

LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER – April 2024

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Sunday Services in the Levels Arc Benefice

Thursday 28 th (Maundy Thursday)	7pm Benefice Event	Somerton
Friday 9 th (Good Friday)	10am Good Friday Liturgy	Charlton Adam
	12 noon Good Friday Liturgy	Somerton
	2pm Good Friday Vigil	Long Sutton
Sunday 31 st (Easter Sunday)	9.30am Holy Communion	Kingsdon & Charlton Adam
	11.00 am Holy Communion	Long Sutton & Somerton & Pitney
Sunday 7 th	10.00 am Holy Communion	Charlton Adam
	10am for 10.20am Morning Worship	Zoom*
	6.30pm Evensong	Long Sutton
Sunday 14 th	9.00am Holy Communion	Long Sutton
	9.30am Holy Communion	Charlton Adam
	11.00am Morning Worship	Somerton
Sunday 21 st	9.30am Holy Communion	Kingston
	9.30am for 10am Café Church	Pitney
	11.00am Holy Communion	Somerton
Sunday 28 th	9.30am Morning Worship	Charlton Mackrell
	11.00am Holy Communion	Long Sutton
	11.00am Café Praise	Somerton

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

On Fridays at 6pm, informal prayers at Long Sutton

(*) Please contact Sue (01458 241 554, suecreegan@outlook.com for info)

Coffee mornings in the Church

Thank you to all those who supported the March coffee morning where funds were raised for the School Governors Trust, helping them purchase items for our Long Sutton Primary School. The total sum raised was £811.15, resulting in £683.36 for the school and £127.79 for the church.

The April coffee morning will be in aid of the Alzheimer's Society, and the produce stall will be organised by Helen Lazenby who will be running the London Marathon in aid of this charity. Please bring goodies of various types to be sold on the produce stall.

APCM

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held at 11am (morning) on Thursday 9th May at Holy Trinity Church. Please put this date in your diary. Unfortunately it is unlikely that our new vicar, Revd Judith Swan will be in situ by then, but she should be with us next year!!

Please come along and support the people who have managed to keep the church going throughout this time of vacancy, i.e. while we've been without a vicar. Come and hear what has been going on throughout this last year and ask any questions you want to.

All will be welcomed, however, if you want to be included in any voting that takes place, you need to be on the electoral roll (please contact Douglas Hamilton (01458 241 855) if you are not already on it.

Flowers and Brasses rota

April 6 th	Mrs Bond	Mrs A Cox and Mrs Judge
April 13 th	Mrs Bond	
April 20 th	Mrs Ellerbeck	
April 27 th	Mrs Ellerbeck	
May 4 th	Mrs McTernan	

Children's Society Collection Boxes

This year we have raised £456.33p. A big Thank you to everyone who continues, Year after year, to raise funds for this Extremely worthwhile cause.

Food Bank

Thank you to all who have contributed this year. Unfortunately there has been no decrease in applications for help. Rural poverty is often well hidden. If you can donate a tin, jar or packet you will find the collecting box inside the Church, behind the door. Thank you for your continuing support.

Churchyard Tidy

Many thanks to all those who turned out on 16th March to help tidy up the churchyard. It looked much the better for your attention. Thank you too to Stevie Sales for providing very welcome hot drinks and biscuits on a cold day.

Long Sutton WI

CENTENARY PROGRAMME

Date: Third Thursday of the month

Venue: Long Sutton Village Hall

Doors Open: 7:20pm. Start: 7:30-9:15pm

Join is for a meeting - first visit free!

8-Jan: Line Dancing & Resolutions

15-Feb: Lavender & Lace

15-31 Mar: Litter Picking, Great British Spring Clean

21-Mar: 'Sing Yourself Happier' at Keinton Mandeville, Barton St David Village Hall

18-April: Service Dogs UK

16-May: '100 Yrs of Jam & Jerusalem' + Annual Meeting

20-June: Midsummer Solstice

23-June: WI Treasure Hunt - *community event*

18-July: Caribbean Picnic (afternoon)

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

7-Sept: Centenary Exhibition in Church

19-Sept: Worries & Wonders of Ageing - *community event*

12-Oct: Harvest Celebration

17-Oct: WI Village Ceilidh - *community event*

21-Nov: Lost Lady Society ~ podcast recording

19-Dec: Celebrating 100 Christmases

We look forward to welcoming you all to our centenary community events, and celebrating this special year with you.

News from Long Sutton school

We are delighted to say that our recent Ofsted found the school to be Good in all areas and we would like to thank our very supportive volunteers and community, who play such a large part in the school's success. The opening sentence of the report states that 'Pupils are rightly proud to attend Long Sutton C of E Primary School. They say school is a happy and welcoming place.' Certainly a very positive start!

