

LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD

NEWSLETTER – April 2021

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We are pleased to let you know that this month we see the return of services being held in Holy Trinity Church Long Sutton (HT).

April	
Friday 1 st	02.00 pm Good Friday Meditation and Music (HT)
Sunday 4 th	11.00 am Easter Day Holy Communion (HT)
Wednesday 7 th	10.00 am Morning Service (HT)
Sunday 11 th	08.00 am Holy Communion (HT)
Wednesday 14 th	10.00 am Morning Service (HT)
Sunday 18 th	10.20 am Online Service (Zoom)
Wednesday 21 st	10.00 am Morning Service (HT)
Sunday 25 th	11.00 am Morning Prayer (HT)

Please note that services can be subject to change due to the changing Covid-19 regulations.

Please remember that, when in church, you must wear a face covering, use the hand sanitiser, maintain social distancing and refrain from touching anything unnecessarily!

When a priest is available to take a service it is hoped that Holy Communion will replace Morning Service / Prayer.

Zoom services will continue to be held – please contact 241-554 for more information.

Bereavements

We are very sorry to announce the recent deaths of :-

- Donald Salway; who lived in Long Load and was a well-loved retired vicar who often took services at our local churches.
- David Bromfield; a retired farmer who lived in Long Sutton, next to the shop.
- Gerald Bennett; long-time resident of Long Sutton, who used to prepare the papers in days gone by when we had the old shop in the village.

Please include them and their families in your prayers.

The Levels Arc Survey

This is now being distributed in our parishes. When you receive your copy we hope you will be able to spend some time answering the questions. Your views are important for when we begin the process of advertising for a new priest and for the future of your church. This survey is for everyone, not just church-goers so please encourage people you know to take part. If you need extra copies, please contact your churchwarden, Tim Creegan (241 554) or Heather Pomeroy (241 737).

Long Sutton Primary School

On 8th March we were delighted to welcome back and see the return of all children after two months of lockdown. It has been great to see the children rekindle friendships and return to learning together. No doubt the whole village has heard the excited noises of busy playtimes once more! We are amazed at the resilience and positivity of the children as they take the changes in their stride.

We are sad to announce that our Office Manager, Heather Wootten, is retiring at the end of April. She has given the school over 18 years of dedicated service and will be missed. She has been the welcoming face of our village school and has been involved with the school for longer than 18 years. We

very much hope that she continues to remain involved in some way. Many of you the village will know Heather and am sure you would want to join us to wish her all the very best for a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Long Sutton Primary School PTFA

A huge thank you to everyone who bought the PTFA's **Christmas Quiz**. We raised a fantastic £92 which we plan to put towards new books for the children.

Due to its popularity we've produced a Spring Quiz where all the family can get involved. Again it is available for just £2 from Long Sutton village shop or the school reception. You can also pay by bank transfer if you would like us to email you a digital version. Email us at PTFA@longsuttonprimary.co.uk for details.



On behalf of Toybox at Long Sutton School, we would like to say a huge thank you to all who donated towards our **Christmas card collection before Christmas**. It was great to see so many people come out and support us.

The interactive white board, the collection was in aid of has been installed and all the children in toybox are thoroughly enjoying the use of it. It is a great addition to Toybox. Thank you again and we hope to see you all next year.

Long Sutton WI

On Thursday 15th April at 7.30pm (via Zoom) we will be joining Keinton Mandeville W. I. and putting a smile on your lips and hips! 'Every Journey Begins with a Dance.'

Hannah Murphy will be delivering a Bollywood workshop, which can be enjoyed safely, from your armchair or on two feet. The dance routines, will inspire you to dance in ways you never imagined. Warning: dancing (& chair dancing) can boost your mood and make you feel good 😊 suitable for all levels of fitness.

If you would like to join us for this experience, please phone either of our Presidents for details:

Jane 01458 241237 or

Caroline 01458 241159

FOLSC Update Spring 2021

We regret to advise due to the continuing Government restrictions, we are unable to run the FOLSC Summer party that was scheduled for 12th June. We had hoped this would enable the Village to celebrate the end of lockdown but sadly it is not to be. We debated rescheduling for a later date after the current Govt restrictions for indoor events is lifted, currently scheduled for 21st June. None of us, however, really know what restrictions may prevail then or if permitted will guests want to come to a large gathering, whilst many will be planning staycations or visiting family and friends. Therefore, we have

been pragmatic and like so many other 2021 events, we have cancelled rather than postponed and not put at risk our hard-won funds.

