

LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2007

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Date	Long Sutton	Long Load
1 st December	10.30am Church Coffee Morning	
2 nd December	11.00am Holy Communion (T) 6.30pm Evening Prayer	11.00am Morning Worship Children's Christmas Party
5 th December	2.30pm MU meeting	
7 th December		7.30pm Christmas Social & Mini Craft Fayre
9 th December	8.00am Holy Communion 11.00am 2 nd Sunday Service in School	11.00am All-age Eucharist
12 th December	6.30pm Gardening Club at Brimsmore	
16 th December	9.30am Holy Communion & Baptism of Jasper Stephenson	
19 th December	7.30pm Open Door at St Mary's	7.30pm Open Door at St Mary's
20 th December	10.00am MU Corporate Communion 7.30pm WI Christmas Party	
22 nd December	10.00am Decorating the church	
23 rd December	6.30pm Carol Service	6.30pm Carol Service
24 th December	3.30pm Crib Service 11.30pm Eucharist	10.45am With Long Sutton
25 th December	10.45am Christmas Celebration	
30 th December	8.00am Team Holy Communion at St Mary's, Huish Episcopi 11.00am Ecumenical Service at URC, Langport	8.00am Team Holy Communion at St Mary's, Huish Episcopi 11.00am Ecumenical Service at URC, Langport

Date	Flowers	Brasses
2 nd Dec	Mrs J Thomas	Mrs Thomas Mrs P Harding
9 th Dec	Mrs J Ellerbeck	
16 th Dec	Mrs J Vaux	Mrs A Hall
23 rd Dec	Flower ladies	
30 th Dec	Mrs A Kent	Mrs H Pomeroy Mrs A Kent
6 th Jan	Mrs J Walford	

Decorating the Church for Christmas

This year's carol service is very timely on the Sunday just before Christmas, but I understand that people may be somewhat busy! We will actually gather to do the flowers on Saturday 22nd December, starting at 10am. Offers of help, whether for arranging, providing flowers/foilage, clearing up after (always much appreciated!) or whatever, would be fantastic. Please contact Ann Kent asap 241436.

Church Coffee Morning

Coffee Morning on Saturday, 1st December at 10.30am until 12 noon in the church. This month we will be supporting the Children's Hospice South West. Coffee, cakes and plenty of chatter in the church, plus the stall laden with local produce at the gate. Come along and stock up with a few pre-Christmas goodies. Last month we raised £270 for Cancer Research UK - many thanks to all those who supported this event.

Mothers' Union

Wednesday 5th December at Mrs Heather Pomeroy's
Subject/Speaker: Readings & Hymns
Corporate Communion: 19th December

Long Sutton W.I.

Thursday 20th December

Christmas Party
Competition: Make a Christmas tree decoration
Tea Hostesses: Jackie Sherlock Doreen Cox

Long Sutton Gardening Club

This month's meeting will be on Wednesday, December 12th at Brimsmore Garden Centre. Doors open at 6.30pm and the meal will start at 7.00pm. Can I remind all members that your subscription will be due in January and it remains at £5 per member which is if I can repeat myself a jolly good bargain and an excellent seasonal gift.
A Happy Christmas and New Year to everyone from us all in the

Gardening Club. We look forward to your continued support in the coming year.

Long Sutton Christmas cards are now available from the village shop at £ 3.69 for a packet of 8 cards. 20p of each packet sold will go to the general fund of our local church, Holy Trinity.

The family of John Shire would like to thank everyone who sent cards & offered kind words of comfort during recent weeks. We would like to say a special thank you to Veronica Talbot & ladies who so kindly provided refreshments after his funeral. Thank you.

Garden Project 2008

Dear Parents, Carers and friends of the school -

Our school garden is in much need of repair following a fire two years ago and subsequent neglect. We would really like to see this valuable space being used as an Outdoor classroom for all the children. We are currently applying for funding to transform the area, ably helped by Miss Caroline Winstone who has expertise in developing school gardens.

In previous years the PTFA and local volunteers did a wonderful job helping out, providing plants and even tractor tyres for the area! We would very much like to get a new team of volunteer helpers to help restore the area. If you could offer any time or expertise to help with this project please let me know.

Can you offer any of the following?

- **Clearing the area including time, tools and energy**
- **Plant knowledge**
- **Pruning knowledge and tools**
- **Building skills/equipment**
- **Vehicles to transport waste**

We aim to get the garden ready for the Summer Term and start work in January. We will have Volunteer weekends and Tuesday afternoon working parties in the Spring Term. We would really like to get the local community involved so please mention it to friends and family.

Many thanks for your support!

Liz Loomes Deputy Head – Long Sutton C of E Primary School
Tel: 01458 241434

Geoffrey and Evelyn Sherman send warm wishes for a Happy Christmas to everyone in Long Sutton and the Parishes. We miss you all.

