

LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER February 2024

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Sunday Services in the Levels Arc Benefice

Sunday 4 th	9.30 am	Morning Worship	Kingsdon
	10.10am	Morning Prayer	Via Zoom*
	11am	Holy Communion	Pitney
	11am	Morning Worship	Somerton
Sunday 11 th	6.30pm	Evensong	Long Sutton
	9am	Holy Communion	Long Sutton
	9.30	Holy Communion	Charlton Adam
We. 14 th Ash Wednesday	11am	Morning Worship	Somerton
	7pm	Benefice Holy Communion	Kingsdon
Sunday 18 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	Kingsdon
	9.30am	Café Church	Pitney
	11am	Holy Communion	Somerton
Sunday 25 th	11am	Holy Communion	Long Sutton
	11am	Café Praise	Somerton
	4pm	Afternoon Worship	to be advised*

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)

Fun Quiz with Bolognese Supper – DON'T MISS OUT!!

Saturday 17th February at Long Sutton Village Hall. Doors open at 6.30pm. Tables/teams of 6 (max).

There will be a bar & raffle (bring cash please!)

Tickets (£15 each) will be available from: -Sue & Tim (01458-241-554) or Stevie/Douglas (241-855)

This event is in aid of Holy Trinity Church, Long Sutton.

Coffee morning at Holy Trinity Church, Long Sutton

The January 6th Coffee Morning at Holy Trinity Church, in aid of Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance was well attended and raised £508.25 for the Charity and £92.75 for Holy Trinity.

A big thankyou to Sue Creegan for all her organisational work, to the produce stall helpers and all those who donated their cakes, savouries jams and gifts. Thanks also to Robin for the book sale.

The Coffee and Cake stall deserves special mention. Thank you again to Marion, Jean, Shirley and Geri for continuing to supply us, month by month with all their delicious cakes and welcome drinks.

The February Coffee Morning will be in aid of the Friends of Long Sutton Church so please come along and support this event.

Flowers and Brasses rota

	Flowers	Brasses
Feb 2 nd	Mrs Wagstaff	
Feb 9 th	Mrs Jones	
Feb 16 th	Lent, no flowers	
Feb 23 rd	“	“
March 1 st	“	Mrs Brake and Mrs Walford

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

Long Sutton WI

Long Sutton WI : 1924-2024

We are excited to announce that it is a milestone year for us, as we celebrate our centenary. Our new, and exciting programme launched on 18-Jan, and we have some special events organised to commemorate this year.

We hope the local community will get involved, and join us at various celebrations and fundraising events:- Centenary Afternoon Tea, 100 Years in stitches with our 'Stitch-in-Time' project, Exhibition, Community Ceilidh, and lots more. For full details go to our Facebook page, village website, and village posters.

At time of writing we have danced our way into 2024 with a 'Line Dancing' taster, our next meeting on 19-Feb, member Doreen Cox will be helping us to stitch 'Lavender & Lace' bags, with a kind donation of antique lace and fabric.

Why not join us for an evening this year, and try us out. We meet on the third Thurs of the month at the village hall, doors open 7:20pm, 7:30pm start. First visit free.

If you would like a copy of our Centenary Programme longsuttonwi@gmail.com or ring Joint Presidents: Jane 07823559175 or Caroline: 07971 275975

Long Sutton Christmas Cart Crew

Long Sutton Christmas Cart Crew would like to thank everyone who came out and supported us in the run up to Christmas.

We have yet to release a total but we are hoping to have raised a fabulous amount to donate towards the renovation of Long Sutton Village Play Area.

Hope to see you all again next year.

Long Sutton Primary School PTFA

The Long Sutton Cookbook

Long Sutton Primary PTFA are extremely proud & excited to announce that The Long Sutton Cookbook has raised an incredible £1506.25! Unbelievably, we sold all 200 copies of the cookbook in just 8 weeks & we are thrilled at the success of this fundraiser!

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who supported us, without you this fundraising project would not have been possible. We are very lucky to have such a fantastic, supportive school community!

Upcoming PTFA Events

Family Easter Bingo - Everyone welcome!

Saturday 16th March 2024 at 2.00pm at Long Sutton Village Hall.

Easter Photo Scavenger Hunt From 29th March -12th April 2024. More information coming soon.

If you have any questions or would like to support the PTFA in some way, please email LSprimaryPTFA@gmail.com.

FOLSC into February

Looking back to 2023, and as reported last month, our final fundraiser of the year was held on 9th December when we were royally entertained by the Brass Octet of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, who performed a faultless 'Christmas Fanfare'. This was a sellout event, and as well as being a perfect start to the festive season, it also raised a very impressive £1,296.00 for the fighting fund. Many thanks to all our members and guests who attended in such numbers. Our first gathering of 2024 takes place on **Saturday 3rd February** when FOLSC will again be hosting the Holy Trinity coffee morning. We hope this will be well attended by members and villagers to enjoy coffee, cakes, our homemade produce stall and good company whilst also befitting your local charity and the church we cherish.

Next on the agenda is the **FOLSC AGM**, that will be held by kind permission of the Long Sutton village school on **Monday 4th March**, with doors opening at 6.00 and the meeting to commence at 6.30 This is a very informal gathering that is open to all, with non-members in a non-voting capacity. Please come along and you are particularly welcome if you are new to the village. Hear about what we achieved in the year just finished and of our plans for 2024. These are still being worked on, but our summer event is already finalised so please keep **Saturday 29th June** free when Bristol's '**Opera in a Box**' will be performing Engelbert Humperdinck's masterpiece 'Hansel & Gretel', that will be sung in English, and we are assured will be another night to remember!

