

LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER – January 2025

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Sunday Services in the Benefice of Somerton, Long Sutton, Pitney, Kingsdon and the Charltons

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| Sun 5 th | 09.30 Morning Worship 11.00 Holy Communion 11.00 Morning Worship 18.30 Evensong | at Kingston at Pitney at Somerton at Long Sutton |
| Sun 12 th | 08.00 Holy Communion (BCP) 09.30 Holy Communion 11.00 Café Praise with baptism | at Long Sutton at Charlton Mackrell at Somerton |
| Sun 19 th | 09.30 Holy Communion 09.30 for 10.00 Café Church 11.00 Holy Communion | at Kingsdon at Pitney Village Hall at Somerton |
| Sun 26 th | 09.30 Morning Worship 11.00 Holy Communion 11.00 Morning Worship | at Charlton Adam at Long Sutton at Somerton |

On Wednesdays at 10am, Holy Communion or Morning Prayer at Long Sutton

On Fridays at 6pm, informal prayers at Long Sutton

Coffee Mornings at Holy Trinity Church, Long Sutton

Thank you to those who braved the storm on Saturday 6th December to meet and raise funds for MIND UK (Somerset). Thank you to Nigel Stone, Trustee of Mind UK Somerset, for sharing a few words about the charity. The sums raised were £482.95 for the MIND UK (Somerset) and £137.23 for Holy Trinity Long Sutton. It was also an opportunity for Rupert Cox, Chair of our Parish Council, to formally thank and bid farewell to Lisa Newby and present her with a beautiful picture of the village and a voucher for a meal at the Devonshire Arms. Lisa has been a wonderful clerk to our Long Sutton Council for many years.

In January, Saturday 4th, we will be raising funds for the Food Bank, to enable them to purchase what is needed. Please remember that we have a box in the church for food donations that are delivered weekly to the bank.

This time, for a change, as well as cakes, pastries, juice, marmalades, fruit, veg, etc, we will also welcome any good quality items that can be resold – perhaps you have some unwanted Christmas gifts that someone else might like? Please bring them along.

An Evening with Harry Cobden - National Hunt Champion Jockey

- We are very happy to announce that Harry Cobden will be presenting a talk about his life in horse racing at Long Sutton Village Hall on Thursday **30th January 2025**. The doors will open at 7pm for his talk to commence at 7.30pm. Tickets will be available soon from Marian Draper (01458-241-506, 07885 301 898 or mariandraper737@btinternet.com), Sue & Tim Creegan (-241-554 or suecreegan@outlook.com) and the Village Shop. The evening will be in aid of Holy Trinity Church Long Sutton and a charity of Harry's choice. Tickets will be £20 each, to include refreshments. Raffle and drinks will be available to purchase. Book your tickets ASAP as they will sell fast – he is apparently an excellent speaker and outstanding in the racing field.

Ad Hoc - We are very pleased to announce that Ad Hoc will be presenting an evening of musical entertainment at Long Sutton Church on **Saturday 29th March 2025 at 7.00 pm**. Ticket info next month. Ad Hoc were due to play for us in 2010 but something (Covid) put paid to that!! We are glad they will at last be able to join us and entertain us with their repertoire.

The Future of the Long Sutton and Long Load Newsletter

Our wonderful editor, Lieve Cousins, will soon be moving away from Long Sutton to her new home in Taunton. So unfortunately, Lieve will be stepping down from her role as co-ordinator / editor of the Newsletter for the village. She has been exceptionally brilliant in reminding contributors of the need to keep to the dead-line date, formatting the posts and then emailing the complete newsletter to the printers. Thank you also to the lovely Cosser family who collect the newsletters, count and deliver them to the deliverers – and thanks to them (the deliverers) too!!

Would you be able to step into Lieve's shoes please?? It is a case of receiving the emails from various contributors, fitting the items into the newsletter format and emailing the completed newsletter to the printer. Please contact Lieve for more information (241 450 / lsnewsletter@btinternet.com) or Sue Creegan (241 554 suecreegan@outlook.com).

Flowers and Brasses

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| Jan-4 th | Mrs R Cox | |
| Jan -11 th | Mrs R Cox | |
| Jan-18 th | Mrs J Brand | |
| Jan-25 th | Mrs J Brand | |
| Feb-1 st | Mrs J Huggard | Mrs J Tulk & Mrs M Burt |
| Feb 8 th | Mrs J Huggard | |

Long Sutton WI

Happy New Year to you all!

Our new Wi programme launches this month, and an interesting and entertaining year is planned. All will be revealed at January's Wi meeting, and on our social's Facebook & Instagram.

At our first meeting of 2025 we will be celebrating with Marion Nieuwenhuizen who will be bringing FAB drumming to the village hall. Please note this is a members only night, and promises to be a fun, and noisy affair.

