

## February 2026 Newsletter



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

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## Parish Council News

### Next Parish Council Meeting - 3rd February 2026



The next parish council meeting is on **Tuesday 3rd February** 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.

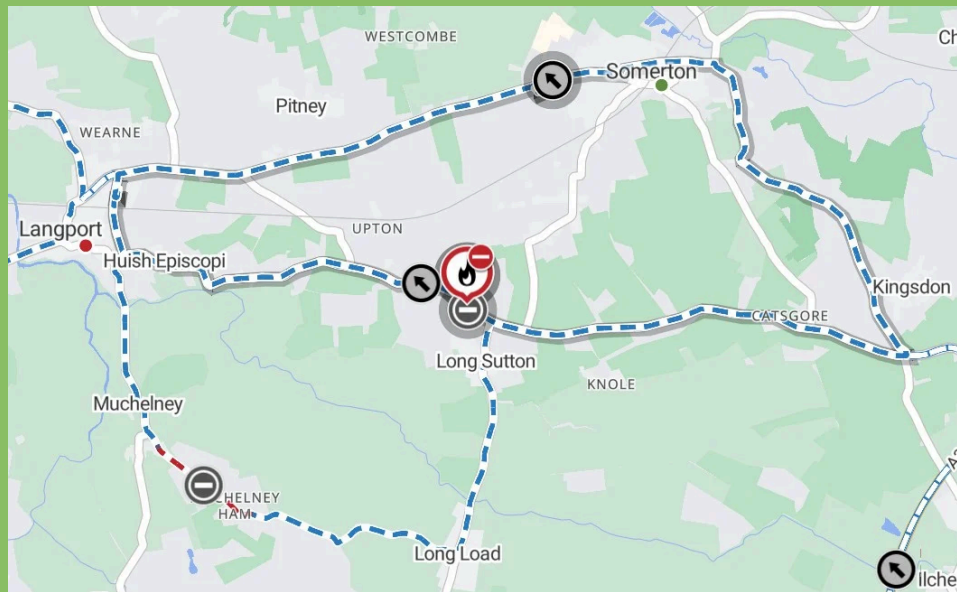
[Agenda and Minutes](#)

### **ROADWORKS - Langport Road closed for 5 days from 16th February**

The closure is on the Langport Road just by the junction with the Friends Meeting House. Works are expected to commence on 16th February and last for up to 5 days to enable Wales & West Utilities to replace gas mains. This is the final phase of works and the remaining section of pipe (104m) will be in the centre of the road, necessitating a complete road closure. They hope that by choosing to carry out the works during the February half-term break, they will keep disruption to a minimum.

See the picture below for the diversion route, or click on the link below for further details.

[Click here to see further details](#)



**SAVE THE DATE.....Saturday 18th April**



With such a multitude of different sporting activities, clubs and societies on offer in Long Sutton, we thought it would be a good idea to bring them all together for a showcase event. You can come and see what's involved and find out how to join in with anything that might be up your street!

There will be many to choose from including tennis, pickleball, petanque (try out the new court - coming soon), table tennis (indoor & outdoor), cricket, football, golf, tai chi, yoga & pilates to name a few.

Pop the date in your diary now and come and see various demonstrations or get more information on **Saturday 18th April 2- 5pm** in the Village Hall.

**Dave, our favourite postie - what a lovely afternoon!**



What a great send-off to our fantastic postman, David Rowsell, celebrating a near 40 year career! An appropriately styled cake was cut and shared by 175 residents past & present and a wonderful afternoon was enjoyed by all. Thank you again to all those who contributed delicious cakes and sandwiches and poured the tea!

## **Long Sutton Levellers W.I**



The year has already started as we plan our next annual programme, and enjoy the final few months of 2025-26.

January saw us bring our game faces and challenge the grey cells with Rummikub. It was a fun evening — and has sparked plans for a regular Rummikub group.

We also enjoyed hosting a community event, Warm Space ~ Welcome Café, on Saturday 17th January. The hall was filled with chatter and laughter, as people made new connections and renewed old ones. Thank you for your support and generous donations — we raised £166, which will help fund future community events.

We won't be in the hall in February, as we'll be enjoying the hospitality of our friends at Keinton Mandeville WI, sharing their speaker Liam O'Farrell. Liam will be discussing his life as an artist, his background and paintings of everyday life. His work has featured in The Guardian, The Times, Tatler and many art magazines.

