

LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER – February 2022

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Sunday Services in the Levels Arc Benefice

Sunday 6th	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Muchelney
Sunday 13th	8.00 am	Holy Communion	Long Sutton
	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Drayton
Sunday 20th	10.20 am	Zoom	Online
	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Pitney
Sunday 27th	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Long Sutton
Sunday 6th	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Muchelney

Wednesdays – 10.00 am HC or Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity Long Sutton

Fridays – 6.30 pm informal prayers at 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

Flowers and Brasses rota

Date	Flowers	Brasses
Feb 5th	Mrs Jones	
Feb 12th	Mrs R Cox	
Feb 19th	Mrs R Cox	Mrs R Cox and Mrs Sales
Feb 26th	Mrs McTernan	
March 5th	Lent – No flowers	

CHURCH SPRING CLEAN – SATURDAY 9th APRIL 10am onwards. Please come and help, even if you can only spare a short amount of time!

Coffee Mornings in the Church

The first Coffee Morning of the year on the 8th January, was very well supported, considering the awful wet weather. We raised £469.50 for **The Farming Community Network**. A really big thank you to the wonderful Cooks in the Village and surrounding areas, for supplying the wonderful bakes.

We had a slight "International" flavour this month, Welsh Cakes, made by a local Welsh Lady. Superb.

Any other Cooks, wishing to contribute, please bring bakes along to the next Coffee Morning, starting at 10.30 pm, in the Village Church, and enjoy a Coffee and a chat with friends. Details below.

Future events

- On Saturday 5th February, we will be supporting School **in a Bag**. This charity is based in Somerset and delivers Schoolbags to poor underprivileged children, in all Countries, regardless of race, politics or religion.
- On Saturday 5th March, our Charity will be **Age UK, Somerset**, which provide activities, services, support, information and advice to make life better for the older people of Somerset.

News from Long Sutton Primary school

This term has started well, we have had a few covid-19 cases but not as many as might have been expected. The majority of the children returned to school after Christmas fit, health and ready for the next steps! This term we are focusing on History; Harrier Class learning about Anglo Saxons and Vikings, Kite Class focusing on Ancient Egypt, Kingfisher learning about the Great Fire of London and Cygnets Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. This term our focus for Worship is Hope.

The children are loving using their new interactive whiteboards and they are making a big difference to learning. I wanted to say another thank you to everyone who help us purchase these and show them in use!

Toy Box is very busy and the children are really loving finding out about the past and present. The children have been

exploring their own family trees, bringing in photos of themselves as babies, then as toddlers and then as they are now. Comparing themselves to how they looked and what they could do in the past, compared to the present. They really enjoy joining Cygnet Class on the weekly Welly walk around the village, I do hope we don't disturb the peace too much, but puddles can be rather exciting!

I would like to say a huge thank you to the team who organised and ran the Christmas Cart again this year. They were out night after night raising money for the school, they did an amazing job and we are so grateful to them for this commitment and hard work.

If you are interested in our school or Toy Box Pre-school, please contact us to come and look around. We have wrap around care from 7.45 to 5.45pm for all ages. Contact us on 01458 241434 or email: enquiries@LongSuttonPrimary.co.uk

Long Sutton WI

On Thursday 17th February at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall, we will be having a Chinese New Year celebration, for the year of The Tiger. Lots of activities are planned, including: customs and traditions, fortune cookies, tasting spring rolls etc. If you are new to the village or would like to come along for a taster session you would be most welcome. Please also Save the Date for Thursday 17th March 7.30 p.m. which is International Women's Day, as we have some inspiring speakers. This is an Open Meeting so please bring along your daughters. Contact Jane 241237 or Caroline (after 6.00p.m) 241159 if you would like to find out more.

Long Sutton Christmas Cart Crew 2021

It is with great pleasure that we are able to announce a staggering amount of **£5200.52** was collected with our Christmas cart in December.

We would like to say a big thank you to our sponsors for the float, the very kind residents of all the villages we have visited and all collectors, road crew, the elf and not forgetting the main man himself "Father Christmas".

We very much hope to see you all again this year and Happy New Year to you all.

Our sponsors for the float include George James Properties, Howdens - Bridgwater, Chubb Bulleid Solicitors, CRS Building Supplies, Crendon Timber Engineering and S. Morris.

Follow up from WEA Showcasing the village 2021.

The WEA is in the process of collating digital and manual copies of the photographs and video of the exhibition held in the village hall on November 13th 2021.

These will be available for organisations and individuals to borrow and will form a permanent record for village history. Further details in the March Newsletter.

Any questions contact either:

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Village website

The Parish Council is considering how and whether to improve the village website, and is looking for indications of what parishioners would like to see. To stimulate some input, here are some typical examples:

- Our current website - contains required data from the Parish Council, links to the Village Hall booking system, the newsletter, not much more. Inexpensive, easy to maintain
- Medium website: <https://stondon-pc.gov.uk/> - a bit more lively, easily maintained but needs input regularly
- Full on website: <https://haverhill-tc.gov.uk/sustainablehaverhill/> - effectively the centre of village life, all embracing. Expensive to build (say £1,500), needs lots of input from multiple people thereafter to keep it going

Please would you contact Graham Stoddart-Stones (gcstones52@gmail.com, 07486 575 922) if you would like to make suggestions/recommendations/complaints? And whether you would like to become involved in the input to the website hereafter?"

