

LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER – June 2021

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Sunday Services in the Levels Arc Benefice (HC=Holy Communion)

30 th May	10am for 1020 via Zoom 11am HC at Long Sutton (Trinity Sunday)
6 th June	11am HC at Muchelney
13 th June	8am HC at LS 10am for 1020 via Zoom 11am HC at Drayton
20 th June	11am HC at Pitney
27 th June	10am for 1020 Zoom Service 11am HC at Long Sutton

On Wednesdays either a HC or Morning Prayer service will be held in the church at Long Sutton at 10am.

The church at Long Sutton will be open for private prayer on Sundays and Wednesdays from 12 noon to 4pm.

Please wear a mask & follow guidelines when attending a church.

If you would like to join us via Zoom, please contact Sue Creegan on 241 554 or suecreegan@outlook.com

Flowers and Brasses rota

	FLOWERS	BRASSES
June 5 th	Mrs Shepard	Mrs A Cox & Mrs Farandon
June 12 th	Mrs Shepard	
June 19 th	Mrs McTernan	
June 26 th	Mrs McTernan	
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

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.

Church Repairs – the work on the Tower has started. We are very thankful to FOLSC (Friends of Long Sutton Church), together with the National Heritage Scheme for funding the work that is been undertaken.

Please be careful when tending to graves or walking in the churchyard – we expect the work to continue throughout June and into July.

Coffee Mornings – a number of people have emphasised their enjoyment of, and keenness for the coffee mornings to recommence. We hope to be able to hold coffee mornings again on the 1st Saturday of the month, starting in August. Although it's holiday time, we hope as many as possible will be able to join us when we can get together again and buy some of the delicious items from the Produce Stall and partake of a slice of cake (or two) with tea or coffee and enjoy meeting up again, and welcoming the newcomers to the village, several whom have moved in during this lockdown period.

Survey – Thank you to those of you who have taken the time to complete and return the survey that was delivered to your home with last month's newsletter. Your feedback will help us to put together a profile for the village that we hope will attract the sort of Vicar we would like to replace Revd. Jane. If you haven't done it yet, please deliver it ASAP to the shop, and certainly by 15th June. So far we have received only 60 of 550 that were handed out. If you've mislaid yours and would like to complete one, please collect one from the shop or call Sue Creegan on 241 554 or email suecreegan@outlook.com. Sue can send you an electronic version for completion if you'd prefer.

A date for the diary!!

We are planning to hold a Wine Tasting event in the Village Hall on Saturday 20th November 2021 – more info to follow!!

Long Sutton WI

This month's Zoom meeting is on Thursday June 17 at 7.30pm. Our speaker is Mr Nigel Rousell from the charity Service Dogs UK. He will tell us about the training and work of these clever animals and the way they help former service personnel to recover from conditions such as PTSD. You are welcome to join us for an interesting and informative evening. Just ring Jane 01458 241237

Or Caroline 01458 241159

Advance Notice: our next meeting, Thursday July 15, will be a lunchtime picnic 12.30-2.30pm in the Recreation Field. Details in next newsletter.

News from Long Sutton C of E Primary School Somerset Day School Show

Our school PTFA organised a school show, in the style of a village show to celebrate Somerset Day on 11th May. The children really enjoyed participating in a range of categories and the standard was very high. Children could choose between a wide range of topics, from decorating biscuits to a photograph of 'My Somerset'. They were delighted to have the opportunity to look at what the other children in the school had presented and it was a welcome change.

At this time of year the school always prepares to display a wide array of work at the Bath and West show. However, this year the children across the school have had an Arts week, displaying their Artwork in a School gallery which has been appreciated by their peers.

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 5.45.

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

Church and School Fete

Due to continuing uncertainty, it has regrettably been decided to cancel the June fete for a second year, particularly as it involves handling large amounts of small change. The school has a priority plan to renew its ageing classroom interactive whiteboards and the governors will be launching an appeal to help replace the lost fete income. A leaflet should appear through your letterbox in the near future, and if you are able to support this, it will be very much appreciated.

WEA Exhibition to Showcase Long Sutton Past and Present.

The WEA had a very positive response from a number of residents and therefore we have booked the village hall for **Saturday 13th November.**

The exhibition is intended to display anything made or achieved by residents during the lockdowns.

To showcase the past we have tracked down in the Archives in Taunton the old photographs of the village taken by Redvers Burt. Also we have made contact with residents who have got memorabilia dating back to the 1990s which will be of interest. The WEA want to make this an event for the whole of the village (and surrounding area) Further details will be available in July but if you would like to talk through this idea please contact Doreen on 01458 24711 or email doreen-royharvey@tiscali.co.uk

Please put the date in your diary.

FOLSC Update: Flaming June?

These words are penned in what is shaping up to be one of the wettest Mays on record and by the 15th we have already had 91% of the expected rainfall for the entire month. The current record was set in 1967, when 131.7mm fell across the UK but let's hope this one is not broken in 2021 and that June will live up to its name and the sun will finally shine on us all.

