

# LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER – August 24

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## Sunday Services in the Levels Arc Benefice

4th	9.30	Morning Worship	Kingsdon
	10.10 for 10.20	Morning Prayer	Zoom*
	11.00	Holy Communion	Pitney
	11.00	Morning Worship	Somerton
	18.30	Evensong	Long Sutton
11th	8.00 **	Holy Communion	Long Sutton
	9.30	Holy Communion	Charlton Mackrell
	11.00	Morning Worship	Somerton
18th	9.30	Holy Communion	Kingsdon
	09.30 for 10.00	Café Church	Pitney
	11.00	Holy Communion	Somerton
25th	9.30	Morning Worship	Charlton Adam
	11.00	Holy Communion	Long Sutton
	11.00	Café Praise	Somerton

(\*) Please contact [suecreegan@outlook.com](mailto:suecreegan@outlook.com) if you require information about the Zoom Services

(\*\*) Please note that HC at Long Sutton is at 8.00am in August

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

On Fridays at 6pm, informal prayers at Long Sutton

## Revd Judith Swan

By the time you read this, we will have welcomed Revd. Judith Swan to our new benefice of Somerton, Long Sutton with Long Load, Pitney, Kingsdon and the Charltons. She has moved into the Vicarage in Somerton (Rosemount, Sutton Road, Somerton, TA11 6QP), together with her husband, Alan, and two sons, Nathan and Toby. Please include them all in your prayers as they settle into their new home and gradually get to know the area and the communities she will be serving. You may have noticed changes at the Vicarage in Long Sutton. For a temporary period, Revd. Scott Patterson and his wife, Rowan, and his family will be living in the Vicarage. Scott was the vicar of Curry Rivel church but is now to become an Associate Vicar of the newly formed Benefice of Curry Rivel, Fivehead, Huish Episcopi, and some other parishes. We welcome Scott and his family to our beautiful village.

## Coffee mornings in the Church

Thank you to all those who came to support the coffee morning on 6<sup>th</sup> July in aid of Somerset Sight. The morning was organised by Robin and Rachael Ewbank, with lots of support and produce donated by their neighbours in Long Load. It was a lovely morning, with many delicious cakes provided by Marian, Shirley, Jean and Gerry on the tea & coffee stall. Thank you all!

Our August coffee morning will be on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> in aid of the Long Sutton Friendly Society. Please come along and help raise money for this very community driven charity and please help, if you can, by bringing any goodies you may have in your garden, or you might bake for the produce stall.

## Coffee Mornings 2025

Sue Creegan is in the process of putting together the list of charities that we will support in 2025. Each year we support Long Sutton Primary School (via PTFA or Governors), FOLSC, Long Sutton Friendly Society, Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance, a Hospice (either Children's or St. Margaret's) and Holy Trinity Church Long Sutton Church. Please contact Sue on 241-554 ([suecreegan@outlook.com](mailto:suecreegan@outlook.com)) if there is a local charity that you would like to suggest (I have received a couple already).

## Date for your Diaries

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September, an internationally acclaimed classical trumpeter, Crispian Steele-Perkins, will be coming to

entertain us in Long Sutton Church with an afternoon concert. Tickets will be available (shortly) from Sue & Tim Creegan (01458-241-554) or Douglas Hamilton & Stevie Sales (01458-241-855). We are very privileged to have such a renowned artist visit Long Sutton, so please put it in your diary and come along and enjoy his amazing music.

## Flowers and Brasses

August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mrs Lyon	
Aug 10 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Wagstaff	
Aug 17 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Wagstaf	
Aug 24 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Pritchard	
Aug 31 <sup>st</sup>	Mrs Pritchard	Mrs Brake and Mrs Walford
Sept 7 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Huggard	

## Long Sutton WI

Dear Readers, another busy month for Long Sutton WI, visiting Sculpture by the Lakes, Dorchester, and enjoying our annual picnic.

The sub-committee have recently sent out 100 invitations for our Centenary Afternoon Tea to bring WI members, ex-members, and invited guests together to celebrate at the Village Hall. We will also be launching our Stitch-in-Time centenary project - a collection of stitched images, and stories depicting ten decades of the Women's Institute in Long Sutton.

**Date for your diaries:** Sat 7-Sept - WI Church Coffee morning in aid of Children's Hospice South West, and an opportunity to view the The Stitch-in-Time project throughout the morning, and into the afternoon. This has been a huge project for us, and brought Members and ex-Members together to stitch, chat, reminisce, and learn more about the history of Long Sutton WI. **Please share the exhibition date with friends & family in neighbouring villages as this is a not-to-be missed exhibition.**

## CENTENARY PROGRAMME (Aug to Dec)

Date: Third Thursday of the month

Venue: Long Sutton Village Hall

Doors Open: 7:20pm ~ Start: 7:30pm

**We look forward to welcoming you all to our community events.**

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

Sat 7-Sept: Church Coffee Morning & Stitch in Time Exhibition, **community event.**

Thurs 19-Sept: Worries & Wonders of Ageing with Dr Lucy Pollock, **community event - Everyone welcome!**

Thurs 12-Oct: WI Harvest Celebration, *monthly meeting.*

Sat 17-Oct: WI Village Ceilidh, **community event.**

Thurs 21-Nov: Lost Lady Society Podcast, *monthly meeting.*

Thurs 19-Dec: Celebrating 100 Christmases, *monthly meeting.*

For WI membership queries email: [longsuttonwi@gmail.com](mailto:longsuttonwi@gmail.com)

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

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

## Hänsel & Gretel visit Long Sutton!

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June saw another first for FOLSC and for Long Sutton, when we welcomed the cast and crew of Bristol's fabulous touring company 'Opera in a Box' to our village hall. They did not disappoint and presented a wonderful performance of Engelbert Humperdinck's adaptation of Grimm's classic fairy tale of hunger, enchantment, entrapment and ultimate rescue.

