

LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER – February 2023

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Sunday Services in the Levels Arc Benefice

Sunday 5 th	10.20 am Online Zoom* Morning Prayer 11.00 am Holy Communion at St John the Baptist, Pitney 6.30 pm Evensong at Holy Trinity, Long Sutton (HT LS)
Sunday 12 th	9.00 am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Long Sutton 11.00 am Holy Communion at St Catherine's, Drayton
Sunday 19 th	11.00 am Café Church at Pitney Village Hall 11.00 am Holy Communion at St Peter and St Paul, Muchelney
Sunday 26 th	11.00 am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Long Sutton

* Morning Prayer on Zoom – contact Sue Creegan on 241554 for details.

Every Wednesday at 10.00 am – Holy Communion or Morning Prayer at HT LS

Every Friday at 6.30 pm – informal Prayers at HT LS

In the continuing absence of a vicar in our parish I am writing on behalf of the Parochial Church Council to thank you for your support of Holy Trinity Church Long Sutton.

In December we held three Christmas related services in church. We kicked off with a lay-led Carol Service with nine readings and carols. Many of the local organisations were represented by readers and over 170 attended including our very own primary school choir who were brilliant. On Christmas Eve we held a lay-led Crib Service with an excellent gathering of children and adults to sing carols and place Christmas story figures in the stable including baby Jesus. Many attending were visiting families which was very exciting. Then at 9.00 am on Christmas Day we held a more traditional Holy Communion led by Revd. Wendy Griffith. This was a new time and judging by the numbers attending appears to have been popular.

Finally may I wish everyone a happy, healthy and peaceful 2023. **Tim Creegan (Churchwarden)**

Coffee Mornings at Holy Trinity Church, Long Sutton

Thank you to all who turned out on Saturday 7th January, despite the miserable weather, to raise funds for St. Margaret's Hospice. We were delighted to achieve £633.05. Thank you particularly to those who responded to Sue's request and brought delicious items to sell at the Produce Stall. All items are always gratefully received!

St Margaret's Hospice have lots of volunteering opportunities if you would like to find out more please visit their website www.st-margarets-hospice.org.uk or telephone 01935 709480 option 3

We are so thankful to Marion, Shirley, Jean and friends who run the tea/coffee and cake stall each month and raise wonderful funds for each and every cause.

The produce stall is run by various people and the following charities will be supported during the remaining months this year:-

- 4th February – **FOLSC** for the maintenance of the building of our beautiful Holy Trinity Church.
- 4th March – Elaine Cashmore (and friends) will raise funds for the **Stoke Association**, a charity that means a lot to Elaine especially having lost her lovely husband Mike to a stroke last year.

- 1st April – **Long Sutton Cricket Club** will be raising funds to refurbish the pavilion for community use
- 13th May – (6th May is CORONATION DAY) so the coffee morning will be a week later, raising funds for the **Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance**
- 3rd June – the charity is **WHY - 'We Hear You'** a cancer counselling charity and the stall will be run by volunteers from this charity – please support them
- 1st July - will be organised by Ruby Coombes for the **Village Hall & Recreation Field Trust**, to raise money for the refurbishment of the children's play area.
- 5th August – will be for the **Friendly Society**
- 2nd September we will be raising funds for **Holy Trinity Church Long Sutton** – we need income to keep the church open for worship, weddings, baptisms, memorials, funerals and coffee mornings!
- 7th October – will be for the **Long Sutton PTFA** to raise funds to support our wonderful Long Sutton Primary School
- 4th November – will be for the **Naval Benevolent Fund**
- 2nd December – will be organised by the Long Sutton WI, raising money for **Josephine Star** (a charity supporting children and families affected by bereavement)

Please come along and support each of these

Flowers and Brasses rota

Feb 4 th *	Mrs Brand	
Feb 11 th	Mrs R Cox	
Feb 18 th	Mrs R Cox	
Feb 25 th	No Flowers -Lent	Mrs Burt and Mrs Tulk
March 4 th *	"	

Long Sutton W.I News

Happy New Year to all our members. We look forward to sharing our varied programme with you this year. On Thursday 16th February at 7.30 p.m. we are having a Mandala Pebble painting session. The competition is the best pebble on the night. Also Save the Date on Thursday 16th March we will be having a Wild West Night at Keinton Mandeville, all will be revealed next month! Our first outing is now finalised and we will be going to Shepton Mallet Prison on Friday 24th March 2-4.00 p.m. with lunch out beforehand. Cost for the group is £16 - prepared to be amazed by the history of this place. Skittles continues until Easter. We are supporting two local Charities this year: Musgrove Leukaemic Group and at the December coffee morning: Josephine's Star a Somerset based children and families bereavement Charity. If you are interested in joining our forward thinking and proactive W.I. please do come along for a free taster evening with no obligation to join in the village hall. Please contact joint Presidents: Jane 07823 559175 or Caroline 01458 241 159. If you need a lift ask at a meeting or phone.

Long Sutton Christmas Cart Crew 2022

It is with great pleasure that we are able to announce a staggering amount of **£4528.00** was raised with our Christmas cart in December.

We would like to say a big thank you to our sponsors for the float, the very kind residents of all the villages we have visited and all collectors, road crew, the elf and not forgetting the main man himself "Father Christmas".

