

# LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER – April 2023

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## Sunday Services in the Levels Arc Benefice

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April Palm Sunday	10.20am Zoom* Morning prayer 11.00am Holy Communion at St John the Baptist, Pitney 6.30pm Evensong at Holy Trinity, Long Sutton
3,4,5, Mon to Wed in Holy week 6 <sup>th</sup> April Maundy Thursday	7.30 each evening Compline on Zoom*  No service at Levels Arc benefice: other options with Holy Communion: 7pm at Somerton, Martock (with foot washing) and Limington
7 <sup>th</sup> April Good Friday	2pm Good Friday meditation at Holy Trinity, Long Sutton
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> April Easter day	11.00am Family Communion at St John the Baptist, Pitney 11.00 Holy Communion at St Catherines Drayton 11.00 Easter day Communion at Holy Trinity, Long Sutton
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30am Café Church at Pitney Village Hall 11.00am Holy Communion at St Peter and St Paul Muchelney
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	11.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Long Sutton
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	11.00am Holy Communion at St Peter and St Paul Muchelney

\* For log on details for Zoom and Compline services, please contact Sue Creegan (tel 241 554 or email [suecreegan@outlook.com](mailto:suecreegan@outlook.com)).

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

## Holy Trinity Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The APCM will be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at Holy Trinity Church commencing at 7pm. All are welcome to attend this important annual meeting.

## Coffee mornings at Holy Trinity Church, Long Sutton

Thank you to all who came and supported the March coffee morning on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March** which was in aid of **The Stroke Association (UK)**. We are delighted to report the total sum raised was **£730.50**. This resulted in £617.70 being given to the Stroke Association (including £279 in Gift Aid) and £112.80 to Long Sutton Holy Trinity Church.

Elaine would like to say thank you for attending.

Thanks to all who supported this event, helped with the arrangements and also those who made donations to the produce stall which was coordinated by Elaine Cashmore and her friend Mary, in recognition of Mike Cashmore who sadly died last year, following a stroke. Thanks once again to our stalwart team (Marion, Shirley, Jean and Geri) who bake and run the tea/coffee and cake stall each month – without them this wonderful community event would not be so successful. Next month's coffee morning will be held on **1<sup>st</sup> April** and will be in aid of our **Long Sutton Cricket Club\***, helping them raise funds towards upgrading their pavilion. This is being organised by Rupert Cox and his team. Please support them by bringing produce for their table and coming along to the event, partaking of some delicious cakes and buying some amazing produce.

Please note that the May coffee morning will not be on the first Saturday of the month – 6<sup>th</sup> May is Coronation Day! The coffee morning in aid of **the Somerset and Dorset Air Ambulance\*** will be held instead on **13<sup>th</sup> May**.

\*25% of non-gift aid donations will be used to support the running costs of Holy Trinity Church

## Flowers and Brasses rota

	Flowers	Brasses
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	No flowers-lent	Mrs Bond and Mrs Ellerbeck
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	Easter decorating	
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Bond	
April 22 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Bond	
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Ellerbeck	
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Coronation Decorating	Mrs Brake and Mrs Walford

**Volunteers badly needed** to help with cleaning the church, arranging flowers, and cleaning brasses. There are three separate rotas for these tasks. The more people we have, the fewer times per year people will need to do it. There are quite a few newcomers to the village, so do please join our band of volunteers and contact Joan Bond on 241294.

## Long Sutton WI

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 in the village hall we are having a talk by The Friendly Society. The competition is a local artefact. Subs are also due for the year of £46. Thank you to those people who came along to the Environmental Day in the village hall and showed interest in joining the W.I. after looking at the display - we hope you will come along and give us a try. Lots of new Ladies have joined recently and we extend them a warm welcome. On the 18<sup>th</sup> May we have our A.G.M. and Fun with clay evening, the competition is an item made on the night. It may not be like The Great Pottery Throw Down, but promises fun and laughter ( and exercises 42 muscles!) Thank you to everyone who supported the Litter pick, we can all make a difference to our lovely village. The church coffee morning in December is supporting a local Somerset based Charity: Josephine's Star (supporting grieving children and families in Somerset) and would like donations of drawstring bags - each bag is made from bright 40cm square material with a drawstring top. You don't have to be in the W.I to do this but we would love your support and will present bags to the organiser in December. The bags then contain books etc to support families. Please drop them into school or to any W.I meeting.

Please contact joint presidents Jane 07823 559175 or Caroline 01458 241159 if you are interested in a taster session or come along on the night - all ages welcome.

## Long Sutton School

### EASTER PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT

The school PTFA has been working on something a little bit different to keep you entertained over Easter. This really is something for the whole community. Join in with your friends, family, neighbours, even the dog! Find out more on our brand-new website [www.pta-events.co.uk/longsuttonprimary](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/longsuttonprimary). Tickets go on sale from Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April at £5 per team. You can take part at your own leisure anytime from 1<sup>st</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> April.

