

LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER – May 2022

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Sunday Services in the Levels Arc Benefice

May 1 st	9.30am - Café Church at Pitney 11.00am – Holy Communion at Muchelney
8 th	8.00am – Holy Communion at Long Sutton 10.20am – Zoom service from your home 11.00am – Holy Communion at Drayton
15 th	11.00am – Holy Communion at Pitney
22 nd	11.00am – Holy Communion at Long Sutton
29 th	11.00am – Rogation Service at Pitney

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

It was wonderful to see so many in church on Easter Sunday to celebrate the Lord's resurrection and also to welcome little **Percy Edwards** into the Church family – he was **baptised** by Revd Wendy Griffith and it was very special to see so many friends and family, including many children there.

On **May 14th** at Holy Trinity Church there will be the **wedding of Christopher Dowse and Jessica Fry**. We wish the happy couple all the very best on their wedding day and for their future together.

Churchwarden needed please!

Now that Heather Pomeroy has moved to her new home in Templecombe, she has decided it is too far to travel to Long Sutton to continue her Churchwarden responsibilities.

We would like to thank her for the many years of service as churchwarden at Holy Trinity and as a School Governor at Long Sutton Primary School.

We now need to find a replacement for her as a Churchwarden! Would any of you be willing to step into her shoes and assist Tim Creegan in the role of churchwarden? Please contact Tim on 241-554 if you would like information on what the role involves. We would be delighted to welcome you.

APCM – Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Tuesday 31st May

Our APCM will be held on Tuesday 31st May, commencing at **7.00pm**. This is an opportunity of hearing what has been happening in our Church during 2021 and gives an opportunity to ask questions about our future. All are welcome to attend, however, you do need to be on the Church Electoral Roll if you wish to vote. If you are not on it, but would like to join the Electoral Roll, please contact Douglas Hamilton on 241-855.

Flowers and Brasses rota

Date	Flowers	Brasses
May 2 nd	Mrs Shepard	Mrs Walford and Mrs Brake

C of E Childrens Society:

Box holders this year raised £453.94, which although lower than recent years, will still be very much appreciated by the Childrens Society.

LONG SUTTON AND KNOLE WILL BE CELEBRATING HM THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE IN STYLE WITH A WEEK OF CELEBRATIONS.

The organising groups have put together the following itinerary of activities so that residents can celebrate this wonderful achievement in style.

Saturday 28th May

- FOLSC Platinum Community Party – £15 – tickets from Upton Bridge Farm Shop
- Friendly Society – Annual Club Day Walk followed by lunch at Long Sutton Golf Club
- House & Garden Decorations commences – themed Red, White & Blue
- Platinum-themed Scarecrow competition commences
- “Yarn Bomb” pom poms decorations by the WI & school children

Wednesday 1st June

- Opening of the Flower Festival in the Church – open until Sunday 5th June
- Church Service of Thanksgiving at 10.00
- Platinum Jubilee Beacon to be lit on Knole Hill at 21.45 – access to the Knole is limited so public footpath attendance is at your own risk.

Friday 3rd June (Bank Holiday)

- Fun Texas Scramble golf competition run by Long Sutton Golf Club
- Walking Treasure Hunt & Open Gardens around the village – Start at The Green from 14.00

Saturday 4th June

- Charity Coffee Morning in the Church in aid of Cancer Research

Sunday 5th June

- Church Service at 11.00am
- Long Sutton's Parish Platinum “Bring & Share” Street Party Lunch from 12.30 on The Green
 - o Musical entertainment
 - o Procession of Platinum Crowns
 - o Results of the Scarecrow Competition and House & Garden Decorations
 - o Children's games/races on The Green to keep them occupied
 - o NB – there will be no traffic movements around The Green for the duration of the event
- **Knole Platinum Picnic Lunch** from 12.30 andyandsusiegough@gmail.com for more information

Long Sutton WI

On Thursday 19th May at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall, we shall be having a Jubilee Celebration. Please wear a Frock to meet the Queen, hats, high heels etc. the sky is the limit! We shall also be having a bring and share pudding and of a glass of bubbly to celebrate. There will be an easy Regal themed quiz. Please can Ladies bring a decorated jam jar in red, white and blue which will form part of the W.I church window display - to be decorated on Tuesday 31st May 2-5.00p.m. Now that warmer days are here, the Walking Netball is about to start on Mondays- commencing on Monday 30th may from 5-6.00pm at Long Sutton Primary School and will continue until the end of term. The W.I are also going to 'Yarn Bomb' the village, to decorate it for the Jubilee. If you have any red, white or blue wool to spare or would like to make some pom-poms (any size), then please drop wool/pom-poms into school or to Jane or Caroline asap. Save the date! There will be a local walk on Saturday 21st May starting at 10.30, to include a lunch stop at Pitney cafe. Gentle reminder that Subs. are now due at £44. Trip to Fussells is on Thursday 5th May £9 and 20 spaces available.

Platinum Party and other FOLSC News

Plans are now well in hand for the community **Platinum Party** scheduled for **Saturday 28th May**, where we will be entertained by our amazing local band **‘Twisted Vinyl’**. Doors opening at the Long Sutton Village Hall @ 7.00 and tickets are on sale now via any of the FOLSC Trustees at £15 for adults

and £10 for children, to include a light supper. They are also available from the **Upton Bridge Farm shop** as well as at our next coffee morning at Holy Trinity on Saturday 7th May. This event will be the perfect precursor to a week of celebrations in the village to mark Her Majesty's incredible reign so if you can dress to reflect the occasion that would be brilliant, but the choice is yours!

