

LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2009

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Date	Long Sutton	Long Load
3rd January	10.30am Church Coffee Morning	
4 th January	11.00am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evening Prayer	9.30am Holy Communion
7 th January	2.30pm Mothers Union Meeting	
11 th January	8.00am Holy Communion 11.00am 2nd Sunday Service in the School 7.30pm Open Door at St Mary's	11.00am Morning Worship 7.30pm Open Door at St Mary's
13 th January	12 noon WI Meeting followed by lunch	
14 th January	7.45pm Gardening Club	
18 th January	8.00am Team Holy Communion at St Mary's 10.30am Team Communion at St Mary's	8.00am Team Holy Communion at St Mary's 10.30am Team Eucharist at St Mary's
20 th January	7.30pm WEA course starts	
21 st January	10.00am MU Corporate Communion	
24 th January	2.00pm RSPCA Jumble Sale	
25 th January	9.30am Holy Communion & farewell to Peter Lamb	9.30am With Long Sutton

Date	Flowers	Brasses
4 th Jan	Mrs J Bell	
11 th Jan	Miss H Pyke	Mrs J Swales
18 th Jan	Mrs B Jones	
25 th Jan	Mrs J Wheeler	Mrs A Hall
1 st Feb	Mrs J Bond	

I would like to say a huge thank you to all who helped decorate our church on 20th Dec & made it look absolutely beautiful, as usual! It's really appreciated that you turn up time after time & when we're all so busy. Also thanks to those who helped in other ways, which made it easier for the flower arrangers to do their bit. Mr & Mrs Gould of Long Sutton House very kindly donated lots of flowers, not for the first time, so many thanks to them, too. *Ann Kent*

December Coffee Morning

Congratulations to all who helped to raise the largest amount yet at our monthly coffee mornings – a magnificent £313 for the Salvation Army in Yeovil. If we named all who contribute to this success many would be embarrassed and Ann would have to go onto a second sheet of the newsletter. So, briefly, thank you to the team in the church who this time not only provided coffee and cakes but many of whom also sang in the Christmas choir; thank you to all who brought produce to the stall – every jar, every cake, biscuit, fruit or vegetable is really appreciated and sells to an appreciative customer base. Most importantly thank you to all who support this event whether regularly or occasionally. If you haven't come to one of these mornings yet, give it a try in 2009 – you might enjoy it. **On 3rd January** the charity we are supporting will be the Children's Hospice, South West.

Mothers' Union

Wednesday 7th January AGM at Helen Pyke's
Speaker/Subject: Epiphany – House Communion
Corporate Communion: Weds 21st January

Long Sutton W.I.

Tuesday 13th January – New Year's Lunch
Meeting at **12 noon** followed by lunch (£10.75)
Good Cause Dip

Subscription due: £29

New members always welcome. Annual fee £29 which includes WI magazine and other benefits such as access to the WI's own Denman College in Oxfordshire, offering a wide variety of courses. Visit Denman's website for details www.theWI.org.uk/college. Long Sutton village website contains details of our meetings and speakers.

If one meeting appeals, why not come with a WI member for just £2.50?

Gardening Club

Hello everyone. A Happy 2009 New Year to all and I hope you are making a resolution to join the club and come along this year? Subscriptions remain at £5 per member and both Ann and Val will be available prior to the meeting to sign you on. Our first meeting of the year will be on 14th January in the village hall starting at 7.45pm as usual. Our talk this month, given by James Cross, will be on the Bishop's Palace Gardens in Wells. There will also be a display of our WINTER POSIES which last year was both lovely to look at and nice and smelly. A reminder that February's meeting will be on the 4th a week earlier than usual. Tea dispersal operatives: Mr & Mrs Huggard Mrs D Cox
Affirmative seating planners: Mr D Neil, Mr & Mrs Meaden

If anyone buys 'The Times' newspaper in 2009, please could you collect the 'Books For Schools' tokens- each week there are 4 tokens in The Sunday Times, 3 in The Saturday Times and one token daily. This would really help the School Library and thus benefit the children. Please drop tokens into School. Many thanks.

