

LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER – November 2021

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Sunday Services in the Levels Arc Benefice

Sunday 7 th	11.00am	Remembrance Service at Muchelney
Sunday 14 th	8.00am	Holy Communion at Long Sutton
	9.30am	Remembrance Service at Drayton
	10.50am	Remembrance Service at Pitney
Sunday 21 st	10.50am	Remembrance Service at Long Sutton
	10.20am	Zoom at home
Sunday 28 th	11.00am	Holy Communion at Pitney
	11.00am	Holy Communion at Long Sutton

Each **Wednesday** – 10am HC or Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity, Long Sutton

Each **Friday** – 6.30pm-7.00pm – Informal prayers in Holy Trinity, Long Sutton

The Church is open daily during daylight hours for visiting.

For information to join the Zoom services, contact Sue on 241-554 / suecreegan@outlook.com

Coffee Mornings in the Church

After eighteen months it was heartening to see so many people in the church for the coffee morning on 2nd October, despite the heavy rain. The event raised £752 for Holy Trinity Church Funds.

Future Events

- On **Saturday, 6th November** we will be supporting **Service Dogs UK**. This young charity (founded in 2015) trains assistance dogs to support members of the armed services and the emergency services who suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).
- On **Saturday, 4th December** we will be raising funds for the **Children's Hospice South West**. The organisation has three centres and we will be supporting Charlton Farm at Wraxall as it is the nearest to us. They provide hospice care for children and their families in the South West.

Flowers and Brasses rota

Date	Flowers	Brasses
Nov 6 th	Mrs Bond	
Nov 13 th	Mrs Bond	
Nov 20 th	Mrs Brand	Mrs A Cox & Mrs Farandon
Nov 27 th	Mrs Brand	

Notice of Christmas Services

On 19th December, Carol Services will be held at 4pm in Muchelney, at 6pm in Drayton and at 6.30pm in Pitney. The Long Sutton Carol Service will be held at the same time as the Crib Service, i.e. 3pm on Christmas Eve – all are very welcome.

On Christmas Eve, there will also be a Midnight Mass held at 11.30pm at Muchelney.

On Christmas Day, there will be a service at 10.30am at Long Sutton.

We bid farewell to a wonderful lady of Long Sutton – Helen Pyke.

Helen Pyke was a wonderful and joyful elder lady of the Village who recently passed away. She died on Monday 11th October which is sad news for us, but joyful news for the heavenly realms!

In days gone by she was the Deputy Head at Long Sutton Primary School and before she moved, last year, to Wessex House, you might see her (assisted by her wheeler trolley) visiting the school or the shop, the Church or even going to any of the fund raising events on offer!

There will be a Funeral / Thanksgiving service, for Helen, in Long Sutton Church on Thursday 2nd December (time to be advised), followed by an interment of her ashes in Curry Rivel

churchyard where her parents are buried. Then there will be refreshments available at Long Sutton Church. All will be welcome.

One of her nephews, Fr. Tom Pyke, Vicar of the Isle of Dogs, has asked that any thoughts or memories of Helen be sent to him via email to tom.pyke@parishiod.org.uk or via mail to Fr. Tom Pyke, Christ Church Vicarage, Manchester Rd, London E14 3BN, so that he can include some in his eulogy.

Donald Salway

Many villagers from Long Sutton and Long Load and friends from further afield joined with Donald's family to remember him. We were reminded of his love of cricket, his leadership in the Church and his family life. His sons and daughters have donated a wooden bench which is situated along the eastern border of the churchyard in remembrance of Donald and his beloved wife Pauline. It is hoped that many of you will enjoy sitting there when passing through the churchyard.

Wine Tasting Event – 20th November

Tickets will be available w/c 1st November from Sue & Tim (241-554) or Stevie & Douglas (241-855). Your ticket (£15 per person) will provide entrance to the event in Long Sutton Village Hall and to the free draw to win a bottle of bubbly. There will be a number of wines to taste and canapes to eat as well as an opportunity to meet up again with friends and socialise! There will also be a raffle for some fabulous prizes and an opportunity to buy wine and for non-wine drinkers, there will be alternatives; so it's still worth coming along!

Open morning

Once again we are pleased to be able to host an Open morning on Saturday 20th November from 10- 12am for prospective children and their parents. There's no appointment needed and there'll be activities and refreshments available. Please just come along and find out all about our friendly village school.

If you are interested in our school, 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

Help support the School through Amazon Smile

Through AmazonSmile, Amazon will donate to your preferred charity, 0.5% of each purchase you make and at no cost to you. The website link is <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/> it works with your existing Amazon account and the full range of Amazon products and prices are available - simply select your charity! By August 2021, almost £11 million has been donated to UK charities

The Long Sutton School Governors' Trust is a registered charity (Registration No 1166781) and provides the 10% that as a voluntary aided school the Governors must contribute to capital works such as IT equipment, building repairs etc. Should you feel able to support us through AmazonSmile, when selecting your charity of choice enter 'Long Sutton School Governors Trust', it's the only charity with that name. Make sure you bookmark your internet favourites with the new website address so you always enter Amazon that way. AmazonSmile now also works with the latest version of the 'Amazon Shopping' app.

The School is very grateful for the support we receive from the community and if you're shopping, it's a painless way to help - the school office will be happy to assist with any queries.

Long Sutton Primary School PTFA Christmas Cart

Due to the great success of our Christmas cart over the last few years, raising a fabulous amount of money for Long Sutton Primary School and the Air Ambulance, Father Christmas has agreed to join us again this year.

Please look out for us in the run up to Christmas and give father Christmas a wave.

The dates for this year are as follows - 12th December Somerton, 15th December Kingsdon, 17th December Huish

Episcopi, 18th December Ilchester, 21st December Knole and Long Load and finally 23rd December Long Sutton.

