

# LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2012

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## Long Sutton W.I.

Thursday 19th January

Subscription due: £31.50

Lunch at the Lime Kiln, meeting at 12 noon.

## Gardening Club

A Happy New Year to everyone and especially those lovely people who have decided they are going to continue with or join the club even though the subscription has risen to £6. Try to bring along the correct pennies on the night as Ann will not have a large enough bag of swag. The meeting will start as always at 7.45pm in the village hall and the talk this month by Chris Sperring is on British Owls. This is not the same speaker who was booked on a previous occasion by the way. Doreen will be taking names for visits later in the year and it is also our Charity raffle month so extra prizes will be helpful. Elixir of Life suppliers: Mrs E Stirzaker, Mrs M White, Mrs S Shepperd Seating management: Mr & Mrs M Meaden, Mr D Shepperd

**Long Sutton C of E (VA) Primary School** On behalf of the children I would like to say a huge thank you to the Friendly Society for our beautiful Christmas tree. The children have really enjoyed it. We have had a very busy term with successful Ofsted and Church School inspections - as well as all the normal learning and Christmas fun! The Nativity play, Christmas with the Aliens, was a great success with some fantastic singing as well as the children learning their lines. I do hope those of you who were able to come enjoyed it. I would also like to thank Mark and Veronica and Team at the shop for their unending support of the school, many of you will have seen or heard about the visit of Bananaman but there are also the regular visits the younger child have and support through donations for the fair and many other things. As always we are still looking for volunteers to hear readers, help in the garden or even run a gardening club. If you do have a small amount of time to give us, just contact me through the school office. **Wishing you all a Happy New Year from all the staff.**  
*Lizzie Reynolds, Head Teacher*

## Appointment of LEA School governor at Long Sutton C of E School

Long Sutton School Governors need to appoint an LEA governor to join the team of enthusiastic people who work to support the school in its work.

If you have a bit of spare time and would like to be involved at the local school with governor work, school visits and fundraising events, please contact the school office for more information : 01458 241434. Ask to speak to Elaine Cosser or Mrs Reynolds. We look forward to hearing from you!

Date	Long Sutton & Long Load	
1st	8.00am	Team Holy Communion at St Mary's
7th	10.30am	Team Eucharist (here)
	10.30am	Church Coffee Morning
8th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	2nd Sunday Service in the School
11th	2.30pm	MU Meeting
12th	8.00pm	Long Load Village Hall committee meeting
15th	8.00am	Team Holy Communion at St Mary's
	10.30am	Team Eucharist at St John the Baptist, Pitney
	7.30pm	Gardening Club
18th	10.00am	MU Corporate Communion
19th	12 noon	WI Lunch at the Lime Kiln
	7.45pm	Gardening Club
22nd	9.30am	Holy Communion
26th	4.30pm	Rural Policing meeting
29th	9.30am	Matins
31st	7.30pm	WEA course starts

Date	Flowers	Brasses
1st	Mrs J Wheeler	Mrs D Francis
8th	Mrs J Bell	
15th	Mrs M Dams	Mrs Shepard
22nd	Mrs J Taylor	
29th	Mrs J Vaux	Mrs P Arkell

Please note that our supply of free flowers has now run out, so we are now back to normal! Thanks again to Kate Gibbins of Pibsbury.

Another resounding thank you to those who decorated the church, provided flowers & foliage & their time – what would happen without you?! It looked beautiful.

## Church Coffee Mornings

The December coffee morning in aid of Victim Support was a very successful event and raised £417 for this valuable charity. Russ Kent, who works for the charity, was on hand in the church to chat to people about the work and the stall looked suitably festive with a barrow full of holly and mistletoe as well as the usual home produce.

On 7<sup>th</sup> January we will be supporting the Muscular Dystrophy Campaign. At present there are no cures for muscle disease and the charity invests over a million pounds a year in pioneering research. The charity helps the 70,000 children and adults in the U.K. who have muscular dystrophy or a related condition.

In February we will be raising funds for Shelterbox. This Cornwall based charity provides emergency relief to people made homeless by disaster anywhere in the world, giving shelter, warmth and dignity quickly when it is most needed.

**Help please! TREASURER** urgently required for Long Sutton PCC ASAP – to work alongside our retiring Treasurer & to take over from him in April. Plenty of help will be given. Please do come forward – it is such a vital role & we must keep the church building & congregation going! We are a friendly & welcoming committee! Do ring Anthony Shepard 241907 or Roger Cox 241252 to find out more.

**Volunteer/s urgently needed:** 1) To organise the Flower Festivals (Christmas, Easter & Harvest) &/or weekly flower rota in the church.

2) To take over the brass rota.

(The 2 things can of course be done by one person!)

