

# LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2010

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Corporate Communion: Weds 21st April

Date	Long Sutton & Long Load	
3rd	10.30am	Church Coffee Morning
	12.00 noon	Decorate church
4th	8.00am	Easter Day Holy Communion
	11.00am	Easter Day Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
7th	2.30pm	MU meeting
11th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	2nd Sunday Service in the school
	10.00am	MU Corporate Communion
14th	6.30pm	Gardening Club meet at Brimsmore
15th	6.00pm	Beat Surgery
	7.30pm	WI meeting
18th	8.00am	Team Holy Communion at St Mary's
	10.30am	Team Communion at St Mary's
21st	7.30pm	Holy Trinity APCM
23rd	8.00pm	A Bit of a Do for St George
25th	9.30am	Holy Communion
30th	10.00am	MS Cake Break Day
	& 2.00pm	

Date	Flowers	Brasses
4th April	Flower ladies	
11th April	Flower ladies	Mrs D Francis
18th April	Mrs J Thomas	
25th April	Mrs J Vaux	Mrs J Taylor
2nd May	Mrs J Turner	

## Church decoration

We will decorate our church on Saturday 3rd April from 12 noon-ish as there will be the usual coffee morning. Please can I ask our flower ladies, who always do a sterling job, to let me know if they can't help asap & any other offers of help, or indeed, greenery or white/yellow flowers would be fantastic!! AK

## Church Coffee Mornings

The March coffee morning, in aid of Vision Aid Overseas, was fine and bright - a good morning to be selling bread and soup amongst the other tasty home produce. The event raised £293 and the donated spectacles will be an additional help to this charity's work in Africa and India.

On Easter Saturday we will be raising funds for St Margaret's Hospice - no further explanation is necessary for this cause.

On 1<sup>st</sup> May we will be supporting the Yeovil Branch of the Stroke Association.

**Church Electoral Roll:** As we prepare for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Wednesday, 21st April, we need to revise the roll which was compiled last Spring and is posted on the church noticeboard in the porch. If anyone who is not on the Roll would like to be included, a notice of eligibility is on the church notice board. Application forms are on the table just inside the church door or from Jenny Bell (241438)

## Mothers' Union

Wednesday 7th April at 2.30pm at Holy Trinity Church  
Subject/ Speaker: Easter Joy – Rev. Jane Twitty

## Long Sutton W.I.

Thursday 15th April at 7.30pm

Speaker: Mr S Davis – The River Police

Competition: A photo of a river

Tea Hostesses: Marjorie Dams, Barbara Gasson

## Gardening Club

A big kiss to all who contributed to the splendid array of raffle prizes for our March charity raffle. We raised £58 which is on its way to The Pilsdon Community which works to provide a welcome to those in need of a place at a time of crisis; it is based in Dorset. Our meeting this month sees us gathering for our annual spring discounted shopping, coffee and talk event at Brimsmore Garden Centre on the 14th April at 6.30pm. New members please take note of this change of venue. Our day trip this year is to be Cothay Manor garden and house but is delayed by a week due to the high demand of visitors they have had. The date is now July 14th, a Wednesday, and Doreen will start taking reservations at the April meeting. A reminder to all that the Plant Sale is on Saturday May 8th starting at 10am (please note earlier than usual) and the schedule for this year's Flower Show is now on the notice board in the hall.

## A Bit of a Do for St George

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April in the Village Hall.

Everyone is invited to come along for a great knight's entertainment preceded by a delicious meal all provided by Long Sutton Over-dramatic Society & friends. Doors open at 7.30pm for 8.00pm start. Tickets available from the village shop from 1st April at £10 each; profits to the Village Hall. There will be a bar & a raffle, so bring plenty of guineas.

There are restricted numbers of tickets & **no tickets will be available on the door**, so please buy very soon!

**Holy Trinity APCM – Wednesday April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm in the Church.** All welcome. We require some new members for the PCC. Anyone interested please contact Heather Pomeroy (241737) or Roger Cox (241252). We also need more Sidesmen/women to help at services (on a rota basis) – please contact Jenny Bell if you can help (241438).

