

LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD

NEWSLETTER – July 2021

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Sunday Services in the Levels Arc Benefice

14 th July	11am Holy Communion, St Peter & St Paul, Muchelney
11 th July	8am Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, Long Sutton 10.20am Zoom 11am St Catherine's, Drayton
18 th July	11am Holy Communion, St John the Baptist, Pitney
25 th July	10.20am Zoom 11am Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, Long Sutton

Please contact Sue or Tim (241-554) for Zoom details.
Wednesdays at 10am - Holy Communion or Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity, Long Sutton

Holy Trinity, Long Sutton is open for private prayer from noon-4pm on Wednesdays and Sundays.

Flowers and Brasses rota

	FLOWERS	BRASSES
July 3 rd	Mrs Huggard	Mrs R Cox & Mrs Sales
July 10 th	Mrs Huggard	
July 17 th	Mrs Roberts	
July 24 th	Mrs Roberts	
July 31 st	Mrs Lyon	
August 7 th	Mrs Lyon	Mrs Bond & Mrs Ellerbeck
Aug 14 th	Mrs Walford	
Aug 21 st	Mrs Walford	Mrs Ellerbeck and Mrs Bond
Aug 28 th	Revd Griffiths	
Sept 4 th	" "	

If the church is locked, please contact Jess Bromfield for the key (she lives nearly opposite the church - tel 241443) or Tim Creegan (241554).

For brass cleaning, please contact Joan Bond (241294) for vestry key.

C of E Children's Society:

Well done to all box holders who this year have raised the Grand Total of £602.32. This is an amazing achievement from the slowly dwindling number of people who now have a collecting box in their home. If there is anyone out there who would like to join us and have a box in your home please ring me, Jean Tulk 241486. Thank you.

Coffee Morning Update

In view of the recent government delay to removing all restrictions until 19th July it has been agreed that the first date we could resume the coffee mornings would be in September. If there are still restrictions on indoor gatherings we will have to review the situation again. Meanwhile let us be optimistic and put Saturday, 4th September in our diaries.

School 'Not the Fete' Appeal - THANK YOU!!

We have had a fantastic response to the June appeal. This aimed to replace the income from two years missed fetes and at the time of writing, totals over £2000. If you missed it, it's not too late - pop a couple of coins, some spare notes or an enormous cheque to LS Governors Trust Fund into an envelope marked 'Appeal' and drop it into school. A huge thanks to all our generous contributors!

LONG SUTTON QUAKERS GO WILD – to help nature

Recently, anyone passing the Long Sutton Quaker Meeting House at the corner of Shute Lane and Langport Road, will have noticed that the grass is getting longer..... This is

because local Quakers have decided to let their Burial Ground go "wild" to support biodiversity in our village.

Not only will wild flowers be encouraged, but the increased cover, food and general habitat for insects will also help birds and possibly other wildlife such as hedgehogs and bats. Some sections of the Burial Ground will continue to be mown to allow access to the grave markers and other areas.

Quakers plan to survey the "wild" area at the end of the year to identify the various plants, hoping to publish a list of what has been found.

News from Long Sutton C of E Primary School

Summer Term

Despite Covid 19 restrictions, the children have been as busy as ever and enjoying key school events. You may have heard the squeals and cheers of many excited children in recent weeks as Sports Day this year has taken place within individual class 'bubbles', with children competing in a wider variety of activities against their peers or in teams on our school field.

The oldest children have been busy rehearsing their school play, 'Robin and the Sherwood hoodies', ready to perform in the village hall. It might not be in front of the usual audience, but we are sure that the experience is just as rich and memorable for them.

We are delighted that the school will once again have four classes as our numbers have risen to over 100 children. We look forward to welcoming new children into the school and welcoming back remaining year groups in September. We would like to wish our Year 6 children all the very best for the future.

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.

Long Sutton WI

On Thursday July 15 we will be having a picnic lunch from 12.30 to 2.30pm by the W.I. benches near the Village Hall. Please bring your own food and drink, chair or rug. If you have made a Green Heart please bring it along too, or perhaps a photo from Lockdown that you might like to share.

The Village Hall toilets will be open, but please observe all Covid guidelines (masks, hand sanitizer) when you enter the building.

If you are not a WI member but would like to come to the picnic, you are very welcome to attend, without being under any pressure to join as a member.

As numbers must be limited to 30, please RSVP by ringing Jane 241237 or Caroline 241159 if you intend being there.

Let's hope for good weather!

There is no meeting in August, but we'll be back in September with a full programme. We may even be able to hold our meetings in the Hall!

WEA SHOWCASHING LONG SUTTON PAST AND PRESENT

November 13th 2021 Save the date.

As well as displaying our lockdown achievements and remembering Long Sutton's past the WEA would like to announce a photographic competition.

This will be free to enter and open to all age groups. Any photograph, with links to Long Sutton, taken in the last two years will be eligible. Perhaps you could win a prize?

Further details in the August newsletter.