## Spring into FOLSC!

These words are being written on March 20<sup>th</sup>, which is the astronomical beginning of Spring in the Northern Hemisphere, when days finally become longer than nights. Hooray! We do not have too much to report this month, other than we held our AGM in early March, that was well supported, with 24 members and 3 non-members in attendance, two of whom have now signed up, so welcome aboard to them! If others wish to join for a very modest fee, speak to any of our trustees

or collect a membership form from the FOLSC notice board at the entrance to Holy Trinity Church. We also continue to ask for volunteers to join our long standing and slightly aged band of hardworking Trustees.

When these words are read we will have organised our first social/fundraiser of the 2023 season when we will have been entertained by the **Wessex Big Band**; a full report will be in the May newsletter. We can now look forward to His Majesty's Coronation celebrations and whilst we will not be organising a dedicated FOLSC event ourselves, we will be joining with the wider community to support and enjoy a momentous extended weekend 6-8<sup>th</sup> May. We hope to see you then for a party to remember!

### WEA

Announcing the launch of our new local *WEA - Levels Branch*. Our first six-week course at Long Sutton Village Hall will be led by highly regarded local tutor Mr Stephen Parker. The course will be held on Tuesdays from 10/10/2023 to 13/11/2023 at the new, slightly earlier, time of 7 pm. His subject will be "The Islands of Britain, their History and Natural History". Registration will be via the WEA online nearer the time, and we will keep everyone posted on how to reserve their place. But if anyone has any queries in the meantime, please ring Jennifer on 07827 373000

### Classic cars

Village Hall, starting 6pm on Wednesday 12 April

### Mid Wessex Singers

Somerton-based Mid Wessex Singers would like to invite you to our Spring Concert at 7.30pm on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> 2023 at Long Sutton Village Hall. Entitled 'A Choral Ark', the programme will include a variety of choral works with some additional solo or small group items of light entertainment, all on an animal or bird theme. Tickets, priced at £10 which includes interval nibbles, are available from Cobbs in Somerton or Long Sutton Village Shop. If any are left, they will be on the door but be advised.....we sold out last year!

### Harry's Cider

are holding the first of their outdoor summer events on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April from midday until 5pm. We shall be joined by the ever popular "Soul Fries" with their tasty selection of loaded hand-cut chips, and music from "Sun Dog Slide", an easy-going, upbeat acoustic duo who will play a selection of well-known songs. This is no charge for admission, so do come along and join us with your families and friends. We'll look forward to seeing you! Information on our future events can be found at [www.harryscidercompany.co.uk/events](http://www.harryscidercompany.co.uk/events).

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## LONG LOAD

There is no Parish Council meeting in April.  
Next PC meeting will be Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 7pm for the AGM and 7:30pm for the General

**Long Load Village Hall Committee Meeting Tuesday April 4<sup>th</sup> 6pm start**

**Easter Event at the Village Hall**

### **Good Friday April 7<sup>th</sup>**

Riverside Walk with Victor & Nicola Slawski. 2.5 miles starting from the Village Hall. Stout footwear recommended. Hot Cross buns served from 10.45am, walk starts at 11am. Well behaved dogs on leads are welcome to accompany owners. Hot soups will be available on return from the walk.

### **Crafty Folk Club Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> of April**

Please book this event in order to make sure there is enough material for all. Marsha 01458 241415 or [Marsha.White@btinternet.com](mailto:Marsha.White@btinternet.com)

### **Forward Thinking**

### **Coronation Event 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

In conjunction with the Long Load Garden Party at Days House, Long Load Village Hall will be open to view some possible exhibits of Teddy Bears, Local Art, Photographs and the Village Timeline. By the time you read this newsletter you will all have received a leaflet with more detail and an entry form to be returned as suggested with what you would like (and we would like) to enter as an exhibit. Please join in with this fun event and enjoy the day.

**Long Load Village Hall AGM** will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm followed by the general meeting at 6:30pm.

### **Thank you**

Many thanks to everyone who helped to keep us very busy for 2 hours during this event

Thank you to the ladies who baked and brought lovely varieties of cake, the people who came and bought, ate them and took some home for tea.

It's always lovely when we have extra help at the end of the day for clearing away afterwards when everyone is so tired so a special thank you to those people as well.

The event raised **£271.85p** towards the Earthquake victims in Turkiye and Syria. Thank you everyone.

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### **Martock U3A**

### **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023 -**

2.15pm The Parish Hall Martock: Antarctica – My View. Toward the unknown region, as there is nowhere else like it on our planet, with John Higham. All welcome to the talk, to enjoy a chat over refreshments and to find out about the learning, hobby and interest groups you can join through Martock & District u3a. More information about Martock & District u3a: email [martocku3amembership@gmail.com](mailto:martocku3amembership@gmail.com), telephone 01460 240788. website [www.martocku3a.org.uk](http://www.martocku3a.org.uk)

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