

# LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER – September 2023

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## Sunday Services in the Levels Arc Benefice

3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.20am Online Zoom* Morning Prayer 11am Holy Communion at St John the Baptist, Pitney 6.30pm Evensong at Holy Trinity, Long Sutton
10 <sup>th</sup>	8am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Long Sutton 11am Holy Communion at St. Catherine's, Drayton
17 <sup>th</sup>	11am Harvest Thanksgiving at Middlegate Farm, Pitney with Bishop Ruth 11am Holy Communion at St Peter and St Paul, Muchelney
24 <sup>th</sup>	11am Harvest Thanksgiving 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

A big thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to the August coffee morning. We collected £1015.65 this morning which will go towards providing the Christmas Trees both inside and outside the church this Christmas. The generosity of all was outstanding thank you again. Long Sutton Friendly Society.

The next Coffee Morning is on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September in aid of Holy Trinity Church. As you know, we are doing all we can to keep our church open and we need help in funding the day to day running costs. Please come and support us and enjoy meeting friends, old and new.

The charity we will be supporting on October 7<sup>th</sup> will be the Long Sutton PTFA.

All produce, be it from your garden, or baked in your oven – will be gladly received on the Produce Stall – please bring some along. Thank you.

## Coffee Mornings 2024

Sue Creegan is in the process of putting together the list of charities that we will support in 2024. Already we have requests to support the Children's Hospice, FOLSC, Somerset Sight, Long Sutton Governors' Fund, Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance, Able to Achieve, The Friendly Society, Service Dogs UK, Yeovil Street Pastors and Long Sutton Church. Please contact Sue on 241-554 ([suecreegan@outlook.com](mailto:suecreegan@outlook.com)) if there is a local charity that you would like to suggest.

## Update on our Parish

It is good to be able to let you know that we are finally making progress towards the reorganisation of the Ilchester deanery, of which we are a part.

To cut a long story short, the Levels Arc benefice, made up of Long Sutton with Long Load, Pitney, Muchelney and Drayton, is to be disbanded. Once legally approved, **Long Sutton with Long Load and Pitney** will join **Somerton, Kingsdon, Charlton Mandeville and Charlton Adams**. We shall, together, be seeking a new priest to lead the new benefice.

There will be several meetings taking place before we can advertise for a vicar and so a little more patience will be required from us all before the post is filled.

If you feel you would like to be involved in the process of defining what our rural church needs, please get in touch with Tim or Sue (241 554 / [timcreegan@hotmail.com](mailto:timcreegan@hotmail.com)) ASAP.

## Date for the Diary

There will be a **Wine Tasting** to raise funds for Holy Trinity Church in the Village Hall on **1<sup>st</sup> December 2023**. More information will follow in October's newsletter. **SAVE THE DATE!**

## Churchyard Tidy - Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> September

We are planning to hold the autumn tidy-up of Holy Trinity churchyard on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, starting at 10 am. This is the day before the Harvest Festival, so the churchyard should be looking its best on that occasion.

Could all those with an hour or two to spare kindly lend a hand to help tidy up the churchyard before the winter. Please bring your own tools. Coffee and biscuits will be available to sustain those who take part.

## Flowers and Brasses rota

Sept 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mrs Brand	Mrs Aitken and Mrs Shepard
Sept 9 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Brand	
Sept 16 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Pritchard	
Sept 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mrs Pritchard	
Sept 30 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Wagstaff	
Oct 7 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Wagstaff	Mrs Brake and Mrs Walford

**For volunteer brass cleaners** – from now on, until further notice, please collect the vestry key from Yvonne Aitken, tel 241335.

## FOOD BANK

Thank you to all those who continue to contribute via the Box in the Church. Unfortunately, there is an increasing need for donations. Food poverty in rural areas is often well disguised. Whatever goes into our box is taken to the collection centre in Martock for local distribution. Please continue to donate. Single tins, jars and packets are all welcome.

## Long Sutton WI

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall, we will be having an 'Anyone for canapes?' evening. Please bring along a plate of canapes to share and the competition is the best canapes recipe. If you wondered what was happening outside the village hall in July, it was the W.I having fun, waving hankies, whilst dancing, after a Greek picnic! Why not come and try us, all ages welcome. Walking netball recommences on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September from 5.00-6.00 p.m at the village school. Also monthly skittles matches recommence shortly, at East Lambrook more details at next meeting. An outing is planned to the Rural Life Museum on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September with lunch, butter making demonstration and making a rag rug. In October there is a Breast Awareness session and November a celebration of Divali - take your pick and come along to a free evening. Please contact joint Presidents: Jane 07823 559175 or Caroline 01458 241159 if you are interested or just come along on the night. All welcome.

## Oktoberfest is coming to Long Sutton on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:rupertandangie@btinternet.com)) or Joyce Pritchard ([joycepritchard@btinternet.com](mailto:joycepritchard@btinternet.com)) with tickets going on sale from 1<sup>st</sup> October available from the 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

## Table Tennis Club

Calling all table tennis players, old and new. Thanks to a kind donation, the Village Hall is now the home to a second-hand table tennis table that will be put to good use on Thursday afternoons from 2pm – 4pm starting on 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Come along for some taster sessions at only £2 per session and once we have built up some momentum, another table could be acquired and a club formed.

