

Long Sutton & Long Load

Community newsletter

June 2026

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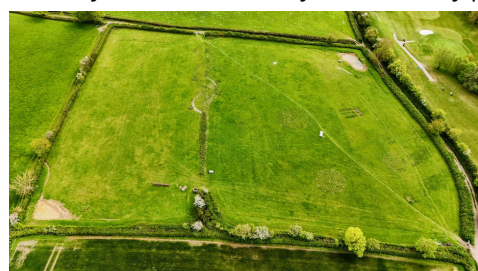
Nature Reserve Bursting into Life

Long Sutton Environment Group

With spring in full swing, the nature reserve is looking beautiful, with buttercups spreading across the field and most of the new saplings and willows thriving after winter.

A closer look reveals an increasing variety of plant species among the grasses, bringing a noticeable rise in insects and birdlife. If you're interested in wildlife, why not explore and record your sightings on the iNaturalist app?

Our volunteers have also been busy planting hundreds of wildflowers, especially around the two new newt ponds. These have been supported by funding from Wessex Water, with additional plants grown or donated by local residents. If you'd like to get involved, join the WhatsApp group via ben@wielgus.co.uk. Later this year, we're planning bee and butterfly walks, followed by a community picnic at the reserve.



The reserve is signposted from Ilchester Lane. Please stick to the paths (soon to be mown) and keep dogs on a lead to protect wildlife.

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

Sun 7th June 1st Sunday of Trinity	9.30am	Holy Communion	Kingsdon
	10.10 for 10.20am	Morning Worship	* via Zoom
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Pitney
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Somerton
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Long Sutton
Sun 14th June	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Long Sutton
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Charlton Mackrell
	11.00am	Café Praise	Somerton
Sun 21st June	9.30am	Father's Day Service	Kingsdon
	10.00 for 10.30am	Café Church	Pitney
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Somerton
Sun 28th June	9.30am	Morning Worship	Charlton Adam
	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

Date	Brasses	Flowers	Cleaning
June 6th	Coffee Morning	Val McTernan	Anne Agne & Gilly Crawshaw
June 13th	Avril Brake & Janet Walford	Val McTernan	
June 20th		Rosie Cox	
June 27th	Wedding	Rosie Cox	Yvonne Aitken & Val Pringle

Long Sutton Primary School

This term Year 6 completed their SATs with confidence and positivity. We also welcomed Owl Obsession, whose visiting owls delighted both children and adults. Pupils took part in our annual Arts Week, with some of their work proudly displayed at the Bath and West Show.



Church and school summer fair

Sat 20th Jun 2-4pm there will be even more stalls this year, alongside the book stall, bottle tombola, cakes, and bouncy castle, BBQ and teas...and a final chance to throw sponges at Mrs Reynolds in the stocks! Bring donations of nearly new items, books, and children's toys to school w/c 15 June.

Seeking a Clerk to the Board of Governors to work with the chair, governors and head. Key tasks: admin duties, producing agendas and minutes, advising on procedural matters of governance and the board's statutory duties. Essential skills: keyboard skills, integrity, organisation and confidentiality. A flexible role with 1 evening meeting per month (except Aug), 10 hrs work per meeting. Full job description, salary details and application form is available from the school office or website 01458 241434 enquiries@longsuttonprimary.co.uk. Closing date Mon 15th June. www.longsuttonprimaryschool.co.uk

Long Sutton Parish Council

Annual parish meeting Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to the meeting on 14th May. Our guest speaker, Cllr Bill Revans, Leader of Somerset Council, gave an informative overview of current challenges and successes. He answered questions on topics including planning and enforcement, where 75,000 new homes might go in Somerset, the cost of adult and children's care, and communication with parishes. We heard updates from local groups. Delicious cakes were provided by Upton Bridge Farm Café, served with tea and coffee kindly organised by Jean Tulk and Shirley Shire.

Cricket Club Open Evening

The Cricket Club open evening on 8th May, welcomed over 100 youngsters while parents, supporters and sponsors looked on. The bar and BBQ were well used, and the newly refurbished pavilion is now a fantastic social space. The club is a real hub over the summer, especially on Friday evenings - all welcome. To become a Vice-President, email longsutton136@yahoo.co.uk.

Pétanque Courts

The new courts are proving popular. An informal group is forming to play against Langport and High Ham. Contact David Furse-Roberts at david.furse-roberts@longsutton-pc.gov.uk if you're interested.

Dogs on leads A polite reminder that dogs must be kept on leads on the playing field at all times so that owners can see where their dog fouls. Children and adult cricketers stepping or falling in dog mess, and the mower going over it, is very unpleasant and can cause illness.

Holy Trinity Church, Long Sutton

Coffee Morning 2nd May in aid of Holy Trinity Church, Long Sutton raised £796.16, £70 more than last year, including £160 via gift aid. Thank you to those who came along, and to our volunteers providing, serving and staffing the cake, plant and produce stalls. Next month's proceeds go to Long Load Village Hall, and in July to Dorset Air Ambulance.

