

LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2010

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Date	Long Sutton & Long Load	
1st	11.00am	Family Service & Baptism
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
7th	10.30am	Church Coffee Morning
	2.30pm	Flower Show
8th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	2nd Sunday Service in the school
11th	10.00am	MU Corporate Communion
14th	10.00am	Parish Walk
15th	8.00am	Team Holy Communion at St Mary's
	10.30am	Team at SS Peter & Paul, Muchelney
18th	10.00am	Parish Walk 2!
22nd	9.30am	Holy Communion
29th	9.30am	Matins
	6.00pm	No Beat Surgery at Village Hall

Date	Flowers	Brasses
1st Aug	Mrs G Sargent	Mrs Pomeroy Mrs Kent
8th Aug	Miss H Pyke	
15th Aug	Mrs J Brand	Mrs Bond Mrs Ellerbeck
22nd Aug	Mrs B Jones	
29th Aug	Mrs I Neil	Mrs Dams
5th Sept	Mrs J Walford	

Harvest – decorating the church

Having realised there is a wedding on 18th Sept & Harvest is early this year, on 19th Sept, we will need to decorate the church after the wedding (ie 2pm onwards) on 18th or on Sunday 19th in the morning, whichever is most convenient to you.

I am hoping for a lot more replies as I've had only 3 so far, so thank you to them. It would be lovely to make a really good display, as we have in the past. So come on all you clubs/organisations or whatever, **please accept the challenge!**

Any queries please ring Ann Kent 241436

Church Coffee Mornings

The July coffee morning raised £354 for church funds. The success was, as always, due to our regular supporters but was enhanced by the bounty of early summer garden produce.

On 7th August we will be raising funds for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. We have supported this cause each year since we began. This year marks the tenth anniversary of the service which has helped to save so many lives. The service receives no government funding.

On 4th September Christian Aid will be our nominated charity. As it was not possible to organise a house-to-house collection in the village during Christian Aid week we hope that this event will enable us to send a satisfactory donation to the charity.

Mothers' Union

No monthly meeting.

Corporate Communion: Weds 11th August

Long Sutton W.I.

Flower Show on Sat 7th August in the village hall.

1. Somerton Beekeepers' Honey Show

A reminder to Long Sutton WI members that we shall again be supporting the Honey Show to be held on **Saturday 18th September in Long Sutton Village Hall**. Forms for entry to the Open Classes are available from the Village Shop. They should be returned to any WI Committee member **before** 8th September.

2. MacMillan Coffee Morning - Friday 24th September

All are welcome to come and join Marjorie and Christopher Dams' for a social Coffee and Cake morning at Parsons Barn. Doors open from 10.30am to 12 noon. Take a moment to come and chat to friends and enjoy delicious refreshments in support of this worthy charity.

3. Advanced Notice from Long Sutton WI

Our monthly gathering on **21st October** will be an **open meeting** to which we invite all members of the public. It will be an opportunity to hear our guest speaker, Mr John Ericson, give a fascinating talk and presentation on the history of **The Shakers**. The meeting will be followed by the famous **WI finger buffet**, not to be missed. Tickets will be on sale from the Village Shop from 1st September at the cost of **£5** each. WI members **£3** each. **Free to Long Sutton WI members.**

Gardening Club

The Flower Show is this month and you should by now have received your schedule and entry form. There are spares available in the shop if you have mislaid yours. Please note the dates and times on the schedule with entry forms on Thursday 5th, entries to be brought along on Friday 6th in the evening or Saturday 7th during the morning. The show is open to the public Saturday afternoon 2.30 - 4.30pm as always. Every year at this point I wonder if anyone anywhere has anything to enter as it's either too cold or wet or hot, but every year it's quite fab how many people bother to get out in the garden and bring something in to show.

So well done to you all in anticipation.

Parish Walk

The August parish walk will be on Saturday the 14th. Meet on the Green at 10am. Be prepared for long wet grass and mud if it has been raining. Also as a trial there will be a midweek walk, again meeting on the Green at 10am on Wednesday 18th August. Enquiries to Nicky Jones LS 241559. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Long Sutton Friendly Society

The members are pleased to announce that as a result of collections on the day and contributions from the guest they are able to contribute £700 to St Margaret's Somerset Hospice and £700 to Long Sutton Primary School towards its building fund. The members would like to take this opportunity to thank all who contributed to make this possible.

FOLSC Battle of Britain Display at the Fete

June 26th, 2010 proved to be a blisteringly hot day, reminiscent of the summer of 1940. FOLSC put on an impressive display against a backdrop of a full size Mk. IX Spitfire replica and the period mood was set with the songs that helped win the war! One of the chaps from the squadron, "Pilot Officer Pringle" and sometimes FOLSC trustee, was on hand dressed in WWII flying kit and spent much of the time talking to small boys and their Dads about the hardware on display and the critical battle that took place in the sky 70 years ago. Budding pilots had the opportunity to pose in front of the Spitfire for souvenir photographs while the Battle of Britain dated scramble bell proved popular and the ringing competed with the sirens of Nick Gould's Green Goddess and Mel Austin's police vehicle which formed part of the adjacent displays!

The Spitfire quiz attracted many entries with just three gaining top marks and Christopher Dams won the souvenir Victory Bell cast from metal from crashed Luftwaffe aircraft; it was fortunate the competition was open to little boys of all ages!

The display provided a precursor to the FOLSC 1940's themed Summer Party and a full report on this will appear next month. Plans are now well advanced for the next event which will be the **Grand Mouse Race** evening to be held in the **Village Hall on Saturday, 11th September**. The mice are already in training and the event is certain to be a sell out, so buy your tickets early!

