

LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER – October 2023

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Sunday Services in the Levels Arc Benefice

1 st	10.20am Online Zoom* Morning Prayer 11.00am Holy Communion at St John the Baptist, Pitney 6.30pm Evensong at Holy Trinity, Long Sutton
8 th	8.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Long Sutton 11.00am Harvest Service at St Catherine's, Drayton
15 th	10.30am Café Church at St John the Baptist, Pitney 11.00am Holy Communion at St Peter and St Paul, Muchelney
22 nd	11.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Long Sutton
29 th	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 (HC) or Morning Prayer (MP) at HT LS

Every Friday at 6.30 pm – informal Prayers at HT LS

Coffee morning at Holy Trinity Church, Long Sutton

The next church coffee morning will take place on Saturday 7th October, from 10.30am until midday.

The chosen charity this month is Long Sutton Primary School PTFA. The PTFA work together with the school and the local community to strengthen the school community & raise funds to enrich the resources of the school.

If you would like to learn more about what the PTFA do, please take a look at their Facebook page @LongSuttonPrimaryPTFA or website www.pta-events.co.uk/longsuttonprimary.

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 November coffee morning will be for the Naval Benevolent Fund.

Wine Tasting – 1st Dec in Village Hall

Contact Stevie/Douglas on 241 855 or Sue/Tim on 241 554 for tickets

or suecreegan@outlook.com for more info.

Flowers and Brasses rota

Oct 7 th	Mrs Wagstaff	Mrs Brake and Mrs Walford
Oct 14 th	Mrs Ellerbeck	
Oct 21 st	Mrs Ellerbeck	
Oct 28 th	Mrs McTernan	
Nov 4 th	Mrs McTernan	

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

Long Sutton WI

On Thursday 19th October at 7.30 p.m in the village hall, we shall be having a Pretty In Pink session with a Speaker to talk to us about the very important topic of breast awareness. Please dress in pink and the competition is the best dressed pink lady. Refreshments will be served as usual. The Shoebox appeal is also underway now and boxes may be delivered to school by Friday 8th October or call Caroline. Osteoporosis Screening is being held on Wednesday 1st November in Bridgwater - a bone density ultrasound heel scan and results are given on the day - cost £25. In November there will be a celebration of Divali with Banghara dancing, with demo. and dancing with Keinton Mandeville W.I. We are also looking for people to shadow roles on the Committee and need your help, please consider this. Please contact joint Presidents: Jane 07823 559175 or Caroline 01458 241159 if you are interested in any of the above or come along on the night.

News from Long Sutton C of E Primary School

The new school year has got off to a great start and we are delighted to see how quickly our new Reception children have settled in. Our wonderful PTFA organised a picnic and raffle on the first Friday of the school term, which was a great success

and a good way for everyone to catch up and welcome new families.

The whole school were invited by the PTFA to take part in the 'Super Sutton Summer Challenge' to raise £20.23 each. In total the children have raised just over £1500 which is a commendable effort by all those involved and much appreciated!

Our Harvest Festival donations this year will go to our nearest foodbank 'Langport cares' which continues to be a lifeline for those in need in Langport and the surrounding villages.

At the end of October our oldest class will enjoy a week away at 'Mill on the Brue', team building and developing life skills. We look forward to hearing all about their adventures.

If you would like to find out more about our school, please do get in contact and come and visit. We have spaces in all year groups including the pre-school with wrap around care from 7.45 to 5.45pm. Toy Box pre-school is now open all day from 8.45 to 3.15 and parents are able to access the wrap around care too. Should you wish to look around please make an appointment and contact us on 01458 241434 or email: enquiries@LongSuttonPrimary.co.uk.

Oktoberfest is coming to Long Sutton on Saturday 18th November

We are looking forward to a stompily exciting Bavarian OKTOBERFEST in the Village Hall with the Sherborne Oompah Band and a top-notch Bangers & Mash supper. The bar will be run by Long Sutton Cricket Club in traditional Bavarian style – well, closer to Long Sutton-style, perhaps. Audience participation is encouraged so prizes for the best dressed in Bavarian costumes.