Playground

As you are probably aware, the playground at Long Sutton Village Hall is in great need of refurbishment. We have been raising funds where we can for this project and in order to qualify for further grant applications, we need to survey some of the community. If you visit the website at : <https://www.longsutton-pc.gov.uk/playground> you will find a link to the survey. Please spend 5 minutes answering these questions if you can, any answered questions will not only help with fundraising but also be taken in to consideration when choosing the final equipment pieces.

We have received several quotations and designs for the refurbishment of the play area, and it is estimated to cost around £80,000.00. Grant funding for play equipment in general is, unfortunately minimal. If you work for a company that has a charitable arm that donates to projects within the local community, please do let us know so that we can help to continue to push this project forward and provide a fantastic new playground for our children. If you would like to make a donation, you can find our JustGiving campaign also linked on the playground page of the website.

We would like to thank you for your continued support towards this project.

Many thanks,
Ruby Coombes (ruby.coombes@longsutton-pc.gov.uk)

The communication channels across the village are stronger now than they have been for many years. Even though everyone has this newsletter put through their letterbox, unfortunately we know that not everyone reads it, so the Parish Council is working hard to make sure that as much information is passed on through this newsletter, the new e-newsletter and the community Facebook pages.

Over 150 residents now receive the e-newsletter once a month, so thank you to those who have registered to receive it. The feedback has been very positive. If you have not yet registered, please go to the Parish Council website www.longsutton-pc.gov.uk and at the bottom of the home page there is a simple registration form.

The "Long Sutton Somerset Community" Facebook page has trebled in circulation in the last year now having over 730 followers and 571 "likes".

We are more than happy to publicise any community event or activity or news on this page, so just contact us through a DM and we will do the rest.

Several of the village organisations also have active Facebook pages including the WI, the Cricket Club, the PTFA, the Village Hall, the School, the Church, the Golf Club, to name just a handful, so there are plenty of ways that residents can be kept informed of the busy life of our wonderful village.

Environment and Nature Fair – Long Sutton Village Hall

17th February 2024 10am-2pm

Back by popular demand, this year's Environment and Nature Fair focuses on how we can all encourage more nature in our gardens as well as reveals some of the special wildlife in our area. It includes:

Talks from the Wildlife Trust and Rewild the Levels (10.30am and 1pm)

How to see local wildlife and unusual insects around us
Learn what neighbours are doing in their gardens including wildlife homes and easy composting.

Seed and sapling giveaways (subject to availability)

Information and activities for kids (subject to availability)

Information about grants for tree planting on pieces of land

See maps of the tree cover and land usage in our area and local paths.

Share your ideas on what to do if we had community land
Come and have a tea and slice of cake with us, meet some neighbours and like minded people who care as much about nature as you do. Drop by any time between 10 and 2. For more information or to contribute feel free to get in touch with ben.wielgus@longsutton-pc.gov.uk

WEA

WEA - Levels Branch - is running a 6 week course, led by Mr Greg Morter, entitled "A Global History of Empire" at the Long Sutton Village Hall on Thursday evenings from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm, Feb 22, 29, Mar 7, 14, 28, April 4. We will be exploring different ways Empires have arisen, functioned and fallen, and the legacy they've left us in our own times. Please phone WEA 01132 002194 or email thewea.info/findmycourse or email ja.elliott@btopenworld.com for more information". Costs up to £36 depending on income

LONG LOAD

Next Parish Council Meeting will be on 20th February at 7:30 in Long Load Village Hall

Wednesday 7th Feb 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 14th February Craft Club

Long Load Village Hall 2pm – 4:30pm

Ragging

Please book your place with Marsha 01458 241415 email

Marsha.White2@btinternet.com

Refreshments available as usual

Saturday 17th February Winter Warming Supper £10 per head Payment on the Night

Limited Seating (first come first served basis - not suitable for children under the age of 10)

Doors open at 7pm Food served at 7:30pm

Hot Pot Meal with Jacket Potato, Dessert, Coffee.

Please book your seats with **Barbara 01458 241284** or

Marsha on 01458 241415 and leave your name, number and a brief message on the answer phone if there is no one available to take your call. We will get back to confirm.

Please don't forget to book by the **10th February** or as soon as possible so that the catering can be dealt with thus eliminating unnecessary food waste

You are asked to bring your own preferred drink.

Raffle tickets to be sold on the night £1 per strip

Report on December 2023 Candlelight Celebration

The candlelight celebration was a successful evening with standing room only.

A donation box was left on the table and the contents rendered £41:68p to be given to the food bank in Martock.

Report on the Table Top Sale January 20th

The first Village Hall event of 2024 was promising with 11 tables full of various things to buy and contribute to with Craft items Bric a Brac, Fabrics, Books etc. including a table with donated items in aid of Alzheimers Charity. Tea and Biscuits served from the kitchen for £1

Many thanks to everyone who ventured out in the cold to sell at the tables and to those of you who came to support and buy items. Also, for the people who came to help setting up and selling the refreshments.

Proceeds from the Sale of Tables, Teas and Biscuits, and Items on the VH table raised £147.50 for VH Funds. The Alzheimer table collected £98.75 for Alzheimers Charity.

We hope to arrange another table top sale outside later in the year to include plants. So if you grow too many for your needs we will be pleased to accept them nearer the time.

Watch out for the date in the next newsletter.

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