

LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER – November 2024

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Sunday Services in the Levels Arc Benefice

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| 3 rd | 10am Holy Communion at Kingsdon 06.30pm Evensong at Long Sutton |
| 10 th | Remembrance Services at..... 10.00am at Charlton Adam 10.00am at Somerton 10.40am at Kingsdon 10.50am at Long Sutton 10.50am at Pitney |
| 17 th | 09.30am Morning Prayer at Kingsdon 10.00am Cafe Church at Pitney V.Hall 11.00am Holy Communion at Somerton |
| 24 th | 09.30am Morning Worship at Charlton Mackrell 11.00am Holy Communion at Long Sutton 11.00am Cafe Praise at Somerton |

On Wednesdays at 10am, Holy Communion or Morning Prayer at Long Sutton

On Fridays at 6pm, informal prayers at Long Sutton

Zoom Services – please note that there will not be a Sunday Zoom service in November or December. We are considering whether we should continue with the monthly Sunday Zoom service now that numbers ‘attending’ are reduced and of course, people are able to attend church in person. Please let Valerie (svaleriethomas@btinternet.com) or Sue (suecreegan@outlook.com) know your thoughts on this.

Thank you to everyone involved with the **Harvest Festival** that took place on Sunday 6th October. The windows were beautifully decorated, the food provided by our wonderful team was delicious and the service was well received.

Coffee Mornings at Holy Trinity Church, Long Sutton

Thank you to all who came and participated in the coffee morning held on Saturday 5th October, raising money for Multiple Sclerosis (Yeovil & Sherborne).

The morning raised £522.71 for MS (including £160.00 in gift aid which should increase their takings) and £120.89 for the Church.

The next coffee morning on **Saturday 2nd November** will be in aid of Service Dogs UK which is a charity providing veterans from the Armed Forces and Emergency Services suffering with PTSD, with the benefit of specially trained assistance dogs. Nigel Roussel and his team will be delighted to receive any baked goods, jams, chutneys, or any items that can be sold at the produce table. Please come and enjoy tea/coffee/cake and chatter with friends and people you are yet to meet!

Flowers and Brasses

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| Nov 2 nd | Mrs V.M.McTernan | |
| Nov 9 th | Mrs A. Stone | |
| Nov 16 th | Mrs A. Stone | |
| Nov 23 rd | Mrs J. Minogue | |
| Nov 30 th | Mrs J. Minogue | |
| Dec 7 th | Mrs J. Walford | Mrs R.Cox & Mrs S.Sales |

Long Sutton WI

Dear Readers, as I write we have just celebrated our Harvest Supper, and now preparing for November’s meeting when we

will be recording a Podcast with the Lost Lady Society. Another new experience, and hopefully some interesting conversations on the theme, “Invisible Women”.

We were sad to cancel the Hoe Down, and many have asked why we were selling tickets at £5. We felt strongly we wanted to offer a community event, open and accessible to all, but of course that came with financial risks, and due to low ticket sales we made the sensible decision to cancel. October it seems is a busy month for many of our regular supporters. Still, we remain optimistic, and are considering what to do next - watch this space.

Members are currently looking forward to a day in Dorset visiting The Sherborne, and a return to The Devonshire Arms for a group Christmas meal.

If you would like to try before you buy, we welcome visitors from the local area to join us. There are still 5 months of this year’s membership to enjoy: 1-Nov to 31-March 2025. Email: longsuttonwi@gmail.com. For latest news/updates like & follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LongSuttonWI>

FOLSC

St Anrew’s Day Concert

Autumn seems to have slipped into winter overnight and as these words are penned, uninvited guest ‘Ashely’, our first named storm of the season is with us. We do at least have happier times ahead with our final outing of 2024, the hugely anticipated **‘St Andrew’s Day Concert’** to look forward to. This is being held on **Saturday 30th November** in the Long Sutton Village Hall, with doors opening at 7.00 PM and the concert to start at 7.30.

Plans are now well advanced to deliver a night to remember, much as our team of musicians and performers did with the Midwinter Concert of 2019. The evening will again be hosted by professional musician Matthew Rock, of ‘Solid Rock Productions’, who will be ably assisted by our very own Matt Park, a local man known to many of you and a very fine musician and singer. Whilst the actual content of the show is being kept firmly under wraps, they will be ably supported by Soprano Trisha Perry, twins Holly and Megan Cheetham (who perform together as ‘In Sync’) and the Yeovil Ukulele Club. The evening will deliver a true musical variety show, ranging from classics to golden oldies, a selection of music from the musicals and our audience is assured some nostalgia, romance, crooning numbers in the style of Mr Sinatra. Seeing we will also be on the eve of the festive season proper, the artists may just slip in the odd Christmas number to put us in the mood!

Tickets are on sale now from the FOLSC Trustees, from Jig and team at the village shop, as well as from Amy at the Upton Bridge Farm Shop. These are priced at £15 for adults and a modest fiver for children. The 2019 Midwinter was a sell-out, and we are anticipating similar this time, so we recommend securing your tickets early to avoid disappointment and join us for another stunning night of live musical entertainment!

