

## Try Something New at the Sports & Activity Taster Day

Everyone is invited to Long Sutton's first Sports & Activity Taster Day on Saturday 18 April, 2-5pm, in the Village Hall and around the Recreation Field and Pavilion, where the bar and BBQ will be open.



Come and try a range of village activities, including karate, pilates, yoga, cricket, tennis, table tennis, boule/pétanque (on the new court), short-mat bowls and pickleball. You can also bring your basketball, skateboard or BMX to use on the village facilities. There's something for all ages and abilities.

If you have never thought about having a go at any of the pastimes that take place in the village, or perhaps have been too shy to take part formally, then this is your opportunity to try something new - or just watch from the sidelines and see what all the fuss is about!



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

Sun 1st Mar	9.30am	Holy Communion	Kingsdon
	10.10am	Morning Prayer (starts at 10.20)	Via Zoom
	11.00am	'Celebrate the Hub' Service	Pitney
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Somerton
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Long Sutton
Sun 8th Mar	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Long Sutton
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Charlton Mackrell
	11.00am	Café Praise	Somerton
Sun 15th Mar	9.30am	Mothering Sunday Service	Kingsdon
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Somerton
	4.00pm	Mothering Sunday Service & tea	Pitney
Sun 22nd Mar	9.30am	Morning Worship	Charlton Adam
	9.30am	Prayer & Care	Pitney
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Long Sutton
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Somerton
Sun 29th Mar	11.00am	Palm Sunday Benefice Service	Pitney

Wednesdays 10am: Holy Communion or Morning Worship

Fridays 6pm: Prayer meeting in Church

Re: Zoom meetings – contact church office for details

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Holy Week commences Mon 30<sup>th</sup> March with Easter on 5<sup>th</sup> April. Please see the Church Porch (or contact the Church Office) for notices regarding all the services on offer during this week.

DATE	FLOWERS	CLEANING	BRASSES
FEB 28th	LENT	GILLY CRAWSHAW, ANNE AGNEW	
MAR 7th	LENT	YVONNE AITKEN, VAL PRINGLE	ANGIE COX, KATHY JUDGE
MAR 14th	LENT		
MAR 21st	LENT	JANIE ELLERBECK, JANIE MINOGUE	
MAR 28th	LENT		

## Long Sutton Nature Reserve

As spring approaches, volunteers have been busy preparing the Nature Reserve. Recent work includes planting several hundred willow rods, rebuilding the stone banks with donated stone, replacing saplings lost in last summer's drought, and selecting new pond-side plants with help from a local Duke of Edinburgh student. The ponds are now filling well, and new planting will continue through spring. More projects are planned, and we welcome ideas and new volunteers.

Thank you to all residents who visit and care for the Reserve. We hope it will flourish this spring and continue to be a peaceful place to enjoy the Levels and connect with nature.

## Long Sutton Parish Council

The Parish Council met on 3 Feb with several members of the public present to discuss an outline planning application for land at Upton Bridge Farm.

Cllr Tulk reported on recent gully and drain clearing. Apart from a few blockages, the system was working well during the recent wet weather. Flood-mitigation work in Knole by the Knole Flood Group had also been effective.

Members approved the purchase of an outdoor table-tennis table and agreed next steps for the pétanque court project. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Committee Room. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

## Holy Trinity Church, Long Sutton

Our next coffee morning is on 7th March (10.30am-noon) in support of Long Sutton Village Primary School with the produce stall run by the School Governors, who welcome contributions.

On Sat 14th (10am-noon) St Michael's Church in Somerton will host a coffee morning, and all are warmly invited to attend.

The Jamie Snowden Evening in January drew nearly 100 guests. Jamie, former jockey and now NH trainer, was interviewed by Rupert Cox. The raffle and auction raised £1,752 with lots including a Sausage Shed meal box, craft beers, Sunday lunch at the Royal Oak Hillcommon, a morning on the gallops and yard tour, and a share in the Jamie Snowden Racing Club. The auction.

The event raised £3,575.34 in total to be shared between Racing Welfare and the Church. Thanks to Jig and the shop team for ticket sales, and to everyone who helped with refreshments and setup. Grateful thanks to Jamie Snowden, Rupert Cox, and Marian Draper for leading the evening.



We extend warm thanks to Lorraine Fenton and Heather Wootten as they step down from the committee. Their work has been invaluable, and we're delighted they'll remain involved.

Our March meeting welcomes First Responders Penny and Robin, who will lead an Emergency Life-Saving CPR session supporting the WI campaign "Bystanders Can Be Lifesavers".

Our membership year begins in April, with a full programme of talks, activities, outings and events.

The 2026-27 WI subscription is £54 (£4.90 per month) and includes 11 meetings, activities, outings, magazines, online learning hub, and opportunities to take part in wider WI events and campaigns. New members can join at any time pro-rata basis; first visit free, second £5.

