsletter, the County Council have at last responded to arrange face to face meetings with the Parish Council.



### BOULMER MEMORIAL HALL

- **King's Coronation Event** – The Trustees are organising a celebration for the Coronation to be held over the bank holiday weekend. Watch the Facebook page for details.
- **POP-UP Café** is to be held on Sunday 4 June 2023

**Hiring the Memorial Hall** Contact Nancy Robinson on 07769 698622 or message her through the Boulmer Memorial Hall Facebook page.



## HOWICK NEWS

### HOWICK ART GROUP

Howick Art Group would like to attract new members. We meet on Monday mornings in Howick Village Hall, 9.45am to 1.15pm. Our annual subscription at present is £70 which includes the rental of the hall, the running of two exhibitions per year (one in the spring and one over the August Bank Holiday), visiting tutors, workshops and refreshments. All abilities are welcome and we all help each other whenever possible. If you would like more information about the group please contact us via our website [howickartgroupnorthumberland.com](http://howickartgroupnorthumberland.com) or via our QR code. We're waiting to welcome you!



### GRANT TO HOWICK ART GROUP

Howick Art Group would like to thank Longhoughton Parish Council for its generous grant of £200 for the purchase of additional signage to support HAG's two annual exhibitions. The additional signage will, hopefully, mean that Howick Art Group's footfall will increase substantially during the course of its two three-day exhibitions to be held this year, the first over the Late Spring Bank Holiday and the second over the August Bank Holiday.

### HOWICK FILM & LIVE MUSIC CLUB

#### COMMUNITY FILM NIGHTS

Howick Community Film Club is based in the beautiful Howick Village Hall. Film nights are typically every 3 weeks, generally on Sundays at 6pm and occasionally Fridays too, and alternate between mainstream/old classics and world cinema (sub-titled). We have a high definition projector, surround sound and a 4m wide screen which provide a truly cinematic experience.

It's a very relaxed and informal evening and new visitors are made most welcome. We have a 'cabaret style' table layout so you can sit with your family and friends. Please bring your own drink and nibbles. During the winter we have a roaring log fire on the go. There is no set admission charge but we do appreciate small donations to cover our running costs (suggested £4-5/head).

#### LIVE MUSIC CONCERTS

We aim to put on five or six high quality live music concerts each year. It may be necessary to hold some concerts at other local venues that are larger than Howick Village Hall, to make them financially viable due to the enhanced social distancing that people anticipate in the wake of the pandemic.

#### RECEIVING DETAILS OF EVENTS

If you would like to be added to our email circulation list for details of our film nights and/or live music concerts please contact John on 01665-576413 or email [johnroper1@btinternet.com](mailto:johnroper1@btinternet.com)

**COPLEY HALL BOOKING** Jane Doleman 01665801



## LONGHOUGHTON NEWS

### HOLY WEEK – EASTER LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES

**Maundy Thursday:** 10.00am at St Mary's, Lesbury

**Good Friday:** 2.00pm at St Peter and St Paul's, Longhoughton

**Easter Sunday:** 9.15am at St Peter and St Paul's, Longhoughton and 11.00am at St Michael's, Howick



### NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

Welcome to Hannah Horsley as a new Parish Councillor for Longhoughton. Hannah lives in the village and has considerable banking and accounting experience which will be invaluable to the Parish Council.

### THE LONGHOUGHTON PARISH HERITAGE GROUP

The Longhoughton Parish Heritage group are hoping to make a record of the historic gravestones at St Peter and Paul's Church, last done in 1975. In addition to recording what is still legible we aim to create a plan of where the older graves are, which hasn't been done previously. We hope to learn more about what life was like for people who lived in the parish before us by looking at the individual stories behind some of the historic graves using family trees and historic documents. We would love to hear if you have any memories or information about the older churchyard. You can contact us at [longhoughtonheritage@gmail.com](mailto:longhoughtonheritage@gmail.com) or come and see us on our stall at the Longhoughton Coronation Celebration on Sunday 7 May.

### LONGHOUGHTON COMMUNITY GARDENERS

Longhoughton Community Gardeners held their first meeting of the year in February.

We have been busy through the decent weather of the winter planting up the large tubs on the School Green with cheerful primulas and with bulbs throughout the village, as well as under the village gates and next to Longhoughton's Little Library down Beach Road and by the public toilets in Boulmer. We were gifted the bulbs by the sisters of the late Helen Crevald from Seahorse Cottage, Seaton Point, in her memory.

We have many projects planned for the spring and summer and further into the future.

One project we are interested in is setting up a community orchard. If you know of any land which could be used for this purpose we would love to hear from you. A future aim is to organise a village open gardens trail (perhaps summer 2024) in aid of charity and funding for further planting projects. For this we need people willing to open their gardens....no matter how big or small, wild or cultivated, everyone's garden is interesting! So if you are willing to help organise this, help on the day or open up your garden to visitors we would love to hear from you.

