

LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER – November 2022

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Sunday Services in the Levels Arc Benefice

Sunday 6 November	10.20am Online Zoom* Morning Prayer 10.30am Cafe Church at Pitney Village Hall 11am Holy Communion at St Peter and St Paul, Muchelney 6.30pm Evensong at Holy Trinity, Long Sutton
Sunday 13 November Remembrance Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Long Sutton 10.50am Remembrance Service At St John the Baptist, Pitney 10.50am Remembrance Service At Holy Trinity, Long Sutton 10.50am Service Remembrance at St Catherine's, Drayton
Sunday 20 November	11.00am Holy Communion at St John the Baptist, Pitney
Sunday 27 November Advent Sunday	11.am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Long Sutton

*Morning Prayer on ZOOM: contact a churchwarden for details

Weekday Services

Wednesdays @ 10am Holy Communion or Morning Prayer

Holy Trinity, Long Sutton

Fridays @ 6.30pm Informal Prayers Holy Trinity, Long Sutton

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Flowers and Brasses rota

Nov 5 th	Mrs Shepard	
Nov 12 th	Mrs Shepard	
Nov 19 th	Mrs McTernan	Mrs Bond and Mrs Ellerbeck
Nov 26 th	Mrs McTernan	
Dec 3 rd	Mrs Roberts	
Nov 5 th	Mrs Shepard	

Coffee mornings in the church

The Saturday, 1st October, monthly, Coffee Morning, was held in aid of MIND Somerset.

Thank you to everyone who contributed generously with their cakes, jams and produce. Also to Alison Baker from MIND Somerset, Yeovil branch for giving us more insight into the work of the organisation.

As always a big thank you to Marion, Jean and Shirley for their sterling work providing all the delicious cakes and coffee for immediate consumption!

The sum raised this month was £573.40.

The next month's Charity is Army Benevolent Fund, the Soldiers Charity.

The following month, December, will be Long Sutton Village School.

Please support these Coffee Mornings.

Our numbers were definitely down this month. It is a chance to chat and meet with others, enjoy delicious refreshments and

also support deserving Charities.

Long Sutton W.I News

On Thursday 17th November at 7.30 p.m. there is a change to our programme - we will not be doing a Christmas clay night but hope that Sue Smallwood will be able to join us next year. Instead we will be making some amazing Christmas crafts that will be easy and guarantee fun! The competition remains as something made on the night. Netball has now concluded but due to popular demand we hope it will return in the Spring. Our Christmas celebration will be on Thursday 15th December - please save the date in your diaries and we hope to have a local Christmas meal out in December. We will have a new and exciting programme of monthly activities to announce at our January meeting as well as four super outings to recommend. If you are interested in joining our friendly and welcoming W.I. please contact joint Presidents: Jane 241234 or Caroline 241159 or just come along to a meeting in the village hall, no obligation to join. If you would like to share a lift with someone to a meeting, please ask at a meeting or phone.

School's 150th anniversary

Just a reminder that on Friday 4th November, we will be celebrating our 150th Anniversary, and at 4.00pm we plan to open our doors to the village; we do hope you will be able to join us for this milestone in our community. Lizzie Reynolds, Headteacher

Other news

The Church coffee morning on Saturday the 1st December will be in aid of Long Sutton School Governors' Trust. The School buildings are starting to age, and the Trust underpins the capital expenditure for repairs and renewals. We would be most grateful for your support.

The children are looking forward to dressing up as Victorian pupils and experiencing a day in the life of a Victorian child on 4th November. I am sure the contrast will come as quite a shock to them all!

Other exciting events to take place more recently have been a poetry performance by each class in front of the whole school, as well as a variety of football and netball matches where our pupils displayed great sportsmanship and team spirit.

The annual Senior citizens' party will take place in the school hall at 2pm -3.30pm on Monday 12th December. All local Senior citizens are cordially invited to attend.

Our Open Day for prospective pupils and their families will be held on Monday 21st November from 9.15 to 5.30 – please call the office to book a slot to have a look around and ask questions. Parents are welcome to arrange visits on others days if this is more convenient!

Keeping Our End Up

The Amateur Players of Sherborne, on their first visit to Long Sutton, certainly lived up to the title of their play, eloquently performed to a packed house on the 5th October. This was only the 3rd ever performance of this play, that was written shortly before the first lockdown in 2019.