We very much hope to see you all again this year and Happy New Year to you all.

Our sponsors for the float include George James Properties, Chubb Bulleid Solicitors, CRS Building Supplies, Crendon Timber Engineering, Bradfords and Long Sutton Golf Club.

FOLSC Spring into 2023

Just a quick reminder FOLSC will be hosting the Holy Trinity coffee morning on **Saturday 4th February**, so we hope to welcome a good turnout of our members and villagers to enjoy

coffee, cakes, our homemade produce stall and good company!

This will be followed by the **FOLSC AGM**, to be held on **Monday March 6th** by kind permission of the village school. Doors open at 6.00 and the meeting starts at 6.30, so minimal disruption to your sundowners and supper! The meeting is open to all (non-members in a non-voting capacity) so please come along and hear what we have been up to in 2022 and our plans for 2023. We particularly welcome all those who are new to the village to join us at a very informal and friendly gathering. We are again looking for new members and critically new and perhaps younger Trustees to refresh our current somewhat aged team!

Whilst still a little way off plans are advancing for our first fundraiser of 2023. This will be held in the Long Sutton Village Hall on **Saturday 25th March**, when we have booked **the Wessex Big Band** with their amazing vocalist Kelly Louise Dale and we are promised a night to remember. The following day British Summer Time begins so what better way to say goodbye to winter blues and with tickets priced at just £10.00 each, we hope to have a capacity crowd. These will be available from any of the FOLSC Trustees or via our 'ticket Office' at the Upton Bridge Farm shop, courtesy of Trustee Charlie Walford. We hope to see you at one or all of the above-mentioned gatherings!

LONG SUTTON FRIENDLY SOCIETY:

We would like to wish all our supporters a Happy New Year and thank you all for the support over the past years. We have recently been able to supply a new flag pole for the church and also purchase new bells ropes for the tower. We have also replaced the outside floodlight with a low usage LED and paid for its running for the initial 4 months. We are pleased to be able to supply and light the trees outside and in the church. None of this would be possible without the wonderful support shown to use from our supporters over the years. Thank You

WEA - Notice of Proposed Resurgence!

Many thanks to Team Long Sutton for having organised wonderful WEA classes, day and evening, for over 20 years. A small group of volunteers has formed under the auspices of the WEA to pick up the baton and get the ball rolling again. We hope to run a 6 week evening course in October 2023. Please watch this space for updates!

ENVIRONMENT SPRING FAIR

Please join us on **Saturday 25th of February** for a special Environment Spring Fair to be held at the Village Hall from 10am to 2pm. Drop in any time. Special presentations at 10.30 am and 1.30pm and lots of stalls and information to help make our parish greener whilst saving you money. Some of the things on offer: Free tea and cakes, Energy saving; help and advice on how to reduce your bills, Somerset Wildlife Trust: mapping wildlife in our village and tips on gardening, results of our Environment Survey, have your say and get involved, What to recycle and where; for the children: meet the bees, build a bug house and look at lots of insects on a high powered microscope.

Whatever your interests or thoughts about our changing environment, there will be something for everyone, young and old, so please come along and join in. If you would like to get involved with helping on or before the day please contact clerk@longsutton-pc.gov.uk

To keep up to date with news and activities of the Parish Council scan the QR code or log on to www.longsutton-pc.gov.uk where you can register for our new monthly e-newsletter.



LONG LOAD

No Parish Council Meeting in February - Next Meeting will be 21st March

Next Village Hall Meeting

Tuesday 7th February at 6pm in Long Load Village Hall

Wednesday 1st Feb Chinese Brush Painting

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 8th February Craft Club

Long Load Village Hall 2pm – 4:30pm

Willow Work with Carol Cook

Please book your place urgently with Marsha 01458 241415 email Marsha.White2@btinternet.com

Refreshments available as usual

Saturday 18th February Winter Warming Supper £10 per head Payment on the Night

Doors open at 7pm Food served at 7:30pm

Casserole & Jacket Potato, Dessert, Coffee.

State if you have a vegetarian preference when booking with Ann Campbell 01458 241202 and leave a message on the answer phone if there is no answer - or ring Marsha 01458 241415

Please don't forget to book by the **12th February** or as soon as possible so that the catering can be dealt with sensibly avoiding wastage

You are asked to bring your own preferred drink.

Raffle tickets to be sold on the night

Report on Meet & Greet Events

By the time you read this we will have held the first 2 of 3 two Meet & Greet Events

The first event on the 12th January was a little disappointing possibly due to the inclement weather although the 8 people, who did brave it, thought it was a good thing to do and they enjoyed the morning Coffee and Biscuits plus the Soup and Sandwich Lunch.

We will be holding the final 2 events on the January 19th and 26th. This will decide the future of this event and whether we take it forward to the future.

Additional News

We now have a 1 person who has offered to be part of the VH Committee and 2 who have volunteered their support help for events

Many thanks to these additional people; they are a very welcome addition to the small existing team.

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)

I've decided it's time to hand over the role of Neighbourhood Watch coordinator. Messages have been largely distributed via emails but I feel it needs a wider audience. So if anyone feels they'd like to run with this and might consider Facebook postings or logging onto the Long Load website <https://longload-pc.org.uk> I'd be delighted to hear from you. Please ring Olwen 014580241244 for further information.

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