

LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2011

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Date	Long Sutton & Long Load	
3rd	2.30pm	MU meeting
5th	10.30am	Church Coffee Morning
6th	11.00am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
8th	10.30am	WI Coffee morning
9th	7.30pm	Gardening Club
13th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Second Sunday Service in the school
16th	7.30pm	FOLSC AGM
17th	10.00am	MU Corporate Communion
	7.30pm	WI meeting
	7.30pm	Pampered Chef night
20th	10.30am	Team Communion at Muchelney with baptism
27th	9.30am	Holy Communion

Date	Flowers	Brasses
30th Jan	Mrs J Brand	Mrs J Tulk
6th Feb	Mrs Ellerbeck	
13th	Mrs Kent	Mrs Pomeroy Mrs Kent
20th	Miss Pyke	
27th	Mrs J Wheeler	Mrs P Ellis

An appeal!!!!

We are getting very short of volunteers to do the church altar flowers & clean the brasses. It only works out at about twice a year & of course the more helpers, the less often they have to do it! If there is anyone out there willing & able to help please contact Ann Kent 241436.

Thank you to everyone who does such a marvellous job which we all take for granted.

Church Coffee Mornings

Despite holding the January coffee morning on the second Saturday of the month it was well supported and raised £310 for the Flying Colours Appeal for major refurbishment of Yeovil Women's Hospital. The produce stall was well supplied by regular contributors and had some excellent new products which sold out almost before they were on the table. On a chilly morning the church was warm and welcoming and the coffee and cakes were greatly appreciated.

In February we will be back to the first Saturday of the month and will be raising funds for Zambia Link. The diocese of Bath and Wells has had an established link with church organisations there for forty years and continues to support this impoverished African country as it wrestles with issues of health, poverty and food supply.

On 5th March we will be raising funds for St John's Ambulance. We are all familiar with their presence at events of all types but without funding they could not continue essential training that enables them to support so many local and national events.

Mothers' Union

Weds 3rd February at 2.30pm at Mrs Bromfield's
Speaker/Subject: Wave of Prayer/Celebration of Marriage/AGM
Corporate Communion: Weds 17th February

Long Sutton W.I.

Thursday 17th February at 7.30pm
Speaker: Emilie Calhaen – Fascinators
Competition: A feather
Tea Hostesses: Doreen Cox, Brenda Meaden
Members of Long Sutton WI had a very pleasant New Year's luncheon at The Lime Kiln on 20th January and it was an excellent opportunity for everyone to have a chat whilst enjoying a great meal. The envelope drawn for our Good

Cause Dip was for Breast Cancer Screening Research. The next social event is a Coffee Morning to be held at The Devonshire Arms on Tuesday 8th February from 10.30am - 12 noon. Our February meeting is on 17th in the Village Hall at 7.30pm and will be a talk from Emilie Calhaen about Fascinators. Some interesting new headwear may be seen around the village! New members are always welcome to join the fun.

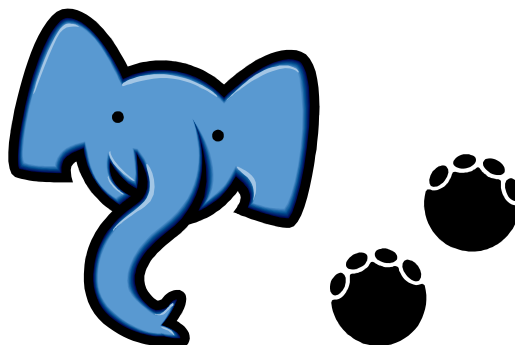
Gardening Club

Our meeting on the 9th February will be quite busy as there is the talk, our annual SEED SWAP and possibly if the weather is good a SNOWDROP SWAP. The talk on The History of Cider Making will be given by James Crowden who is well known for his books and talks. Visitors are welcome as always and we only charge you 50p for the pleasure. There will be cider and apple cake tasting to accompany the talk. Our CHARITY RAFFLE last month raised £56 and has been donated to CLICK; well done to everyone who donated prizes. Ann and Val are still taking subscription money from you as you walk through the door if you couldn't make it last month. Tea trolley girls: Mrs V Burdett Mrs C Shire Mrs S Shire Chair realignment strategists: Mr D Sheppard, Mr & Mrs M Meaden

Nancye Clatworthy

The family of Nancye Clatworthy are very grateful for all the lovely cards & gifts that she was given to celebrate her 100th birthday & for the bell ringers marking the occasion so splendidly. She thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Long Sutton School



Antarctica was the first special topic studied at school this term and the children heard about it first hand from Tony Ellerbeck who kindly talked to them about his work there. Thanks to The Quakers the second topic, which was The Environment, was enhanced by the visit of a willow weaver with artist Kate Lynch. The last part of term's topic was Easter.

