

Long Sutton & Long Load

Community newsletter

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Final deadline for submissions: 20th of every month

A Magical Mad Hatter's Tea Party

Long Sutton Levellers WI

The WI are still reeling from their tumble down the Rabbit Hole for a wonderfully bonkers Mad Hatter's Tea Party. Members enjoyed fun, games, delicious treats and "Drink Me" mocktails on the Cricket Pavilion terrace. the Sub-Committee truly went above and beyond to create such a magical event, and thanks Long Sutton Primary School for kindly loaning us some of the props – a fortuitous coincidence that helped bring Wonderland to life.



Annual open evening Thurs 17 Sept - featuring an inspiring talk from Ferne Animal Sanctuary. Representatives from the sanctuary will share the story of their work rescuing, rehabilitating and rehoming animals since 1939. Doors open at 7.20pm for refreshments, with the talk starting at 7.35pm. Donations are welcome, with all proceeds going to Ferne Animal Sanctuary.

It is the summer break now but the WI look forward to welcoming you back in the autumn for more free community events. For more information or to request a copy of the Long Sutton Levellers WI Programme, please get in touch. longsuttonlevellerswi@gmail.com Jane 07823 559175

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

Sun 2nd August	9.30am	Morning Prayer	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 9th August	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Long Sutton
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Charlton Mackrell
	11.00am	Cafe Praise	Somerton
Sun 16th August	9.30am	Holy Communion	Kingsdon
	10.00 for 10.30am	Café Church	Pitney
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Somerton
Sun 23rd August	9.30am	Morning Worship	Charlton Adam
	9.30am	Prayer & Care	Pitney
	11.00am	Holy Communion with Baptism	Long Sutton
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Somerton
Sun 30th August	10.00am	Benefice Service	Marquee on the Playing Field Kingsdon

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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DATE	BRASSES	FLOWERS	CLEANING
Aug 1st	Coffee morning	Janie Ellerbeck	Helen Fry & Lynne Reed
Aug 8th	Aisling Wagstaff & Marian Burt	Janie Ellerbeck	
Aug 15th	Wedding	Janie Minogue	Angie Cox & Kathy Judge
Aug 22nd		Janie Minogue	

Long Sutton Parish Council

Langport Tesco Community Award (blue token scheme) opening on 3rd August will include Long Sutton's Outdoor Table Tennis and Petanque court - please support it if you're shopping in Tesco's anytime soon.

A big thank you to the resident who kindly gave up his time to cut the hedge below West View in Shute Lane. However, there are several other areas in the village that also need attention.

Overgrown hedges alongside footpaths and roads can create hazards for pedestrians, particularly those who are visually impaired, use wheelchairs, or are pushing prams and buggies. In some cases, people may be forced into the road to avoid branches and thorns. Please help keep paths and roads clear and safe for everyone.

Friends of Long Sutton Church



June proved to be a very busy month for FOLSC, with two major fundraising events. The first took place on 24 June when Trustee Charlie Walford organised a Castle Combe Track Day experience. Despite the scorching temperatures, the 50 drivers who took part enjoyed a fantastic day, helping to raise an impressive £2,405 for the fighting fund.

This was followed on 27 June by the flagship summer event, as Bristol's Opera in a Box treated a packed hall to a wonderful performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's The Pirates of Penzance (pictured)

The audience was thoroughly entertained by an array of lovable pirates, a spirited Major-General and a decidedly cowardly policeman, alongside some outstanding singing and dancing. Cast and audience alike were grateful for the comfort of the hall's air conditioning, and we're delighted to report that the evening generated a further £1,995 in profit for our fundraising efforts.

The Trustees can now enjoy some well-earned rest and relaxation. Before then, however, please make a note of the final event of 2026: Matt Park & Friends will return with another entertaining variety show, Music from the Musicals, on Saturday 28 November. Hope to see you there.

Holy Trinity Church, Long Sutton

Do you have a skill you love to share with others? Would you like to play a part in growing an intergenerational community? Initially we'd love to hear from some people who have the skill to make a fabric banner, but other practical skills will be needed too. Holy Trinity church along with others in the Cornerstone Benefice are starting a new faith community called Faith@4 starting in October at Long Sutton school. We'll be exploring faith alongside being creative and building cross generation community links. More to follow next month for further information or to offer your skills please email revjudithswan@gmail.com or call 07483 137623.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended and supported the July Coffee Morning. £639.63 was raised for The Dorset and Somerset Ambulance. The August Coffee Morning will be supporting The Long Sutton Friendly Society and in September for Parkinson's.