To reserve your tickets at only £20 each, contact Rupert & Angie Cox (rupertandangie@btinternet.com) or Joyce Pritchard (joycepritchard@btinternet.com) with tickets going on sale from 1st October available from the village shop and Upton Bridge Farm Shop.

Hosted by the Village Hall & Recreation Field Trust and Long Sutton Cricket Club, all profits will go towards the Sports Pavilion and Play Area refurbishment funds

FOLSC Autumn Update

September's Indian Summer has helped us forget a generally disappointing July and August and has helped the transition towards autumn. Whilst clearly far too early to mention the 'C' word, the FOLSC Trustees are now finalising arrangements for our winter event. As previously mentioned, we are delighted to be welcoming players from the renowned Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra for a performance in the Long Sutton Village Hall on Saturday 9th December, as part of their 'On Your Doorstep' concert programme.

Whilst serving the South and Southwest of England, the BSO have a national and international reputation and have been a cultural beacon since its foundation in 1893, but our December concert will be their first ever visit to our village. Eight talented musicians, selected from the Orchestra's principal Brass players will perform for us as a Brass Octet. We are reliably informed this normally consists of three trumpets, a French horn, three trombones and a tuba, that give a full brass section sound with only a few more instruments than a quintet! Whilst their play list is still being finalised, the BSO invite our community to herald in the festive season with an uplifting programme of much-loved music that will include carols and popular tunes, plus other favourites including Tchaikovsky, Monteverdi and Warloc.

Tickets go on sale from David Aitken (01458 2413350), any of the FOLSC Trustees and from our 'ticket office' C/O The Upton Bridge Farm Shop, Long Sutton from early October and are modestly priced at £12.00 for adults and £6.00 for children. Judging by enquiries already received, this will almost certainly be a sell-out and we strongly recommend securing your tickets early, for what we are assured will be a night to remember!

Village Communication

While many of us really enjoy this monthly newsletter, many more residents are now using other communication channels as a way of keeping informed of village activities. The monthly e-newsletter is gathering more and more readers each month so if you haven't yet registered, please do so at the Parish Council's website that has undergone a face-lift

www.longsutton-pc.gov.uk and at the bottom of the home page you can complete the registration form.

The "Long Sutton Community Somerset"

(<https://www.facebook.com/longsuttoncommunity>) now has a tremendous following of 702 people with 550 "likes" and this information is often linked to Long Sutton Village Hall's Facebooks page that has 547 followers and 473 "likes" Look out for other community Facebook pages for the School, PTFAs, Cricket Club, Golf Club and many other local businesses.

Tennis Courts

The Parish Council is delighted to announce that our tennis courts will be resurfaced during October. This will warrant the closure of the courts for a couple of weeks as the surface settles down. The final date has not yet been announced by the contractor, but we hope to give users two weeks notice of the closure.

While there will be temporary lining put down immediately after the court is laid, this will be re-marked in the spring when the air is warmer. We will end up with two beautiful dual-coloured courts with a new automated booking and payment system. For the regular users, we apologise for any inconvenience caused, but we are sure that the finished product will be very much to your satisfaction.

Long Sutton Parish Council

A Casual Vacancy which has arisen on Long Sutton Parish Council can be filled by co-option. To find out more about becoming a councillor, please visit the Parish Council website www.longsutton-pc.gov.uk or contact the clerk Lisa Newby at clerk@longsutton-pc.gov.uk

Our Parish Natural Environment

Do you want to hear what Parish landowners and residents are already doing that's positive for wildlife & what more we can do?

David Attenborough said, regarding the pressure that biodiversity is under, "Everyone, no matter who they are, can make a difference".

Long Sutton Parish Council Environment Team invited Somerset Wildlife Trust to come and have a look at our Parish and help us make a difference. Together we travelled every lane, drove and many footpaths and looked at fields, hedges, droves, moors, woods and areas in the centre of Long Sutton like the recreation field, school and church.

