

Long Sutton & Long Load

Community newsletter

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Final deadline for submissions: 20th of every month

Magnificent Women in Flying Machines

Long Sutton WI

Join the WI for, "Magnificent Women and Flying Machines" on Thurs 16 Oct, 7:30pm (doors open 7:20pm) at Long Sutton Village Hall. Bring family, friends (over 16's) and join us for an entertaining evening with Sally Smith as she shares the story of the first 200 years of British women in the sky—the lives of balloonists, pilots, and astronauts who achieved real firsts in aviation. Free event. Donations Welcome. Drinks/Refreshments. Raffle.



The debut book by Kingsdon author, journalist, and aviation adventurer, Sally shares personal stories and explores how and why these women got involved, all in an entertaining non-technical way. Sally has enjoyed many roles and accolades - foreign correspondent for Daily Mail, BBC News, Australia ABC News, Business Writer of the Year and Churchill Fellowship.



Cream Tea Raises £516 Thank you to everyone who joined our community Cream Tea. With help from WI volunteers, Mortimer's 100 scones, Amy from Upton Bridge Tea Rooms hamper donation, Tesco's clotted cream and raffle prize—and your generosity. We're so grateful for your support.

Our next members' meeting Thursday 18 Sept, when Hannah Marchant will guide us in creating eco-friendly greetings cards. Hannah is based at Upton Bridge Farm. For more details visit her website or social media pages. <https://www.hannahmarchant.co.uk> We are pleased to support local businesses, speakers, and those with a story to share.

Thinking of joining the WI? You can become a member at any time during the year on a pro-rata basis. We proudly welcome members from surrounding villages too—finding the right WI "tribe" matters! For questions, queries, offers of help, or to join - ring Jane 07823 559175 or email Longsuttonwi@gmail.com

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

Sun 7th September	9.30am	Holy Communion	Kingsdon
	10.10am	Morning Prayer	Via Zoom
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Somerton
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Pitney
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Long Sutton
Sun 14th September	9.30am	Holy Communion	Charlton Adam
	11.00am	Café Praise	Somerton
	6.00pm	Harvest Service (followed by ploughman's supper)	Long Sutton
Sun 21st September	11.00am	Patronal Benefice Service	Somerton
Sun 28th September	11.00am	Café Church Harvest	Pitney
	11.00am	Morning Worship with Baptism	Somerton
	11.00am	Holy Communion with Baptism	Long Sutton
	3.00pm	Harvest Gathering	Charltons Reading Room

Wednesdays 10am: Holy Communion or Morning Worship

Fridays 6pm: Prayer meeting in Church

Re Zoom – contact church office for details

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FLOWERS	BRASSES	CLEANING
Aug 30th Jill Huggard	Rosie Cox & Stevie Sales	Helen Fry & Lynn Reed
Sept 6th Jill Huggard		Aisling Wagstaff & Joyce Pritchard
Sept 13th Sally Lyon		Ane Agnew & Gilly Crawshaw
Sept 20th Sally Lyon		Yvonne Aitken & Val Pringle
Sept 27th Janie Ellerbeck		Lesley Hawkins & Sally Lyon
Oct 4th Janie Ellerbeck		Sandie & Dave Appleby

Holy Trinity Church, Long Sutton

Harvest Festival We look forward to welcoming you to the Harvest service on Sunday 14th September at 6pm where we will give thanks for our beautiful countryside, crops, food and to our wonderful farmers. We look forward to having the church windows decorated by various village groups on Saturday 13th September and enjoying a Ploughman's Supper after the service.

Holy Trinity Churchyard Churchyards are community areas that may be used for events such as weddings, as well as spaces for individuals to remember loved ones and represent part of local heritage. It is necessary to keep churchyards tidy, well-mown, and provide a peaceful and clear environment suitable for reflection and gatherings. It is established practice in Long Sutton, Long Load, and across the country, that only a simple headstone - with fresh flowers in a separate, size-limited vase - is present within the grass area. Recently, additional items have begun to appear in the churchyard at Long Sutton. While it is recognised that these items may hold sentimental value, to ensure the space remains accessible for all visitors, it is requested that these items are removed.

Coffee mornings The coffee morning held on 2nd August raised a fantastic £918.70, resulting in £689.10 for the Friendly Society and £229.60 for Holy Trinity Church. Thank you for all those who provided or bought produce, for baking, serving and socialising. The coffee morning on Sat 6th Sept (10.30am-12 noon) will be in aid of the Heard Therapy, a local charity providing equine based therapy for neurodiverse children and adults. Please come and support. On 4th October the charity will be the Dorset Air Ambulance – anyone available to organise/assist the produce stall, please contact Sue Creegan (01458 241 554).