Farewell to Peter Lamb

- Peter will be leaving Long Sutton and moving to Devon at the end of January. There will be an opportunity for us to say goodbye to him and wish him well over coffee and refreshments after the 9.30am service on Sunday, 25th January. The churchwardens will be happy to receive contributions towards a leaving gift for Peter by 21st January.

The Long Sutton Friendly Society

The members have been pleased to be able to supply and light Christmas Trees at Long Sutton and Long Load Churches and would like to take this opportunity to thank Ian Parsons Viaduct Fisheries and Peter New Bowshers Electrical Services for their help and support with this venture.

We shall also be donating a wrought iron seat in memory of past members to be placed in the Church Yard at Holy Trinity.

Children's Society Boxes

Please can you return all collection boxes to me at Charris, Shute Lane, Long Sutton
Thank You Jean Tulk

WEA Long Sutton branch: The next course starts on Tuesday 20th January 2009 at Long Sutton Primary School at 7.30 pm. Our tutor Douglas Rice will be telling us about Sir John Popham - Somerset's Elizabethan Eminence - who was Attorney General and Lord Chief Justice in the 16th century. Please contact Veronica Watts on 01458 241243 for further details and booking.

RSPCA Jumble Sale - In the Village Hall on the 24th Jan at 2pm.

Long Sutton's pre-school, Toybox, are pleased to announce another quiz night on Sunday 8th February 2009 at 7:00pm. Teams and individuals are welcome at the Devonshire Arms, Long Sutton. Please come along and join us for this light-hearted, social evening.

LONG LOAD

Allotments

The Parish Council is still reviewing the need for allotments to be set up within the village. At the moment three residents have requested an allotment but the Chairman needs six written requests to proceed. Please contact Rob Mitchell on 241076 if you are interested. We now have a possible site identified.

Fly Tipping

Please help to keep the village looking good. If you spot rubbish being dumped, please contact South Somerset District Council on 01935 462462 and you will be put through to the "Streetscene" Department who can clear the rubbish.

Horse Watch

Help to deter thieves from stealing your tack. Contact the Horse Watch Team – a free service to carry out security marking. Ring Tess Smith on 07825 756276 or email

www.avonandsomerset.police.uk

Jumble Sale

Due to the closure of Long Load Bridge from the 5th January 2009, we have decided to delay the Jumble Sale until Saturday 21st February 2009.

Martock Surgery now has some extended opening times. For full details pick up a leaflet in the surgery or look on their website.

Parking

Some cars are still parking on the pavements - please ensure you leave enough room for pedestrians to walk safely without having to go on the road. Also cars parked on the road should be facing the same direction as moving traffic, so that reflectors can be picked up by other car lights when driving in the dark.

Long Load Bridge

Please note the Long Load Bridge will **not** be closing in November. The date for closure is now **5 Jan 2009** for vehicular access.

Pedestrians will still be able to use the bridge.

The bridge will be closed for maintenance, painting and updating the traffic lights.

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

NB the first letter of the email address is an 'l' (L) not an '1'

A magician was working on a cruise ship in the Caribbean. The audience would be different each week, so the magician allowed himself to do the same tricks over & over again. There was only one problem – the captain's parrot saw the shows each week & began to understand how the magician did every trick. Once he understood he started shouting in the middle of the show, 'Look, it's not the same hat.' 'Look, he's hiding the flowers under the table.' 'Hey, why are all the cards the ace of spades?' The magician was furious but couldn't do anything. After all, it was the captain's parrot. One stormy day the ship had an accident & sank. The magician found himself adrift on a piece of wood in the middle of the ocean.....of course, the parrot was adrift on the very same piece of wood with him. They stared at each other with hate, but did not utter a word. This went on for a day, then another, & then another. After almost three days the parrot finally said, 'OK, I give up. Where the heck is the boat?'