Eleanor Higginson, Senior Land Management Advisor at Somerset Wildlife Trust will be sharing the findings and answering any questions.

Rupert Cox, Long Sutton Parish Chair will be sharing how farmers are being encouraged to do even more to support flora and fauna.

Thursday October 12th at 7.30 pm Long Sutton Village Hall
Light refreshments provided

WEA Levels Branch encourage you to register for our new six week course to be held at Long Sutton Village Hall: **The Islands of Britain - their history and natural history** - our lecturer is Stephen Parker, and the course runs on consecutive Tuesdays from 10/10/23 to 14/11/22 from 7 pm to 8.45 pm. Please register with WEA via phone on 01132 002194 or online thewea.info/findmycourse. The cost ranges from Free to a maximum of £36.55 according to income. Do join us!

Harry's Cider would like to thank everyone for joining us at our last 2023 Cider Saturday on 2nd September, we had an incredible day with the fabulous "Riley's Cove" band, and the ever-popular "Soul Fries". We have now started harvest, a little earlier than in previous years, as the crop is looking pretty heavy – no doubt down to all you wassailers in January! May we wish you all a colourful autumn, and we'll see you soon!

Long Load

Wednesday 4th October 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

Long Load Harvest Supper 7th October 2023

Long Load Village Hall. Doors open at 7pm sit down at 7:30pm
2 courses plus coffee & mints £10 per person. (Payment on the night)

Jacket Potato, Ham, Cheese, Salad, plus Fruit Crumble, Cream or Ice-cream and coffee with mints
Bring your own Tipple.

Please note that to cater for food without waste, the closing date for bookings will be Friday 1st October. After 1st October any spare places will be offered to friends and / or family. Please book their seats in order for us to facilitate the shopping without incurring waste.

This is a limited seat event so please make sure you book your meal as early as possible with

Ann Campbell 01458 241202 or Marsha White 01458 241415
Please can you contact Marsha or Ann if you are able to provide help on the evening or provide an Apple or Plum Crumble. (Free Apples from Ann)

There will also be a raffle.

Wednesday Craft Club 11th October

Long Load Village Hall 2pm – 4:30pm

Pyrography (Poker work) with John Grain

Please book your place with Marsha 01458 241415 email Marsha.White2@btinternet.com

Refreshments available as usual

Report on Long Load Annual Village Show

Everyone who came to the show on 2nd September appeared to have a good time, helped, no doubt, by the glasses of (donated) Pimms available. Flowers and baking entries were particularly prominent and there was also fierce completion in the photography section. Vegetable entries were affected by the strange growing conditions this year, with a good selection of unusual vegetables, but, unusually, only two entries in the potato class. The Art & Craft entries were down, but the entries received were of a high standard. Sadly, there were no children's entries again this year.

The cup winners were:-

Yvonne Gilliam Cup for flowers – Rachel Ewbank

Vegetables – Robin Ewbank

Produce and Cookery – Diana Taylor

Crafts – Julia Harvey

Photography – Paul Griffiths

Creative Writing – Sandra May

Cup for the most points gained by a first time entrant – joint winners Oliver and Jen Galloway Cup for the most outstanding exhibit – Sally Bail La Lade Trophy for the most points in the show – Robin Ewbank.

The Hall Committee would like to thank everyone who took part in this traditional village event and hope to see you at the October event.

URGENT The Village Hall Committee are looking for additional Members to help with cover at organized events and to work alongside the existing Committee Members. This has now become a very real need.

It would be especially encouraging for some of the younger members of the community to offer help in keeping the momentum of the Village Hall Events alive with new ideas. No previous experience needed just some real enthusiasm. The hall is available for Private Hire, Parties (*Adult and Children*) Clubs, Groups and one off meetings, Mum and Toddler Play mornings/Afternoons as well as organised Charity Group Coffee mornings etc

Your Village Hall is in need of your help!

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

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