

Long Sutton & Long Load

Community newsletter

January 2026

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Final deadline for submissions: 20th of every month

Warm Drinks, Warm Hearts

Holy Trinity Church, Long Sutton

Thank you to everyone who supported the December coffee morning in aid of Motor Neurone Disease. An amazing £1,063.61 was raised, providing £846.46 to MND (including £195 from Gift Aid) and £217.15 to Holy Trinity Church.



Our monthly coffee mornings will continue throughout 2026, held on the 1st Saturday of every month, 10.30am–12 noon. The charities we will be supporting are:

- Jan – The Children's Society
- Feb – FOLSC
- Mar – Long Sutton Primary School Governors
- Apr – Thrive Somerset
- May – Holy Trinity Church, Long Sutton
- Jun – Long Load Village Hall
- Jul – to be announced
- Aug – Long Sutton Friendly Society
- Sep – to be announced
- Oct – Multiple Sclerosis Society
- Nov – Samaritans (Somerset)
- Dec – Children's Hospice

For the Jan 3rd Coffee, Jean Tulk is no longer collecting on behalf of the Church of England Children's Society so will be grateful for any donation for the produce / front of church stall.

The July and September charities will be either Dorset Air Ambulance or Parkinson's. Volunteers are needed to run the Produce Table — please contact Sue on 01458 241 554 or suecreegan@outlook.com.

Huge thanks go to our wonderful tea/coffee/cake team — Marian, Shirley, Jean, their grandchildren, Jill, and all who step in to help. The mornings wouldn't be possible without them or those who run the produce stalls. Please support us however you can: by baking, bringing produce, buying items, or simply enjoying a chat over coffee and cake.

The Somerton coffee morning at St Michael's Church continues on the 2nd Saturday of each month, and all are welcome.

Long Sutton Golf Club

Last year the Golf Club raised money for Parkinson's UK as it's club charity for the year, we were able to raise the fantastic total of £33,000 which was presented to the charity for use in Somerset.

Next year the club will be supporting local charity Brainwave. We would like to thank all those in the local community who helped and supported us in last years fundraising.

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

Sun 4 th January	9.30am	Holy Communion	Kingsdon
	10.20am	Morning Worship	Zoom
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Pitney
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Somerton
	6.30pm	Evensong	Long Sutton
Sun 11 th January	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Long Sutton
	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Charlton Adam
	11.00am	Café Praise with Baptism	Somerton
Sun 18 th January	9.30am	Morning Worship	Kingsdon
	10.00am	Café Church (@ 10.30am)	Pitney
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Somerton
Sun 25 th January	9.30am	Healing Morning Worship	Charlton Mackrell
	9.30am,	Prayer & Care	Pitney
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Long Sutton
	11.00am	Morning Worship	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

We hope you enjoyed the festive celebrations and we wish you a happy, healthy and successful 2026.

DATE	FLOWERS	CLEANING	BRASSES
JAN 3RD	ROSIE COX	JANIE ELLERBECK & JANIE MINOGUE	JOYCE PRITCHARD & AISLING WAGSTAFF
JAN 10TH	ROSIE COX	SANDIE & DAVE APPLEBY	
JAN 17TH	JILL HUGGARD	HELEN FRY & LYNNE	
JAN 24TH	JILL HUGGARD	AISLING WAGSTAFF &	
JAN 31ST	SALLY LYON	ANGIE COX & KATHRYN	

Long Sutton Parish Council

Afternoon Tea Everyone is invited to afternoon tea on Sunday 18 January 2026 at 2.30pm in Long Sutton Village Hall to celebrate over 30 years of dedicated service from our much-loved postie, Dave Rowsell.

After a difficult year and early retirement, this is our chance to thank him for always going above and beyond. The event is free, with "bring and share" food and plenty of tea and coffee. For details or to help, contact Rupert Cox on 07503 547074 or chair@longsutton-pc.gov.uk.

New Member The Parish Council held its final meeting of 2025 in early December. Councillors welcomed newly co-opted member David Furse-Roberts and look forward to hearing more about his interests next year.

Other matters discussed included budget planning for the next financial year, some ditch clearing work in Grove Lane and details of the final few days of gully emptying and clearing around the village, including Knole. Hopefully, the work carried out previously to maintain free-flowing drains will minimise any surface-water flooding over the winter.

The Parish Council wishes all residents a happy and healthy 2026.



Happy New Year, everyone!

December's Church Coffee Morning was a huge success — your generosity raised £1,063 in total, with £217 for Holy Trinity Church and £846 for MNDA. A heartfelt

Thank-you to everyone who baked, helped, and donated. You truly make a difference. Our wonderful tea ladies outdid themselves once again, filling the tables with festive treats. They support us month after month, and we're so grateful for their kindness and hard work.

