

# LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER – November 2023

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## Sunday Services in the Levels Arc Benefice

5 <sup>th</sup>	10.20am Online Zoom* Morning Prayer 11.00am Holy Communion at St John the Baptist, Pitney 6.30pm Evensong at Holy Trinity, Long Sutton
12 <sup>th</sup>	10.50am Remembrance Sunday at Holy Trinity, LS 10.50am Remembrance Sunday at St John the Baptist, Pitney 11.00am Remembrance Sunday at St Catherine's, Drayton
19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Café Church at St John the Baptist, Pitney 11.00am Holy Communion at St Peter and St Paul, Muchelney
26 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am Holy Communion 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

## Coffee morning at Holy Trinity Church, Long Sutton

Apologies for the lack of information re the September coffee morning in the October newsletter. It was a very successful morning where we raised £894.60 for Holy Trinity Church. We are very grateful for all the help and support received and particularly to Stephanie Sales & Janet Brand for manning the produce stall.

The next church coffee morning will take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November from 10.30 am until midday.

The chosen charity this month is The Royal Naval

Benevolent Trust (RNBT). This charity helps non-commissioned sailors and marines and their families should they need help throughout their lives. Assistance provided includes finance for specific needs and advice on welfare matters. The RNBT also provides for care of older beneficiaries at the Trusts residential care and nursing home near Chatham and almshouses in Hornchurch Essex. Coffee and refreshments will be available, as well as a cake and produce stall. 25% of non-gift aid donations will be used to support the running of Holy Trinity Church.

The December coffee morning will be in aid of Josephine Star, a charity proposed by the Long Sutton WI.

Please come and support the charities by enjoying tea or coffee with a delicious cake for a donation and purchasing items from the Produce Stall. Any cakes, pickles, soups, savouries or veg that you are able to bring for sale will be gratefully received.

## Harvest Festival

The Church looked colourful and fun for the schools Harvest Festival Service on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September taken by Lizzie Reynolds and for the Sunday Service, led by Tim Creegan, our Churchwarden, with Robin Ewbank providing an entertaining talk.

A big thankyou to all who contributed, including the school, with their produce and other items and their time. Special thanks to Rachel Ewbank for the flower arrangements and for creating the special Harvest porch.

Also thank you to our wonderful ladies, Marion, Jean, and Shirley, who provided a delicious ploughman's lunch for us following the service on Sunday.

Wine Tasting Event – Village Hall on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December in aid of Holy Trinity Church.

Please come along and enjoy this event which has been very popular in previous years. There will be plenty of wine to sample (which can be ordered in time for Christmas), canapes and an opportunity to meet with people from near, far and

wide. Quantock Abbey are once again hosting this event organised by Tim Creegan and the PCC.

Tickets & payment info are available from Sue & Tim (241-554 or [suecreegan@outlook.com](mailto:suecreegan@outlook.com)) or Douglas and Stevie (241-855 or [dkhamilton2014@gmail.com](mailto:dkhamilton2014@gmail.com)).

Ticket price is £15 paid via BACS or £16 paid via Cash, Cheque or Credit card - we would prefer BACS payment. We look forward to seeing you for an enjoyable evening! Doors open from 7.15pm & farewell at 9.45pm.

## Vacancy Update

We are now working with members of the congregations of Pitney, Somerton, Kingsdon and the Charltons, to put together a profile and advert to find a new vicar to lead our new Benefice. Although we continue as part of the Levels Arc Benefice (with Drayton, Pitney and Muchelney) for the time being, we anticipate to becoming more involved with the new Benefice in the new year.

