

LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2011

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Date	Long Sutton & Long Load	
2nd	10.30am	Church Coffee Morning Long Load whist drive
3rd	11.00am	Mothering Sunday Service
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
6th	7.30pm	Gardening Club
	2.30pm	MU meeting
10th	8.00am	Holy Communion
13th 14th 16th	11.00am	Second Sunday Service in the school
	10.00am	Art Van Go Artists at Long Load
	6.30pm	Gardening club at Brimsmore
	7.30pm	Church APCM
	10.00am	Church cleaning
17th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
20th 21st 23rd	7.45pm	Cricket Club quiz
	10.00am	MU Corporate Communion
	7.30pm	WI meeting
	10.00am	Decorate church
	24th	8.00am
	9.30am	Easter Celebration

Date	Flowers	Brasses
3rd April	Lent	Mrs J Thomas
10th	Lent	
17th	Lent	Mrs Cox & Mrs Vaux
24th	Flower ladies	
1st May	Flower ladies	Mrs J Taylor

Easter Lilies

If you would like to buy a lily in memory of someone, to decorate the church with for Easter, please contact Ann Kent 241436, Copythorne, Knole, by 18th April **at the very latest** with £3 per lily & details of who they are in memory of, which will be on display in the church as well.

Decorating the church for Easter

This will take place on Saturday 23rd from 10.00am – ***pse can I ask my team of ladies who usually help to let me know if they can't, thank you!***

Any offers of help would be wonderful, or if anyone has flowers &/or foliage they could donate we would be most grateful. It's no good expecting daffodils to be still around! We try not to have to spend money on them if we can help it. Please contact Ann Kent as above.

Thursday April 14th at 7.30pm - APCM in the Church

Sat 16th April from 10.00am Church Spring Clean

Many hands make light work!

PLEASE come along & help – we would be grateful if as many people as possible can turn up (bringing cleaning stuff with them!) Refreshments will be provided

Church Electoral Roll: As we prepare for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Thursday 14th April 2011, 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)

Church Coffee Mornings

It was much appreciated that several St John Ambulance volunteers came to the March coffee morning and we particularly enjoyed meeting the young members. Produce for the stall was abundant; thank you very much to all who donated bread, cakes, preserves and parsnips. The event raised a respectable £290.

On 2nd April we will be supporting the South West Area branch of Diabetes UK. This is the largest charity in the UK devoted to the treatment and care of people with diabetes and to helping patients improve their quality of life. St Margaret's Hospice will be our charity on 7th May. Most people are well aware of the excellent services which are delivered by the hospice and are also aware of the high costs involved in keeping the service going. It is to be hoped that this will be a well supported event.

Mothers' Union

Weds 6th April at 2.30pm at the Vicarage

Speaker/Subject: Lent meditation

Corporate Communion: Weds 20th April

Long Sutton W.I.

Thursday 21st April at 7.30pm

Speaker: David Taylor – Light Entertainment at the BBC (Pt 2)

Competition: A famous or celebrity autograph

Tea Hostesses: Marjorie Dams Jenny Bell

The meeting on 17th March was a most enjoyable one as we were put through our singing paces by Jess Bromfield. We learnt how to sing the scales, how to sing rounds, a canon and also a very moving rendition of Danny Boy to celebrate St Patrick's Day. Hardly any of us managed to get to the end of that particular song as we were so overwhelmed by the sadness of the words. The evening taught us how to stand correctly to project our voices plus the realisation that, in fact, everyone can actually sing when given the correct tuition. Thank you Jess and do come again. Our next meeting is on 21st April when we will be hearing about Light Entertainment at the BBC.

Some dates for your diaries – Tea at 3pm this year will be on 9th June at the home of Penny Ellis. The WI Open Evening to which everyone is invited is going to be a very special event this year as we have as our speaker Mr Paul Atterbury from BBCTV Antiques Roadshow on Thursday 20th October.

Gardening Club

Hello. My list of dead plants grows longer by the week it seems and as I talk to members we appear to have lost many of the same plants this winter, however we are compensated by the loveliness of the spring blossom. The meeting this month on April 13th at Brimsmore Garden Centre starts at 6.30pm where we will shop until the tills overflow and we wend our way home laden with replacements and new challenges to the weather. A reminder that in May Doreen will be collecting money for the trip to Mottisfont and we will have the first of our Flower of the Month competitions. Details soon, my dears.

Pse see notice re plant sale in 'Advance notices'

Quiz Night 7:45pm Sunday 17th April @ the Lime Kiln

You may have read in the local (and national) press that Long Sutton Cricket Club had its all weather cricket wicket stolen over the festive period. The Club's 60 junior members rely heavily on this facility to develop their cricketing & social skills. Long Sutton Cricket Club is pleased to announce a fun quiz night to be held on Sunday 17th April (7:45pm) at the Lime Kiln to raise fund towards a replacement wicket. Regrettably, numbers are limited so to avoid disappointment please

call Chris Vigar (07776 427154) to book your team (max 4 people per team).

