

Long Sutton & Long Load

Community newsletter

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Final deadline for submissions: 20th of every month

Have you thought about joining Long Sutton Parish Council?



There is currently a councillor vacancy on Long Sutton Parish Council, and if you want to be involved with decision making on a range of topics and help support the delivery of projects in the parish, then this is the best way to do it.

There are monthly meetings (first Tuesday of the month) and the clerk deals with all administration, leaving councillors free to take the lead on certain projects, based on interests and local needs. If you'd like to find out more, or send an expression of interest, then please contact the clerk by email on: clerk@longsutton-pc.gov.uk

Holy Trinity Church, Long Sutton

Harvest Festival It was good to see several at the Harvest service on Sunday 14 September and thanks particularly to those who decorated the windows and porch so beautifully. Thanks also to Jean, Marian and Shirley for providing a delicious ploughman's supper, followed by scrumptious fruit crumbles. It was a lovely evening and thank you to Revd Judith Swan for an excellent service.

Coffee Mornings The coffee morning held on 6 September raised £667.83 resulting in £500.87 for the Heard Therapy CIC and £166.95 for Holy Trinity Church. Thank you to all those who came and joined in, whether providing produce for sale, buying produce, baking, serving and/or chatting with friends.

The coffee morning on Saturday 4 October (10.30am-12 noon) will be in aid of The Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance, a very important charity that we are very thankful for. Please come and support and Sue will be very grateful for any produce you are able to bring along. On 1st November the charity will be Farmerdillos.

Huge thanks from Sue Creegan to the PCC and all those who contributed to a beautiful bouquet of flowers, card and very generous gift card, presented to her by Douglas Hamilton at the coffee morning, thanking her for work as PCC Secretary. Sue was astonished and (for once) speechless!!

Alpha Course Session 2: 'Who is Jesus?' Wednesday 24 September 6.45 for 7pm, St Cleers Chapel. Alpha is a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. Everyone's welcome. No matter your background or beliefs, you're invited. Each evening starts with a light supper followed by a short video with an informal discussion in small groups afterwards. The course is free and if you'd like to come along just turn up on the night.

Benefice Social Evening Saturday 18 October 6-9pm at Long Sutton Village Hall. A chance for us to meet and socialise with others from across the benefice. There'll be enjoyable activities to help us get to know one another better. Sharing food together is an important part of this (as Jesus showed us). If intending to come, please let Tim Creegan (241 554) or one of the PCC members know for catering purposes.

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

Sun 5th October	10.00am	Harvest Service	Kingsdon
	10.10am	Morning Worship	Via Zoom
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Somerton
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Pitney
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Long Sutton
Sun 12th October	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Long Sutton
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Charlton Adam
	11.00am	Morning Worship with Baptism	Somerton
Sun 19th October	9.30am	Holy Communion	Kingsdon
	10.30am	Café Church	Pitney
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Somerton
Sun 26th October	9.30am	Morning Worship	Charlton Mackrell
	9.30am	Prayer & Care	Pitney
	11.00am	Harvest Café Praise & Lunch	Somerton
	11.00am	Holy Communion	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

FLOWERS	BRASSES	CLEANING
OCT 4th JANIE ELLERBECK		SANDIE & DAVID APPLEBY
OCT 11th VAL McTERNAN	JEAN TULK & MARIAN BURT	JANIE ELLERBECK & JANIE MINOGUE
OCT 18th VAL McTERNAN		ANNE AGNEW & GILLY CRAWSHAW
OCT 25th JANIE MINOGUE		ROSIE COX & STEVE SALES
NOV 1ST JANIE MINOGUE		HELEN FRY & LYNNE REED
NOV 8th ANGIE STONE	REMEMBRANCE	LESLEY HAWKINS & SALLY LYON

Long Sutton PTFA

Tickets on sale now for two popular events.

The **Long Sutton Punkie Party** is back on Saturday 25 October 4-7pm at Long Sutton Village Hall. A fantastic seasonal party for the whole family with everyone welcome (not just school families). Tickets include a disco, crafts quiet room, licensed bar, BBQ, sweet treats, and prizes for the best pumpkin carving and fancy dress.

Wreath Making Workshop Friday 5 December 7pm at Long Sutton School. Workshop led by Tammy from Hambridge Seeds. Supplies and refreshments provided. Early bird tickets are £35 until 31 October (£40 after this date). Be quick to get your tickets soon as it is a sell out for the past two years.

Tickets available at www.pta-events.co.uk/longsuttonprimary.

Long Sutton Environment Group

Exciting news! **Long Sutton's Nature and Environment Day** is back for the third year on Saturday 25 October from 9.30am - 12 noon at Long Sutton Village Hall.

- Learn more about the Long Sutton Nature Reserve
- Plant and seed swap - Feel free to bring your own
- Tech amnesty with Fixy - Bring your old tech to be repurposed
- Sapling giveaway
- Activities for kids
- Learn how to help wildlife through winter
- Energy cost saving ideas and more!

