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April 2026 Newsletter



Welcome to Long Sutton Parish Council Newsletter, bringing you a summary of the latest Parish news and information.

If you have a photo of the Parish that you would like added to the newsletter, please email clerk@longsutton-pc.gov.uk

Parish Council News

Next Parish Council Meeting - 7th April 2026

The next parish council meeting is on **Tuesday 7th April** at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of the Village Hall.

The agenda for the meeting will be published on the Parish Council website (link below) up to seven days before the meeting date.



[Agenda and Minutes](#)

Sports & Activity Taster Day
Saturday 18th April 2pm - 5pm

Everyone is invited to attend
Long Sutton's first...



Sports & Activity Taster Day!

Saturday 18th April
2-5pm

Come & have a go at a variety
of activities & sports that
occur in the village such as:

Golf, Zumba, Karate, Yoga,
Cricket, Tennis, Table Tennis,
Thai Chi, Boules, short-mat
bowls and pickle ball!

Bring along your basketball,
skateboard or BMX and have a
go on the village's own facilities.
There's something for everyone!

• Village Hall, around the recreation field &
Pavilion where a bar & BBQ will be available!

If you have ever thought about having a go at any of the pastimes that take place in the village, or perhaps have been too shy to take part formally, then this is your opportunity to come and have a go!

Everyone is invited to come and watch or take-part. This is what's on:

In the hall - karate (2-3pm), Tai Chi (3-4pm) and short-mat bowls (4-5pm)

In the tennis courts - tennis coach offering 'have a go' opportunity (2-4pm) and a pickleball demo (4-5pm)

Grassy area between the hall and the Pavilion - Zumba demo (2.45-3.30pm) and yoga (3.45-4.30pm) have a go at boules and try out the new outdoor table tennis table throughout the afternoon.

Cricket Field - demos for children and adults from 2-3.30pm and golf for children and adults 3.45-5pm.

Pavilion for refreshments including tea, coffee and cake, ice-cream, a bar and a BBQ.

Bring along your basketball, skateboard or BMX bike and have a go on the village's own facilities. There is something for everyone!

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Thursday 14th May at 7.30pm



The **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held on **Thursday 14th May** in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

As well as guest speaker Cllr Bill Revans, Leader of Somerset Council, there will be updates from various village clubs and organisations.

Refreshments will be served and it is a good opportunity to hear the latest news about your village and enjoy chatting and catching up with your friends and neighbours.

Long Sutton Levellers W.I



Spring has certainly brought energy to the Levellers!

Bystanders Can Be Lifesavers

On 19th March, we were proud to host an informative and empowering session on how ordinary people can make an extraordinary difference in an emergency. The practical guidance and clear advice given left us all feeling more confident should we ever need to step forward and help. A huge thank you to Community First Responders Penny & Robin and Paul from South West Ambulance Service NHS Foundation

Great British Spring Clean (GBSC)

A determined band of Levellers took to the streets between the 13th and 29th March for the Great British Spring Clean. Armed with gloves, bags and good humour, we made a *visible* difference in our village — proof that many hands really do make light work. Thank you to all who gave their time.

**** Coming Up - Thursday 16th April at 7.30pm ****

How to Win Competitions with Sally Kershaw

We are looking forward to a lively and entertaining evening with Sally Kershaw, who will be sharing her tips on crafting winning competition entries. There will be light-hearted moments, a few serious contenders, and plenty of inspiration.

We invite non-members to come along for an evening and see for yourself what modern WI is all about — friendship, learning, laughter and community spirit. The Welcome Team are always at the door ready to welcome members and guests.

[Click here to see the W.I page on our website](#)



A **coffee morning** to support Thrive Somerset, will be held on **Saturday 4th April 2026** at Holy Trinity Church, 10.30 am to midday. If you would like to donate any items for our produce stall, this would be hugely appreciated.

[More information about Thrive can be found here](#)

Somerset Health and Wellbeing Survey



Somerset Health & Wellbeing Survey: Your Perspective Matters

Somerset Council has launched a Health and Wellbeing Survey which runs until Monday 27 April. It gives residents the opportunity to highlight what matters most to them, helping the council focus future work on the issues that have the greatest impact on local communities. You will be asked about the following topics in this survey:

- Physical Activity
- Mental Health & Wellbeing
- Smoking, Vaping & Alcohol
- Substance Use
- Accessing Health Information
- Gambling
- Oral Health
- NHS Health Checks

Each topic section takes about **two minutes** to complete and the whole survey takes around **15 - 18 minutes** to complete. By completing this survey, you are helping us to improve the health and wellbeing of people across Somerset, so thank you!

Your chance to win £50!

When you finish the survey, you'll see a link where you can leave your name and email if you'd like to enter a prize draw for a £50 shopping voucher. If you're the lucky winner, you'll be contacted by email.

[Click here to access the survey](#)

Enjoy a local walk this Spring



There are many footpaths in the village, well maintained by our brilliant volunteers, The Stile Council, and available for all to enjoy as the weather improves.

