

LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2008

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Date	Long Sutton	Long Load
2 nd February	10.30am Church Coffee Morning	
3 rd February	11.00am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evening Prayer	9.30am Holy Communion
6 th February	2.30pm MU meeting	
10 th February	8.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Common Worship & Baptism of Jack Davies 7.30pm Open Door at St Mary's	11.00am Morning Worship 7.30pm Open Door at St Mary's
13 th February	7.45pm Gardening Club	
16 th February	7.30pm FOLSC Valentines Dinner Dance	
17 th February	9.30am Matins	9.30am With Long Sutton
20 th February	10.00am MU Corporate Communion	
21 st February	7.30pm WI Meeting	
22 nd February	2.00pm Patchwork & Quilting group	
23 rd February	12 noon Famine lunch	
24 th February	8.00am Team Holy Communion at St Mary's, Huish Episcopi 10.30am Team Holy Communion at Long Sutton	8.00am Team Holy Communion at St Mary's, Huish Episcopi 10.30am Team Holy Communion at Long Sutton
25 th February	7.00pm FOLSC AGM	

Date	Flowers	Brasses
3 rd February	Mrs J Brand	
10 th February	Lent	Mrs D Cox
17 th February	Lent	
24 th February	Lent	Mrs J Taylor
2 nd March	Lent	

Church Coffee Morning

The February coffee morning is on Saturday, 2nd February at 10.30am until 12 noon in the church. This month we will be supporting the local pre-school, Toybox. Coffee and cakes, plus the cake and produce stall. Many thanks to all those who braved the elements to support the January event and raise over £150 for The Samaritans.

Famine Lunch - Do come along to this year's Famine Lunch at Long Sutton Village Hall on Saturday 23rd February from 12 noon until 1.30. Delicious home-made soup, bread and cheese to make you feel good about spending the rest of the day watching rugby. There will also be Traidcraft Stall selling a range of Fairtrade items.

Mothers' Union with Long Load Branch

Wednesday February 6th - monthly meeting @ Mrs Heather Pomeroy's 2.30pm - "Wave of Prayer" Service.
February 20th 10.00am Corporate Communion Holy Trinity Church

Long Sutton W.I.

Thursday February 21st at 7.30pm
Speaker: Jane Powell – The Children's Hospice
Competition: A child's toy or book
Tea Hostesses: Valerie Burdett Christine Shire

Gardening Club

Well weren't the posies just fabulous; they were a joy to both look at and sniff? Well done to everybody who contributed those little gems from their garden. A good talk and the odd joke made it a good evening. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 13th February, 2008 starting at 7.45pm. Prior to the start you will still be

able to pay for your subscription if you haven't done so already. As well we will be holding our first SEED SWAP evening, details of which are in the newsletter given out last month. The talk is A Victorian Walled Garden by Chris Yates who will hopefully be bringing along some plants for sale as he did last year.

Tea Makers: Mrs V Martin, Mrs D Sams, Mrs M Young
Seating Allocation Directors: S Downe, M Flood, E Stirzaker,

SUNDAY TRADING HOURS

The Long Sutton Shop trading hours on Sundays will be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. as from Sunday, 30/12/2007

Valentines Dinner Dance - Saturday 16 Feb 2008

Arrangements for this very special event in the Village Hall are nearly complete. Timing is 7.30 for 8.00. There will be a complementary glass of champagne on arrival and *every table* will have two complementary bottles of wine. Light music will be played by Nick Gould's West End discotheque during the delicious four course dinner and then music for dancing. **All this for just £23 per head!** Tickets go on sale at the Village Stores on 21st January. At the time of going to press it seems that it will be a sell out very quickly. Don't miss out! All profits go to FOLSC to be used exclusively for the maintenance of our Church.

