

LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER – January 2024

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Another year has gone by and a new one begins!! Happy New Year to everyone! We hope you have enjoyed the Christmas festivities and now look forward to a new start in 2024.

Sunday Services in the Levels Arc Benefice

7 th	10.20am Online Zoom* Morning Prayer 11.00am Holy Communion at St John the Baptist, Pitney 6.30pm Evensong at Holy Trinity, Long Sutton
14 th	9.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Long Sutton
21 st	9.30am **Café Praise at Pitney Village Hall **CHANGE OF TIME
28 th	11.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Long Sutton 6.30pm Informal Praise evening at Pitney (time TBC)

*Please contact Tim or Sue Creegan (01458 241 554) if you would like details of the Zoom service (online starts at 10am)

Update on New Benefice of Somerton, Kingsdon, The Charltons, Long Sutton with Long Load & Pitney

Plans are in progress to work together with our new benefice to advertise services, etc. There are other services in Somerton, Kingsdon and the Charltons and these are advertised weekly on the Somerton website stmichaelsomerton.co.uk

If you would like to be added to the list of email recipients who are interested in services within the benefice and prayer requests within the parish, please email suecreegan@outlook.com

The New Benefice has an advertisement in the Church Times for a new vicar/incumbent who will live in the vicarage in Somerton. It is hoped that interviews of suitable applicants will take place during February and we hope that we will be able to welcome a new vicar sometime in 2024. Watch this space!

Coffee morning at Holy Trinity Church, Long Sutton

The December coffee morning was coordinated by the Long Sutton WI in aid of Josephine's Star and the sum of £865.88 was sent to the Charity and £175.27 to the Church. Thank you to all who came to the coffee morning and contributed to this amazing sum.

2023 was a phenomenal year for our coffee mornings and huge thanks go to so many of you for supporting these important events each month and giving so generously of your time, donations, contributions of all sorts, and your community spirit. In 2023 we were able to donate £9,230 to various charities. Thank you.

2024 will hopefully be another great year. We do need someone to run the Produce Stall on a few months, so please let me know if you are available – you don't have to do vast amounts of cooking – we have a wonderful village of kind people who donate delicious things! It does help enormously though if someone will co-ordinate the coffee morning (albeit that the tea/coffee/cake stand is wonderfully run and organised by our fabulous ladies, Marian, Jean, Shirley and Gerri.

The charities being supported this year are:-

- Jan – Somerset & Dorset Air Ambulance
- Feb – FOLSC
- Mar – Long Sutton School Fund
- Apr – Alzheimer's Research

- May – Yeovil Street Pastors
- June – Holy Trinity Church
- July – Somerset Sight
- Aug – The Friendly Society
- Sept – Children's Hospice
- Oct – Multiple Sclerosis
- Nov – Service Dogs UK
- Dec – Mental Health Charity

Wine Tasting Event: Thank you to everyone who came to the Wine Tasting event held in the Village Hall on 1st December – The event was a sell out with 58 tickets sold, which was wonderful! It was certainly a jovial evening with attendees given a glass of delicious Crémant on arrival to accompany the fabulous crudites provided by various talented stars of our village, and then excellent wines to be tasted provided by Chris, Andrew & Ian of Q&A wines. Congratulations to the ticket draw winner – Ian Stent won the bottle of Champagne. Thanks to all those who bought raffle tickets – well done to the winners and commiserations if you didn't win anything. Thank you too to the amazing people who donated prizes. Thanks too to our raffle ticket sellers (Yvonne and Lesley) and to our food coordinators (Marian, Shirley and Margaret, and to our ticket sellers (Sue & Stevie). The evening raised an incredible £977.48 for the Church Funds – thank you very much! We have already been asked when the next Wine Tasting will be! Please make a note in your diary for a **Quiz & Bolognese evening on Saturday 17th February 2024.**

Flowers and Brasses rota

	Flowers	Brasses
Jan 5 th	Mrs Brand	
Jan 12 th	Mrs Pritchard	
Jan 19 th	“ “	Mrs A Cox and Mrs Judge
Jan 26 th	Mrs Wagstaff	
Feb 2 nd	“ “	

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

Long Sutton WI

On Thursday 18th January, at 7.30 in the village hall, we have our first event of 2024 - Line Dancing, participate or watch - the choice is yours. New 2024 programme to be announced. The competition is a Sporting achievement award: trophy, certificate or badge that you've won. We also hope to have a visit to the Twine Museum, date TBC this Winter. Please contact joint presidents: Jane 07823 559175 or Caroline 01458 241159 or come along for a free taster session.

Happy New Year with FOLSC!

So much planning but so quickly behind us - suffice to say we hope you had a wonderful Christmas and as I write, surrounded by the 'inland sea,' let's hope we all enjoy a less wet 2024!