You can find a detailed map by clicking on the link below, and this also provides details of footpath reference numbers (typically L21/30 for example). If you spot a defect - a broken stile, wonky gate or similar - or have to battle overgrown hedges, then you can report it using the appropriate reference number to the Clerk or to the Rights of Way officer at Somerset Council.

The Parish Council is currently updating a leaflet guide for residents to enjoy some local walks, and these will be available in various shops and locations in the village soon.

[Somerset Council's Public Rights of Way can be found here](#)

'Spring into Action'




Saturday **7th March** saw FOLSC deliver the first fundraiser and social of our 2026 season. The village hall was packed to capacity with adults and children for our 'Mouse Race Extravaganza' and what a night we had! Each race was individually sponsored by George James Properties, Peter Tulk Construction, The Halfway House, Sutton Upholstery Services, and Amy at the Upton Bridge Farm Shop and Tearooms. Our guests had the opportunity to 'own' a mouse, sold at auction prior to each race, and if your mouse came home in 1st or 2nd place, owners were in the money!

Perhaps the greatest fun was had when two mice recreated 'The Great Escape' but neither managed a successful 'home run', thanks to their capture through the skills of a local vet who was in our audience! In addition to having a multigenerational gathering, the evening delivered a fantastic £2,114 profit to the fighting fund, so many thanks who all who attended.

Our next fundraiser is designed for all the petrolheads in the locality and is an opportunity to test your driving skills on the Castle Coombe Race circuit on Wednesday 25th March. At the time of writing this is already sold out, and we will publish a report in next month's edition.

Opera in a Box PRESENTS


The Pirates of Penzance



Opera in a Box is an exciting opera company based in the South West of the UK, dedicated to making opera accessible, engaging, and unforgettable for all. With a focus on innovation, the company brings together talented young artists from across disciplines, creating powerful productions that break from the traditional opera experience. Performing in unexpected venues—from castles to village halls—Opera in a Box is redefining how audiences encounter opera, making it both intimate and thrilling.

For the first time, Opera in a Box turns from grand opera to Gilbert and Sullivan with *The Pirates of Penzance*. This much-loved comic opera follows Frederic, a young apprentice mistakenly bound to a band of tender-hearted pirates, as he navigates duty, love, and cowardly policemen. Opera in a Box's creative team will bring this lively tale to the stage with wit and charm, highlighting its playful satire and memorable music.




All information & tickets can be found at <https://www.operainabox.com/whats-on>
(All online orders have a small booking fee)



"Superb singing, great acting. a triumph in every sense of the word."
Audience member The Magic Flute 2025

"I would suggest learning from the example of a Bristol-based company called Opera in a Box. Its interpretations take opera in fresh and exciting artistic directions."
Letter in The Telegraph, Hansel & Gretel 2024

"Opera in a Box have clearly succeeded in their mission to bring the opera genre to as wide an audience as possible."
The Bristol Magazine, Carmen 2022

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Our summer outing is Gilbert & Sullivan's comic Opera the ever popular **'Pirates of Penzance'**, performed for us again by Bristol's 'Opera in a Box' team. Long Sutton is one of just 8 performances on their summer tour and we are privileged to have secured their services once again. This much-loved production follows Fredric, a young apprentice mistakenly bound to a band of tender-hearted pirates, as he navigates duty, love and cowardly policemen! The production will be brought to the stage by the company's creative team with wit and charm, highlighting its playful satire and memorable music and everyone will know it's most famous number "I Am the Very Model of a Modern Major-General".

This show will appeal to everyone - and even those who purport 'not to do opera', so we specifically challenge **you** to come along and enjoy another fantastic night to savour. The event will be held in the Long Sutton Village Hall on **Saturday 27th June**, and tickets will be on sale soon, priced at £20 for adults and £10 for children and will be available

from all our normal outlets including Jig at the Long Sutton village shop, Amy at the Upton Bridge Farm shop and tearooms and of course all the FOLSC Trustees.

Make a note of the date now for what we guarantee will be another classic show that will also appeal to all ages as everyone loves a Pirate!

Somerset Care Group

This group is a not for profit organisation supporting people to live as they choose, either in their own homes with carers or in a care home setting.

They have opened the doors to the Care homes to support local people with a **day care service** - this is a day visit to the care home to meet people, build friendships and enjoy some activities together with refreshments and a home cooked meal. There is a charge for the day care available 7 days a week, but a free taster day is offered for those who would like to try a day care session before deciding if this is for them.

Well established in the county of Somerset for 35 years, they would like to be more involved in the local community with groups and clubs as well. Portcullis House in Langport is the nearest home to Long Sutton - click on the button below for further details.



The
Somerset
Care Group

Day Care Services

Enjoy a day out at our Somerset and Devon care homes, for tailored care and complete peace of mind.



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More information about Somerset Care Group can be found here

Let us know if there is anything else you would like to see in the newsletter: clerk@longsutton-pc.gov.uk

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