**Huish Episcopi School Reunion for the Class of 1980.** Saturday 8th May, Halfway House, Pitney, from 7pm.

Unfortunately the school has lost all records relating to our year. Although many have moved away family members still live locally, so please let them know. Thank you *Jill Wright*

**Gift Aid Week for Holy Trinity, Long Sutton 15<sup>th</sup>–20<sup>th</sup> March** – The PCC would like to thank all householders in Long Sutton, Knole, Bineham and Upton who contributed so generously to our appeal (in response to the letter explaining the urgent need for financial help to keep our beautiful church open and running). We are delighted to tell you that just over £2,000 was donated. A huge thank you to everyone!

### **The Children's Society**

Thank you very much to all collection box holders who this year raised the Grand Total of £509.25. Well done –  
*Jean Tulk*

### **Ange Hardy on Tour**

'Story in Song'

Long Sutton Village Hall, 12th June 2010. 7.30-9.30pm  
Live and Acoustic. One girl, one guitar, and one incredible voice.

Tickets are £5 and available from [www.angehardy.com](http://www.angehardy.com) or call 07522 112 786 to reserve a seat, Please Book in advance where possible.

Ange uses her honest and exposed lyrics combined with a beautifully haunting vocal performance and delicate guitar picking to tell her story. Creating a relaxing atmosphere, Ange has been compared to artists including Katie Melua, Eva Cassidy, Suzanne Vega and Kate Rusby.

"The evening can best be summed up by the person who said, 'Ange's voice moved me to tears' "

*The Ilminster Arts Center*

### **FOLSC Talk**

Antarctica and its very special beauty was vividly revealed to the audience at FOLSC's March fundraiser. Its wildlife, seascapes and snowscapes were shown by Knole residents Janie and Tony Ellerbeck whose daughter, like her father, spent time working in Antarctica and it was a special wedding anniversary that prompted a meeting of the three of them there. It was a wonderful, adventurous trip on the comfortable little cruise ship as the official film showed. The return journey however, filmed by the Ellerbecks, was another matter altogether. A massive wave struck the vessel and disabled it. The bridge was totally swamped - steerage and power were lost. For some reason the fax still worked and four May-days were sent - it was only through the skill and courage of the captain and crew that the ship was not lost!

Somewhat after that epic story the bitter Long Sutton night felt less cold as the audience went home - thankful for warm dry beds.

Many thanks Janie and Tony, for riveting entertainment which put just over £250 into FOLSC's coffers.

## **LONG LOAD**

### **Multiple Sclerosis Cake Break Day**

In conjunction with MS Week 26/04 – 02/05/10 Heather & Fran Trott will be holding a cake day on Friday 30th April 10-12am & 2-4pm in Long Load Village Hall & invite you to come along for a cuppa & cake, meet up with friends & neighbours & help us to raise money for research into MS & support people affected by this debilitating condition. Hope to see you then.

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A woman who died found herself standing outside the pearly gates, being greeted by St Peter. She asked him, 'Oh, is this place what I really think it is? It's so beautiful. Did I really make it to heaven?'

To which St Peter replied, 'Yes, my dear, these are the gates to heaven. But you must do one more thing before you can enter.'

The woman was very excited & asked St Peter what she must do to pass through the gates. 'Spell a word,' St Peter replied. 'What word?' she asked. 'Any word,' answered St Peter. 'It's your choice.'

The woman promptly replied, 'Then the word I will spell is love. L-o-v-e.'

St Peter congratulated her on her good fortune to have made it heaven & asked her if she would mind taking his place at the gates for a few minutes while he went to the bathroom. 'I'd be honoured,' she said, 'but what should I do if someone comes while you are gone?'

St Peter reassured her & instructed the woman simply to have any newcomers to the pearly gates to spell a word as she had done.

So the woman is left sitting in St Peter's chair & watching the beautiful angels soaring around her, when lo & behold, a man approaches the gates & she realizes it's her husband.

'What happened?' she cried. 'Why are you here?'

Her husband stared at her for a moment, and then said, 'I was so upset when I left your funeral, I was in an accident, & now I'm here? Did I really make it to heaven?' to which the woman replied, 'Not yet. You must spell a word first.'

'What word?' he asked.

The woman responded, 'Czechoslovakia.'

*Items for the May newsletter to Ann Kent, Copythorne, Knole, or to [lsnewsletter@btinternet.com](mailto:lsnewsletter@btinternet.com) by 20<sup>th</sup> April please. NB the first letter of the email address is an 'l' (L) not an 'i'*