Long Sutton Church & School Fete 2010

On behalf of Long Sutton PCC and of the staff and governors of Long Sutton primary school we wish to thank all the volunteers, stallholders and visitors of the fete for raising £2,157. We are grateful for donations received from Nick Gould with his fire engine, FOLSC with the spitfire, Jon with the beer stand and Rob Walrond with his barbeque. We also

wish to thank Mel Austen the police community support officer for her presence, Tommy Tulk for making the announcements and everybody who came dressed up for making this circus themed afternoon such a success. The money we raised will help towards the maintenance of the church and the school's building fund.
The organisers.

FOLSC Events 2010

Now with the 1940's Summer Party behind us and with so much happening in Long Sutton and in the surrounding villages, this is by way of a short aide memoire on the forthcoming programme.

Saturday, 11th September - Grand Mouse Race Evening to be held in the Village Hall

Saturday 27th November - Jackie Oates in Concert, again in Village Hall

Full details of the above events will be published nearer the time, so keep an eye out for local publicity and ticket availability. It is perhaps opportune to mention our excellent Long Sutton Village Website (www.longsutton.org.uk). Click on the FOLSC page for a summary of the years programme as well as reviews and photographs of previous events. Thanks to all who have supported us this year but please remember our activities are open to all, so come and make them a sell out!

Friends of Somerset Churches & Chapels Sponsored Bike Ride & Walk – Sat 11th September

The annual sponsored bike ride & walk in aid of Somerset historic churches & chapels, now known as the Ride & Stride, will take place on Sat 11th September. You can help, either as a participant, sponsor or as a steward in the church. If you prefer to walk rather than ride a bike, that is fine. You can visit as many or as few churches as you like. This is a good-humoured & enjoyable day & the weather usually smiles on us. If you would be prepared to help, your local church representative would be very pleased to hear from you. Please contact Dan Shorland Ball 241626. Half the money raised comes to Long Sutton; half goes to the Friends of Somerset Churches & Chapels. Thank you.

Long Sutton School - Advance notice

You may have noticed that the new study space at Long Sutton Primary School is now well on the way to completion. We still need to raise more funds to complete this project. The Governors are planning to hold an Auction of Promises on 24th September at Long Sutton Village Hall in support of the building fund. We have many exciting promises to auction which will include something for everyone.... so please put this date in your diary and come along for a fun evening which will include light refreshments.

On Saturday 2nd October, from 10.00a.m -12 noon there will be a Mammoth Car Boot sale in aid of the new School study space, pitches are £5, please make cheques out to 'Long Sutton Governors' & put through letter box in holiday time to secure a space. Refreshments available. Please phone School 241 434 for more information. Pitches on School field and playground.

Somerton Beekeepers' Honey Show

Just a reminder about our Honey Show which will be held at Long Sutton Village Hall on Saturday 18th September, opening to the public at 2.00pm, and entrance is FREE!

Obviously the Long Sutton Flower Show will be uppermost in village minds over the coming days, and we are delighted to have been invited to attend this year. We will be there on the day with an observation hive and (hopefully) some honey to taste.

So when you're preparing your produce for the Flower Show, please bear in mind that we will have classes for jams, jellies, curds and chutneys, so keep a few jars back to enter in our show a few weeks later!

As you know we have a number of local traders who will be selling

their wares at our Show. If you are producing goods for sale and would like a FREE pitch you will be very welcome; please let us know so we can accommodate everyone who would like to be there.

If you would like to enter the Show or have a sales pitch please contact me on 01458 210119, or e-mail stuart.dennes@tesco.net Stuart Dennes

LONG LOAD

Long Load Summer Party

This Well, the Government says that it is all going to be about the Community, and if last Sunday's Long Load Summer Party is anything to go by, it looks like being a whole lot of fun! year it was decided to do something different, not just a fete but a Summer Party. It has always been very difficult for the Village Hall Committee to do everything they would like due to the lack of ground around the Hall and the closeness of the road, so this year they accepted the very kind from The Crown Inn to make use of their garden – and are they pleased they did! What a day! It was the best attended and most successful day the village has seen for many a year. There was a terrific turnout and we all met people we did not even realise lived in the village – surely that is what Community is really all about.

There was something for everyone – all the usual stalls, with more room for children's activities and other outdoor fun like the stocks, where both the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee and the Chairman of the Parish Council took a good soaking from the village children throwing wet sponges. Fortunately the sun shone for us, and with good music playing in the marquee, good food available from the BBQ, washed down by an excellent selection of beverages from The Crown Inn bar, and excellent cream teas being served, people stayed on right through into the evening.

The day was brought to a close with a game of bingo and a skittles tournament in the Crown Skittle Alley.

The community spirit was evident right through the weekend, with more hands making lighter work of setting up the marquee and the other events. This was an experiment that worked, and it has already been agreed that this is an event that will be repeated. There was so much enthusiasm generated by the day that people are already planning for a bigger and better event next year.

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

A new business was opening & one of the owner's friends wanted to send him flowers for the occasion. They arrived at the new business site & the owner read the card, 'Rest in Peace'.

He was angry & called the florist to complain. After he had told the florist of the obvious mistake & how angry he was, the florist replied, "Sir, I'm really sorry for the mistake, but rather than getting angry, you should imagine this – somewhere there is a funeral taking place today & they have flowers with a note saying, 'Congratulations on your new location!' "