Friends of Long Sutton Church

Return to Llandow with FOLSC?

2025 has been a busy season year to date for FOLSC and we have matched our joint aims of making money for our charity whilst having fun, with a classic knees up in May to celebrate VE Day and being entertained by the superb Wessex Big Band. This was followed by the delights of Bristol's Opera in a Box performing Mozart's 'Magic Flute' in July.

Not known for resting on our laurels for the autumn season that will soon be upon us, Trustee Charlie Walford has volunteered to organise another FOLSC sponsored Charity Track Day at the Llandow Circuit, situated in the Vale of Glamorgan. The suggested date is Tuesday 30th September and is open to all, irrespective of whether you drive a Bugatti, a Bristol or a banger! So, if you aspire to emulate Moss, Hill or even Mr Toad, this could be your opportunity to enjoy a great day out with a bunch of likeminded enthusiasts. To secure private use of the circuit we must first attract sufficient numbers to make the exercise worthwhile.

If you have attended before you will know what to expect but if you have not and want further details, please contact Charlie at info@uptonbridgefarm.com for further details. We look forward to welcoming you to the Paddock of one of the few family-owned circuits in the country.

Long Sutton Parish Council

Village Hall and Recreation Field - vacancies

1) **Minutes Secretary** - After 8 years, Ruby Coombes is standing down as Minute Secretary. We are a small management committee reporting to the Parish Council and meet every other month (circa 6 times a year) for about 1.5 hours and need someone to prepare the agenda with the chair, book the committee room is booked and take and distribute the Minutes in a timely manner. This is not an arduous volunteer role, but crucial to the good management of the Hall and its surrounds.

2) **Caretaker/Cleaner**. We are looking for someone who has circa 5-6hrs a week to clean the hall and make sure it is well-equipped for incoming hirers. It is not regular hours with a daily 30 min check of the hall coupled with some weekend work between hirers. This is a paid position at an agreed set fee per month for either a self-employed or employed person. A full Job Description is available upon request.

For more information about both these roles, contact Rupert Cox on 07503 547074 or chair@longsutton-pc.gov.uk

Sports Pavilion Hire Now that the cricket season is concluding, the amazing newly refurbished pavilion is available to hire for meetings (with breakout rooms), children's parties (so close to the play area) or small social gatherings for up to about 25 people. Bar area, small kitchen, patio area heating and toilets are included. To book <https://www.longsutton-pc.gov.uk/village-hall> NB The cricket club would be willing to run the bar if that is required

Overhanging Hedges

Residents of roadside properties are reminded that it is an offence to allow your hedge to overhang a pavement or road. The boundary of your property does NOT include any part of the pavement which needs to be kept clear for safe passage of pedestrians. Now the bird nesting season is over, such overhanging foliage should be cut back and kept cut back. If this is not done, the Parish Council could instruct its hedge trimming contractor to carry out the necessary work that might not be done with the finesse you would prefer!

Long Sutton Primary School

We have 16 new Reception children starting school this year, many of these have previously attended Toy Box Pre-school, but we are looking forward to getting to know them all better as they settle into school this term and welcome those who are new to us. We also have a number of new pre-schoolers starting with us and would like to welcome all these new children and families to our school and can't wait for you to be part of our school family.

The pool has been busy over the summer holidays with bookings from school and local families and people have been enjoying this great facility. I would like to say a huge thank you to all the volunteers who work so hard to keep this running over the summer.

Quick news bites



- **Somerset Open Studios 13th-28th September** Dave Appleby, at New St House, Long Sutton, is opening his woodturning workshop and gallery during the celebration of artists and their studios, organised by Somerset Arts Works. Discover the different colours and grains hidden in wood and see how it is processed and turned into artistic and functional items. He is open Thursday to Sunday, 10am-5pm throughout the event. The full brochure for Open Studios can be picked up at The Devonshire Arms and Village Shop www.daveappleby.co.uk
- **The Autumn Tidy-Up of Holy Trinity Churchyard** This will be on Saturday 13th September from 10 am to 12 noon, the day before Harvest Festival. 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.
- **Table Top Sale** Long Sutton Village Hall on Saturday Sept 13th. Tables: £10 each (Sellers 8.15am) Buyers: £2 entry (9.15am). Run by Mid Somerset Riding Club but not exclusively tack – bric a brac, books etc also welcome. Refreshments available. For a table contact Marian Draper 07885 301898 (must be booked in advance)
- **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 10th 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

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