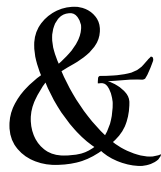


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Community newsletter

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## A Grand Slam Start to the New Year



### Long Sutton Tennis

Just two days after Christmas, a hardy group of villagers braved the winter chill to break in our superb new courts. While the temperature was low, the spirits were high.

We were delighted to see such a fantastic range of abilities on display. On such a frosty morning, the real challenge wasn't just the footwork—it was staying warm, keeping moving, and having fun.

The perfect follow-through came after the final set, as many of us headed to The Dev for a well-earned warm drink. It was a wonderful way to celebrate our new facilities and kick off the year with great company.

For more details about tennis, booking and accessing our beautiful courts contact Kate on [katestentlsvh@outlook.com](mailto:katestentlsvh@outlook.com) or 07584 083124.

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

Sun 1st Feb	9.30am	Holy Communion	Kingsdon
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Pitney
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Somerton
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Long Sutton
Sun 8th Feb	8.00am	Holy Communion	Long Sutton
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Charlton Mackrell
	11.00am	Café Praise	Somerton
Sun 15th Feb	9.30am	Morning Worship	Kingsdon
	10 for 10.30am	Café Church	Pitney
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Somerton
Tues 17th Feb	SHROVE TUESDAY		
Wed 18th Feb	ASH WEDNESDAY		
Sun 22nd Feb	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

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Date	Flowers	Cleaning	Brasses
Jan 31	Sally Lyon	Angie Cox Kathy Judge	
Feb 7	Sally Lyon	Marian Burt Jean Tulk	Yvonne Aitken Marigold Shephard
Feb 14	Janie Ellerbeck	Louisa Pledger Marigold Shepard	
Feb 21	Janie Ellerbeck	Rosie Cox Stevie Sales	
Feb 28	Jamie Minogue	Anne Agnew Gilly Crawshaw	

## Thank you, Dave



A fantastic crowd of over 175 attended "Dave the Postman's" retirement party. A testament to regard that the communities of Long Sutton, Knole and Long Load have for David Rowsell.

The event celebrated over 35 years of amazing service to our villages. If you would like to contribute to the collection, please contact Rupert Cox on 07503 547074

## Long Sutton Parish Council

Two new councillors joined the Council at its first meeting of the year. We are pleased to welcome David Furse-Roberts and Rich Fell. Key matters discussed included long-awaited plans for yellow road markings at the Bineham Cross junction and arrangements for a Sports Showcase on 18 April, highlighting clubs and activities using the Village Hall and Recreation Field.

A small precept increase of 2.87% was agreed for 2026/27, bringing the total to £52,000. This helps fund services such as gully clearing, which proved effective during December's wet weather.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Committee Room. Residents are very welcome to attend.

## Friends of Long Sutton Church

There is plenty happening with FOLSC! First is our sponsored coffee morning on Saturday 7th February. We particularly encourage newcomers to attend; it is a wonderful way to meet your neighbours, learn about our aims, and perhaps consider becoming a member. Donations for our produce stall are gratefully received.

Our AGM follows on Monday 2nd March (6:30 PM) at the village school. Open to all, this is the best place to hear about our 2026 plans.

Finally, join us Saturday 7th March for our Mouse Race Extravaganza. Last held in 2016, this event is huge fun for all ages. Tickets (£10, children free) are available from Jig at the Village Shop, Upton Bridge Farm Shop, or trustees. The tote is cash only, so please come prepared for a fantastic night!

## Long Sutton Primary School

The children have been busy learning History this term through trips and visitors. Harrier Class enjoyed a visit to Glastonbury Abbey and the Rural Life Museum to learn about the Anglo-Saxons, with staff praising the children's behaviour. Kite and Kingfisher Classes welcomed a visitor for an Egyptian Day and work on the Great Fire of London, while Cygnet Class is visiting Haynes Motor Museum.

