

LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER – January 2022

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Sunday Services in the Levels Arc Benefice

Sunday 2 nd	11.00am Holy Communion	Muchelney
Sunday 9 th	8.00am Holy Communion	Long Sutton
	10.20am Zoom	Online
	11.00am Holy Communion	Drayton
Sunday 16 th	11.00am Holy Communion	Pitney
Sunday 23 rd	10.20am Zoom	Online
	11.00am Holy Communion With Baptism	Long Sutton
Sunday 30 th	11.00am Candlemas	Long Sutton

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

Fridays - 6.30pm 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
Jan 1 st	Mrs Huggard	
Jan 8 th	Mrs Huggard	Mrs Aitken & Mrs Shepard
Jan 15 th	Mrs Lyon	
Jan 22 nd	Mrs Lyon	
Jan 29 th	Mrs Jones	
Feb 5 th	Mrs Jones	

Coffee Mornings in the Church

The beneficiary from the December coffee morning was the Children's Hospice SW. We have supported this charity several times over the years and we have clearly got better at what we do. They were our first charity in July 2006 when we raised £108. This time we raised £646. So many thanks to all our supporters who make these mornings a success.

Future events:

- On **Saturday, 8th January** (*note not the first Saturday*) we will be supporting the **Farming Community Network**. Modern farming can be a lonely business with many challenges: FCN provides support and advice through the volunteers who are at the end of a phone or will make a visit to help with problems.
- On **Saturday, 5th February** our charity will be **School in a Bag**. This charity is based in Somerset and delivers schoolbags to poor children in all countries regardless of race, politics or religion.

Coffee Morning Thank You

At the December Coffee Morning in aid of Children's Hospice South West we said thank you to Judy and Michael Thomas who conceived and co-ordinated the hugely successful monthly fund raising events since July 2006.

Not only have they actively managed each month but they have also contributed an abundance of produce (from their garden), wonderful soups, baked cakes, biscuits and much more besides. All this has hugely enhanced the sums collected for many local and national charities.

In fact there have been over 160 coffee morning raising over £68,000 which has been shared among 78 different charities. All this success has been supported by a great support team who make the teas and coffees and bake cakes for each and

every coffee morning. A big thank you goes to our lovely ladies.

In recognition of their work the Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity Church presented Judy and Michael with a bouquet of flowers, garden vouchers and a bottle of wine. We are pleased to say that Geraldine Jones has agreed to take over the role of coffee morning organiser for a trial period of six months, starting on Saturday 8th January 2022 when the funds raised will go to Farming Community Network.

Long Sutton W.I.

On Thursday 20th January 2022 at 7.30 p.m. we will be meeting in the village hall for our first meeting of 2022 and will be holding a Beetle Drive and games evening, with the usual refreshments. We will also be revealing our exciting programme for the New Year, with hopefully something to suit all ages and interests. If you are interested in finding out what the W.I do please do come along to a taster session, where you will be warmly welcomed, just turn up or phone either of the numbers below. Jane 241237 or Caroline (after 6.00 p.m.) 241159.

Long Sutton C of E Primary School

By the time you read this, we will be beginning the new year and hoping that it will bring less colds and coughs for all the school community and a more positive year in general. We are so sorry that again we were unable to invite people to the Senior Citizen's party, but I am sure you will understand that this was the best way forward in the current circumstances. We have really missed seeing you all. We were able to do a Nativity play with the younger children for a limited audience and the children really enjoyed working on this. Sadly, many other of our Christmas traditions were not able to go ahead.

On a lighter note, I want to say a huge thank you to everyone in the village (and surrounding areas) who support the Christmas Cart, this year and last, and also the Governors collection. From these donations we have 3 amazing interactive whiteboards in the classrooms. These are making a big difference to teaching and learning. Thank you to all of you for your generosity and ongoing support of the school.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Bingo Night run by the PTFA. I think you would all agree it was a good night and everyone enjoyed themselves. We made an amazing £700, this money will go towards our wonder whiteboards and buying new books for the children. I would also like to thank everyone who helped on the night, we are really lucky to have such an active and supportive PTFA.

This term the children have been learning all about the environment, renewable energy and how to reduce climate change. Next term they will become Time Travellers, with the learning focusing on different areas of history.

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.

A better New Year with FOLSC!