The Long Sutton Nature Reserve is developing well, with timber picnic benches and two new ponds and a huge effort was made by volunteers through the hot summer to keep alive the many seedlings. We would welcome donations of non-building quality, flat and thin, local stone to create several metres of stone and earth wall as a refuge for frogs, newts and slowworms. Contact David Francis (07887 954616) to arrange delivery to site. We'll be putting a shout out for volunteers for this winter project soon.

Long Sutton Primary School

The children have settled into school well this term and are getting on with lots of exciting learning. The classes have various trips planned for the next few weeks - the Rural Life museum, Noah's Ark, our residential to Mill on the Brue, which everyone is looking forward to. Recently we had Sam Usher, a local author and illustrator, visit school. The children loved watching him draw, creating amazing characters as well as listening to him read his stories.

Prayers for the school We would like to invite anyone from the community to join Rev Judith to pray for the school on Tuesday 21 October at 3.45 and again on Thursday 27 November at 3.45 again. Just come to the school Reception.

Open morning on Mon 10 Nov for prospective parents to visit the school. Tours will be at 9.30, 11.00, 1.45 and 2.45, please call the office to book a tour.

Toy Box Pre-school Open 8.45am-3.15pm for children aged 2-4. Wrap also around care for children of all ages 7.45am - 5.45pm. To look around call 241434 or email enquiries@longsuttonprimary.co.uk www.longsuttonprimaryschool.co.uk

A Personal Message

Geoff Pringle writes - In September 2024, this newsletter included a notice advising that Somerset Prostate Support Association were organising PSA testing locally. I attended, anticipating a clear result, having absolutely no symptoms and likewise no relating family history.

Sadly, the results came back high and further tests confirmed I had prostate cancer. Following discussions, my NHS surgeon performed a radical prostatectomy and after a 6-month recovery period, I was pronounced cancer free last month.

Chaps, if you are over 50, have any symptoms or a family history of this disease, get tested too. 55,000 men get diagnosed with prostate cancer in the UK annually and sadly 12,000 die. SPSA are running a programme at the Victoria Club, Street on 15/11/25 and further testing next February & March - full details here: <https://www.spsa.uk/psa-testing/> I can genuinely say that our newsletter may just have saved my life, and this could possibly save yours too.

Quick news bites



- **Long Sutton Quakers** Long Sutton Quaker Meeting - corner of Shute Lane and A372. Long Sutton Quakers meet every Sunday at 10.30am. All welcome to join us for an hour of stillness.

- **Still looking for more team for the Annual Charity Quiz Night**
The ever popular general knowledge Quiz Night In aid of The Injured Jockeys Fun and other equine charities. Long Sutton Village Hall on Friday 10 October - first question 7.30pm. For teams of up to 6 players. £15 per player which includes hot supper and a free drink. Prizes to first 3 teams and a superb raffle. A really fun evening not to be missed! To book a team, please contact Marian Draper on 07885 301898

- **Karate lessons**
Great for physical and mental health, flexibility, stress relief, confidence and self discipline. Non-profit group. Families can train together.



The group is looking for new members so why not come and try out a first lesson for free?

Adults and children (5+) Tues 7-8pm. Adults only 8-9pm. £3.50 per hour. Long Sutton Village Hall. Contact Terry 07749 849798. Free gradings, belts and certificates. www.tinyurl.com/Ryukyukarate

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

Long Load news

Next Long Load Parish Council meeting 7.30pm Tues 24 Oct 2025

Take Note Singing Group every Monday afternoon at Long Load Village Hall to practice with the aim of visiting various local care homes. Contact Julia Harvey on 01458 241472.

Craft Afternoon Long Load Village Hall Wednesday 8 October 2pm - 4:30pm. Event: 'Catchup' on previous unfinished items. Refreshments available. Everyone welcome.

18th October Annual Harvest Supper £10 per head for 2 course supper & coffee. Bring your own tippie. Limited seating so priority given to Long Load residents but open to others if spaces allow. Contact Ann Campbell (07927 483586) to book by 10 October.

Safeguarding Officer Appointed Amanda Burbidge - Resident of Long Load is the new safeguarding officer for the parishes of Long Sutton and Long Load. Contact 07749 499783 should you have any concerns relating to any person or family residing in either village.

Long Load Annual Produce and Flower Show was a great success, attracting 299 entries from 38 exhibitors. Thanks to everyone who entered, helped with or attended the show. The cups were awarded as follows:

- La Lade Cup for most points in show: Robin Ewbank
- Galloway Cup for most outstanding exhibit: Julia Harvey
- College Close Residents Association Cup for Vegetables: Robin Ewbank
- Yvonne Gilliam Flower Cup: Rachel Ewbank
- Photography: Paul Griffiths
- Produce and Cookery: Rachel Ewbank
- Crafts: Angela Edwards
- Creative Writing: Floss Morgan
- First time entrant with the most points: Jane Allen
- Young Person with the most points in the Open Sections: Evie Malecki

Long Load Christmas Celebration Date coming soon.