The children have enjoyed a busy Spring term, including trips to the Rural life museum in Glastonbury, Haynes motor museum and culminating in a 'Shakespeare' week with all the children performing parts of a play.

World book day was celebrated with the children bringing in potatoes decorated as a book character.

Recently the school Choir sang beautifully in the 'Festival of Song' at the Westlands entertainment venue and were highly praised for their performance.

Long Sutton Parish Council

Long Sutton Parish Council announced in the March 2023 a major improvement plan for the sports and leisure facilities in the parish, which is well underway. The tennis courts refurbishment is almost completed, and the play area refurbishment is scheduled for later this year.

In addition to increased costs experienced due to high inflation, the Parish Council has set aside a contingency budget for flood mitigation and other non-statutory services, that may be affected by the well documented and publicised financial situation at Somerset Council.

Long Sutton Parish Council set a budget and submitted a precept request for 2024-25 at the January 2024 meeting, details of which can be found on the Long Sutton Parish Council website www.longsutton-pc.gov.uk/accounts.

Cars & Coffee Charity Track Day

FOLSC held their AGM on Monday 11th March and was well attended by 24 members and in previewing forthcoming events for 2024 the spring outing is yet again something completely different!

Capitalising on the success of his 'Cars and Coffee' Sunday gathering at the Upton Bridge Farm Shop, Trustee Charlie Walford is organising a Charity Track Day at the Llandow Circuit, situated 15 miles SW of Cardiff, to be held on **Wednesday 24th April** from 9:00 to 5:00. Entry by advance booking @ £135/car and is strictly limited to 40 cars, on a first come first served basis with 10 cars on the circuit at one time. The age of car (and driver!) is not restricted and all are welcome, and this is your chance to recapture the glory days of the likes of Hill, Moss or Button. All profits raised with be donated to Friends of Long Sutton Church fighting fund and with the Quinquennial survey due again this year these are likely to be needed. Please get in touch with charlie walford/upton bridge farm through socials or email charlie@uptonbridgefarm.com for further details.

QUIZ TIME at LONG SUTTON GOLF CLUB

On Friday 12th April, Quiz starts at 7.30 entry fee of £10 a team of 4. Prizes for quiz and we will also be running a raffle with prizes. All proceeds to be donated to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. To book a team please e-mail Events@LongSuttongolf.com or phone 01458241017 option 3. Why not come along before the Quiz for Fish and Chips cost £8.50 pre-order essential.

Help Mid Wessex Singers celebrate 25 years of music and friendship!

Our evening Spring Celebration concert, conducted by Musical Director, Alice Dicker, is on Saturday 4 May in the beautiful setting of St Michael's Church, Somerton.

The programme will include some previously performed favourites, including Vivaldi's Gloria and Faure's Cantique de Jean Racine and will also look to the future with modern choral compositions by Karl Jenkins, Philip Stopford and Matthew Coleridge. For this very special occasion we welcome professional organist, Malcolm Archer and soloists, Louise Innes and Eloise Routledge.

Advance tickets, to include nibbles, are available at £12 each from Cobbs Wholefoods in Somerton or from choir members. (On the door tickets will be processed at £15). For more information visit our website www.midwessexsingers.co.uk, call our Secretary, Sheena on 07768 704883 or e-mail info@midwessexsingers.co.uk.

Harry's Cider

Harry's Cider are looking forward to seeing you at their first 2024 Cider Saturday on 4th May, when we shall be joined by the ever popular "Soul Fries" from Bristol, with live music provided by "The Mighty Ben Saunders". We will follow on with our second Cider Saturday on 25th May which we shall tell you more about next month. The bar will be open from midday. Everyone welcome! For further details, please visit www.harryscidercompany.co.uk

LONG LOAD

Next Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday 16th April at 7:30 in Long Load Village Hall

VILLAGE HALL INCREASE HIRE CHARGES

New charges for Village Hall 2024

The charges will be £20 per session for non residents of the village and £12 per session for Long Load Residents. There are 3 sessions available between 9:30am and 10:30pm Monday to Sunday

Whole day charges are available on request.

New agreements will be given to Key holders reflecting the changes.

These agreements must be signed and returned.

Please ring Ann Campbell for more details 01458 241202

Wednesday 3rd April 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 10th April Craft Club

Long Load Village Hall 2pm – 4:30pm

Stencilling

Refreshments as usual

Long Load Village Hall

Thursday 18th April 7pm

An interesting talk by John Lewis – Yeovil Heritage coordinator "The impact of gloving on Yeovil and South Somerset"

Please book early with Anne Campbell 01458 241202

Tickets are £5 prebooked or £6 at the door on the night.

Tea/Coffee and Biscuits available

Please send your contributions to lsnewsletter@btinternet.com **by the 20th of the month**. For more information call 01458 241450