

LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER – July 2024

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Sunday Services in the Levels Arc Benefice

<p>Sunday 7th</p> <p>9.30 Morning worship Kingsdon 10.10am for 10.20am Morning Prayer Zoom* 11.00am Holy Communion Pitney 11.00am Morning Worship Somerton 6.30pm Evensong Long Sutton</p>
<p>Sunday 14th</p> <p>9.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Long Sutton 9.30am Holy Communion Charlton Adam 10.30am CITS Arts Festival Service Somerton</p>
<p>Sunday 21st</p> <p>9.30am Holy Communion Kingsdon 11.00am Café Church (followed by BBQ) Glebe Farm, Pitney 11.00am Holy Communion Somerton</p>
<p>Sunday 28th</p> <p>9.30am Morning Worship Charlton Mackerel 11.00am Holy Communion Long Sutton 11.00am Café Praise Somerton</p>

On Wednesdays at 10am, Holy Communion or Morning Prayer at Long Sutton

On Fridays at 6pm, informal prayers at Long Sutton

(*) Please contact Sue (01458 241 554, suecreegan@outlook.com for info)

Welcome to the New Vicar – Revd. Judith Swan

On the evening of Thursday 25th July there will be a Licensing Service held in St. Michael's Church, Somerton to welcome our new priest-in-charge, Revd. Judith Swan. We hope many of you will join us, together with Bishop Michael Beasley and Acting Archdeacon Charlie Peer, to welcome Judith to our community.

Coffee mornings in the Church

Thank you to all those who supported the June coffee morning in aid of our Holy Trinity Church. Although it was after the annual Friendly Society service in the church, the ladies set up the tables and put out the teas/coffees and cakes in super-speed, to be ready to welcome everyone by 10.30am. The total sum raised was £710.50 which is an excellent amount which will help with the day to day running of the church.

The Coffee Morning on 6th July is in aid of Somerset Sight (a charity suggested by Robin Ewbank). Robin frequently sells books at the coffee morning to raise money for whichever charity we are supporting, and despite recovering from a longer stay in hospital than expected following his fall in May, he is amazing with his crutches and will be there to tell you about the wonderful help Somerset Sight provide to people like him who are affected by sight issues.

Please come along and support this very valuable charity, and to those who bake or who garden, we would be very grateful for any produce you can provide to the produce stall. Thank you.

School Fete

We are looking forward to our School and Church Fete on Saturday 13th July. Don't forget to provide any 'gifts received but not needed' or nearly new items to the Recycled Gifts stall and why not clear some space and donate some of your books and/or jigsaws to the book stall – yes we'll have a selection of

jigsaws to sell! Cakes will be gratefully received by the cake stall or in the Village Hall for serving with tea and coffee.

Flowers and Brasses rota

July 6 th	Mrs R Cox	
July 13 th	Mrs Brand	
July 20 th	Mrs Brand	Mrs Pritchard and Mrs Wagstaff
July 27 th	Mrs Lyon	
August 3 rd	Mrs Lyon	

Long Sutton WI

In the second half of our special year we have a plethora of events, and activities remaining . . . to entertain, educate, and enjoy!

CENTENARY PROGRAMME (July to Dec)

Date: Third Thursday of the month

Venue: Long Sutton Village Hall

Doors Open: 7:20pm. Start: 7:30-9:15pm ish

18-July: Caribbean Picnic (afternoon)

21-Aug: Centenary Afternoon Tea - *members & invited guests*

7-Sept: Centenary Exhibition in Church - *community event*

19-Sept: Worries & Wonders of Ageing - *community event*

12-Oct: Harvest Celebration

17-Oct: WI Village Ceilidh - *community event*

21-Nov: Lost Lady Society ~ podcast recording

19-Dec: Celebrating 100 Christmases

FYI at our Annual Meeting, Caroline Astington stood down as WI Joint President after four years, and Melanie Earl-Lavender elected to step into the role. We are grateful for Caroline's support, and all that she did to help keep the WI cogs moving. We will miss Caroline, and her committee meeting bakes.

We also welcome Carol Thomas to the committee, which now stands as:

Joint Presidents: Melanie Earl Lavender and Jane Fell

Secretary: Heather Wootten

Treasurer: Sue Creegan

Assistant Treasurer: Carol Thomas

Committee: Lorraine Fenton, Jill Huggard.

For WI membership queries email: longsuttonwi@gmail.com

For the latest news, and event updates - like & follow us on

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/LongSuttonWI>

News from the school

Our recent Sports Day was a great success and the older children were notably supportive of the younger children throughout the event. The school swimming pool has been well used and appreciated by all. We are indebted to a group of very willing and able volunteers who make it possible to provide such a wonderful facility for the children. The children in Year 5 and 6 have been very busy rehearsing their end of year play, 'A midsummer night's dream'. They will be performing in the Village Hall on Wednesday 17th July and tickets are available from the school office. We are looking forward to meeting our seventeen new Reception class children as they come into school for 'Transition Days' before they start school.