The action was somewhat deeper than perhaps implied by the Beryl Cook imagery used on relating publicity but was all the stronger for it. Set in a dowdy sports club pavilion, with a cast of 5 lady members of a bottom of the league bowls team, who represented typical aspects of middle England. During the performance they referenced adultery, domestic violence, dementia, infant death, spitefulness, onanism (look it up!) and a hit-and-run motoring offence. Our audience enjoyed an evening of both pathos and laughter and left our village hall theatre with much to consider. In addition to having a

sometimes challenging and thoughtful night out, the event delivered a fantastic £1,100 to the FOLSC fighting fund and in doing so brings us a stage closer to assisting with funding of the urgent upgrade to the electrical system in Holy Trinity. Many thanks to our members and the wider community for turning out in such numbers and for supporting this event that concludes our 2022 season.

Whilst we have your attention, we are still looking for new Trustees to join our small team and so bring fresh ideas to take our charity into 2023 and beyond. The responsibilities are undemanding, and our meetings are always very social. This is a great way for villagers and particularly those who are new to our community, to become more involved in village life. Some of us always attend the LS coffee mornings so come along and have a chat!

Village Hall & Recreation Ground Committee

The Committee is delighted to announce additional services within the Hall, for external hiring and an update on new projects.

Parishioners can now hire a range of crockery, cutlery and glasses for outside events for up to 100 people. Wine glasses, pints, halves and champagne flutes as well as crockery & cutlery for a three-course meal are all available for hire. For more details email bookings@longsutton.org.uk

Thank you to the cooperation of the community during the recent white-lining of the car park. While not universally supported, it has vastly improved the quality of parking at busy times with less parking required on the highway making our venue much safer. The car park can now host over 80 vehicles and 4 disabled spaces.

The Patel's shop continues to thrive; the Tuesday fish & chip van is well supported; and the Wednesday pizza service still goes strong, but all three services need continued community support – as always, “use it or lose it”.

Now that the Hall itself is in tip-top condition our attention turns to new exciting outdoor projects being the updating of the children's play area and an extension & refurbishment of the sports pavilion. Please support local fundraising to help this projects to fruition.

The Committee is made up of a very small band of just 6 people, so if you would like to help support the management of this vital community asset, then please email the Secretary, Ruby Coombes on rbycoombes@outlook.com. We only meet every other month with most business carried out electronically with occasional hands-on support required.

Somerton Concert Band Christmas Concert, Saturday 3rd December 7:30pm, Long Sutton village hall.

£7 (to include refreshments.) Children under 16 free. We will be playing a wide variety of music, from musicals to light classical and, of course, some Christmas tunes! Please come and enjoy our performance.

LONG LOAD

Next Long Load Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 15th November 2022

Tuesday 1st November 6:00pm Village Hall AGM followed by the usual monthly meeting. All residents are welcome

Wednesday 2nd November 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
Refreshments available

Wednesday 9th November Craft Club

Long Load Village Hall 2pm – 4:30pm **Christmas Themed**
No previous experience necessary. Limited spaces left
All materials supplied £4
Including refreshments and all materials.
Please bring your own small scissors and spectacles

Saturday November 26th

SOUP & WARM BREAD LUNCH

At Long Load Village Hall 12noon – 2pm
(or until the soup runs out)
In aid of Alzheimers/Dementia Charity

Please come along and support this event. There will also be a donation table of various crafts and gifts (Possible Christmas gifts to be had)

Saturday 8th October Long Load Residents Harvest Supper

Due to lack of support the Harvest Supper was cancelled for 2022

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

In addition and as a separate item, the Village Hall committee are looking for new blood to join the Committee as we have recently lost a member. The more interested people we have to help with this committee the more we can expand the events and uses.

The Hall is the only Community Village Asset we have left and suggestions for possible activities would be helpful.
<https://longload-pc.org.uk> ctrl + click on this link for the website

Martock & District U3A

Wednesday 9th November

2.15pm The Parish Hall Martock: Climate Change - what we need to do - We know that dangerous climate change is happening now, and that human beings are the main cause of that danger. We know what action needs to be taken in order to combat the climate crisis; so what stops us doing it? 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, telephone 01460 240788. website www.u3a.org.uk

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