Harry’s cider

Harry and his team would like to thank everyone for their support over the summer, our last Cider Saturday went off with a bang and we look forward to seeing you for more events in 2025. Remember the shop is open 9am-5pm, please pop in and try some cider.

Karate and Self defence lessons every Tuesday night at Long Sutton Village Hall at 7pm contact Terry by phone or text on 07749849798 or just turn up

St. Margaret’s Hospice: Get Ready for Christmas and Support Your Local Charity !

St Margarets Hospice is excited to announce our Christmas fundraising events! From Tuesday, 12th November to 10th December, join us every week between 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM in the reception at the Yeovil Hospice Hub, Litte Tarrat Lane,

Yeovil BA20 2HU. Your local fundraiser Holly, will be on hand with lots of goodies to sell, and can also answer any questions you have about our services in the local area.

Come along and:

- Purchase Christmas cards, gift wrap, gifts, and crafts
- Book your Christmas tree collection service for after the festive season
- Take part in our weekly Christmas raffle with exciting prizes
- Enjoy free parking throughout the event

Support your local charity while preparing for a festive season full of joy. We look forward to welcoming you!

For more information email holly.hackett@st-margartes.hospice.org.uk or call Susan on 01935 709485

SOMERTON CONCERT BAND!

Christmas concert.

Long Sutton village hall.

Saturday 7th December, 7:30pm.

Tickets £7, (only on the door) children under 16 free.

Includes refreshments.

We will be playing a wide variety of music, including some old, seasonal favourites.

Mid-Wessex Singers

Enjoy a festive evening out with the Mid-Wessex Singers!

As our 25th anniversary celebrations continue, your local choir, the Mid Wessex Singers invite you and your family to join us for our Christmas Concert on the evening of Wednesday 18th December at St Michael's Church, Somerton at 7.30pm.

Our Musical Director, Alice Dicker, has selected a varied programme on this year's theme of 'The Light of Christmas'. This includes both traditional and modern carols, including works by Lauridsen, Joubert, Chilcott, Rutter and Park. There will also be the opportunity for audience participation in some of the well-known favourites. Light refreshments will be available.

Early-bird tickets, priced at £12 (free for under £16s), are available from choir members and from Cobbs Wholefoods, Somerton (£15 on the door).

As a registered Charity (No 1118167) proceeds from this concert will once again be supporting the Lord's Larder Food Bank.

Harry's cider

It's Harvest season at Harry's Cider, the farm is bustling with production in full swing! This means our 2024 Award Winning Mulled Cider is now available to purchase and enjoy in front of a burning fire on a chilly evening – pop down to the shop to purchase

Just come along and enjoy an afternoon just watching or joining in no previous experience needed.

Monday December 23 starting 6pm Christmas Celebration 6pm at the Village Hall

Start Christmas off in a traditional way with a celebration of Seasonal Carols, Poetry and Readings for all the family to enjoy followed by Warm Mince Pies and Mulled Wine.

Make Use of the Bus

Please remember that the Bus Participation Group work hard to make bus routes available to villages like Long Load and surrounding villages.

While we don't have a regular bus unless we order it, we do have this floating bus service as a lifeline.

Please ring 01935 5477399 if you want to go to Yeovil via Martock and 018233 59999 if you want to go to Somerton/Taunton/ Glastonbury/Street/ Wells/ Bristol or into Yeovil all for £2:50 return if you have a Concessionary bus pass.

There is a 50% fare for [English National Concessionary Travel Scheme passes](#) on all SLINKY services within Somerset.

Concessionary Pass Holders and children aged between 5-16 will be entitled to a 50% reduction in the cost of the fare. Children under 5 travel free.

Plan a trip with the children and them on a bus ride at half term as something different it may be something new and exciting for them to do as well as being cost effective for you!

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Starting on 4th November the drive leading to the Carpark at the rear of the Village Hall will not be accessible for approximately 2 weeks (weather dependant) while work is being carried out to level up the drive.

Village Hall Questionnaire

Please don't forget to complete and return your Village Hall Questionnaire to whichever is your nearest drop off point By 8th November. If you have any queries please contact Nicola on 241689

Forward Planning - Long Load Open Gardens 2025

Every three years, the Village Hall organizes an "Open Gardens" event, which brings garden enthusiasts together, whilst raising much needed funds for the upkeep of the village hall. Tea and home-baked cakes are provided at the village hall. The next event is due to be held on a weekend (Saturday and Sunday afternoon) in June or July 2025. The exact date will be agreed in consultation with the participants. If you think you might like to open your garden as part of this event, please contact Nicola Slawski on 241689 for further information.

PLEASE NOTE FOR ALL FUTURE VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS CONTACT Ann Campbell on Mob 07927483586

LONG LOAD

Next Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday 19th November at 7:30 in Long Load Village Hall

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

Take Note Singing Group Meet each Monday afternoon at the village hall for a practice with the aim of going to various Care Homes in the area to entertain the residents there who really enjoy the sing song element. If you would like to join the group please contact Julia Harvey on 01458 241472

Wednesday November 13th Craft Club

Long Load Village Hall 2pm – 4:30pm

Completion of Macramé Project and or Making a Christmas Card

Tea & Biscuits included

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