## Friends of Long Sutton Church

Thank you to everyone who supported February's coffee morning in aid of Friends of Long Sutton Church (FOLSC), which helps maintain our beautiful Church through year-round fundraising events. A total of £771.85 was raised, with £635.14 (including £225 eligible for Gift Aid) going to FOLSC and £136.71 to Holy Trinity Church.

Our AGM will be held on Monday 2 March at 6.30pm in the village school. All residents - especially those new to the community - are welcome to hear our review of 2025 and plans for the year ahead.

Our first 2026 fundraising event follows on Saturday 7 March: a Mouse Race Extravaganza. Tickets are £10 (children free) and available from Jig at the village shop, Amy at Upton Bridge Farm Shop, or any trustee. The tote is cash only.

## Long Sutton Primary School

The children visited The Snug Bookshop in Langport to collect books contributed to by parents and they also choose an extra title for each class. Reception and Year 1 were also gifted a Sam Usher book. All classes are enjoying their new reads.

Cygnets Class also held their annual night welly walk. Despite a cloudy sky, they loved hunting for conkers in the dark, listening to nighttime sounds and finishing with hot chocolate in the field.

Toy Box Pre-school Open 8.45am-3.15pm for children aged 2-4. We have places for September. Wrap also around care for children of all ages 7.45am - 5.45pm. Call 241434 [enquiries@longsuttonprimary.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@longsuttonprimary.co.uk) to look around [www.longsuttonprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.longsuttonprimaryschool.co.uk)

## Long Load news

Check website for details of next Parish Council meeting [www.longload-pc.org.uk](http://www.longload-pc.org.uk)

### LONG LOAD VILLAGE HALL

**The Painting Group** new to Long Load, Wednesday mornings 10am till 12:30. Members work on individual projects, a mixture of oil, acrylic, watercolour; portraits, landscapes, still life, florals etc. If you are interested just turn up and meet the friendly group.

**New Hall Booking Fees** introduced in April: £ 15 per session for residents or £20 for non-residents. Morning sessions: 8:30 am-12:30pm; Afternoon sessions: 1:30-5:30pm and Evening Sessions: 6:30-10:30pm

**The Winter Warmer** was a great success with great food and great company. Thank you to all who came along and raised an amazing £637 for the Hall.

**Spring Plant & Produce Sale** Let's welcome Spring on Saturday 28th March 10am-12 noon: Cakes, Biscuits, Plants, Books, Jigsaws and refreshments. Donations much appreciated.

### Contact Details for Long Load Village Hall:

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Mailing List, What's App group & *ad hoc* Volunteering: Sara 07894881671  
Facebook: Long Load Village Hall  
Instagram: longloadvillagehall

## Quick news bites



### Spring Tidy-up of Holy Trinity Churchyard

Taking place from 10 am to 12 noon on Sat 28th March, the day before Palm Sunday. Could all those with an hour or two to spare kindly lend a hand. Please bring your own tools. Coffee and biscuits will be available.

### South Somerset Heritage Collection,

Yeovil would be grateful to find a connection to Mrs Veronica Watts, Mayfield House, Shute Lane, Long Sutton please. This is in connection to some objects donated. Please contact Joseph Lewis [heritageservices@yeovil.gov.uk](mailto:heritageservices@yeovil.gov.uk)



**Harry's Cider** is open Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, for coffee, cake and light lunches. From 3 April, we stay open until 6pm on Fridays and Saturdays.

Join us for our Taproom 1-year anniversary on Fri 10 April - music from Jordan Lindsay and food from Pims Thai and Little Van Rouge, from 4pm. Keep up-to-date on Facebook @harryscider or at [www.harryscidercompany.co.uk](http://www.harryscidercompany.co.uk)

### Somerton's Mid Wessex Singers

Spring Concert on Sat 18 April at 7.30pm in St Michael and All Angels, Somerton. 'Majesty in Music' features a wide range of composers — from Henry VIII and William Byrd to Roger Miller and Coldplay — including Zadok the Priest and Mozart's Coronation Mass. Tickets + nibbles £12 (free under-16s) from Cobbs or choir members. £15 on the door, early booking advised.

### Long Sutton Golf Club - Irish Night

Join us on Saturday 28 March for a lively Irish Night filled with great food, music and a touch of magic with all profits going to this year's chosen charity, Brainwave.

Tickets are £25, including a two-course meal, live music from Life of Riley, and close-up table magic from the Red Suit Magician. To book, call 01458 241017 (option 3 for the bar) or email [events@longsuttongolf.com](mailto:events@longsuttongolf.com)

### Long Sutton PTFA Bingo

Join us for a Spring Bingo Bonanza on 14<sup>th</sup> March at Long Sutton Village Hall. Doors open 2pm, eyes down 2.30pm. Cakes and refreshments. Pay on the door with cash or card. Non-cash prizes. All welcome.

We are currently raising funds for a new pool liner and an air source heat pump to ensure that our much-loved swimming pool can continue to be enjoyed by the children and wider community for years to come.

**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.