



## **FRIENDS OF LONG SUTTON CHURCH Coffee Morning Update & Other News!**



Saturday 3rd February saw villagers and visitors alike turn out en masse to support the second FOLSC sponsored coffee morning at Holy Trinity Church. Thanks to Marian, Shirley, Jean & Geri, who turn up every month with a fabulous array of enticing cakes and other delicacies and without whom our wonderful coffee mornings would be a nonstarter. The picture says it all!



The February coffee morning saw Holy Trinity packed with villagers, FOLSC members and visitors who turned out in significant numbers to support the second coffee morning our charity has sponsored. Many thanks to all who donated assorted homemade delicacies for the produce stall; these clearly hit the spot as the sales team reported zero stock remaining by 1200!

We have now reconciled the monies taken and the total event income was an impressive **£827**, which in turn has delivered **£659** to the FOLSC fighting fund, with the further benefit in due course from Gift Aided donations received. In addition, the event delivered a contribution of **£168** to Holy Trinity for their percentage share of takings, so everyone was a winner! And as succinctly illustrated in the photo above, we all had a very convivial gathering, helped by the rain finally staying away and the sun making a brief appearance!

## Dates for your Diary!

Most of you will already know the whole community sadly lost Roger Cox on 23<sup>rd</sup> January. He has always been a stalwart of the village, our Church Warden, a long standing FOLSC member, Farmer, racegoer and much else besides, who finally left us at the impressive age of 94. We have been advised by his family, a memorial service celebrating his long life will be held on **Monday 4th March at 2pm** in the Church, followed by a social gathering in the village hall. We know many members will be attending and as such the Trustees, in deference to Roger and Rosie, have postponed the planned **FOLSC AGM** that was scheduled for that day. This has been pushed back one week, so will now be held by kind permission at the Village School, on **Monday 11th March**, with doors opening at 6.00pm and the meeting commencing at 6.30. We particularly invite anyone new to the village to attend (in a non-voting capacity). Please come along to hear what we have been up to, and of our outline plans for 2024.



Following the success of the fabulous BSO 'Christmas Fanfare' concert in December, we are delighted to announce another first for FOLSC and we believe Long Sutton! We have managed to secure, for one night only, the boys and girls of Bristol's award-winning touring company '**Opera in a Box**' who will play for us in the Village Hall on **Saturday 29th June**. To be sung in English, the Brothers Grimm's tale of hunger, enchantment, entrapment and rescue has thrilled adults and children for over two hundred years. Whilst many adaptations of the work exist, Engelbert Humperdinck's 1893 opera is regarded by many as the most delicious. We have been told Opera refuseniks should throw all preconceptions out of the window as 'Opera in a Box' takes Opera in a fresh and exciting artistic direction. Please come and join us for a summer night to remember, so watch out for further details in due course.