

# LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER – December 2023

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## Sunday Services in the Levels Arc Benefice

3 <sup>rd</sup> (Advent Sunday)	10.20am Online Zoom* Morning Prayer 11.00am Holy Communion at St John the Baptist, Pitney – including celebration of Levels Arc Benefice 6.30pm Evensong at Holy Trinity, Long Sutton
10 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Long Sutton 11.00am Holy Communion at St Catherine's Drayton
17 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am Holy Communion at St Peter and St Paul, Muchelney 6.00pm Carol Service at Holy Trinity, Long Sutton 6.30pm Carol Service at St John the Baptist, Pitney
24 <sup>th</sup> (Christmas Eve)	3pm Crib Service at Holy Trinity, Long Sutton – children, angels, shepherds, stars, Mary, Joseph, babies (& adults) all welcome!
25 <sup>th</sup> (Christmas Day)	9.30am Family Service at Holy Trinity, Long Sutton

\* Morning Prayer on Zoom – contact Sue Creegan on 241554 for details.

Every Wednesday at 10.00 am – Holy Communion or  
Morning Prayer at HT LS  
Every Friday at 6.30 pm – informal Prayers at HT LS

The Long Sutton PCC wish you all a joyful and peaceful  
Christmas wherever you may be.

We look forward to a new year when we hopefully  
should be able to welcome a new Vicar to our newly  
formed Benefice of Somerton, Kingsdon, The Charltons,  
Long Sutton with Long Load and Pitney.

## Coffee morning at Holy Trinity Church, Long Sutton

The coffee morning on the 4th November in aid of The  
Royal Naval Benevolent Trust was a great success and  
we raised £725 for the charity and £156 for Holy Trinity  
Church.

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the success  
of the event.

Huge thanks to all those who have been running the  
very successful coffee mornings recently.

The amounts raised in the last 3 months are as follows:-

September - £894.60 to Holy Trinity Church, Long  
Sutton (HTLS)

October - £699.84 to the PTFA and £133.12 going to  
HTLS.

November - £725.00 to the Royal Naval Benevolent  
Fund, and £156 to HTLS.

Great results!! Please let it continue!!

## Flowers and Brasses rota

Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mrs Shepard	
Dec 9 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs R Cox	
Dec 16 <sup>th</sup>	Xmas Decorating	Mrs Ellerbeck and Mrs Bond
Dec 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Xmas	
Dec 30 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Brand	
Jan 5 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Brand	

Please collect vestry key from Yvonne Aitken (241335)  
for those cleaning brasses

## FOOD BANK

The people at the distribution centre in Martock tell me  
that they have an increasing number of referrals.  
Poverty in rural areas is often well hidden. So, when you  
shop, please buy one extra tin or packet and leave it in  
the collection box in the church. Every contribution will  
make a difference. Thank you.

## Long Sutton WI

On Thursday 21st December at 7.30 p.m in the village  
hall, we will be having a Festive party. There will be  
food, music, games and renditions! If you have a poem,  
short story, cracker joke, song etc you would like to  
perform please do bring it along. If not just enjoy the  
good company, fun and merriment. Please bring a little  
gift (max.£5) for Secret Santa. Refreshments provided:  
mulled wine and mince pies or cup of tea/coffee.  
Our draft programme for 2024 is ready and will be  
released in January. There will be something for  
everyone, as well as some exciting events for the whole  
village to join in, for our centenary year.

## The Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra's Brass

### **Octet here in Long Sutton!**

FOLSC are delighted to announce eight talented  
musicians from the world famous BSO will perform for  
us in the Long Sutton Village Hall on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>  
December, as part of their 'On Your Doorstep' chamber  
music concert programme. What better way to herald in  
the festive season than in the company of the Principal  
Brass players from the BSO. They will present an  
uplifting programme of much loved music of celebration  
and Christmas. Their play list will include Monteverdi's  
'Domine', Anderson/Lopez 'Let It Go', the Pogues  
'Fairytale of New York', excerpts from Tchaikovsky's  
'Nutcracker', the 'Coventry Carol' and of course Blake's  
'The Snowman'!

Tickets (£12 adults and £6 children) are already selling  
fast but please check on current availability by speaking  
to David Aitken (Tel 01458 241335), any of the FOLSC  
Trustees, or email [geoff@pring.org.uk](mailto:geoff@pring.org.uk) In addition,  
tickets are also available from Charlie Walford at Upton  
Bridge farm shop. We will of course be offering a fully  
stocked bar and doors open at 7.00 with the concert  
commencing at 7.30.

To conclude, our Trustees would like to wish FOLSC  
members and all in our local community the  
compliments of the season and in the hope the  
Christmas message will finally be delivered in 2024 and  
the world can again enjoy the "Peace on the Earth" we  
all crave.