## Flowers and Brasses rota

Nov 4 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs McTernan	
Nov 11 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Lyon	Mrs Tulk and Mrs Burt
Nov 18 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Lyon	
Nov 26 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Shepard	
Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mrs Shepard	

**For volunteer brass cleaners** Please collect vestry key from Yvonne Aitken (241335) for those cleaning brasses

## Long Sutton WI

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall, we will be having a Celebration of Divali, with a Banghara Dancing demonstration and dance. Keinton Mandeville W.I will join us for this evening. The competition is the best dressed Inspired outfit and there will be Indian nibbles to enjoy. Monthly skittles at The Rose and Crown, East Lambrook has now started as walking netball has finished. In December on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> there will be a Festive party with mince pies and mulled wine. Save the date for Church coffee morning on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December as the W.I will be running a stall in aid of Josephine's Star - a bereavement charity, based locally. If you google them, they have an excellent power point and hope to send a representative on the morning. Donations for the stall would be most welcome. See phone details of who to contact or bring along on the day please. Remember your first evening is free. Please contact joint Presidents: Jane 07823 559175 or Caroline 01458 241159 if you are interested or come along on a night. All welcome.

## The Long Sutton Cookbook

After months of hard work, Long Sutton Primary School PTFA are very excited & proud to announce the launch of The Long Sutton Cookbook!

Join us for a special launch party at our local independent bookshop, The Snug Bookshop and Cafe on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November from 6.30 til 8.30pm, & get a first look at the cookbook in all its culinary glory! FREE TICKETS for this event are available now via our website & you can order the cookbook online too, at [www.pta-events.co.uk/longsuttonprimary](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/longsuttonprimary).

Many of you submitted recipes & photographs for the cookbook & this is your chance to get your hands on a little slice of Long Sutton history. (It would make the perfect Christmas gift too!) We have been extremely lucky to have gained generous sponsorship from local businesses for this project, & therefore all money raised from cookbook sales will go straight to the PTFA. Please share with your friends, family & neighbours - everyone is welcome!

## Upcoming PTFA Events

**Festive Wreath Making Workshop** - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Long Sutton Primary School  
For further information & tickets for these events, please visit the PTFA website, [www.pta-events.co.uk/longsuttonprimary](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/longsuttonprimary).

If you have any questions or would like to support the PTFA in some way, please email [LSprimaryPTFA@gmail.com](mailto:LSprimaryPTFA@gmail.com).

### **'A Christmas Fanfare': Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

FOLSC invite you to herald in the festive season with the Principal Brass players from the world-famous Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra right here in the Long Sutton Village Hall, on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December, commencing at 7.30.

The concert forms part of the BSO's 'On Your Doorstep' programme and is entitled 'A Christmas Fanfare' and features an eight piece brass ensemble, who will perform an uplifting programme of joyful festive tunes and wintery classics. We understand this will include carols and excerpts from Tchaikovsky's 'The Nutcracker', that is now regarded as the world's greatest Christmas ballet.

The programme will be presented by the musicians themselves, so the format will be both informative and entertaining and the audience will enjoy getting to know the musicians. They all have a good sense of humour and will aim to inject a little fun into the concert; what better way to welcome in the festive season?

Tickets are already on sale now from **David Aitken** (Tel 01458 241335), **Geoff Pringle** (email: [geoff@pring.org.uk](mailto:geoff@pring.org.uk)) or from any of the FOLSC Trustees and in addition from the Upton Bridge Farm Shop. Judging by initial sales in October this event will almost certainly be a sell-out, so we recommend securing your tickets now to avoid disappointment.

### **WEA - Levels Branch –**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov.** Traditional Chinese Medicine. Jane Robinson presents an approach to good health that has been well documented for over 300 years and continues to be relevant in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. All welcome to the talk, to enjoy a chat over refreshments and to find out about the learning, hobby and interest groups you can join through Martock & District u3a. More information about Martock & District u3a: email [martocku3amembership@gmail.com](mailto:martocku3amembership@gmail.com), telephone 01460 240788. website [www.martocku3a.org.uk](http://www.martocku3a.org.uk)  
WEA Levels Branch is holding a 3 session course on Yuletide Creative Arts, making Christmas cards using stamping and collage, developing watercolour skills and learning to draw and paint snowy scenes. For absolute beginners to those already skilled in arts and crafts. Please bring any paper, paints, wrapping paper, old cards you have, although materials will also be provided - and an apron! Wednesdays 29 Nov, 6 Dec and 13 December, 11 am to 2 pm each session. To register, contact [WEA.org.uk](http://WEA.org.uk) or, for more information, email [Levels.Branch@wea.ac.uk](mailto:Levels.Branch@wea.ac.uk)