Michael Thomas Michael passed away peacefully at home on 19th May. He had lived in Long Sutton for many years and was a former warden of Holy Trinity church. Michael was active, together with his wife Judy, in supporting many activities locally including being one of those instrumental in establishing the very successful Coffee Mornings on the first Saturday of each month. Michael appreciated being able to remain at home in recent times supported by his family and team of carers. Our thoughts are with his son James, family, and friends. The funeral will be at Holy Trinity Church on 13th June, 2pm.

Friends of Long Sutton Church

Track Day – Castle Combe Circuit, Wednesday 24th June Following the success of our March Track Day, Charlie Walford has secured a provisional slot at Castle Combe Circuit on 24th June. Places are available at a charity-discounted rate of £180 per car — contact Charlie at info@uptonbridgefarm.com for details.

Opera in a Box – Saturday 27th June Gilbert & Sullivan's Pirates of Penzance 27th June. Tickets are selling fast priced at £20 adults and £10 children, available from Jig at the village shop, Amy at Upton Bridge Farm shop, or any FOLSC Trustee. Doors open 6.30pm, show starts 7.30pm.

Long Sutton Golf Club

Annual Charity Day – 3rd July This year's chosen charity is Brainwave, which helps children with disabilities and additional needs gain greater independence through specialist therapies and as always, funds raised will be used locally.

The day features golf, followed by live music from 5.00–8.00pm, rounding off with an auction of promises. Lots include meals at local pubs, sports memorabilia, a balloon flight, a helicopter flight, and a two-day all-inclusive break in Cornwall. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy the evening.

Long Sutton Tennis Courts

Come along to our tennis courts for free any Friday 6-8pm. Stay for 30 minutes or the whole 2 hours. All levels of tennis welcome. If you want to join the Tennis WhatsApp group contact katestentlsvh@outlook.com

Book other times for just £5/hour Clubspark.lta.org.uk. Tennis coaching available with Ben Profit: 07946 044602

If you have any unwanted tennis rackets, for adults or children, we would love to have some spare rackets and balls available for anyone to use on the courts. Please contact Kate or leave in the village hall.



Quick news bites



Authentic Italian Pizza every Wednesday Treat yourself to delicious freshly made pizza from I Love Pizza. Village Hall car park every Wednesday from 5pm to 8pm. Call Alessandro on 07778 828786 to order ahead of pop up a bit earlier and enjoy a game of Petanque or Table Tennis first.

Harry's Cider Sat 6th Jun - Celebrate the launch of our new Bottle Fermented Perry at our Cider Saturday, 12 – 6pm. Food from Hog Boss, music from retro rock band Cool Tones. Pizza night on 12th Jun, 4-10pm, with Ethic St Pizza and music from Road Stars. Followed by a second Cider Saturday on 20th Jun, 12-6pm, street food and music from Riley's Cove.

PTFA Clothes recycling banks The company that runs the clothing bins at the school has let us know that international shipping disruption and rising fuel, insurance and transport costs are affecting the textile recycling market. As a result, the PTFA will not receive income from the bins for now. The bins will continue to be emptied and items reused or recycled wherever possible. We'll keep this under review and update you when the situation improves.

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

Long Load news

Parish Council AGM 7pm Tuesday 16th June 2026 followed by Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm

Rummikub Afternoon 26th June 2 - 4pm at Long Load Village Hall Whether you're a complete beginner or just a bit rusty, everyone is welcome. Tables for experienced players and new starters, with the same rules for all. Entry is £3, including refreshments and hall hire.

Craft Afternoon Long Load Village Hall Wed 10th June 2pm – 4:30pm Event: Arrangements in any unusual container. Bring own container and arrangement items - floral or non-floral. No bigger than 18" x 12" finished size. Bring spectacles/scissors/secateurs. Contact:

angelamedwards@hotmail.com
marsaannwhite2@gmail.com or 07841341813

Woodchip wanted Please deliver to the concrete base at the entrance to Fore Moor Allotment site, Church Lane. Leave your name in the black box so we can thank you. Contact 07841341813 or 07837251670 for details.

Long Load Village Hall news

Coffee Morning Long Load Village Hall will run the produce stall at Long Sutton Holy Trinity Church on Sat 6th June. Please come along and support us. Donations of plants, cakes etc will be much appreciated.

Summer Sizzler Bring your own summer tippie and share a BBQ, super salads and delicious desserts in the Village Hall and garden on Sat 20th June at 6pm. £10 per person. To reserve your place, contact Ann on 07927483586

Bingo A smashing amount of £304.01 was raised from our Bingo Night. Thank you to everyone who came along and to Jane, Marsha and Selma for organising it.

Scarecrow Festival 25th & 26th July. The theme this year is Sporty Scarecrows. What sport will you choose for your scarecrows?

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