

# LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER – October 2022

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## Sunday Services in the Levels Arc Benefice

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	10.20am Online Zoom* Morning Prayer 11.00am Holy Communion at St Peter and St Paul, Muchelney 11.00am Cafe Church at Pitney Village Hall 6.00pm Harvest Service followed by Harvest Supper at Holy Trinity, Long Sutton
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	8.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Long Sutton 11.00am Harvest Service followed by Lunch at St Catherine's, Drayton
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	11.00am Holy Communion at St John the Baptist, Pitney
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	11.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Long Sutton
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	

## Weekday services

Wednesdays @ 10am Holy Communion or Morning Prayer  
Holy Trinity, Long Sutton

Fridays @ 6.30pm Informal Prayers Holy Trinity, Long Sutton

\*Morning Prayer on ZOOM: contact a churchwarden for details

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## Coffee mornings in the Church

The September Coffee Morning was another well-attended success with large amounts of local garden produce on sale and cake & coffee consumed.

A big thank-you to everyone who supported the event and in so doing helped raise £727.62 (plus some Gift Aid) for PROMISEWorks

- The next Coffee Morning is on Saturday the 1st October in aid of MIND in Somerset. This is our local mental health charity providing much needed advice and support for the Community. Please come along again and enjoy the friendly ambiance, coffee, cake and produce and learn more about this charity and its valuable range of Services.

- 5<sup>th</sup> November will be in aid of The Army Benevolent Fund

## Flowers and Brasses rota

Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mrs Walford	
Oct 8 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Ellerbeck	
Oct 15 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Ellerbeck	Mrs Brake and Mrs Walford
Oct 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mrs Huggard	
Oct 29 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Huggard	
Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Shepard	

## A Glider Pilot's Story

Illustrated talk by Jonathan Walker – on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 6pm** in Village Hall in aid of Holy Trinity Long Sutton (electrical work). Not to be missed!

Tickets £15 (to include a glass of wine and nibbles). Please email [joan@knightlands.net](mailto:joan@knightlands.net) or [suecreegan@outlook.com](mailto:suecreegan@outlook.com) for tickets or phone Joan on 241294.

## News from Long Sutton School

The new school year has got off to a great start and we are delighted to see how quickly our new Reception children have settled in. The oldest children have done a marvellous job of helping our smallest children find their way around and enjoy play times outside.

Our Harvest Festival donations this year will go to our nearest foodbank 'Langport cares' which continues to be a lifeline for those in need in Langport and the surrounding villages.

The school community marked the death of Queen Elizabeth 2 with a moving service and a special message from the Archbishop of Canterbury, specifically provided for church of England schools. The children wrote their own messages of thanks and prayers to honour the Queen's life of service.

## Long Sutton School 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

In October the School reaches 150 years since its foundation. On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November, we will be celebrating this event with pupils and parents during the day, and at 4.00pm we plan to open our doors to the village. It will be an opportunity to look round the school and have a cup of tea or coffee with the team; we do hope you will be able to join us for this milestone in our community.

Lizzie Reynolds Headteacher

*Some of you may be aware that Sharon Hampson, wife to Mike and mother of four (including a current pupil and two ex-pupils), sadly passed away on 11 September after a very short illness. Sharon was passionate about education and was an ardent supporter of the school. Her family has asked that if anyone wishes to give a donation in her name then this should be made to the Long Sutton Governors Trust (Registered Charity 1166781); the Account No is 23514260 and the Sort Code is 30-18-16.*

## VACANCY – CLEANER

**Salary SPC Grade 17 – Point 1 - £9.50 per hour**

We require a cleaner to join our friendly Village School and become part of our team. The vacancy is for 3 hours per day, Monday to Friday during term time outside school teaching hours and 5 additional cleaning weeks over the holidays.

Applications are invited from honest, enthusiastic, flexible and self-motivated individuals to undertake and take pride in a range of cleaning duties to keep our school clean, tidy and safe for all. The successful applicant will be responsible for developing and maintaining excellent standards of cleanliness around the school.

If would like a job description and application form, please pop to the school office.

## Long Sutton W.I News

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall, the W.I. will have their A.G.M. and a chocolate theme. The competition is a chocolate item, please try not to eat your item before the meeting! We look forward to another member joining our active Committee (not a named role). If you feel this could be you, please come along to the meeting and find out more information. Our meeting will look back at the past year and all the lovely meetings and outings we've had, as well as looking forward to the year ahead and a new and exciting programme of events. Advance notice of our November meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> with Sue Smallwood - Christmas Clay Night. Walking netball finishes on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October and has so far enabled the school to purchase 12 netballs from the donations received - many thanks to all who have attended/led the netball. If you are interested in joining our friendly and welcoming W.I please contact joint Presidents Jane 241234 or Caroline (after 6.00p.m.) 241159 or just come along to a meeting, no obligation to join.