As many villagers will have seen and as mentioned last month, the tower of Holy Trinity is now partially encased in scaffolding

and the contractors hired by the PCC are already at work on initial restoration works and will be in situ for about the next 3 months. You may have spotted the FOLSC events banner, which is now proudly displayed high above the Somerset Levels. All members and those in our community who have supported our fund raisers over these many years can now feel justifiably proud of the £30,000 FOLSC have contributed towards the significant costs of this essential work.

The other news we are delighted to report is after several appeals for a volunteer Treasurer (to replace Rob Hartley who is moving with Liz to pastures new), Graham Stoddart -Stones has kindly stepped forward and has been duly co-opted as a Trustee. Whilst this gives us a short term fix it does not entirely resolve the underlying problem. A quick calculation today indicates the current Trustees have served our charity for a combined total of 75 years. Whilst we have been delighted to do so, several of us are not getting any younger and now wish to hand over the reins at the end of the current year. In our community it tends to be the same small group of volunteers who step forward to help run our organisations but without new blood the continuity of FOLSC will be put at risk. So, if you are a new or old resident, we would love to welcome you as members but even better come and chat to David Aitken (tel. 241335) or any of the current Trustees about joining our small friendly team and so help to put something back into the focal point of our village, whilst having fun helping to raise funds for our charity!

Talking of fun, sadly our intended end of lockdown party that was scheduled for 12th June proved a step too far and has had to be cancelled due to Government restrictions. We are, however, keeping everything crossed for a Christmas party to remember on **Saturday 4th December**, when hopefully Covid issues will be behind us, so please make a note of the date now and watch out for more news in due course! And finally, many thanks to Rob and Liz for all they have both done for our village during the comparatively short time they have lived in our community and we wish them both 'Bon Voyage' and every happiness in their new home out east!

LONG SUTTON FRIENDLY SOCIETY:

After much deliberation and consultation it has been decided that Club Day 2021 cannot take place in June, with restrictions and concerns still in place. However providing things improve it has been decided to move the event to Saturday September 18th providing restrictions are then allowing us to proceed. We will continue to make another assessment at the beginning of August in the meantime keep Safe and enjoy the partial relaxation with care.

Parish Council

Do you want to make a difference in your community? A Casual Vacancy has arisen on Long Sutton Parish Council. Please send a short written application to the Parish Clerk Lisa Newby at clerk@longsutton.org.uk, by 25th June 2021. For more information please contact Lisa on 07561 695671.

Village hall

No doubt parishioners will have noticed the skip by the Village Hall and may wonder what is going on inside. Thanks to a very generous grant from Viridor Credits it has been possible for the Village Hall Committee to carry out a refurbishment of the interior of the Hall to make it not only look better but to make sure it is much 'greener'. The old (original) heating consumed so much electricity that it required a 3 phase supply and has horrendously expensive to run. It has been replaced by a highly efficient heat pump system that runs for a fraction of the cost but also allows full air-conditioning which will preclude the need to open doors and windows when the Hall is full in the summer! The rather garish overhead tube lighting has been replaced with recessed, dimmable LED lighting with a good fire rating. The Hall's ceiling has been totally replaced with modern plaster instead of the original taped boarding; it has been insulated to a modern standard to ensure that we consume less energy. Finally the hall interior is being decorated throughout.

The kitchen and lobby floor surfaces are being replaced with a commercial standard of flooring material because the current surface is breaking up badly.

It is nearing completion and it is intended to open the Hall for business on the 24th May; some finishing work will be done shortly after that.

The Tennis Courts have been refurbished and fitted with new nets. They operate on a 'first come - first served' basis and cost £3 per hour operating on an honesty scheme. A tennis annual membership fee is being considered for unlimited play – perhaps there is a parishioner/player who may wish to start a tennis club?

Grants are being sourced to enable a refurbishment of the Children's playground which is starting to show its age.

Finally, a repeated plea for any volunteers to join the group that keeps this valuable community asset running. Contact tony@ellerbeck.net

LONG LOAD

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

Thank you Marsha

Long Load Crafty Folk

Hopefully we will soon be able to start up the craft club again and when we do we will be starting the first meet with a discussion about outstanding projects and new projects as well as enjoying a cuppa with some nibbles. We will stay with dates for the 2nd Wednesday in each month and I will let you know when it can start up again. It may be possible to be in July if all goes well.

Stay well and keep crafting

Long Load Village Hall Update

The latest news on village halls is that from 21st June some activities can begin, although there will be limits on the number of people involved and extra requirements to ensure the safety of users. This date is subject to change if the number of Covid cases starts to increase again.

Ann Campbell (01458 241202) is starting to take provisional bookings and will be in contact with everyone who has already been in touch. There may be some limits on the number of bookings each week to allow for cleaning of the hall.

As indicated earlier, we are hoping that the Village Show will be the first village event since lockdowns began. The planned date is Saturday 4th September. The committee is working on plans to ensure that we can have an enjoyable event, while avoiding risks to people attending. This may mean that there will be some changes to the number of classes and variations to the timing for delivering exhibits so that we don't have large numbers of people arriving at the same time. More details will be available closer to the date. We are looking forward to meeting all of our regular exhibitors and would welcome entries from new residents of the village. Even if you are not exhibiting, the event is always worth attending.

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