### **Lost and found**

Sue Smallwood has (still) a green handled knife that she accidentally "acquired" at the Coronation lunch on the green! If anyone is missing it they'll find it chez Sue Smallwood, 1 The Green, 241 900.

## **Long Load**

**Next Long Load Parish Council on 21 November at 7:30pm**  
<https://longload-pc.org.uk>

### **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 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 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Long Load Village Hall 2pm – 4:30pm

**Knit a Christmas Ornament with Hazel** all Wool, Pattern and needles supplied to keep. **£5** Please book your place with Marsha 01458 241415 email [Marsha.White2@btinternet.com](mailto:Marsha.White2@btinternet.com)

Refreshments available as usual

### **Long Load Harvest Supper Report - October**

The annual Harvest Supper held in Long Load Village Hall was a big success with 40 residents of the village enjoying a supper of Ham, Cheese. Jacket Potato and Salad followed by Fruit Crumble & Cream or Ice-Cream, plus Coffee and Mints

A very good atmosphere with neighbours and friends enjoying a relaxed evening was enjoyed by all who came and supported the Village Hall Restoration fund by taking part in this meal and the following raffle.

The Village Hall Committee served food and waited tables for the evening and would like to thank everyone who came and supported this fund-raising event. The clear profits on the night came to £352.49. There will be more events scheduled in the New Year and will be advertised all around the area. You will all be very welcome.

**December - Christmas Candlelight Celebration** will be held and the date will be confirmed in the December edition of the newsletter

By the time you read this letter all Long Load Residents will have received a letter from the Village Hall Committee informing you why we need to raise funds. It would be very helpful to have a member from each group who regularly uses the village hall on the committee or at least coming to the VH Meetings.

**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.**

Do you know of someone who wants a hall at reasonable prices to start a group or hold an event?

**Please contact Ann Campbell on 241202. For more details and arrange your bookings**

### **VERY IMPORTANT**

The Permissive Footpath at the top of the field belonging to Roger Coombs in Long Load is being abused by dog walkers and Mobility Scooter riders. So, just in case you are not aware please note the following:

The **ONLY FOOTPATH** in that field is adjacent to the road and runs between two pedestrian gates at the south end of the village.

People must stay on the footpath and **NOT** allow their dogs to run over the field.

Dog Faeces is dangerous to cattle and very unpleasant to the farmer who needs to cut his grass crop for feed. *A Permissive Path is one granted kindly by the landowner and can be removed at any time.* If the abuse persists the permissive footpath will be rescinded and there will be no safe access along that part of the road for children and other pedestrians. It just takes a little common country sense to realize that all fields belong to someone and is not a free for all. Please be aware of the countryside laws. Don't be the one to spoil it for everyone else! If you are able to volunteer help by clearing the path of weed etc, the PC would be very pleased to hear from you.

Thank you!

**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.**

### **Mid-Wessex Singers**

The Somerton based Mid-Wessex Singers are delighted to present our annual festive concert 'A Christmas Journey' on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023. We will be sharing the joy of singing together at St Michael's Church, Somerton at 7.30pm. Advance tickets (£10 each) are available from Cobbs in Somerton or any member of the choir or can be purchased on the door for £12, Further information if required contact [info@midwessexsingers.co.uk](mailto:info@midwessexsingers.co.uk)

Please send your contributions to [lsnewsletter@btinternet.com](mailto:lsnewsletter@btinternet.com) by the **20<sup>th</sup> of the month.** For more information call 01458 241450