You can join the Levellers any time on a pro-rata basis - first visit free, second visit just £5.

Any queries please get in touch:- [longsuttonwi@gmail.com](mailto:longsuttonwi@gmail.com) or ring Jane Fell on 07823 559175

Click here to see the W.I page on our website



A **coffee morning** to support FOLSC - Friends of Long Sutton Church, will be held on **Saturday 7th February 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 FOLSC can be found [here](#)

**Get your garden ready for a good cause**

# Glorious Gardens 2026

*Open your Garden,*  
in support of  
St Margaret's  
Hospice



To find out more, please visit:  
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**St Margaret's Hospice Care** is inviting garden lovers across Somerset to take part in its much-loved **Glorious Gardens** campaign for 2026. The initiative celebrates the joy of being outdoors while raising vital funds to support patients and families across the county.

From cosy cottage plots to school gardens and sweeping country estates, every green space has the potential to make a difference.

Garden hosts open their gates to neighbours, friends and visitors, sharing their passion for plants and community spirit while helping to fund hospice care. St Margaret's provides full support, including a Host Welcome Pack, promotional materials, and guidance on accessibility and fundraising.

Now recruiting for the 2026 season, the hospice hopes even more residents will get involved. In 2025, the campaign raised over **£31,000**, helping the charity provide expert care and comfort to people facing life-limiting illness. As Head Gardener Caroline explains, "Our hospice gardens are living sanctuaries — places where patients and families find peace, connection and joy. Glorious Gardens reflects that same spirit out in the community."

[Click here for more information](#)

## **Christmas Tennis**

**The sky was almost as blue as the courts**



Just two days after Christmas, a hardy group of people enjoyed some cold tennis on our superb new courts. I was delighted we had a range of standards in tennis but on such a cold day, the challenge was to stay warm, keep moving and have fun. After the tennis, many of us enjoyed a warming, social drink in The Dev - the perfect end to our morning.

If anyone would like more details about tennis or how to book our beautiful courts, let me know. Equally, if you have problems accessing or booking the courts, please let me know - if I don't know, I can't help to resolve the problems!

Hope to see you on the courts in 2026!

Contact: [katestentlsvh@outlook.com](mailto:katestentlsvh@outlook.com) or 07584 083124

**FOLSC latest news**  
**'Spring into Action'**



**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

Long Sutton Village Hall

Doors Open 7.00

First Race 7.30

Tickets £10 Adult

Accompanied Children Free

From Jig @ Village shop,  
Amy @ Upton Bridge Farm  
Shop or FOLSC Trustees

**MOUSE  
RACE NIGHT**

**Fully Stocked Bar**

**Bring £££ Cash for Tote!**

**The FOLSC AGM** will be held on **Monday 2nd March** in the Long Sutton Village School, by kind permission of the Head. The meeting is open to all (non-members in a non-voting capacity) and as this is a very informal gathering, we encourage members and others to join us for a relaxed event and learn what we have been up to in 2025 and hear our exciting plans for 2026.

Coming up first is our **Mouse Race Extravaganza** on **Saturday 7th March**. We first ran this event in 2010 and again in 2016 and both proved hugely enjoyable evenings that appealed to a wide age demographic. Those who have attended in the past will know roughly what to expect, but we had a packed house back in 2010, so get your tickets quickly (how and where to buy them is detailed above) - the mice will be under starters orders promptly at 7.30pm! We will also have our normal FOLSC pay bar available, but please remember to bring some real cash if you are planning on having a flutter on the Tote, which we hope you will!

A future date to note is **25th March** for another **Track Day**, this time at the Castle Coombe Circuit, 5 miles west of Chippenham. Limited spaces are filling up quickly, but if you are interested please contact Charlie on [info@uptonbridgefarm.com](mailto:info@uptonbridgefarm.com) to check current status/availability.

Finally, whilst it's still a little way off, please save the date for our fabulous summer event, the return of Bristol's fabulous 'Opera in a Box'. This time they will be performing Gilbert & Sullivan's comic opera '**Pirates of Penzance**' on **Saturday 27th June** and it is again likely to be a sellout event, so keep an eye out for further news in due course.

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

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