

Long Sutton & Long Load

Community newsletter

December 2025

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Final deadline for submissions: 20th of every month

Remembering the fallen

Holy Trinity Church, Long Sutton

Thank you for joining us at the war memorial on 9th Nov for the Remembrance service. Special thanks to Valerie Thomas (service), Ron Roberts (citation), Jim Witton (trumpet), wreath layers, and the WI for their beautiful arrangements. Christmas Services:



- Carol Service: Sun 14th Dec, 6pm
- Crib Service: Christmas Eve, 3pm (children welcome in nativity costumes - spare costumes available)
- Family Holy Communion: Christmas Day, 9.30am

The PCC thanks all the volunteers especially to the editor, coordinators and deliverers who bring you this newsletter. Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Coffee Mornings Thank you to our lovely tea/coffee/cake ladies, Marian, Shirley, Jean and their grandchildren who are invariably assisting.

- Nov raised £987.40 for Farmerados & Holy Trinity Church.
- Donations welcome for our December coffee morning in support of Motor Neurone Disease, a cause close to us after recently losing Roy Harvey to this illness. Produce stall run by Long Sutton Levellers WI, and Jan 3rd for C of E Children's Society.

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

Sun 7th Dec	9.30am	Holy Communion	Kingsdon
	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Via Zoom
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Pitney
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Somerton
	4.00pm	Carol Service Celebration	Somerton
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Long Sutton
Sun 14th Dec	9.30am	Holy Communion	Charlton Mackrell
	11.00am	Café Praise	Somerton
	4.00pm	Carols & Christingle	Kingsdon
	6.00pm	Carols & Readings	Long Sutton
	7.00pm	Carol Service & Sommer Singers	Pitney
Sun 21st Dec	10.00am	Messy Christmas	Pitney
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Somerton
	4.00pm	Christingle	Somerton
	4.00pm	Carol Service	Charlton Mackrell
Wed 24th Dec	3.00pm	Crib Service	Long Sutton
	4.00pm	Crib Service	Charlton Adam
	7.30pm	Family Holy Communion	Kingsdon
	11.30pm	Midnight Holy Communion	Somerton
Thur 25th Dec	9.30am	Family Holy Communion	Long Sutton
	9.30am	Family Holy Communion	Charlton Adam
	10.00am	Christmas Communion	Pitney
	10.00am	Family Holy Communion	Somerton
Sun 28th Dec	11.00am	Benefice Holy Communion	Somerton

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
DEC 6th MARIGOLD SHEPARD		JEAN TULK
DEC 13th ALL HANDS-ON DECK		ANGIE STONE & JEAN TULK
DEC 20th PLEASE FOR CHRISTMAS		LOUISE PLEDGER & MARIGOLD SHEPARD
DEC 27th		ROSIE COX & STEVIE SALES
JAN 3rd ROSIE COX	JOYCE PRITCHARD & AISLING WAGSTAFF	JANIE ELLERBECK & JANIE MINOGUE
JAN 10th ROSIE COX		JEAN TULK

Friends of Long Sutton Church



FOLSC looks back on 2025 with pride: five events raised nearly £9,000 for Holy Trinity and brought great entertainment to members and the community. Thank you to everyone who supported us!

Plans for 2026 are set:

- 7 Feb: Church coffee morning
- 7 Mar: Mouse Race night – back after 15 years!
- 27 Jun: Opera in a Box returns with *Pirates of Penzance*
- 28 Nov: Variety show – *Music from the Musicals*

The Trustees wish you a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Long Sutton PTFA

Spooky fun Our third year of the Punkie Party was a spooktacular evening. A huge thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the night full of laughter and dancing. Special shout-out to Dawn and Max who stepped in last minute to run the BBQ and judging our Best Dressed and Pumpkin Carving competitions.

A massive thank you to all of our brilliant volunteers who gave up their Saturday to help set up, run the show smoothly, tidy away and bring the spooky fun to life. We couldn't do this without you!

Clothing bins Thank you those who continue to keep the second hand clothing bins well topped up. We let the company know when they are full but it can take a short while for them to be emptied so check back regularly.

Long Sutton Tennis

Christmas Tennis

Sat 27 Dec, 10.30–12.30.

Free fun tennis for all! This is open to everyone and is a chance to hit some tennis balls, have fun and enjoy being on the courts.

- Children & families: 10.30am–11am
- Adults: 11am – 12.30pm

Drinks in The Devonshire Arms afterwards. Balls provided; spare rackets available.

To book, email katestentlsvh@outlook.com,

phone 07584 083124, online using the QR code (scan with your phone camera), or just turn up.