Toybox is invited to London to formally celebrate an outstanding Ofsted.

Sue Crone, the Toybox supervisor is looking forward to an important visit to the Queen Elizabeth Conference Centre in Westminster to meet Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Ofsted and be congratulated for the outstanding Ofsted that Toybox received recently. Toybox, as well as representatives from other high achieving schools have been invited to this ceremony.

Long Sutton Carol Service on December 23 at 6.30pm
We shall have a Carol Choir again and Christopher Dams will be contacting people who have sung before. Anyone else who would like to join, please let Christopher know on 241797 (men especially!). It helps if you can read music.
Rehearsal dates are: December 6, 11, 13, 17 and 21, all at 7.30 pm in Holy Trinity Church.

The Long Sutton Short Mat Bowls Club held an open fundraising bowling competition on Saturday 27th October & was able to add £220 to the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance appeal. The Western Gazette attended, taking down details & photos of the winners.
Anyone who would like to try short mat bowling would find a friendly welcome on Tuesday evenings at the village hall between 7.00pm and 10.00pm.
For further details ring 241572 or 241682

Poppy Appeal 2007

We have never raised more than £1000 before but we have broken all records this year with a final total of £1145.13p. Magnificent & many thanks to collectors & contributors alike. Top spots – the shop £207.91 (first time over £200) & Bineham with over double last year - £110.16. Superb!

For Sale - Knightlands Lane

2 bedroom house for sale to a person with a Long Sutton connection (or perhaps even from a local parish). £132,720 for a 79% share. Application form from Karen Wheeler 01371 874738. Deadline for returned applications: Friday 14th December 2007.

Village Hall & Recreation Ground Committee

As from November 1st 2007 Mr. Chris Holland succeeds Mrs Joan Taylor as Booking Clerk. From this date he can be contacted by telephone on 07510544095 or via email at lsbookings@aol.co.uk.

Early Warning of a Great Valentine's Dinner Dance. Put this event in your new 2008 diary: **16th February, Village Hall.** There will be a gourmet dinner produced by an excellent local professional caterer with good wine and romantic music. Then dancing to a London West End discotheque. All at a very reasonable price. Organised by FOLSC with all profit going to the maintenance of our Church. More details next month.

LONG LOAD

Long Load Children's' Christmas Party SUNDAY 2nd December

If you have children 0-8 years and are new to the village, or have never received an invitation to the party, please contact Valerie Morse, Tel. 241707 so that your child will be sure to get an invitation this year.

Long Load Village Hall - Cleaner required for 1 hour per week. Please contact Bob Lench for details (01458) 241251

Jumble Sale - A big thank you to all who contributed to the success of this event. £112.47p was raised, which will be used for the Children's Christmas Party.

Wanted. Has anyone a book case which they wish to dispose of? We are looking for one for the Village Hall. If you can help, please contact Ann on (01458) 241202.

Christmas Social Evening and Mini Craft Fayre at the Village Hall

Friday December 7th - 7.30pm. This is a new event for the village, which we hope you will support. There will be several stalls - jewellery, small paintings, cards, honey and homemade iced Christmas cakes. Plus, of course, the inevitable raffle. There will be tasty nibbles and wine, plus live music with Julia and Chris. This will be a very relaxed evening with a chance to take time to sit and chat with friends, even make new friends and perhaps purchase your Christmas cake or your last minute Christmas cards.
The jewellery is being sold in aid of the Lepira Fund. All we need are lots of people to come and enjoy - take a chance - bring a friend - you may get a pleasant surprise!

Christ Church. The annual Candlelit Carol Service will be held at 6.30pm on Christmas Eve. Once again, all are welcome and as usual, the advice is to arrive early to get a seat!
This is a lovely, thoughtful service just before Christmas and we do hope you can come.
Please bring a candle and also remember to wrap up warmly!
Paul Sayers
Churchwarden

Bus pass reminder!

As featured in the Western Morning News, dated October 29, 2007:
Residents aged 60 and over, or with disabilities, can apply for free bus passes for next year. Councils remind those eligible that next year's passes will give them free travel throughout England under new legislation coming into force on April 1, 2008. This allows free off-peak travel on local buses anywhere in England. To benefit, all eligible residents need to apply for a new national pass, except Blue Badge holders, whose current badges are valid beyond April 1, 2008. For further information pick up the 'Where would you go for Free?' leaflet from libraries, doctors' surgeries and council offices.

Advance notice! Table Top Sale Saturday 19th January 2008, at 2.00pm. To book a table, please telephone Valerie on (01458) 241707 or Ann (01458) 241202 £5 per table.

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



Wishing you a happy & peaceful Christmas & New Year