Local Fun and Games!

What does a Trocar and Cannula have in common with a pap boat? How is a ZigZag clock connected with a Bunion Shoe Stretcher or a tonsil guillotine allied to an Eskimo fishing line? They are all treasured objects from someone's attic? Warm They are all period objects? Warmer still.

They were all drawn into the Long Sutton village hall by the smell of Caroline Astington's delicious cooking? (Hot chilli.) Hot.

You are now getting the flavour of the latest FOLSC fundraising event "What on earth is that?", a game the committee devised, in which, 20 mystery objects were offered up to teams for 4 minutes to guess their name, use or function and period. At the end of the 4 minutes, Geoff Pringle, in his psychedelic dress shirt, sounded a large fog horn and a new object was delivered to table by David Aitken, in his wonderful whirly waistcoat. All of this washed down by a quantity of wine or beer from the FOLSC bar, which may have had its effect on the creativity of the answers put forward. Great fun was had by all and the sell-out event managed to raise just over £1000 for FOLSC. I am sure the FOLSC Trustees would wish me to thank (on their behalf) everybody who attended for raising such a magnificent sum.

Anna Hills

(The FOLSC Trustees most certainly do wish to thank all who came! Tim Walford)

Parish/District Council Elections Thursday 5th May 2011

Anyone interested in becoming a Parish Councillor or any existing Councillor wishing to stand for re-election, must submit their nomination to the District Council by 12 noon on Monday 4th April. Long Sutton requires 9 Parish Councillors so if you are interested in serving your Parish and looking out for its future well-being, please do not leave it too late to apply. Long Sutton PC is also Sole Managing Trustee of the Village Hall & Recreation Ground.

The appropriate forms can be obtained from the District Council or the Clerk of the Parish Council Mrs Paula Allen of 45 West End View, South Petherton TA13 5EW Tel 01460-241497 email paula.allen45@hotmail.co.uk should shortly be receiving a small supply of these.

The District Council are holding pre-election information sessions which are advertised on the main parish notice board outside the shop.

Advance Notice

Open Gardens Sunday 10th July

We are looking for volunteers to open their gardens for the above event. It is a Sunday afternoon & we will serve teas in the church.

Proceeds to the church & the village hall.
Please contact Heather Pomeroy 241737

On Saturday, May 7th the Gardening Club will be holding its annual Plant Sale in the village hall. The sale starts at 10am and closes at 11am. We find that most people arrive as the doors open making every effort to look like the Harrods Sale used to on the tele and within 20 minutes most items have been sold. We sell a variety of annuals at competitive prices and there is the members plant stall which sells a variety of home grown produce. As well as flowers we also sell vegetable plants.

LONG LOAD

Election Day - 5th May - 3 decisions to be made: Are you interested in becoming a member of Long Load Parish Council. If so Rob Mitchell has the application forms (241076).

Also on that date, the referendum on the Alternative Vote System will take place and also the South Somerset District Council elections.

Whist Drives are proving popular in the village. The next event to take place at College Farm is on 2nd April. Please contact *Paul and Susan Fielden (241051)* for more information.

Celebrations

3 major events will soon be upon us.

Royal Wedding - April 2011, Golden Jubilee and The Olympics in 2012. Two ideas have already been suggested for the Royal Wedding weekend. The Parish Council would like an event on the Friday at the Pub with buffet or barbecue lunch and activities for all ages in the Pub garden and skittle alley. To plan and help with this and the two events next year, they are asking for volunteers to help with the arrangements. Please ring Rob Mitchell (241076).

The Village Hall Committee is planning an early evening Party Supper in the Village Hall on the Saturday with music, silly games and competitions and of course, food. Please contact Bob Lench with any ideas or offers of help (241251). We hope there will be something for everyone to enjoy over the weekend. More details to follow.

Calling all Stitchers, Artists and Crafters A chance to stock up!

The well known art suppliers Art Van Go Artists (www.artvango.co.uk) are coming to Somerset by invitation of Connections Embroiders of Long Load Wednesday April 13th 10am-4pm in Long Sutton Village Hall. Entry £1.

Demonstrations 11am and 2pm. £2 book on arrival. Refreshments available.

Items for the May newsletter to Ann Kent, Copythorne, Knole, or to Isnewsletter@btinternet.com by 20th April please. NB the first letter of the email address is an 'i' (L) not an i

When the orchestra started playing Tchaikovsky's 'Romeo & Juliet' overture, a woman noticed tears beginning to run down the cheeks of the elderly man she was seated next to. Before long, he was sobbing outright, so she turned & said gently, 'You must be an incurable romantic.'
'Not at all,' he gulped, 'I'm a musician.'