## Keeping Our End Up

These words are being written as the nation says a final sad goodbye to Queen Elizabeth II. She will be greatly missed for

many reasons, not least for her theatrical performance at the London Olympics and her amazing Paddington bear marmalade sandwich sketch at this summer's fantastic Jubilee celebrations. 'Fair Winds and Following Seas' your Majesty. Closer to home, **Wednesday October 5<sup>th</sup>** sees live theatre return to Long Sutton Village Hall when the Amateur Players of Sherborne present Mark Carey's '**Keeping Our End Up**' which peeps into the lives of the five disparate members of a ladies' bowls team over one English summer. Team captain Ronnie just isn't very good, Ursula and Fiona have husband troubles, Joan outrageously stirs up trouble and Jan obsessively makes tea. The drama reflects the very fabric of village life and relationships, with moments of striking honesty, sad revelations and richly comic absurdity. At the time of writing, tickets are still available from any FOLSC Trustee or from the Upton Bridge Farm shop, priced at £12.00 each and subject to availability also at the 1<sup>st</sup> October Church coffee morning. This is our last planned fundraiser of 2022 so let's make this one a sell out! FOLSC are currently raising much needed funds to assist the PCC financing of urgent rewiring at Holy Trinity, so come along for a great night out, whilst also supporting your local village charity.

### **Mourning HM The Queen**

Thank you to those residents who attended both the Service of Thanksgiving and the Minutes Silence & Reflection on the evening of 18<sup>th</sup> September to mark the passing of HM The Queen. It was a very fitting way for us as a community to collectively mourn the loss of Queen Elizabeth II. A special HUGE "thank you" to the bell ringers who rang the bells fully muffled, and especially Tower Captain, Malcolm Eastment, who tolled the Tenor Bell 96 times on the morning of Her Majesty's funeral – one for each year of her life. We look forward in due course to happier times with the Coronation Celebrations – God Save the King.

### **Long Sutton Cricket Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Dinner & Awards**

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm at Long Sutton Golf Club. Our guests of honour will be men and women players from Somerset County Cricket Club to present the awards to the Club.

We will have a Roll Call of all past players present; a raffle; pledge auction and "Heads & Tails" to help raise funds for the refurbishment of the Pavilion.

Tickets are priced at just £30 to include Prosecco on arrival, a 3-course meal, with coffee/tea to conclude.

Dress Code: Jacket & Tie and Cocktail Dresses.

It would be great to see our Vice-Presidents and other supporters from the community come together to celebrate 50 years of cricket in the village.

Please contact the Secretary, Charlotte Martin, on [charlottesmartin3100@gmail.com](mailto:charlottesmartin3100@gmail.com) or 07470 846310 to purchase tickets or for more information.

### **Charity Quiz Night**

The popular Charity Quiz hosted by Mid Somerset Riding Club takes place on Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall. It is a General Knowledge quiz with doors opening at 7pm and the first question at 7.30. Teams of 4 or 5 players, an excellent supper provided, good prizes and a raffle. Tickets £12 each. Entry forms available from the Village Shop or by contacting Marian Draper on 07885 301 898 or [mariandraper737@btinternet.com](mailto:mariandraper737@btinternet.com). Don't miss a really fun evening!

### **And finally**

Angie Cox would like to express her sincere thanks to those family & friends who walked with her on the Alzheimer's Society "Memory Walk" on 18<sup>th</sup> September, and to the many friends who sponsored her through her Just Giving page [www.justgiving.com/Angela-cox13](http://www.justgiving.com/Angela-cox13) which will continue to take donations.

With Gift Aid, she will have raised over £1,000 for the Alzheimer's Society.

## **LONG LOAD**

Due the death of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II the September Parish Council Meeting was postponed  
Next Long Load Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### **Flower Show**

The Long Load Village Flower and Produce Show at the beginning of September was a successful event despite the difficult growing year. As usual, the flowers in the various classes were all very well supported as was the several photographic sections. Craft, Art and Written classes were not as well supported as we hoped but again the entries were all of good quality. The judges both enjoyed the baking, liqueurs' and preserves.

As we guessed, due to the strange weather during the main growing season Vegetables were a little light on entry in some of the classes but our thanks go to all the people who entered their produce after what was a challenging year. Let's hope that those who would normally have entered the show but chose not to this year will be a little more inspired next year and we can get back to a maximum entry level. The judges in all classes left good and helpful comments within their remits. Many thanks to the committee who worked so hard to get this event up and running again as they do each year. Also a great many thanks go to Susan Fielden who manages with inspiring confidence to get the results of each show coordinated in a way that feels a little like a 'black art'. To most of us thus presenting us with the winning points for each class and the overall show in record time.

Finally and perhaps the biggest thanks go to you, who came and supported your village hall by just looking at what had been presented and supporting the various winners of the show. There would be no show without those who steadfastly enter and then come along to support.

### **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October Long Load Residents Harvest Supper**

Long Load Village Hall 7 pm for 7:30

This is a limited seating event and will be on a first come first served basis.

Payment of £10 per seat will be required at the time of booking.

Book early to avoid disappointment with Ann Campbell 01458 241 202 and support the village hall. A message can be left on the answer phone if no one is home and Ann will get back to you

Any proceeds made will go to the Village Hall Fund

### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October Chinese Brush Painting Group**

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

### **Wednesday 12th October Craft Club**

Long Load Village Hall 2pm – 4:30pm Bring your own Project or learn to Knit/Crochet with one of the regular ladies there.

No previous experience necessary. £3

Including refreshments

### **IMPORTANT**

Last but not least, the Village Hall Committee need interested residents to help with setting up of various events throughout the year as a non committee member. If you are one of those people who would be happy to add their name to list please contact one of the Long Load Village Hall Committee members or Marsha on 241415

Please send your contributions to [lsnewsletter@btinternet.com](mailto:lsnewsletter@btinternet.com) by the **20<sup>th</sup> of the month**. For more information call 01458 241450