January WI Meeting – Game Night Thursday 15 January 2026. Doors open 7:20pm. Join us for an evening of laughs, light competition and plenty of friendly fun. Bring your best game face and enjoy a relaxed social evening together.

Next Free Community Event Saturday 17 January | 10am–12pm Village Hall
Hot drinks (including hot chocolate with marshmallows) and cakes will be available. We'll also be serving takeaways from the door for dog walkers. Why not bring your flask for a top-up and take cake home for later?

Thinking of joining the WI? You can become a member at any time during the year on a pro-rata basis. First visit free, second visit £5. Contact Jane 07823 559175 or email Longsuttonwi@gmail.com <https://www.facebook.com/LongSuttonWI>

Long Sutton Primary School

We had a busy festive season with nativity plays, the carol service and the Christmas fair. Many thanks to all of you who came to our Senior Citizen's party, it was so lovely to see so many of you there – it always feels like the start of Christmas.

A huge thank you goes to the choir for singing in the village Carol Service. They did a magnificent job, one of the best performances for many years, with some amazing solos as well as singing so well together. The choir has had a busy Christmas season with a concert at Huish Academy and Wells cathedral and we are so proud of them all. A big thank you must go to Mrs Brading for all her amazing work with the choir.

Toy Box Pre-school Open 8.45am–3.15pm for children aged 2–4. We have places for September. Wrap also around care for children of all ages 7.45am – 5.45pm. Call 241434 enquiries@longsuttonprimary.co.uk to look around www.longsuttonprimaryschool.co.uk

Quick news bites



- **Under Starters Orders!** Enjoy an evening with former jockey and top NH 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 with a Q&A session. Raffle – Auction – Bar and free refreshments with free drink on arrival. In aid of Holy Trinity Church and Racing Welfare. Tickets: Sue 01458 241554 (suecreegan@outlook.com), Marian 07885 301898/01458 241506 (mariandraper737@btinternet.com), or Village Shop.
- **Harry's Cider** From us all at Harry's Cider, wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for your ongoing support. We will be holding our Wassail on Saturday 17th January from 5pm, join us for live music, food and dancing. See you in 2026!
- **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



New email address Please note our new email address for submissions to the newsletter: newsletterlongsutton@gmail.com

Long Load news

Next Long Load Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm Tuesday 20th January 2026.

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.

Wednesday Craft Club Long Load Village Hall 2–4.30pm. 14th Jan Event: Recycle your Christmas Card. Refreshments included. Bring your cards along and see what you can make from them - don't separate the fronts from the back of the cards. £5 incl. refreshments. Bring scissors, ruler, pencil, glue, or double sided tape. Spectacles and any ribbons or additional decoration you might like to use. marsaaannwhite2@gmail.com 07841341813 or angelamedwards@hotmail.com

Bingo Night January 16th, 7pm. Long Load Village Hall. Shake off the January blues with a fun, sociable evening. £10 per person for 10 rounds, with plenty of great prizes to be won. Spaces are limited, so please book soon. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. A raffle will be held on the night. Contact Jane: 07813 725888 or Ann: 07307 929494.

Winter Warming Supper Sat 7th Feb Long Load Village Hall. 7:30pm start (doors 7:15pm). Warm up with a home-cooked supper and pudding. Two-courses plus coffee and mints. £12.50 per person. Bring your own drinks. Please book early as places are limited: 01458 241415.

Long Load Allotment Vacancy From 1st January 2026 there will be a small allotment plot (approx 5 x 8 metres) vacant at Fore Moor Allotments in Church Lane. Please contact 01458 241415 for more details if you are interested.

Parking reminder Vehicles partly parked on pavements are causing difficulties for pedestrians and mobility-scooter users. Please ask visitors and tradespeople to park on the road, keeping pavements, driveways and dropped kerbs fully accessible. There are no parking restrictions in the village, and considerate parking also helps with traffic calming. Thank you for your courtesy.

Summer Party Funds – Your Ideas Needed The Parish Council is inviting residents to suggest how the donated Summer Party funds should be used. The original plan for a village stone marker is no longer possible, as Highways say there's no safe verge for it.

Please send ideas that would benefit the whole village to the Parish Clerk, Mrs Dawn Porter, at avocadoandpink@gmail.com, or write to Long Load Parish Clerk, Leigh Farm Cottage, Angersleigh, Taunton TA3 7SY. Suggestions will be gathered and shared with the Council in the New Year.