On a more positive note, the pre-Christmas gathering, scheduled for **Saturday 4th December 2021**, when we will be entertained by Jan McNeill, remains scheduled and let's hope as events pan out this year, we are finally able to enjoy a social evening together.

Following the Quinquennial Survey Tim Creegan and the PCC are working hard behind the scenes and are currently negotiating with contractors and arrangements are moving apace regarding plans to commence essential restoration works on the church tower. This is going to cost a significant amount of money and is after all the *raison d'être* our Charity was formed. It is thanks to all our supporters, both members and villagers, that we will be able to help financially when help is clearly needed!

Until we can schedule an AGM the current Trustees have agreed to say on, with the exception of Rob Hartley; sadly, Rob & Liz have decided to move east to be nearer to their family. Whilst we wish them well, this leaves the position of FOLSC Treasurer vacant and we are therefore looking for someone to take on this not too demanding position. Please contact our Chairman David Aitken or any of the Trustees if you would like to put your name forward; you don't need a background with Ernst & Young to qualify for the post! Finally, the wise words of the late Captain Sir Tom Moore seem appropriate to finish: 'I've always believed things will get better. The sun will shine again, the birds will sing, and we'll all have a lovely day tomorrow'.

Long Sutton Makers on the Green.

Many of you on your daily walks across the Green will have noticed that the large windows at No.1 have been showcasing the works of fifteen artists and craftsmen and women who live in the village. There are no plans for No.1 to transform itself into a pop-up gallery, it is just a month long event to cheer us all up over lock-down and to highlight how talented Long Sutton is!

LONG LOAD

Long Load Village Hall Update

The Village Hall Committee members are keeping a watch on the lockdown schedules and their impact on village halls. For the next few months the hall will have to remain closed to our regular users in order to ensure that there are no risks to them. It is unlikely that we will be able to take bookings for dates before July 2021, and it could be later.

Regular users should contact Ann Campbell on 01458 241202 to confirm if they continue to need a regular booking once the Hall is re-opened. Also if there are any groups of people wishing to start up a new group, contact Ann for information on the use of the hall. She can then let users know when we are ready to take bookings.

We are hoping to be able to run the Village Show around its normal time (the first Saturday in September), but may need to make some changes to the format to minimise crowding inside the hall. As a number of new people have moved into the village in the past year, we welcome you to the village and hope you will join in the village hall events. The Village Show is largely a fun event and the more entries the better. We cover fruit, vegetables, flowers etc, plus crafts, photography, cookery, preserves and creative writing. Come along and try us out. More details will be issued once we have definite information on the rules for such events.

Information for New residents

We have had a lot of new residents in the village over the past 2 years and it's not always easy to catch up with these people. So this mail is to say that if you are living in Long Load and wish to receive Neighbourhood Watch information affecting this and surrounding villages as well as Parish Council minutes (when the current restrictions allow the meetings to restart) please send me an email saying who you are and where you live in the village and I will send you all of this information and any other Long Load Village related news
Send to Marsha.White2@btinternet.com

Martock & District u3a.

Members of Martock & District u3a have continued to have opportunities to access online talks and social events. In March, one of our members, Mark Norbury shared his interest in silver and silversmithing. Information and illustrations were provided to demonstrate the basics of the craft as well as other precious metals and hallmarking. There were examples of Mark's work as well as the work of Faberge. Mark has previously run a workshop where some members made a silver clay item of jewellery. There will be an online social Zoom meeting with a quiz on March 24th at 2 p.m. Some of the 30 + interest groups continue to meet via Zoom until such time as we can resume face-to-face meetings. Membership is open to all who are no longer in full-time employment. For more information on membership, contact the Membership Secretary on 01460 240788. For other information have a look at the Martock & District U3A website.

South Somerset District Council fund a not-for-profit loan scheme for homeowners and landlords*.

We understand the expense of maintaining your home and we work with you to take the stress out of funding repairs, improvements or adaptations. We see you as an individual, not a credit score. Our knowledgeable team of advisers will guide you through the process of applying for a home improvement loan.

For a no-obligation assessment or more information visit www.lendology.org.uk or call 01823 461099
Heatherton Park Studios, Bradford on Tone, Taunton, TA4 1EU

*subject to eligibility

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