Bingo Night

On **Friday 26th November** at Long Sutton Village Hall, the school PTFA are hosting a pre-Christmas Bingo Night to raise funds for new interactive whiteboards and equipment for the school. We hope you can come along to an enjoyable evening whilst at the same time supporting our school. Local businesses have generously donated prizes for the event. **Doors open 6pm, eyes down 6.30pm.** Free entry with £1 per book or 6 books for £5. No need to book in advance. There will also be a raffle. Cash bar and refreshments available.

Enquiries@LongSuttonPrimary.co.uk

Long Sutton W.I.

On Thursday 18th November, at 7.30 p.m. we will be meeting in the village hall for a cake icing demonstration, by Anthea Cox, famous locally for her stunning cakes. If anyone has a poppy for the Remembrance wreath there is still time to drop it into the church at 10.30 a.m. as there is a repair poppy party on Tuesday 9th November or give it to a Committee member. The W.I. will also be having a display at the 'Showcasing Long Sutton Past and Present' on Saturday 13th November 12.00-15.00 in the village hall and providing refreshments for the event - please do visit us! If you are not a W.I member but would like to come to a taster session, with no obligation to join, please phone either Jane 241237 or Caroline (after 6.00p.m) 241159

Festive Fun with FOLSC!

Finally, stuff is starting to happen again! The long delayed FOLSC AGM took place in 'team HQ,' Holy Trinity Church, on 20th October, on a dismal damp yet strangely mild evening. Despite the conditions, we had 27 members attend as well as two non-members who are new to the village and who we are delighted to report will be signing up. The meeting heard that unless we can attract new younger membership and critically new Trustees, the continuity of our charity will be in doubt. The current long serving Trustees all agreed to stand for another term and were duly re-elected, but they cannot be expected to do so ad infinitum. Church warden Tim Creegan in his report thanked FOLSC members for their invaluable support in match funding £30K, to enable the PCC to carry out extensive restoration works to the tower, that would have simply been impossible to finance were FOLSC not on hand to help in their hour of need. FOLSC is a secular charity, and our single aim is to maintain the structure of Holy Trinity, a superb 15th century Grade 1 listed building, as the focal point of our village for our generation and the generations that follow us here. We therefore appeal again to all villagers to either become members (for a very modest cost) or to support our very social fund-raising gatherings -or ideally both!

To this end our first post lockdown event is scheduled in the Long Sutton Village Hall for **Saturday 4th December**. We are to be entertained by Jan McNeil, who has had a long career in the entertainment industry, including working on cruise liners and even performing at one of Sir Cliff Richard's landmark birthday celebrations. Sadly, Cliff can't make it for this gig, but Jan is not deterred and will perform solo a variety of classic numbers, songs from the musicals, hits from the 50's, 60's and 70's, Bond classics and will also slip in the odd Christmas hit, as well as recounting some of her stories and anecdotes from her varied career. There should also be the opportunity to dance late into the evening, so why not form a table of friends and what better way to start the festive season? Tickets are priced at a modest £15 each, inclusive of a selection of hot and cold canapes to be served in the interval and are available now from any of the FOLSC Trustees. We look forward to welcoming you on the night!

WEA Showcasing Long Sutton Past and Present

Village hall. Saturday 13th November. 12.00-15.00

Please come and join in the village celebrations and enjoy the refreshments provided by the WI.

The ever popular **Charity General Knowledge Quiz night** is back!

Run by Mid Somerset Riding Club the Quiz postponed from March will now take place in Long Sutton Village Hall on Saturday December 11th.

Teams of 4 or 5 £10 per person to include supper.

First question at 7.30 pm

Application forms available in Long Sutton Village Shop or call Marian Draper on 07885 301 898.

Come and enjoy a really fun evening!

Winter concert by Somerton Concert Band

at: Village Hall Long Sutton

On: Saturday 27th November

time: 8pm

cost: £7 to include refreshments.

Children under 16 Free

A selection of original works, film and tv themes, marches and seasonal music.

Welcome to new Long Sutton / Long Load / Upton / Knole residents

In recent months there has been quite an influx of new residents to our villages and they are hugely welcome. It is hoped that you will be happy to come along to any one of the events being held in the run up to Christmas including the Coffee Mornings (first Saturday each month), the Wine Tasting (see above) and the FOLSC Winter Celebration on 7th December.

On the topic of welcoming new residents, our Welcome Pack is somewhat out of date, and if anyone has the enthusiasm to update it, please contact Sue Creegan (241 554) – your assistance would be hugely appreciated.

LONG LOAD

Long Load Village Hall AGM

The Village Hall AGM was not held earlier in the year due to COVID restrictions.

It will now be held in the Hall on Tuesday 9th November at 6.30pm.

Residents of the village are welcome to attend. This is an opportunity to understand more of the hall finances and plans. It is also a good time to make suggestions for future activities that would benefit the village.

Long Load Parish Council

The PC will meet at 7:30pm at Long Load Village Hall on 16th November

This will be the final meeting for 2021 and as always, all Long Load Residents are welcome to attend.

Crafty Folk Craft

Club Schedule for the rest of 2021 at Long Load Village Hall 2pm – 4pm

10th November - Making Corn Dollies

8th December – Out of the cupboard - Christmas Card

Christmas Nibbles & Coffee Tea or Mulled

Wine included.

Please book with Marsha if you are coming to either or both of these events

Marsha.White2@btinternet.com Tel 01458 242415

Chinese Brush Paint

The Chinese Brush Painting Group will meet on Wednesday 3rd November and every following

1st Wednesday in the month at Long Load Village Hall 2pm – 4pm

For further details please contact Barbara 01458 241284

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