

LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER – December 2022

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Sunday Services in the Levels Arc Benefice

Sunday 4th	10.20 Online Zoom* Morning Prayer 10.30 Café Church at Pitney Village Hall 11.00 Holy Communion at Muchelney 18:30 Evensong at Long Sutton
Sunday 11th	9.00 Holy Communion at Long Sutton** 11.00 Holy Communion at Drayton 18:30 Carol Service at Pitney
Friday 16th	18:00 Carol Service at Drayton
Sunday 18th	11.00 Holy Communion at Pitney 16:00 Carol Service at Muchelney 18:00 Carol Service at Long Sutton
Saturday 24th CHRISTMAS EVE	15:00 Crib Service at Long Sutton 23:15 Midnight Mass at Drayton
Sunday 25th CHRISTMAS DAY	09.30 Holy Communion at Long Sutton 10:00 Family Communion at Pitney
Sunday 1st January NEW YEAR'S DAY	10.20 Online Zoom* Morning Prayer

* Morning Prayer on Zoom – contact Sue Creegan on 241554 for details** Note, new time of 9.00 (until change of clocks again)

Regular Weekday Services

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

Fridays @ 6.30pm – Informal Prayers at Holy Trinity, Long Sutton

CHRISTMAS SERVICES in LONG SUTTON

Although we do not currently have a vicar (and no, we still don't know when/if we will be getting another one), we are delighted to be able to still hold services in our beautiful church.

Our CAROL SERVICE will be held on Sunday 18th December at 6pm. Please come and join in the singing of some wonderful carols and hearing the Christmas story read by various members of our Parish. We are very pleased that the Long Sutton School Choir will be joining us as well.

On CHRISTMAS EVE, Saturday 24th, there will be a CRIB Service commencing at 3pm where all are welcome, particularly the children! Please encourage the children to come dressed as shepherds, kings, lambs or any character suitable for the nativity.

On CHRISTMAS DAY the service will be held at 9.30am – this will be a Holy Communion service.

The Village Carole Service

will be held on Sunday Dec 18th at 6pm in the church. It's good to have a choir to lead the singing, so if you have sung in the Christmas Choir before or would like to do so this year, please come to the church on Friday Dec 16 at 7.30pm. to rehearse the music. Everyone welcome!

Coffee mornings in the Church

The Church coffee morning on Saturday the 3rd 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.

The School and the Governors would be most grateful for your support.

The January coffee morning will be in aid of the Somerset Hospice.

Following Judy and Michael Thomas's sterling work organising the coffee mornings for many, many years, Geraldine Jones took over the mantle for six months for which we were very grateful. Since July 2022, we have had different people organising the event and running the produce stall while Marion and her girls have continued to manage the tea, coffee and cake stall. This has worked very well and we are grateful particularly to Sue Creegan, Joan Bond, Rupert & Angie Cox, Stephanie Sales, Tracy Rousell and this month to the School Governors.

We have a number of ideas for charities to receive the proceeds of the coffee morning, but we are now needing others to step forward and manage the produce stall and associated tasks for one month of the year. The WI have offered their services for one month, and we have a couple of other months covered, but we do need some more people. It really isn't an onerous task, and in fact, it is good fun. Please contact Sue Creegan (241 554) or Stephanie Sales (241 855) for more information if you would be available to help out. Thank you.

Note - thankfully the tea/coffee/cake stall continues to be managed by Marion and her team, although if you'd like to help with the washing up, I'm sure they'd be delighted for some offers.

Glider Pilots' talk

Glider Pilots' talk raised the great sum of £1,400.62 towards the electrics in the Church. Many thanks to all supporters and helpers.

NEWSLETTERS

At this time as well, we would like to thank the Cosser family (initially Hermione and now Barnaby) for receiving the newsletters and counting them out into groups and delivering them to the deliverers, i.e. the people in the village who deliver them to your individual door. Thank you too to all those deliverers. You are all great assets to the community.

Flowers and Brasses rota

Dec 3 rd	Mrs Roberts	
Dec 10 th	Mrs Roberts	
Dec 17 th	Xmas Decorating	Mrs A Cox and Mrs Farandon
Dec 24 th	“	“
Dec 31 st	Mrs Lyon	
Jan	Mrs Lyon	

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, 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 - Friday 9th December Ilchester, Thursday 15th December Kingsdon, Friday 16th December Huish Episcopi, Sunday 18th December Somerton, Tuesday 20th December Knole and Long Load and Friday 23rd December Long Sutton and Upton.

Long Sutton W.I News

On Thursday 15th December at 7.30 p.m. we will be having our Christmas Celebration. The competition is an unusual Christmas ornament or decoration and there will be a raffle - so please remember to bring your purse. Our new programme will be announced in January and will definitely have something in it for everyone. If you are interested in joining our friendly and welcoming W.I. please contact joint Presidents: Caroline 241159 or Jane 07823 559175, why not pop along to a meeting in the village hall, no obligation to join, just try a taster. If you need a lift on these dark evenings, please ask at a meeting or phone.

FOLSC Year end Review and 2023 Preview

Looking back at 2022 many of us may identify with her Majesty's speech when she famously remarked '1992 is not a year on which I shall look back with undiluted pleasure'. However we were fortunate to be able to celebrate our late Queen's unparalleled 70 year reign with memorable village celebrations that commenced with the FOLSC Platinum Party back in May.