Friends of Long Sutton Church (FOLSC) AGM - Monday 25 Feb 2008

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the School Hall - doors open at 7.00 for a chat and a glass of wine before the meeting at 7.30. We hope that all members who are available that night will attend. This is the opportunity for you to make suggestions on how we raise funds and how we use them for the maintenance of the Church. Non-members who would like to learn more about us will also be most welcome.

Evelyn & Geoffrey Sherman are sorry they didn't send any Christmas cards, but Geoffrey was ill with pneumonia

& time ran out to send them! They would like to send their best wishes to everyone.

Rosemary Conley new GI Hip & Thigh Diet

Thursday mornings at the Parish Rooms, Somerton
9.15 – 10.30am

Slim & Salsacise

Wednesday evenings at Somerton Infant School, Etsome
Terrace, Somerton, 6 – 7.30pm

Call Dawn 01935 427622

LONG LOAD

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

It was really good to see such a large attendance at our service on Christmas Eve. This was led by Lynette Clayton, one of our licensed lay readers in the Team. Molly Cullen kindly played the organ, whilst the Christmas Eve Band provided a lively introduction and accompaniment to the service. We do thank the musicians and all the readers for so willingly contributing to the spirit of Christmas. Our thanks too, to everyone who decorated the church so beautifully.

The coming year will see a change at Christchurch. We look forward to welcoming the Revd Jane Twitty as our new Vicar. She will be residing in the Vicarage at Long Sutton. Her responsibilities will include Long Load, Long Sutton, Pitney and High Ham.

Our current churchwardens, Mary Brunker and Paul Sayers are retiring in March and at least one replacement needs to be found. Please contact Mary, or the Revd Hugh Ellis if you would like to explore this possibility. At the same time, Guy Brunker is retiring as Treasurer and again we are looking for someone to replace him. Is this something you could do? If so, please speak to Guy or Hugh, to find out more.

Meantime, there are to be some changes in the service times at Christchurch.

First Sunday of each month	HOLY COMMUNION	9.30am
Second Sunday of each month	MORNING WORSHIP	11.00am

These will become effective from Sunday 3rd February.

Due to lack of adequate heating in the church, we shall temporarily be holding our church services in the Village hall.

EVERYONE IS MOST WELCOME.

We shall return to the church for EASTER SUNDAY 23rd March.

Road Safety

It was noted in the January Parish Council meeting that two near accidents had been witnessed - both at the Martock end of the village. Please be sure that if you or your children are walking or cycling, that you are clearly visible to other road users.

The Parish Council are trying to get a supply of reflective bands to be made available to parishioners.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - village events.

Pauline's Village Walk - Good Friday, 21st March

Picnic by the Pond - Early June

Summer Fete - late June or early July.

Flower & Produce Show - 6th September

Harvest Supper - 4th October

Items for the March newsletter to Ann Kent, Copythorne, Knole, or to lsnewsletter@btinternet.com by 20th February please.

NB the first letter of the email address is an 'l'(L) not an 'i'

Lent

An Irishman walks into a Dublin bar, orders 3 pints of Guinness & sits in a corner of the room taking a sip out of each glass in turn. When all 3 pint glasses are empty, he returns to the bar & orders 3 more. The bartender advises him, 'You know, a pint goes flat after it's drawn. It would taste better if you bought one at a time.'

The Irishman replied, 'Well, you see, I have 2 brothers – one in America, the other in Australia & I'm here in Dublin. When we all left home, we promised to always drink this way to remember the days when we drank together.'

The bartender admits that this is a touching custom & leaves it at that. Over the next few weeks the Irishman becomes a regular at the bar, always drinking 3 pints of Guinness at a time & drinking them in turn.

One day, he comes in & orders only 2 pints. The other regulars notice & fall silent. When he returns to the bar for the second round, the bartender says, 'I don't want to intrude, but I wanted to offer my condolences & those of our regulars on your sad loss.'

The Irishman looks confused for a moment before the light dawns & he laughs. 'Oh, no,' he says, 'everyone's fine, but I've stopped drinking for Lent.'