Long Sutton School and Church Fete on Saturday 13th July at 2.00pm

Please note that the fete is a little later this year. We look forward to you joining us for a great afternoon on the School field - plenty of stalls, bouncy castle, face painting, teas, BBQ, bar and of course the raffle with great prizes!

FOLSC: Questions and Answers!

Seeing several estate agents 'SOLD' signs around the village, this must mean we are sadly losing established villagers, who are moving to pastures new, whilst simultaneously new members are joining our community. These words are therefore directly addressed to you and firstly welcome to our idyllic part of Somerset, the name purportedly originating from 'The land of the summer people'.

What is 'FOLSC' and what do we do? The widely used acronym stands for **Friends of Long Sutton Church**, which is a registered charity, established 2005 by a group of forward thinking villagers, with the object being 'to contribute towards the cost of projects for the preservation and maintenance of the fabric of Holy Trinity Church, Long Sutton, Somerset. Our main activities are 'The raising of funds from membership subscriptions, donations, legacies and social events, in order to assist our Parochial Church Council (PCC) for projects covered by the charities object'. In less formal terms the aims of the Trustees are to raise monies by having fun, in order that we keep our beautiful Grade 1 listed Church, dating from 1493, both open and in fine structural condition, for the enjoyment of current villagers and for the generations that follow us here in the years to come. Those of you who attended our summer event on 29th June, the Opera 'Hansel & Gretel' will have a taste of the type of gathering we organise. This will then be followed by a fabulous St Andrews Day concert on 30th November and the Trustees are already working on a full and exciting programme for 2025.

We therefore extend an invitation to all, be you new arrivals or existing villagers, to become members of FOLSC. Annual single membership is remarkably modest at £15 for single or family at £25. Single life membership is £150, with whole family life at £250. Further details can be provided by our treasurer Graham Stoddart-Stones gcstones52@gmail.com or membership forms are available on the FOLSC notice board at the entrance to Holy Trinity church. Our social events are of course open to all so 'try before you buy' if you prefer, but joining FOLSC is the perfect way to speedily get to know your new neighbours and so quickly integrate into your new community as well as supporting a great local charity!

LONGSUTTON FRIENDLY SOCIETY:

Thank you to all those who contributed and supported the Annual Walk this year, glorious weather made the day even better. The society will be hosting the August Coffee morning on 3rd in Church. Monies raised from this event will go towards supplying and lighting Christmas Trees both inside and out of the church. Surplus funds will go to local charities. If you have anything for produce stall we would be most grateful or come along for a coffee and a piece of cake.

Tennis courts

Now that we have our fantastic refurbished tennis courts let's make the most of them. If there is anyone locally who would like to join a WhatsApp group for arranging occasional knockabouts please contact Laura Higgins on 07801 437250 who is happy to set up the group. Nothing too serious, just for fun and a bit of exercise. All ages and abilities. We are also looking to start some coaching sessions to improve your skills further.

SOMERTON CONCERT BAND!

SUMMER CONCERT
SATURDAY 6TH JULY 7:30pm
LONG SUTTON VILLAGE HALL
£7, children under 16 free, to include refreshments.
Tickets on the door.

We are a lively and friendly band who play a wide range of music that will appeal to all tastes.

This will be our current conductor's last concert with us as he retires afterwards.

Please come and give him a great send off.

LONG LOAD

Next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 16th July at 7:30 in Long Load Village Hall

There is now a Defibrillator situated on the side wall of Long Load Village Hall.

Please follow the instructions on the front of the cabinet in order to receive a code allowing you access to the Defibrillator if needed.

Chinese Brush Painting

This event will now be resting during the Summer months

Wednesday 10th July Craft Club

Long Load Village Hall 2pm – 4:30pm

TBD

Tea & Biscuits included

Make Plans

Don't Forget to Start Getting Your Produce, Flowers, Crafts, Cooking & Writing skills flowing for the **Long Load Annual Show on 7th September**
(Schedules due out July)

URGENT

Committee Members needed for Village Hall!

Long Load Village Hall is a charity set up to provide a villagehall and associated activities. The current committee of six members, with the help of some wonderful volunteers, are currently managing to keep the hall afloat, meet legal requirements and run various events. However, we will lose at least two of our Committee by the autumn due to planned house moves.

Without some new blood (or former members returning), there is a real danger that the hall may need to close. If you think you might be able to help, please contact Nicola on 241689 or Marsha on 241415 for more information.

Gloving Talk Thank you.

Thank you to everyone for their kindness, support and superb insights at my recent gloving talk at Long Load Village Hall. We are grateful for the support of our local communities. Joseph Lewis, Heritage Co-Ordinator, South Somerset Heritage Collection.

Please send your contributions to lsnewsletter@btinternet.com **by the 20th of the month.** For more information call 01458 241450