Our next meeting is on 31 March at 3.00pm: if you are interested in joining us for either of these projects or just to do a bit of planting and watering we would love to see you. Or if you have plants, seedlings or compost you can donate, again we would love to hear from you.

**Please contact Gill Bromley on 07576992692 or get in touch through our Instagram page: @longhoughtoncommunitygardeners** or even just follow us and let us know what you think and give us a like! We look forward to hearing from you and a very happy new planting season to you all.



### LONGHOUGHTON AND BOULMER WI

Our April meeting on 4 April will be our Annual Meeting with an Advisor present, and the Election of Officers and Committee members. It marks the start of a new year for the WI and a good time to join (£46 for the year). We look forward to a year of interesting speakers, craft evenings, raffles, monthly coffee mornings and walks, exchanging plants and books, two day trips including a boat trip and an afternoon of tea and scones in August. For details contact Alison on 07837 271882.

## LONGHOUGHTON COMMUNITY AND SPORTS CENTRE

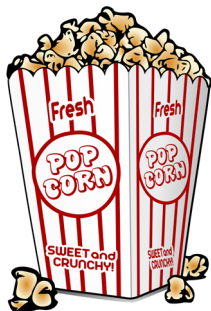
### Activities at the Centre:

- Matting Group: Monday AM. Contact Liz on 07715 313989.
- Loose Needles: Monday PM. Contact Ann Brixey.
- Film Night on the Big Screen: Monday evenings at 7.30pm. Contact Guy via WhatsApp on 07927 126074 to find out more – see films below.
- Pound Fusion: Tuesday PM. Contact Sophie Hastings. Email fusionfitnessbysophie@gmail.com.
- Pilates Fusion: Tuesday PM. Contact Sophie Hastings. Email fusionfitnessbysophie@gmail.com.
- Yoga Stretch: Wednesday AM. Contact Deb Swift on 07958 593636.
- Seated Exercise to music: Wednesday AM. Contact Sophie Hastings. Email fusionfitnessbysophie@gmail.com.
- Community Lunch: 12 Noon (last Wednesday in the month only). Contact Pat Ellis 01665 577973.
- BALLANCE . Wednesday 5.30pm Contact Sophie Hastings. Email fusionfitnessbysophie@gmail.com.
- Football Kickabout: Friday PM. 11 to 16-year-olds. Contact Adrian Hinchcliffe 01665 572888.
- Fitness with Julie: Saturday AM. Contact Julie fitclasswithjulie@gmail.com.
- Yoga for Beginners: Saturday AM. Contact Deb Swift on 07958 593636.

### LONGHOUGHTON FILM CLUB SHOWS THE BEST MOVIES ON THE BIG SCREEN

Every Monday from 7.00pm at the Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre. Wine, beer and soft drinks are available for purchase. Films start promptly at 7.30pm for a suggested donation of £2 or £3.

03 April - Living  
10 April - Bullet Train  
17 April - Gladiator  
24 April - Amelie  
01 May - To Sir With Love  
08 May - Midnight Cowboy  
17 May - Hannah And Her Sisters  
22 May - Notting Hill  
29 May - The Deer Hunter



### LIVE MUSIC - TINY AFRO LIVE - JUNE 24 AT 7PM

Come and see the fantastic Tiny Afro playing the very best hits from decades of pop, rock, new wave and soul. Tickets are only £12.50 and will include delicious hot food from Company B. Bar drinks will be provided by our friends at Longhoughton Rangers Football Club. So **save the date** as this will be a great night out in the village! Tickets on sale now. Visit our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/longhoughtoncs](http://www.facebook.com/longhoughtoncs) to buy tickets or purchase them in person at Company B.



### LONGHOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL IS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Search for Longhoughton Parish Council on Facebook, and Longhoughton pc on Twitter and Instagram.

## ENERGY COSTS OF RUNNING THE CENTRE

In 2021 the cost of both gas and electricity for running the Community and Sports Centre was £3,985. New contracts have just been negotiated for the next two years and the annual cost is £13,024. This is an enormous increase.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Community and Sports Centre is coming up in late April. Members will be notified of the date and sent an agenda. We hope you will attend to elect the Trustees/Directors and to listen to and hopefully approve the Annual Report and Accounts.

### LONGHOUGHTON COMMUNITY CENTRE IS AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

Birthday parties and other celebrations including our football package. Weddings, christenings and wakes. Social gatherings, films, live streaming, plays and sporting events. Your club, social gathering or business meetings. Coffee mornings. Conferences and workshops. Dancing and dance practice. Musical events. Sale of work and exhibitions. Sport parties and groups.

Hire charges are from just £10 per hour including use of the kitchen and high speed Wi-Fi. We are licensed for the sale of alcohol if needed.

To make a booking please send more information about your requirements to

[enquiries@longhoughtoncommunitycentre.org](mailto:enquiries@longhoughtoncommunitycentre.org)



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