We hope Christmas delivered everything you wished for and that you were able to spend it this year with family and friends. FOLSC finished 2021 on a high, as after a two-year hiatus and having cancelled a succession of planned events, we finally cracked it in early December and were delighted to welcome Jan McNeill to the village hall.

Jan was on fine form and performed a wide range of songs interspersed with anecdotes from her life working on cruise liners, which ranged from highs like performing for Cliff on his 60th birthday, to lows when Somali pirates livened up

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proceedings with rocket propelled grenades, but Jan and her fellow passengers lived to tell the tale. Her selections from Evita was pitch perfect and she delighted the audience with 'Que Sera, Sera' that has become a bit of a FOLSC anthem. Sadly, a number of guests had to cancel at the last minute for various health related reasons, but those who did attend entered into the spirit of the occasion and most finished the evening enjoying the dance floor and left with smiles on their faces. At the time of writing, we are awaiting news of what profit the event delivered to the fighting fund but suffice to say many thanks to all who came out and supported us in preference to the delights of TV's 'Strictly'!

In terms of the 2022 season, ideas are still being formulated but we have one firm date already for your diaries. We will be organising a platinum themed summer party on **Saturday 28th May** in the village Hall. This is the weekend before the extended bank holiday, so we hope will not clash with other events you may be attending. We have booked our fantastic local band **Twisted Vinyl**, who appeal to all ages. We really hope this will become a pan village event to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Elizabeth II in recognition of 70 amazing years of service. Reserve the date now and let's make this both a sell out and night to remember!

And lets all hope 2022 delivered a happier New Year for us all!

Community Planting

Few now disagree that the Climate Emergency and unfolding environmental crisis is upon us and those paying attention to COP26 in Glasgow will have read about the resulting rise in both temperatures and sea levels. Planting trees and shrubs, replacing lost hedgerows and allowing scrub to develop will mitigate this to some extent while re-establishing healthy ecosystems will benefit the air we breathe and food we consume.

Individual Landowners and Community groups who are interested in planting trees and hedgerows are needed.

The Water Management project aimed at 'slowing the flow' through planting areas that are adjacent to water courses or intercept surface water runoff are eligible to apply. Trees for Water Management is funded by the Somerset Rivers Authority and the Woodland Trust. It is managed by the Environmental Charity 'Reimagining the Levels' with advice from Farmers and Wildlife Advisory Group South West (FWAGSW).

We can offer advice, free trees, shrubs, stakes and protective tubes as well as a small grant for planting and fencing if needed. We are looking for roughly a minimum of 1/2 acre for woodland planting or a minimum of 35 metres of hedging. Involvement of local volunteers to help with planting is encouraged but not compulsory.

Schools, Village Halls, Recreation Grounds and other Community groups wishing to plant trees and/or hedgerows can also apply to Reimagining the Levels as we offer the same level of support for Community Plantings.

Please visit our website www.reimaginingthelevels.org.uk for further information or contact Kate Towers 07872 644543 or email katetowers.rtl@gmail.com

Ladies in Stitches

The craft group meets every other Friday afternoon 2.00 to 5.00pm in the village hall starting again on the 14th of January. For info please contact Lieve. Tel. 01458 241450

I would like to say thank you to everyone who sent me condolence cards and kind words on losing my husband Denis. It was very comforting at a difficult time. - Marsha

The next **Parish Council** meeting will take place on Tuesday the 18th January 7:30 at Long Load Village Hall.

January Craft Club is on 12th at Long Load Village Hall 2pm start

The next **Chinese Brush Painting** afternoon will be held on Wednesday January 5th 2pm – 4pm at Long Load Village Hall

P. U. B.

Our monthly P. U. B. (Pop Up Bar) meets again on Friday January 28th in the Village Hall from 7:30pm. We have a good core of regulars now but would love to meet new faces. Just bring your own drink and nibbles and a small donation towards hall fees then sit back, chat and relax. November's Indian meal evening was enjoyed by many and we look forward to hearing your ideas for the coming year. For more details, or to be included on the P.U.B. mailing list please email Olwen at olwenherridge@yahoo.co.uk

Martock & District u3a

get-together Wednesday 12th January 2.30pm Martock Parish Hall.

What's in a name a talk from Brimsmore Garden Centre on the classification of plants & the recent renaming of familiar plants.

To get information on the 30 + hobby, Interest, & learning groups come to the meeting or contact Susie 01460 240755 Email: martocku3amembership@gmail.com

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