The table can also be hired privately through [bookings@longsutton.org.uk](mailto:bookings@longsutton.org.uk)

For more information about the Thursday sessions, please contact [simon\\_scarborough@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:simon_scarborough@yahoo.co.uk) or call him on 07791 638087

The Village Hall Committee is delighted to be able to subsidise this new physical activity until it is established to go along with the resurfaced tennis courts, refurbished play area, extended sports pavilion and a proposed pétanque (boule) court all scheduled to be carried out in the next year.

### **Save the date!!!!**

The ever popular General Knowledge Quiz run by Mid Somerset Riding Club in aid of the Injured Jockeys Fund, World Horse Welfare and other charities takes place in the Village Hall on Friday October 6<sup>th</sup>. Teams of 4 or 5 players - £13 per person which includes a hot supper, prizes, raffle and a really fun evening.

For more details please contact Marian Draper on 07885 301 898 or [mariandraper737@btinternet.com](mailto:mariandraper737@btinternet.com)

### **WEA - Levels Branch –**

we are pleased to announce a one-session taster course entitled "Nature Journaling", from 10.30 am to 1.30 pm at Long Sutton Village Hall, on Thursday 07/09/2023. Rebecca Greening, the Tutor, describes the course: "we aim to observe objects found in nature such as leaves and flowers, to record, ask questions and make connections in nature, and draw what is found in sketchbooks or journals". For more information and/or to register, please phone the WEA on 01132 002194

### **Somerset Art Weeks. Dave's Woodturning**

September sees the return of Somerset's Open Studios when artists throughout the county invite you to come and see their work. From Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Long Sutton's Professional Woodturner, Dave Appleby's home at New Street House, will be open. It will become a Gallery and Open Workshop venue where you can discover both what and how he produces his utility and ornamental items. The items will be for sale, but Dave would love you to come and chat, watch him turning and learn how a tree turns into a bowl, plate, lamp or bracelet. Somerset Art Weeks 16<sup>th</sup> Sept – 1<sup>st</sup> October. Guides to all venues in our shop and pub.

### **Hedge Maintenance**

Nesting season is nearing the end, and now is an ideal time to remind residents and landowners in the parish that routine maintenance of hedges can take place. Parishioners have been contacting the Parish Council to address hedges and shrubbery that are causing challenges for pedestrians. It is often the responsibility of the property owner, rather than the Parish Council to ensure that hedges do not cause an obstruction. The Lengthsman Scheme makes a tremendous difference within the parish, with the limited time available. Please ensure that any hedges and shrubbery are maintained appropriately to provide safe walkways.

### **Harry's cider**

The rain didn't dampen our enjoyment for the August Cider Saturday, and thank you to everyone who joined us. We shall be holding our last Pizza & Cider Night for this year on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August from 5.00pm until 10.00pm, and our final 2023 Cider Saturday on 2<sup>nd</sup> September starting at midday, until 6pm. We shall be joined by the ever popular "Soul Fries",

serving their delicious hand-cut, loaded fries, and music from Rileys Cove, an award-winning acoustic duo. Everyone from the Harry's Cider team will be delighted to see you!

### **WEA Levels Branch**

has a new six week course, "The Islands of Britain, their History and Natural History", with popular lecturer Stephen Parker, taking place at the Long Sutton village hall, every Tuesday from 10/10/23 to 14/11/23, starting at 7 pm. Please register online at "[thewea.info/findmycourse](http://thewea.info/findmycourse)" or by ringing 01132 002194

### **Treacle Eater Clog**

will be holding free **North West Morris Dancing** 'Taster sessions'

7.30pm Mon 18 September at the Scout Hut, Blackberry Lane, Sherborne DT9 4DE.

7.30pm Mon 25 September and Mon. 2 October at Rimpton Village Hall, Rimpton BA22 8AH

A warm welcome awaits no booking required.

Information from: Jenny 07974 590927

### **Ladies in Stitches**

Our craft group meets fortnightly starting again on 1 September. For more information please contact Lieve on 241450 or [lieve.cousins@googlemail.com](mailto:lieve.cousins@googlemail.com)

## **LONG LOAD**

**Next Long Load Parish Council on 17<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30pm**  
<https://longload-pc.org.uk>

### **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> October. After 1<sup>st</sup> October any spare places will be offered to friends and / or family.**

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

**There will also be a raffle.**

### **Wednesday Craft Club 11<sup>th</sup> October**

Long Load Village Hall 2pm – 4:30pm

**Pyrography** (Poker work)

**Please book your place with Marsha** 01458 241415 email

[Marsha.White2@btinternet.com](mailto:Marsha.White2@btinternet.com)

Refreshments available as usual

**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.

**Your Village Hall is in need of your help.**

Please contact Ann Campbell on 241202

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