Festive Coffee Morning Join us for on Saturday 6 December, 10:30–12:00 at Long Sutton Church. Enjoy sweet and savoury treats, crafts, and festive cheer while raising funds for the Motor Neurone Disease

Association. It's a lovely chance to meet friends and neighbours, especially if you're new to the village, and savour tea, coffee, and homemade cake.

This month members will also gather for a festive meal at The Devonshire Arms and enjoy our December meeting, A Christmas Surprise, with fun, games, and seasonal food. Thank you for supporting this year's free community events—Soup Lunch, Cream Tea, and Sally Smith's talk.

Looking ahead our next free event is on Saturday 17 January, 10:00–12:00 at the Village Hall. Drop in for coffee, cake, and a warm welcome, or grab a takeaway if you're out walking.

Wishing all our members, friends, and supporters a very Merry Christmas! For queries, contact Heather at longsuttonlevellerswi@gmail.com or Jane on 07823 559175.

Long Sutton Primary School

Christmas is coming! The school looks festive and children are busy rehearsing for nativity plays. Over-60s should have received invites to the Senior Citizens' party and nativity—if not, please book via the school office. Children will enjoy an in-school panto, The Wizard of Oz, thanks to the PTFA.

Choir has a packed schedule: concerts at Huish Academy, Wells Cathedral, the Village Carol Service, and our own. A huge thanks to Mrs Brading.

Nature Reserve Harrier class braved heavy rain to help at the Long Sutton Nature Reserve planting trees. Oscar and Ben, pictured, placed mulch around the trees.

Toy Box Pre-school Open 8.45am-3.15pm for children aged 2-4. Call 241434 enquiries@longsuttonprimary.co.uk to find out more.



Long Sutton Parish Council

The recent parish council meeting heard about the success of the 3rd Environment Day with over 150 people attending including the local MP, Sarah Dyke.

There was lots of engagement on the Nature Reserve's next steps with residents eager to see all the new changes in the last 10 months since opening. It's been a busy year for The Environment Group with a great deal achieved and plenty more to do - they are keen to hear from anyone who's got ideas for next year's event.

Other topics discussed included the Knole Flood Group's contribution to the recent resilience event and the award that they received from the Lord L

Lieutenant, the process to fill the current councillor vacancy and an update on plans for the petanque court and outdoor table tennis table. Full minutes are available on the website www.longsutton-pc.gov.uk

Long Load news

Next Long Load Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm Tues 16th Dec.

Wishing Everyone A Very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.



Wednesday Craft Club Long Load Village Hall 2–4.30pm 10th December. Event: End of Year finishing items. Refreshments will be provided by members "Bring a Plate" plus Secret Santa. Everyone welcome, no previous experience required. Contact marsaaannwhite2@gmail.com 07841341813 or angelamedwards@hotmail.com

Village Hall Christmas Celebration

Mon 22nd Dec 6pm Christmas Story in Carols, Poems and Readings followed by Mulled Wine or Soft Drink and Mince Pies.

If you would be prepared to read a short passage or suitable poem please contact Marsha as early as possible in order for a format to be worked out. This is a family event so please bring the family along to enjoy the Christmas season. Donations from this event to Martock Christmas Food Bank.

Quick news bites



- **Harry's Cider** Harry's Festive Bash. Join us for the last event of the year on Friday 19th December at 4pm with great food from Ethic St Pizza and music by The Hullabalooers. Browse our shop for gifts – cheese hampers, vouchers, sets and flagons – and enjoy coffee or a light lunch.
- **Vacancy** We're looking for a cleaner for our new shop and taproom, 2 hours every other Monday. Contact 01458 241324 or info@harryscidercompany.co.uk
- **Under Starters Orders!** Enjoy an evening with former jockey and top trainer Jamie Snowden at Long Sutton Village Hall, Wed 21 Jan (doors 7pm, start 7.30). Rupert Cox will explore Jamie's journey from jockey to Cheltenham Festival and Grade 1 wins. Raffle – Auction – Bar – Free drink on arrival. In aid of Holy Trinity Church and Racing Welfare. Tickets: Sue 01458 241554, Marian 07885 301898, or Village Shop.
- **Village Shop** Five years ago, the community worked together to keep our village shop and Post Office. Since August 2020, the Patel family has invested in both, providing a convenient and friendly service. While they can't always match supermarket prices, they offer something invaluable - local access. When we were without a shop and Post Office, the village felt the loss. Let's ensure that doesn't happen again by supporting them whenever possible.
- **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.

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

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.

PUB in the Village Hall

Villagers are always warmly welcome to join us at the PUB in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on the last Friday of the month, but please note that December's PUB will take place on 2nd January instead of Boxing Day. More details contact: LongLoadPUB@gmail.com