Long Sutton Cricket Club

Long Sutton Cricket Club will host a T20 Charity Cricket Match on Mon 31 August, when LSCC takes on AM Allstars in a day packed with sport, family fun and fundraising. Activities begin from 12.30pm, with the match starting at 2.00pm.

There will be something for everyone, including a bar, hog roast, Football Fun Factory, cricket challenges, cake sale, raffle and more. Keep an eye out for announcements of some special guest players in the coming weeks. All proceeds will support The Monkey Tree Charity and Cancer Research UK, helping them continue their vital work supporting people and families affected by cancer. For more information, or to donate if you can't attend, visit:

www.justgiving.com/page/archie-maddy-cricketmatch. We hope to see you there.

Long Sutton Primary School

It has been a memorable end to the term. Thanks to the PTFA, pupils enjoyed a fantastic trip to Magdalen Farm, while the Year 5/6 production of Alice in Wonderland, supported by the Year 3/4 choir, was a tremendous success showcasing the children's talent and creativity. The production was helped by the fantastic costumes, props, scenery and backdrop created by Mrs Hazzard with the help from items borrowed from Somerton Dramatic Society. Cygnet Class also had a wonderful day at Bineham City Farm, exploring local wildlife and farm life. Our thanks go to everyone who helped make these experiences so special.

Lizzie Reynolds would I like say a huge thank you to everyone from the local community who has supported her and the school over the past 17 years. The whole community really makes this wonderful school and each of you involved as a parent, supporter or volunteer is a big part of that. Lizzie couldn't have done it without you and her amazing staff. Thank you to everyone who came to the retirement BBQ, this was to celebrate not only Lizzie's retirement but Chris Gundry's, who has been involved with the school for her whole life in one way or another and Julie Moseley, SENCo and Toy Box Manager. They will be greatly missed. Thank you for all your kind words both in person and in cards and also for gifts. Lizzie was completely overwhelmed by these.

Lastly, we would like to wish the Year 6 children all the best as they move on from Long Sutton to their new schools. You will be hugely missed by the staff and other children, but I know you will go on to achieve well in all you do. Enjoy your next step in life and make the best of all the opportunities.

Quick news bites



- **Community Picnic @ Long Sutton Nature Reserve, Ilchester Lane**
Sat 15th August 11am-2pm.
It's Bring Your Own Picnic and a chance to enjoy the reserve and meet its community volunteers. There are some picnic benches or bring a blanket. Dogs are welcome on leads. Remember your sunscreen or hat and please take your rubbish home for recycling. Location: What3Words ///quite.rehearsed.insect
- **Long Sutton Tennis Courts** Open for booking £5/hr. For more details contact Kate on katestentlsvh@outlook.com or 07584 083124. Book at Clubspark.lta.org.uk or sign in/LTA Play/Book a Court/Long Sutton, Langport or us the Booker app. 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.
- **Harry's Cider August events:**
1st - Cider Saturday 12-6pm Thai Spice and music from Laura Kate
14th - Pizza Night 4-10pm Ethic Street Pizza and music from Jorden Lindsay
29th - Cider Saturday 12-6pm Pim's Thai and music from Jim Hammond
www.harryscidercompany.co.uk

Long Load news

Next Long Load Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm Tuesday 15th September 2026

no Parish Council meeting in August

Craft afternoon special event Wed 12th Aug. Meet at the Hub Cafe and Scrapstore, 13 Buckland Road, Pen Mill Trading Estate, Yeovil, BA21 5EA

This is your opportunity to get rid of any Craft, Sewing, and Fabrics or Stationery you don't want anymore.

It all goes to a charity offering day services for adults with learning disabilities and autism. Join us for a cup of tea and a browse.

<https://www.thehubyeovil.co.uk>

Contact: angelamedwards@hotmail.com or marsaaannwhite2@gmail.com text on 07841 341813.

Rummikub Fri 28 Aug 2-4pm, Long Load Village Hall. Monthly gatherings every 4th Fri of the month. All abilities welcome. Make new friends and enjoy friendly competition and refreshments. £3 per session. Contact Marsha 07841 341813

Long Load Village Hall news

Money Raised - BBQ in June Thank you to everyone who came, made some amazing salads and desserts. A great time was had by all, and we raised £210.54 for Long Load Village Hall.

Long Load Village Show Sat 5th Sept, with the usual categories, including the heaviest pumpkin. Brochures to be delivered soon.

Village Hall repairs Since March 2024, specialist surveys of the Grade II listed hall's gable ends have been undertaken and a structural engineer's report commissioned. Initial work will focus on stabilising the north gable and strengthening the roof, followed by partial rebuilding of the gables. An action plan is being prepared and options are being explored to secure the hall's long-term future once indicative costs are available.

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