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FOLSC: The Second half

Fortunately, summer finally arrived with a vengeance in June, that has put a smile on all our faces and has proved the ideal dry weather for the chaps working hard to restore the church tower. As we now move into holiday season and with more of us forced into staycations, let us hope the trend continues. Ironically, the evening we had allocated for our post lockdown village party would have been perfect but with the further extension of restrictions announced by the Government, this vindicated our difficult decision to cancel rather than postpone the event. The Christmas outing, scheduled for **Saturday 4th December** remains firm and should be the perfect opportunity for us all to let off some steam!

Our request last month for volunteers to consider joining our ranks and help inject some new (and younger!) blood to our small team of Trustees, has again sadly fallen on deaf ears. This apathy puts in doubt the continuity of our Charity and our ability to continue to raise funds to maintain the structure and integrity of Holy Trinity. The role is undemanding and is a brilliant way for new villagers to get involved with village life. Our meetings are few and far between and are social events in themselves (hic!) To find out more and with no commitment, call our Chairman David Aitken (tel. 241335) or when our much missed Church coffee mornings recommence, hopefully in August, come and have a chat and a bun with us then! Keep safe and happy holidays!

Somerton Group of Artists recommence

Members and indeed New Budding Artists are welcome to become Members of this popular group for this summer's outdoor and indeed indoor activities subject to present Covid safety regulations. We have regular Demonstrations Talks and Workshops running throughout the year and it is very enjoyable for all mediums and variations in Art. We also hold regular painting days in Long Load Village Hall space permitting.

Members are welcome back for a painting day July 31st The Parish Rooms Market Square, Somerton 10 - 4pm. Bring drawing materials paper pencil charcoal, pastels or pens including some colours for a simple but intriguing exploration of cubism. £5.00 on the door. Bring a packed lunch tea and coffee provided. Due to Covid restrictions numbers may be limited so do come early!

For further details on the Group go to our Website <http://www.Somertonartists.co.uk> or visit us on Facebook.

Broadband information from Wessex Internet

You can find our coverage checker on our website. You will be able to enter your property details to see if you are included in our latest programme to bring full fibre broadband to rural parts of South Somerset. This is part of our Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) contract that we were awarded at the end of last year.

You can find all of this on our website, where you can also register your interest. Once you have done this, there is nothing else you need to do right now – we will be in touch.

<https://www.wessexinternet.com/connecting-devon-and-somerset/>

Classic car meet Village Hall

Thanks to everyone that supported the Classic Car Meet held on 9th June. It was very successful. Date for the next meet: 14th July

Long Sutton Village Hall

has now been fully refurbished internally and is now fully open as a Covid-19 Secure venue; however the Government guidelines regarding social distancing and certain activities remain in place. These limit such things as dancing and singing.

On the sporting front, the tennis continues to develop with an individual membership scheme of £50 per annum for unlimited play (£30 until April 2022) with an hourly rate of £3 payable by using a smart phone and the QR code on the gate to the courts. The current system of cash is being discouraged for security reasons. The courts are bookable via the Hallmaster system <https://www.longsutton.org.uk/index.php?page=village-hall>. We are very pleased that Kate Stent (Katestent@talk21.com) has agreed to help co-ordinate the Tennis activities and we look forward to increased use of these courts.

We are still looking for a football group to use the Recreation Ground in the winter; please spread the word!

We are delighted to have a Classic Car Gathering every Second Wednesday of the month at the top end of the Car Park starting at 6 PM. If you have an interesting car, or know of someone who does, please come along! Conveniently it coincides with Alessandro Renna's Pizza evening when he makes fresh Italian pizzas to order each week – what could be better?!

On the food front, the Fish and Chips will continue every Tuesday and we are investigating the possibility of an ice cream man being at the Hall on Saturday afternoon.

LONG LOAD

Long Load Parish Council

Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday July 20th at 7:30pm

Current Village Hall restrictions at that time will apply. Please make sure you bring your own mask if you are attending.

There will be no meeting in August.

Crafty Folk Craft Club will resume on Wednesday 14th July at 2pm in the Village Hall

Current Village Hall restriction will apply.

If you are intending to come along please contact Marsha on **241415** or email Marsha.White2@btinternet.com as there may be a restriction on numbers allowed in the hall.

Chinese Brush Painting Group meets at Long Load Village Hall on the first Wednesday of the month 2pm to 4pm. Basic tuition and materials available for beginners. Tel. Jane 01458 250145 or Barbara 01458 241284

Long Load Village Hall 17th July 2:30pm -2:40pm

So many families have or are experiencing the effects of Alzheimer's and or Dementia and any help towards battling this dreadful disease by helping to make life easier for the families who are experiencing this in a loved one is fully appreciated while progress is sought to finding drugs to help combat the disease.

It is not a disease that targets the elderly alone – it does not respect age and can effect the young just as much.

Please support this charity for Alzheimer's and Dementia by coming to Long Load Village to enjoy cake and a cuppa with friends and neighbours.

If you are unable to come along please visit our JUST GIVING page to make a donation.

If you are happy to commit to providing Cup Cakes for the day I would be truly grateful

Please contact Marsha White on 01458 241415 or email Marsha.White2@btinternet.com

Many thanks Marsha

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