Now with the year nearly behind us FOLSC are planning events for 2023 and for the Spring we have a date for the new diary .On **Saturday 25th March** we can all celebrate the end of winter in the Long Sutton Village Hall, when we have booked **the Wessex Big Band** with their amazing vocalist Kelly Louise Dale and we are promised a night to remember.

Prior to that FOLSC will be hosting the Holy Trinity coffee morning on **Saturday 4th February**. We are still in urgent need of new volunteers to bolster our small but aging band of Trustees, so please support this event and come and have a chat with us about volunteering and so help put something back into village life.

Whilst a little way off a further date for the diary. The FOLSC AGM will be held on **Monday March 6th**. This is open to all so please come along and hear what we have been up to in 2022 and our fundraising plans for 2023.

Finally, on behalf of our Trustees can we wish our members and all in the wider local community, very best wishes for a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas and in the hope 2023 will be a more positive year for us all.

Cricket Club.

Thank you to everyone who supported our 50th Anniversary Gala Dinner and Awards. The event was a huge success and raised just short of £2,000 for the Pavilion refurbishment fund.

EYES DOWN. Christmas Bingo returns to the Village Hall on Friday 16th December. This promises to be a light-hearted evening of festive family fun with some great prizes up for grabs. Doors open at 7pm for a prompt start at 7:30pm. Bar available.

Charity event

I am hosting a small fundraising evening at home for the charity Shelter (support for homeless people) on Thursday 15th December from 6pm. Location is Clear View, Crouds Lane, Long Sutton. I'll be serving prosecco or soft drinks in exchange for £5 for Shelter. Please bring some food to share, eg crisps, mince pies, quiche, salad etc. This is a really fun and relaxed, chatty evening but is for **ladies** only. I really hope lots of ladies can make it and you are welcome to bring friends along. Please let me know if you can make it so that I can have some idea of numbers: 01458 241256 / 07584 083124 / katestent@talk21.com and if you have any queries, do get in contact. Thank you, Kate Stent

LSPC Environment Plan

"Your Parish Needs You!" The Parish Council is setting out a new Environment Plan for the Parish and would like to know what you think about our changing climate and what you think we, as a community, should be doing about it.

Please help us by taking our short online survey accessed through the new website: www.longsutton-pc.gov.uk or hard copies will be available from various village venues, by post from Environment Plan Survey, Orchardleigh, Martock Road, Long Sutton, TA10 9HU or by email from clerk@longsutton-pc.gov.uk.

We want to hear all views as it will help us tailor our responses and actions. **We really do need your input.** Thank you.

A tenant is moving out of a 2 bedroom property at Knightlan

ds Lane Long Sutton during the next few weeks. If there are any families who are in need of local rented accommodation they should contact the Local Authority (South Somerset District Council) Housing Needs Department.

This property will be let through the local authority Choice Based Lettings scheme, and the advertisement is due to appear on Wednesday 16 November 2022.

Classic Cars

Thank you everyone that supported the monthly classic car evening at the village hall. We were able to raise £306.19 for the Air Ambulance.

! **Harry's Cider** will be open for Christmas purchases up until midday on Friday 23rd December, and the shop will then close until 10.00am on Tuesday 3rd January.

Following an extremely busy harvest, we thought we'd allow ourselves a bit of a rest over the festive period.

May we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year, and thank you very much for supporting us again this year.

With best wishes from all the team at Harry's Cider, and we look forward to seeing you in 2023

LONG LOAD

Next Long Load Parish Council Meeting 7:30pm Tuesday 17th January 2023

All residents are welcome

Tuesday 6th December 6:00pm Village Hall Committee Meeting Residents are welcome

Wednesday 7th December 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 14th December Craft Club

Long Load Village Hall 2pm – 4:30pm

End of Year Catchup & 2023 Forward Planning

Refreshments available

Please bring your own projects

Monday December 19th 6pm - Around the Village Carol

Singing

Singers will meet at the village hall at 6pm

If you are interested in joining this annual event, join us for the start from the village hall at 6pm.

Please bring a Torch and a Hi Viz Jacket if possible

The more who join in the nicer it will be

Thursday 22nd December 6pm - Village Hall Christmas

Candlelight Event.

Carols, Readings of Poetry and Verse followed by Mince Pies

and Mulled Wine or Juice for the younger people. We are

looking for readers and someone to play Carols on the

Keyboard. Please contact anyone of the Hall Committee – Ann

Campbell, Andy McKay, Nicola Slawski, Marsha White,

Barbara Nieto or Sophie Turpin if you can contribute to any of

these requests ASAP

Additional Notices

The Village Hall Committee would like to thank the two people who have volunteered their time on a as a when needed basis to help with setting up of various events throughout the year as

a non committee member. If you are someone who would be

happy to add their name to list please contact one of the Long

Load Village Hall Committee members or Marsha on 01458

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. If there are any younger residents who would like to be involved please don't be shy you don't need any previous experience, there will be someone to mentor if necessary.

If you have a group who would like to use the hall for an activity please contact Ann Campbell for details

The Hall is the only Community Village Building Asset we have left in this village and its important that we retain this 160 year old building. We can only do this with everyone's help so suggestions of support for possible activities would be appreciated.

<https://longload-pc.org.uk> ctrl + click on this link for the website

Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year to Everyone

A Big Thankyou to Pam Cooper

Pam has for many years delivered the monthly newsletters to College Close & Church Lane residents.

but feels the time has come for her to give this up & I'd like to Thank her very much for her loyal commitment. Heather

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