## Long Sutton Christmas Cart Crew 2023

Please look out for us in the run up to Christmas and  
give Father Christmas a wave. We are raising funds  
towards the renovations of Long Sutton village play area  
for children to be able to enjoy with friends and family.  
The dates for this year are as follows - Saturday 9th  
December - Huish Episcopi, Sunday 10th December -  
Huish Episcopi/Langport/Pitney, Friday 15th December -  
Ilchester, Sunday 17th December - Somerton, Monday  
18th December -Somerton/Kingsdon, Friday 22nd  
December - Knole/Long Load, Saturday 23rd December  
- Long Sutton/Upton

### Somerton Concert Band

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 7.30pm. Pay on the door, under 16's free entry. Includes interval refreshments.

Come along and hear a wide range of music including some festive tunes to bring the Christmas spirit!

### Oktoberfest

A big "thank you" to everyone who attended the Oktoberfest event last month.

It was an amazing fun-packed occasion with the brilliant Sherborne Oompah Band who dragged, (kicking & screaming at times) revellers to the front of the stage to perform a variety of musical theatrics, cheers on by, at times, quite a rowdy and enthusiastic crowd!

A wonderful evening that raised in excess of £1,000 for the play area and pavilion refurbishments.

### Family Christmas Bingo

The Cricket Club invites you to their annual Christmas Bingo on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

In a change to their usual format, this year will be a family affair starting earlier in the evening.

Doors open at 5pm with eyes down at 5.30pm to finish by 8.30pm – bed-time for some, the start of a night out for others!

Once again there will be plenty of prizes for corners, lines and full houses as well as the usual generous raffle and bar.

We hope to see you there!

### WEA

"Levels Branch WEA reminder: Creating Yuletide Scenes, Long Sutton hall, Wednesdays 11am to 2 pm, 29/11, 5/12, 13/12. Come and have fun in these 3 Christmas Arts & Crafts workshops, making cards, painting wintry scenes. Beginners, experts, anyone welcome. Contact [thewea.info/findmycourse](http://thewea.info/findmycourse) or ring 01132 002194, course ref is Q00012232. And more to announce in the new year re future courses. Merry Christmas everyone!"

### Ladies in stitches open day

The craft group are planning an open day on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January 2-5pm in LS village hall. Bring your knitting, sewing etc. or just come and join us for a cup of tea and see what we are doing.

### And finally

We would like to thank all those neighbours and friends who supported us during Tony's illness and since his death. Your words and deeds helped us through the most difficult times. Thank you - Jill, Rachel and Claire

## LONG LOAD

Next Long Load Parish Council on 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm <https://longload-pc.org.uk>

### **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December Chinese Brush Painting**

Long Load Village Hall 2pm – 4pm

If you think you would like to give it a go, pop in and speak with Barbara

For more details, please contact Barbara Nieto on 01458 241284 or Jane on 01458 250145.

Refreshments available

**Wednesday Craft Club 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

Long Load Village Hall 2pm – 4:30pm

### **Social Gathering**

### **Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup> - Around the Village**

#### **Carols**

Wrap up warm and bring a torch to come and join the Carol Singers who are hoping to go around the village (weather dependant). They will gather at the Village Hall at 6pm and stop at various areas through the Village.

1. Milton Leaze, 2. Church Lane Area, 3. Templars Court.  
4. Meadow View.

### **Saturday January 20<sup>th</sup> Table Top Sale in Long Load Village Hall.**

Doors open to public at 2:30pm. 4:30pm  
Tea /Coffee & Biscuits available. Vendors access 1:45pm  
- Tables £10 each.

Sell what you like.

Please contact Ann Campbell to book a table 01458 241202

The Village Hall Trustees would like to thank those who have already kindly made a donation toward the hall funds.

So far we have been able to:

Get the holes around the base of the building filled in, a larger access cut into the ceiling, loft cleared of all contaminated materials, electrical checks and replacements on cabling in the loft area. In the next few days there will be new insulation etc throughout the loft area. However, we still have a lot of things to be done in the New Year ending with a complete redecoration in the Spring.

We will endeavour to keep everyone updated via the newsletter and on the Noticeboard outside the Village Hall as new stages of renovation are imminent.

**Please don't just make it a throw away idea if you have one that might help.**

**We Need to Hear About it!**

**If you already have a group that uses the hall, Can you facilitate an event with your group?**

**Thank you very much to those who have already offered help it is very much appreciated.**

### LOST & FOUND

1. Have you lost a Bicycle please contact **07841341813** (phone or text)
2. Has anyone found a gold ring with a red stone, thought to be lost somewhere between **FRANHEATH** at the south end of the village and **CHURCH LANE** area please contact **07841341813** (phone or text)

**THE No 54 BUS YEOVIL – TAUNTON VIA ILCHESTER & SOMERTON IS IN REAL DANGER OF BEING SCRAPPED AS PART OF THE CUTBACKS. PLEASE LOBBY YOUR MP FOR KEEPING THIS VITAL SERVICE.**

**IT IS A REGULAR LIFELINE SERVICE USED BY SEVERAL PEOPLE AND IT MAKES NO SENSE AT ALL TO SCRAP IT.**

Please send your contributions to the **January** newsletter to [lsnewsletter@btinternet.com](mailto:lsnewsletter@btinternet.com) by the **15<sup>th</sup> of December**. For more information call 01458 241450