Whilst we have your attention, can we also highlight another event we have now confirmed for autumn. On **Wednesday 5th October** FOLSC will again bring live theatre to Long Sutton. We have been lucky to secure the services of the hugely talented **Amateur Players of Sherborne** who will be performing their autumn show as a one-off uniquely for us. Details of the production are still under wraps but it is understood to be appropriately set in a village hall and should make us all laugh. Please reserve the date and watch out for further details in due course.

Finally, the more observant of you may have noticed a certain shrub is no longer resident on the west wall of the Church tower. In early April a qualified abseiler shimmied down and removed said growth that was damaging the integrity of the stonework. It was another essential job that needed to be done and will again be financed from the FOLSC fighting fund, so please come along and support our events or better still sign up for membership.

SCHOOL AND CHURCH FETE

SAT 18th JUNE at 2.00pm

After two sadly missed years, please book the date and enjoy the fun - your support is very welcome!

Message on behalf of Pat Flaherty, Chief Executive of Somerset County Council

It's now just over a month until Somerset Day (Wednesday 11 May) – so it's time to pull out all the stops and make sure you're ready to celebrate.

Please help us spread the word to your friends, colleagues and contacts and tell them you will be flying the flag for Somerset. Encourage them to join you in celebrating Somerset and all it has to offer in the lead up to, and on, Somerset Day itself.

*Don't forget – you can buy your bunting and flags here <https://somersestday.com/shop/>

*Take part in the Somerset Day Trails (now open until 15 May). Visit places you've never been to or somewhere you love. Take part by selecting as many or as few locations on an interactive map all whilst flying the flag for Somerset. To find out more about Somerset Day trails – including a competition with the chance to win one of four great prizes, please visit [Somerset Day Trail Map - Somerset Day](#).

*Encourage local businesses to enter the Somerset Day business competition by 22 April with a chance to win one of three £1,000 prizes <https://somersestday.com/somersestday-business-competition/>

Thank you for your continued support – and let's all work together to make this the best Somerset Day yet!

PS – you can download Somerset Day assets and graphics here [Information & Social Media Downloads - Somerset Day](#)

LONG SUTTON FRIENDLY SOCIETY:

The Annual walk takes place again this year on Saturday 28th May and will be going to Knole. Members to meet at Village Hall for Roll Call at 9.00 followed by service at Holy Trinity Church at 9.30.

Singing through Time

Mid Wessex Choir are doing a Concert in Long Sutton Village Hall on 7th May 7.30
Tickets £10 available from Cobbs in Somerton, Long Sutton village shop or on the door.

Car boot sales

Next car boot sale will be early June, details in next newsletter

LONG LOAD

Easter Friday Walk from the village Hall was very successful with some 15 people taking part. Eating hot x buns before they left under the guidance of Nicola and Victor Slawski then coming back to homemade soup supplied by Barbara and Nicola as well as a tomato soup all of which was eaten with relish including seconds
The 1 hour quiet period for reflection from 3pm - 4pm was a new addition but was received with very good comments by all who attended and will possibly become a regular feature.

Thank you to all the ladies helped and made cake for the Easter Afternoon tea at the Village Hall. Thank you to everyone involved.

The Easter Egg Hunt was a success with several children enjoying their chocolate winnings
Sadly it was a fairly quiet afternoon and there was some cake left that was distributed around some of the older community. The surplus Chocolate Eggs were donated to the Food Bank via the cooperative store in Martock.
Money collected over Sunday is being donated to the Ukraine Fund £90:70p.

Parish Council May 17th AGM 7pm at Long Load Village Hall immediately followed by the General Bi Monthly Meeting at 7:30pm All residents welcome.

Chinese Brush Painting Wednesday 4th May 2pm - 4pm
If you are interested in trying this art please contact Barbara Nieto for further details 01458 241284

Crafty Folk Craft Afternoon Wednesday 11th IKUBANA (Japanese flower arranging) with Barbara 2:00pm – 4pm £3 including Refreshments
Further details will follow by email to those who are interested please book with Marsha 01458 241415 or email Marsha.White2@btinternet.com

PLATINUM JUBILEE

Platinum Jubilee Weekend at Long Load Village Hall
Make it a Family Weekend

SATURDAY JUNE 4th starting 2:30 pm – 4:30pm
Childrens Activities - to be finalized in a hand out
Presentation of Commemorative Jubilee Gift to children 18 & under at 3pm please make sure you come along to receive your gift.
Cream Teas to be served in the Hall between 3pm & 4:30pm

Ukraine Refugees

Long Sutton is very happy to welcome a Ukrainian family, staying at Little Upton Bridge where Gill and Simon are sponsoring them.
Nina and her 2 daughters (16 and 14) left Kyiv on the 19th of March and arrived in the UK on the 12th of April after travelling through Poland Germany and France. Nina is a pharmacist who ran her own travel business before war broke out.

If anyone has similar age daughters in the village they would love to meet them (or mums with teenage daughters). They also all need help with practising their English. The oldest is very keen to try horse riding if anyone has the time to teach.

If anyone else is already sponsoring or thinking of doing so please contact Gill, there is a network of around 15 sponsors from Curry Rivel to Charlton Mackrell who can offer support and share experiences. A Ukrainian community hub is being set up in Somerton.

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