The nativity play and carol collections amounted to £180.00 for Children's Hospice South West and a huge thank you to Judy Thomas and her crew for a record breaking £400 for the school at the village coffee morning.

A safari supper will be the next fund raiser by the governors, no giraffe or rhino on the menu but tickets will be available from the school office from the middle of February.

FOLSC Annual General Meeting

Our first event for the New Year will take place at Long Sutton Village School on Wednesday, 16th February with doors opening at 7.00pm and the meeting to commence at 7.30pm.

The trustees will again be providing a complementary glass of wine and we wish to extend an invitation to all FOLSC members as well as anyone who has an interest in knowing what we got up to in 2010 and what our plans are for the current year. Our aim for 2011 is to maximise attendance (and therefore profitability) at all our events, so please come along to both listen and contribute ideas and suggestions for the trustees to consider. We are always looking for new members, so all are welcome and we promise no "hard sell" tactics!

What on earth is it? How many times have you uttered these words when confronted by a strange bygone? You will now have the opportunity to join with us to enjoy the **mystery antique challenge** which is our first social event of 2011 to be held in the Village Hall on Saturday, 12th March. We have assembled a range of ludicrously obscure thingamajigs, some dating back 300 years whilst others would have been in daily use in our parents' or grandparents' time. The object of the evening will be for teams to both identify the mystery items as well as confirming their original use. To help the identification process, wine and Moor beer will be available and the FOLSC caterers will be providing a chilli con carne for inner warmth in case it should be a chilly evening! Tickets are priced at £8.00 a head to include supper and are available as usual from the Long Sutton Village Stores or via any of the trustees. Teams can be made up on the night but why not encourage your friends to join your table and make a party. No previous experience is necessary and we are sure this will be a great evening.

Advance Notices

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

Lent Lunch

Long Sutton Lent lunch will be on Sat 26th March in the village hall 12-1.30pm. Donations of soup would be most welcome, please contact Jean Tulk 241486 or Marion Burt 241589

Somerset Chamber Choir concert in Taunton

Somerset Chamber Choir cross the channel for an afternoon of delightful French choral masterpieces, featuring Duruflé's beautiful Requiem, plus music by Poulenc, Messiaen, Langlais and Widor at King's College Chapel, Taunton on Sunday 20 February at 3pm.

Tickets, priced £11, £15 & £18, are available from Taunton TIC: 01823 336344 or book online at

www.somersetchamberchoir.org.uk

LONG LOAD

Pampered Chef Night

After such a successful Christmas Coffee morning, the MAD 4 AFRICA fundraisers Chris & Vikki Ransom and Matt & Juliet Holm from Long Load invite you to support their Can't Cook Won't Cook Charity Pampered Chef Night including Anne Summers and Body Shop stalls and a Man Auction!! At Ilchester Town Hall on Sat Feb 19th 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets £5 each to include one free drink. Information and tickets from Vikki on 07834 895127 / 01935 478983 or tickets from Lynn on 01458 241060. Hope to see you there!

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

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No-one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:
Knowing when to come in out of the rain
Why the early bird catches the worm
Life isn't always fair
Maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn) & reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge). His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-yr-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsening his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an Elastoplast to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant & wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband; churches became businesses; criminals received better treatment than their victims. Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home & the burglar could then sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live after a woman failed to realise that a steaming cup of coffee was hot! She spilled a little in her lap & was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth & Trust; his wife, Discretion; his daughter, Responsibility; & his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 4 stepbrothers; I Know my Rights, I Want it Now, Someone Else is to Blame & I'm a Victim.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realised he was gone.