Why not follow our adventures, news, updates, and find out what we will be getting up to in 2025 at: <https://www.facebook.com/LongSuttonWI?>

If you would like a copy of our new Wi Programme please email: longsuttonwi@gmail.com

A Happy New Year with FOLSC!

Wow! Who can forget our amazing St Andrew's Day musical variety show, held on the 30th November. We were very lucky it happened at all, as the original date we selected was Saturday 7th December, but was brought forward by a week due the unavailability of some artists. This proved opportune as we dodged the onslaught that was Storm Darragh, which would almost certainly have wrecked our plans. Instead, Matthew Rock, Matt Park and his support musicians and singers put on a show that at times was comparable with West End performances. Our capacity audience were entertained with everything from rock to classics, opera to musicals and for many 'Crooners' Park's superlative rendition of Phantom's 'Music of the Night' stole the show and received a standing ovation! Two hours of live entertainment concluded with the entire ensemble performing the Neil Diamond classic 'Sweet Caroline' that had our audience swaying in the aisle! What a night we had and to cap it all the provisional profit has been declared at a fantastic £1,578 for the fighting fund so

special thanks to Matt Park and to all the performers and to all who attended. This concert will indeed be a hard act to follow! A new month and with a new year before us FOLSC have further events planned that will not disappoint. Firstly, don't forget the **FOLSC sponsored coffee morning**, scheduled for **Saturday 1st February** and any donations to our produce stall will be gratefully appreciated.

Next up is our flagship **VE Day Party**, to be held at the village hall **on Saturday 10th May**, which will we believe be the culmination of several days of national and local commemorations marking the end of WWII. More details in due course, but suffice to say at this stage we are delighted to have again booked the amazing **Wessex Big Band** and their wonderful vocalist, who will perform both 1940's and contemporary music and songs, so get ready to party for what we hope will be a pan community event.

And finally, the bit at the end. Christine and Mike Turner left the village in December and have moved SW to be nearer their family. Christine has served 7 years as a FOLSC trustee and in that time made a huge contribution towards the Charity's success. We wish her and Mike best wishes for their new life in Devon. Christine's departure does however leave a gap for a new Trustee to join us, so if you are at all interested, give our Chairman David Aitken a buzz (01458 241335) and he can explain the details of what this undemanding and rather enjoyable role involves.

Karate and Self defence lessons every Tuesday night at Long Sutton Village Hall at 7pm contact Terry by phone or text on 07749849798 or just turn up

Mid-Wessex Singers

Come and Sing choruses from Haydn's Creation and other works with the theme of Nature
The Mid-Wessex Singers and their Musical Director, Alice Dicker, invite you to a Come and Sing day on Saturday 8th February at Long Sutton Village Hall (TA10 9NT) from 9.30 am until 5pm. Bring your own lunch; teas, coffees and light refreshments will be provided. Cost £20. To register interest and for any further information please contact Steph Taylor by e-mail on info@midwessexsingers.co.uk through the website at www.midwessexsingers.co.uk or on 07502 280596.

LONG LOAD

Next Long Load Parish Council Meeting 7:30pm Tuesday 21st January 2025 <https://longload-pc.org.uk>

Take Note Singing Group Meet each Monday afternoon at the village hall for a practice with the aim of going to various Care Homes in the area to entertain the residents there who really enjoy the sing song element. If you would like to join the group please contact Julia Harvey on 01458 241472

Wednesday 8th January Craft Club

Long Load Village Hall 2pm – 4:30pm
Event: Decorating Bookmarks £5 including refreshments.
Please make sure you book a place marsaannwhite2@gmail.com to allow enough Materials to be available.
Everyone welcome, nice relaxed atmosphere No previous experience required.

Saturday 18th January 2025 Village Hall, Coffee Morning

10:30am – 12:30pm

Dispel the January gloom, meet for coffee and a chat with a chance to view and discuss the results of the recent Village Hall Survey.

Coffee, tea and homemade cakes available

Saturday February 8th 2025

Winter Warming Supper 7:15pm for 7:30pm serving.

Come and enjoy this very friendly annual event 2 courses plus Coffee

You are invited to bring your own preferred tittle

£12 per Supper, Raffle.

Please book your place with Ann Campbell on 0792748358 by Friday 31st January 2025

Thank you to all the Long Load residents and associated friends who have helped to support the village hall this year

Obituary

A lot of Long Load Villagers will have known Pam Cooper for many years and will be sad to learn of her recent passing while in Yeovil Hospital. Pam was 91 and more recently moved to Grovelands Care Home in Yeovil. She will be sadly missed.

Wishing Everyone a Happy Healthy and Peaceful 2025

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| <p>Please send your contributions to lsnewsletter@btinternet.com by the 20th of January. For more information call 01458 241450</p> |
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