Our capacity audience, both young and 'older', were entranced by the players' superb crystal-clear singing and emotive acting, accompanied throughout by their Musical Director on keyboard. The stage set was convincing, including an impressive gingerbread house and complemented by a range of fabulous costumes. 'Opera in a Box' has built a reputation

for introducing opera to new audiences of all ages, by performing in an engaging and interactive way. So, to those who thought opera stuffy, old fashioned and expensive, the cast proved otherwise, and our guests departed with smiles on their faces and a song in their hearts- and a lucky few with gingerbread biscuits to prove the evening was more than a wonderful dream! We are delighted to report the evening delivered a fabulous profit to the FOLSC fighting fund of £1,539, so we again achieved our joint aims of raising funds by having fun, so many thanks to all who supported us on the night.

Whilst a little way off, please make a note of our next event which will again take place in the Village Hall on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November**, when Matt Park and friends will present a '**St Andrew's Day Concert**'. Watch out for further details in due course but suffice to say this will be a true musical variety show, to include classic crooner numbers, opera, duets, songs from the musicals and even the chance of some participation, so beloved by a FOLSC audience!

To conclude, as we reach holiday season, let us hope that our long delayed 'summer' finally arrives and 'Bonnes vacances!'

### Harry's cider

Our Cider Saturdays are proving VERY popular, join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August with food from King Fin and music from Sundog Slide and then

24<sup>th</sup> August with Ethic St Pizza and Storm.

Also, look out for us at the New Forest Show 30<sup>th</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> Aug

### Mid Somerset Riding Club Charity Quiz Night

The ever popular General Knowledge Quiz night in aid of the Injured Jockeys Fund, World Horse Welfare and other charities, takes place on Wednesday September 25<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall.

Teams of 4 or 5 players, £15 per head to include supper and a fantastic raffle. A really fun evening – not to be missed.

For more details contact Marian Draper on 07885 301 898

### Mid Wessex Singers

After the very successful Spring Concert marking our 25th Anniversary, the Mid Wessex Singers will start our Tuesday evening rehearsals (7pm for a prompt 7.15pm start) for our seasonal festive programme at West Street Church Hall, Somerton (TA11 7PR), on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. There is free parking close by. All adult singers who love to sing, with or without choral experience, are welcome. We do not audition. The ability to read music is helpful but not essential as rehearsal tracks are made available. We are a friendly bunch, so if you are new to the area and looking to meet people who share your interest in music, why not come along. For those who just like to listen, the Christmas Concert date for your diary is the evening of Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at St Michael and All Angels Church in Somerton - further details nearer the time. For more information visit [www.midwessexsingers.co.uk](http://www.midwessexsingers.co.uk) or contact our Secretary, Sheena, on 07768 704883.

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## LONG LOAD

**There is no Parish Council Meeting in August  
Next Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>  
September 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.

There will be a directional sign on the wall adjacent to the hall drive as soon as it arrives with us.

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August Craft Club

Long Load Village Hall 2pm – 4:30pm  
To Be Decided - Tea & Biscuits included

By the time you read this you will have all received your Annual Village Show Schedule and Entry Form.

As you will see, there are a small number of changes hopefully to attract as many entries as possible.

It certainly has not been a trouble free year in the garden but being stalwart we do the best we can.

As the warmer calmer weather comes along we hope the Produce and Flowers will all have the opportunity to catch up in time to enter. The photograph classes are always well supported and its something that all budding photographers can do without going too far from home.

Baking, Crafting, Painting, Writing can all be done if the weather does not allow outside work to continue for a couple of days so please try and enter at least one of the many classes on offer. We have lots of talented people in the village so please come forward and shine!

This is a traditional 'Fun' event to be enjoyed by all and is a valued part of the village where we have lost so much in the past. So come along and enjoy a glass of Pimms. It's all for Fun!!

### Mid Summer Tea Party

This tea party was very well supported and successful again this year. The food was excellent and plentiful with lots of people from the village and surrounding areas to enjoy it – A Full House!!

It was a no charge event again this year relying on donations and a raffle.

Everyone enjoyed it and complimented all the cake bakers and sandwich makers for the quality and quantity of food.

Grateful thanks to everyone who came and supported by setting up the hall, eating, baking, serving, washing up and clearing away afterwards. We raised a total of £329 towards the hall funds.

### URGENT

Committee Members needed for Village Hall!!

Long Load Village Hall is a charity set up to provide a village hall 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 for personal reasons.

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.

We now have someone who is happy to be part of the hall team for cleaning the hall. Thank you.

Please send your contributions to [lsnewsletter@btinternet.com](mailto:lsnewsletter@btinternet.com) **by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month**. For more information call 01458 241450