Platinum Summer Party!

Following our successful fundraiser/social gathering in December 2021, our first FOLSC 'outing' since 2109, we are delighted to report the Jan McNeill pre-Christmas concert delivered a fantastic £904.00 profit to the fighting fund. Despite the somewhat 'challenging' conditions forcing a number of guests to stay away, a good time was had by all who attended, so a huge vote of thanks to you all!

As you must by now be aware on 6th February this year Her Majesty the Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 fantastic years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms, and the Commonwealth. To celebrate this unprecedented anniversary, events and initiatives will take place throughout the year, culminating in a four-day UK bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June. FOLSC are therefore organising a '**Platinum Summer Party**' to be held at the Long Sutton Village Hall on **Saturday 28th May**. Being the weekend before the extended Bank Holiday it will be the ideal precursor to other national and local events that will be planned, and we can all show Downing Street how to really party! Local band **Twisted Vinyl** have been booked and they have promised to perform everything from golden oldies to the latest pop numbers to appeal to all, whatever your generation! To reflect our theme what else but Coronation Chicken will be served in the interval and with lashings of beer, cider and wine available from the FOLSC bar it will be a night to remember. We very much hope this will be a pan community event and a great opportunity, after 2 years of lockdowns and restrictions, to celebrate together this unique milestone in British history. Make a note of the date now and watch out for further publicity in due course.

The party is of course open to all but we particularly welcome those who are new to the village and as many of you may remember the idiom 'be there or be square' is entirely applicable!

LONG SUTTON GOLF CLUB OFFER FOR VILLAGERS OF LONG SUTTON & LONG LOAD

During January and February every Tuesday and Thursday between 12-3pm Long Sutton Golf Club are offering a 2 course meal for £9.95. Example of the menu is attached, menu will change each week.

Sample Menu

Mains

Thick sliced ham, free range eggs & Chips
Butchers bangers, Wholegrain mustard mash & onion gravy
Creamy Chicken, ham & mushroom pie with wholegrain mustard mash & seasonal vegetables
Mushroom Carbonara with cracked black pepper

Desserts

Eton Mess with folded lemon curd & lime infused cream
Bramley apple oat crumble with vanilla custard
Warm double chocolate brownie with Cornish clotted ice cream.

A BIG thank you from Harry's Cider to everyone who attended our Wassail event on 29th January, and we hope you enjoyed the traditional pagan ceremony.

"Dates for your Diary – Harry's Cider Saturdays"

These will take place throughout the summer, from midday until 5.00pm, starting on:-

- 30th April, with "Soul Fries" Pop-up Catering
- 28th May, with "Ellises Farm" Pop-up Catering

Further dates will follow.

Village Hall and Recreation Ground

With the hall now back in full swing - as far as Covid rules allow – the bookings are coming in. All the regulars are up and running except, sadly, for the South Somerset Agricultural Preservation Society that has stopped.

We have cleared all the bookings for the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations to allow a 'wet weather' option to anyone planning events and, by doing so, we hope we have ensured four blazing Bank Holiday days! The Hall and Recreation ground will be available at no cost during this National celebration. If you have an organisation that wants to use the facilities to run an event during the Celebrations please book on line in the normal way.

The Hall refurbishment continues with a new kitchen floor being laid in mid-February leaving just the entrance lobby to complete. The Children's Playground is also the subject of more maintenance but, like the Forth Bridge, it is a never-ending task to replace items as age and weather take their toll.

More good news is that the Village Shop will have a Post Office facility in place by the end of March; our thanks to Jig and family for their continued efforts to make this happen.

Finally, if you have more spare time than you know what to do with, please consider coming to help on the Committee that runs the Hall. These Community facilities don't happen run on their own and, whilst certainly not onerous, it would help to have a couple more folk to ease the load of the current team of four volunteers and three councillors. We meet once a month and try to finish in less than an hour. Please contact Tony@ellerbeck.net

From the Avon and Somerset police newsletter: Safeguarding the Vulnerable...

The Wincanton NPT have been working hard to safeguard vulnerable and lonely people by getting them the support they require. The focus over the past month has been vulnerable people with dementia- the constabulary have been issuing yellow wristbands to dementia patients, to identify them when they are found while missing. If you have concerns for a relative with dementia and would like a wristband then visit www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/apply

LONG LOAD

Parish Council Meetings will be held every alternative month. The next one being 25th Marsh and every third Tuesday in the month. All Long Load Residents are welcome to attend 7:30 at Long Load Village Hall. Current Covid restrictions will apply at each meeting.

Chinese Brush Painting afternoon will take place on the 1st Wednesday of each month 2pm – 4pm.

Come along and give it a try if you're interested. Contact Barbara Nieto for more information 01458 241284

Crafty Folk Club

The next Craft Club afternoon will be on Wednesday 9th February Glass or China painting. Long Load Village Hall 2pm – 4pm. £3 Coffee and Biscuits included.

Village Hall Event

Can anyone who went to school in Long Load pre 1965 give me any information on the School Clock. What dates do you remember it being in situ and when it was given to the school. If you can help with any historic information please email Marsha.White2@btinternet.com or telephone 241415.

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