These words immediately follow our final event of 2023, when we were royally entertained by the Brass Octet of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra who performed a faultless 'Christmas Fanfare', that helped us forget the storms of the previous days. The young group of super talented musicians talked us through their playlist, which reflected both old and new with highlights being the sadly departed Shane MacGowan's 'The Fairytale of New York,' excerpts from 'the Nutcracker' and 'the Coventry Carol.' We are currently reconciling the account but with a 'sold out' capacity audience of 150 guests, the contribution to our fighting fund should be significant.

With the new year now upon us, the Trustees are well advanced with ideas to bring top class entertainment to the village. One date for your diary that is already confirmed is Saturday 29th June, when we will be bringing live Opera to Long Sutton that will be another first for the village. The super talented Bristol based company 'Opera in a Box' will be performing Engelbert Humperdinck's masterpiece 'Hansel &

Gretel in the village hall. This is great family opera, sung in English and if you are not crowd surfing at 'Glasto' that weekend, this is the other major local event!

We are working on other ideas as well, including we hope a pre-Christmas concert, so watch out for further news in due course. And finally, 'A Happy New Year' to you all!

WEA

Levels Branch WEA - new course - "The Global History of Empire" with Greg Morter, every THURSDAY evening from 7.30 to 9.30 pm, six Thursdays with a gap, so please note the dates, which are: Feb 22, Feb 29, Mar 7, Mar 14, Mar 28 and April 4. Greg is a very popular and respected tutor, and the course is bound to be interesting, with plenty of surprise and even controversy, but full of treasures! We don't have a code yet, so the course is not bookable quite yet, but watch out as we will be advertising as soon as we know. Just wanted you all to have the opportunity to PUT IT IN YOUR DIARIES! And all the very best for the season to all our friends in the Long Sutton area

Ladies in stitches open day

The craft group are planning an open day on the 19th of January 2-5pm in LS village hall. Bring your knitting, sewing etc. or just come and join us for a cup of tea and see what we are doing.

LONG LOAD

**Next Long Load Parish Council Meeting 7:30pm Tuesday
16th January 2024**

<https://longload-pc.org.uk>

Wednesday 3rd January Chinese Brush Painting Group

Long Load Village Hall 2pm – 4pm

If you think you would like to give it a go, pop in and speak with Jane

For more details please contact Barbara Nieto on 01458 241284 or Jane on 01458 250145

Refreshments available

Wednesday 10th January Craft Club

Long Load Village Hall 2pm – 4:30pm

Event ...TBD... details to members nearer the date

Refreshments available

Please feel free to bring your own project if you wish

Saturday January 20th TABLE TOP SALE £10per table at

the Village Hall Doors open at 2:30 – 4:30pm

Vendors can access at 1:45pm

Sell your unwanted items and have a New Year Clear Out Tea/ Coffee and Biscuits available

Book a table early to be sure of a space

Contact Ann on 01458 241202 or Marsha 01458 241415

Saturday February 17th Winter Warming Supper

2 courses plus coffee £10 per person. 7:30pm sit down

Bring your own Tipple

To reserve your seats please contact Ann 01458 241202

ASAP

Restoration Update

Heating, Lighting, Electrics checked, Loft Clearance and Re-insulation all complete.

Next Phase will follow starting next month

Thank you to all those who have sent donations enabling the Village Hall committee to keep the restoration work in the hall progressing Its very much appreciated.

Additional Notices

If you have or know of a group who would like to use the hall for an activity, please contact Ann Campbell for details 01458 241202

The Hall is the only Community Village Building Asset we have left in this village and its important that we retain this 160 year old building. We can only do this with everyone's help so suggestions of support for possible activities would be appreciated.

Wishing Everyone a Happy Peaceful and Kind 2024

Martock & District u3a

meet 2nd Wednesday of month at Martock Parish Hall.

Next Meeting - 10th January - Low Maintenance Gardening - 2:15 for 2:30 start.

From Bethany to Calvary: The Inside Story

It was a rollercoaster of a week with celebration and confrontation, adoration and anger, hope and horror, belief and betrayal. The drama moved between Bethany and Calvary during a week like no other.

In the course of two afternoon sessions Rev Canon Brian Pearson will explore not only the 'what' but also the 'why' of the week that culminated in Christ's crucifixion. His aim will be to share the 'inside story' of what became known as 'Holy Week'.

The event will be hosted by 'Churches Together in Somerton' at St Cleers Chapel, Polham Lane on the Wednesday afternoons of 31 January and 7 February 2024 from 2:30 to 4:00pm, including a refreshment interval.

For further information email brian@vividclouds.com

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