The children also enjoyed worship with Richard Coles from St Cleers Church and regular "Open the Book" visits, and will attend a Candlemas service before half term. To find out more about our village school and Toy Box Pre-school, please contact 01458 241434 or visit [www.long Sutton Primary School.co.uk](http://www.long Sutton Primary School.co.uk)

## Holy Trinity Church, Long Sutton

Thank you to all those who joined us at our Christmas Services in December – we enjoyed singing carols and listening to the bible readings and of course, hearing our school choir sing at our Carol Service on 14th; It was lovely to welcome so many children and their families to the Crib Service, many who dressed up and took part in the reenactment of the nativity story; On Christmas morning we welcomed a large congregation, including the blessing of Thea and Gordon Miles' 70-year marriage by Revd Robin Ewbank. His amazing wife, Rachel, provided refreshments despite being unable to see properly due to shingles.

By the time you are reading this, many of you will know that dear Rachel passed away on January 12th in Yeovil Hospital and we will be celebrating her life at Holy Trinity on 28th January at 2.30pm. If you are reading this before 28th, you are very welcome to join Rachel and Robin's family and friends at the service.

Thank you to everyone who supported the January coffee morning for the Children's Society, organised by Jean Tulk. An excellent £1,151.39 was raised, with £962.29 going to the charity and £189.10 to Holy Trinity Church. Our February coffee morning will support FOLSC—donations of produce or food are very welcome. Thanks also to our ever-reliable tea, coffee and cake team.

The Jamie Snowden Evening took place on 21 January. Due to publishing deadlines we'll provide a report on this event in the next edition of the newsletter.

## Long Sutton Levellers WI

The year started at a lively pace as we plan our annual programme and enjoy the final months of 2025–26 together. In January we challenged our grey cells with a fun Rummikub evening, which proved so popular it may become a regular event.

We also hosted a Warm Space ~ Welcome Café on 17 January, filling the hall with conversation and laughter. Thanks to your generous support, £166 was raised to fund future events.

There will be no meeting in February as we join Keinton Mandeville WI to hear artist Liam O'Farrell. You can join the Levellers any time on a pro-rata basis - first visit free, second visit just £5. Contact [longsuttonwi@gmail.com](mailto:longsuttonwi@gmail.com) or Jane Fell on 07823 559175.

## Long Load news

Next Long Load Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm Tuesday 17th February 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. 11th Feb Event: Parchment Craft. £5 incl. refreshments and material. Contact [marisaannwhite2@gmail.com](mailto:marisaannwhite2@gmail.com) 07841341813 or [angelamedwards@hotmail.com](mailto:angelamedwards@hotmail.com)

**Winter Warmer** Sat 7th Feb 7:30pm. Two courses, coffee and mints, bring your own drinks £12:50. Early bookings please on 01458 241415.

**2026** Events planned for this year include the Spring Plant & Produce Sale in March, produce stalls in Long Sutton in June, and a summer Scarecrow Festival. Look out for posters around the village and on social media for details.

**Bingo** The New Year began with a packed Bingo night on 16th Jan. Many thanks to Jane Allen and Ann Dalley for organising, and to Pauline and Selma for running a wonderful evening. With great prizes and a lovely atmosphere, £594.39 was raised for the Village Hall.

**Long Load Allotment Vacancy** There is currently 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 driveways and dropped kerbs accessible. Thank you for your courtesies.

**Your Ideas Needed** Do you have an idea for how the donated Summer Party funds should be used? The original idea for a village stone marker is not possible as Highways say there is no safe verge for it.

Send ideas that would benefit the whole village to the Parish Clerk, Mrs Dawn Porter, at [avocadoandpink@gmail.com](mailto: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 March.

## Quick news bites



- **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*

## Long Sutton Primary PTF



If you wondered why there was a very low flying helicopter over the village in December that's because Santa arrived in style! A massive thank you to RNAS Yeovilton for helping create a memory our children will talk about forever.

**Bingo** Join us for a Spring Bingo Bonanza on 14<sup>th</sup> March at Long Sutton Village Hall. Doors open 2pm, eyes down 2.30pm. Cakes and refreshments. Pay on the door with cash or card. Non-cash prizes. All welcome.

We are currently raising funds for a new pool liner and an air source heat pump to ensure that our much-loved swimming pool can continue to be enjoyed by local children and the wider community for years to come.