

Long Sutton & Long Load

Community newsletter

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Final deadline for submissions: 20th of every month

End of an Era at the Village School

A message from the headteacher

I wanted to let you all know that I, Mrs Lizzie Reynolds, will be retiring at the end of the Summer term and the governors are very excited to announce that they have successfully appointed a new Head Teacher, Mrs Ethne Staniland who will take up the post in September. During the summer there will be lots of time to hand over and work together. I will be very sad to leave school after 17 years here, all of which I have loved but it is time to move on to new horizons! I'd like to thank the community for all the support you have given me and the school.

Last term ended with our Easter Service in the church which was a lovely celebration. The older children are working hard to prepare for the year 6 tests and their move to Secondary School with a mixture of excitement and anticipation.

Children loved Shakespeare Week, enjoying a drama workshop and creating their own comics with a visiting comic writer — many thanks to the PTFA. The Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra also visited for a workshop with younger children, who will attend a BSO concert in Yeovil in May.

Church and School Summer Fair This year the fair will be held on Saturday 20th June 2 – 4pm. Please book this date in your diary. There will be the usual stall and entertainment – books, bottles, cakes, a bouncy castle, BBQ, teas and much, much more. Can't wait to see you all there.

Sunday Services in the Benefice of Somerton, Long Sutton, Pitney, Kingsdon and the Charltons

Sun 3rd May	9.30am	Holy Communion	Kingsdon
	10.10 for 10.20am	Morning Worship	* via Zoom
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Pitney
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Somerton
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Long Sutton
Sun 10th May	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Long Sutton
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Charlton Adam
	11.00am	CTIS (Churches Together In Somerton) Christian Aid Service	Somerton
Sun 17th May	10.00am	Volunteers Service	Charlton Mackrell
	10.30am	Rogation Service	Pitney
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Somerton
Sun 24th May Pentecost	9.30am	Morning Worship	Kingsdon
	9.30am	Prayer & Care	Pitney
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Long Sutton
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Somerton
Sunday 31st May Trinity Sunday	10.00am	Trinity Sunday Benefice Service, Long Sutton	Long Sutton

Wednesdays 10am: Holy Communion or Morning Worship

Fridays 6pm: Prayer meeting in Church

Re: Zoom meetings – contact church office for details

Church Office: 01458 899972 somerton.benefice@gmail.com

DATE	FLOWERS	CLEANING	BRASSES
MAY 02	ANGIE STONE	ANGIE COX & KATHY JUDGE	
MAY 09	JANET WALFORD		JEAN TULK & MARIAN BURT
MAY 16	JANET WALFORD	LOUISE PLEDGER & MARIGOLD SHEPARD	
MAY 23	MARIGOLD SHEPARD		
MAY 30	MARIGOLD SHEPARD	ROSIE COX & STEVIE SALES	

Long Sutton Parish Council



What an amazing afternoon we had experiencing all the sport and physical activities that take place in our fantastic village. Head to our facebook page for more photos.

A big thanks to everyone for supporting the event and to the committee of Long Sutton Village Hall whose idea it was. Thanks also to Yvonne Vigar & everyone at Long Sutton Cricket Club for serving up

the refreshments and our wonderful Long Sutton Levellers WI for donating the cakes. We hope you've been inspired to try something new.

Annual Parish Meeting Thurs 14th May 7.30pm in the Village Hall with guest speaker Cllr Bill Revans, Leader of Somerset Council. Annual updates on activities from our local organisations. Refreshments will be provided.

Holy Trinity Church, Long Sutton

Holy Trinity Long Sutton APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) will be held on Thursday 7th May at 4.00pm in the church. Come along to hear more about our church in the Cornerstone Benefice. Ensure you are on the Parish Electoral Roll if you wish to vote at the meeting (contact Douglas Hamilton 01458 241855). All are welcome.

The next coffee morning, on Saturday 2nd May (10.30am-noon) will be held in aid of our beautiful Holy Trinity Church.

Cakes, savouries, plants, veg, produce of any sort welcome.

Thank you to the community for coming out to support Thrive at the April coffee morning and to the volunteers for their help on the day.

The event was a huge success: conversations were had, a referral made, and a new volunteer recruited. It raised an amazing £550.20 for Thrive (including £115 gift aid), with £108.80 going to Holy Trinity Church all supporting talking cafes



and carers groups across Somerset. Find out more or for support, 01823 331 222 dawnr@somersetccc.org.uk or visit thrivesomerset.org.uk/support-us

Friends of Long Sutton Church (FOLSC)

March 25th saw a full-capacity day at Castle Combe Race Circuit, with sunshine, rain and even sleet. It is a challenging circuit, larger and faster than Llandow, with more technical sections, and the day passed without any major incidents. The event raised £3,090 for FOLSC. A huge thanks go to Trustee Charlie Walford, pictured, for organising the event, and to everyone who took part.



Opera in the Box returns Sat 27 June with Gilbert & Sullivan's comic operetta The Pirates of Penzance. Tickets are on sale now from the village shop, Upton Bridge Farm Shop, or any FOLSC Trustee. Prices are £20 for adults and £10 for children. Early booking is recommended.



The WI said a fond farewell to Lorraine and Heather, and were delighted to welcome Chris, Jane and Paula to the committee table.

We're now looking ahead to our next meeting on 21 May, when we'll be joined by Dr Turbevilles Morris to explore the history and traditions of Morris dancing. There may even be a little cider... and perhaps a dance or two.

Our new annual programme launched in April and is packed with monthly talks, activities (including walks and Rummikub socials), outings and special events.

Annual subs: £54 (£4.90/month) with first visit free. Enquiries Jane Fell 07823 559175 longsuttonwi@gmail.com Facebook: Long Sutton Levellers WI

Long Load news

Next Long Load Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm Tuesday 19th May 2026.

There's been no decision yet on the use of dedicated money from the summer party. Costings are ongoing.

Craft Afternoon Long Load Village Hall Wed 13 May 2pm – 4:30pm. Event: Embroidered Cards with Edith £5. Cards with Envelopes. Materials including silks and refreshments included. Bring spectacles and any sentiments or inserts for personalisation. Contact: angelamedwards@hotmail.com or marsaaannwhite2@gmail.com text on 07841341813.

Rummikub afternoon May 22nd 2-4pm. Whether you're a complete beginner or just a bit rusty, everyone is welcome. Tables for experienced players and new starters, with the same rules for all. Entry is £3, including refreshments and hall hire.

Woodchip wanted Please deliver any amount to the concrete base at the entrance to Fore Moor Allotment site, Church Lane. Leave your name in the black box so we can thank you. Contact 07841341813 or 07837251670 for details.

Long Load Village Hall news



The **Spring Plant & Produce Sale** raised a whopping £464 for the hall. Thank you to everyone who contributed.



Produce Stall Sat June 6th Long Load Village Hall will run the produce stall at Long Sutton Church. Contributions most welcome.

Tai Chi QiGong change of date. Now beginning on Tues May 12th 10:30-11:30am. £6 Call Age UK on 01823 345624 to sign up.

Scarecrow Festival 25 & 26th July. Time to plan a sporty scarecrow entry for this summer in Long Load village.

Hall Contact Details:

Email: longloadvh@gmail.com
Bookings for May: Ann 07927483586

Quick news bites



- **Spring Tidy-up of Holy Trinity Churchyard** Many thanks to the twelve souls who turned up at Holy Trinity on 28th March and worked hard at tidying up the churchyard. You all made a good effort, which was noticed on Palm Sunday, the next day. Thank you too to the tea/coffee fairy.
- **Long Sutton Friendly Society** Annual walk this year takes place on Sat 30 May roll call village hall at 9.00 followed by service in Holy Trinity Church 9.30. Walk this year is to Knole. New members always welcome. Please contact Dave Crossman 01458 241465.
- **Harry's Cider** - Our first Cider Saturday is on 2nd May. Come down and join us for an afternoon of great cider, live music from the Hullabaloosers and loaded fries from Soul Fries.
Pizza Night on Friday 15th May with the Singing Guitarist and Ethic St Pizza; then Cider Saturday on 23rd May with food from Gamekeeper's Larder and music by Marco di Gaetano.
Looking for a summer cycle route? Countryside Cycling Tour leaflets are available from our taproom.
- The **school heated swimming pool** is open for hire from with slots at weekends in term time and most weekdays during school holidays. £50 exclusive use. More info, booking and T&Cs: www.longsuttonswimmingpool.setmore.com
- **Long Sutton Tennis Courts** Social Tennis, starting Friday 8 May Friday evenings 6-8pm. Free. Turn up and play some friendly tennis, stay as long as you like. All levels and experiences welcome. Then watch some petanque or cricket, or head to the cricket pavilion for a chat and a drink.
Courts open for booking £5/hr. For more details contact Kate on 07584 083124 or katestentlsvh@outlook.com Book courts at Clubspark.lta.org.uk - sign in/LTA Play/Book a Court/Long Sutton, Langport; or use the Booker app, search for the Long Sutton courts. Tennis coaching available at our courts with Level 3 LTA coach Ben Profit: 07946 044602. 1:1 or group lessons, cardio tennis and performance training sessions.
- **Long Sutton Quakers** Long Sutton Quaker Meeting - corner of Shute Lane and A372. LS Quakers meet every Sunday at 10.30am. All welcome to join us for an hour of stillness.

Let us know if you have any quick news bites to share in a future edition of the newsletter