Pse contact Ann Kent 241436 or Joan Bond 241294

Ann needs to hand over the above as she is moving soon. She has been quite amazing in all she has done for the village. Not only has she organised the flower festivals, rotas & brass rota, but has also been the editor of the Village Newsletter for years. She has given of her time tirelessly & willingly & we are hugely grateful to her. On behalf of the village, thank you so much, Ann.

## Mothers' Union

Weds 11th January 2.30pm at Helen Pyke's – AGM & Communion  
Corporate Communion: Weds 18th January

## Advance Notice:



## Race Night on Saturday March 10th 7.30pm (start 8pm) Long Sutton Village Hall

Only £2.00 per ticket (adults only) or £5.00 to purchase and name your own race horse (with free entry tickets for two).

Tickets available from Long Sutton Stores or Kirsty Janssen.

Raffle and lots of excitement and competition!

All proceeds to Long Sutton School Governors Capital Fund. (Currently funding new ICT equipment)

## Children's Society Boxes

Mrs Jean Tulk of Charris, Shute Lane, will be pleased to accept the boxes during January.

**Long Sutton Friendly Society** is pleased to be able to provide and erect trees at Holy Trinity Church and also

the primary school. Thanks to Ian Parsons and the Viaduct Nurseries for the trees and Peter Mark and Paul New (Bowshers Electrical) for supplying the wonderful lights again for the outside tree.

#### **Parish Council Community Safety Events:**

The Parish Council is participating in 2 Community Safety projects on the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

#### **Civil Emergency Exercise:**

The Parish Council will be participating in a Civil Emergency exercise designed to test how communities would deal with the effects of a major incident. The Emergency Services and other agencies will be participating in this County Council led exercise. The Village Hall will be used for the duration of the exercise. Residents should not be alarmed if they see Emergency Service vehicles at the Hall. The Exercise will run from 09:30 to 15:00 hours.

#### **Rural Policing**

A presentation by Avon and Somerset Constabulary on rural policing will be taking place at the Village Hall on the 26th January 2012 from 16:30 to 18:30 hours. This is a Parish Council hosted event in conjunction with the Police. Attendees will include neighbouring Parish Councils, landowners, farmers, as well as other agencies. Refreshments will be served after the presentation. If you wish to attend this event please contact:-

**Paula Allen-Parish Clerk via email: paula.allen45@hotmail.co.uk**

#### **New Year's Resolutions with FOLSC!**

They say blink and it's gone and how true this has proved with 2011! We hope you all had a very enjoyable Christmas and New Year celebrations. The continued support by FOLSC members and all those who attended our events last year, enabled us to raise much needed funds which have gone towards helping with repairs to the roof of our church following two attacks by criminals. It also assisted with the purchase and installation of a state of the art security system that we very much hope will prevent any recurrence. Hopefully your fresh new 2012 diaries are to hand, so could we ask you to get some dates reserved for the FOLSC 2012 season:-

**Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm FOLSC AGM at Long Sutton Village School**

The AGM is open to all so you do not need to be a member to attend. Please come along for a review of 2011, the financial report and to hear of our plans for the current year. If you are new to the village, come and say hello and we would be delighted to discuss membership details. A complimentary glass of wine is on offer and we look forward to a really good turnout.

**Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 7.30 pm "My Generation: A Hit Parade Music Challenge" at the Village Hall.**

Those who attended our sell-out "What the 'Eck" antiques event last year, know what to expect. This again will be a quiz night with a twist! Full details to be published next month. Have a word with your friends and form a team – whatever your generation!

**Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> July 7.30pm FOLSC Summer Party at the Upton Grain Barn.**

This has become our flagship event and very much a part of the village and community calendar. A themed party is being planned and while details are still under wraps, we can guarantee another night to remember to celebrate the start of the holiday season and as a precursor to the 2012 Olympics which start the following weekend. Other events will be announced in due course but with your backing, we look forward to another year providing support for the structure of Holy Trinity Church and for the continued enjoyment of our generation and the generations to come.

#### **Kick wall in place on Long Sutton Recreation Ground**

We are very pleased to announce that our new kick wall has been installed on the tar macadam area behind the tennis court.

This provides basketball/netball hoops on both sides and a goalmouth for hockey/football at the front. We wanted to use some of the funds we raised at the Auction Evening earlier in the year on items which would be useful to the children and youth of Long Sutton and which would provide enjoyment for them for some time to come. We hope that the repairs to the children's playground, the kick wall and the joint fundraising with the L S Cricket Club to replace the cricket mat will achieve these goals.

*Long Sutton Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee*  
**WEA 2012**

The subject of the next course is APPRECIATING ANTIQUES. These evenings will cover a wide range of antiques from glass to furniture; we will be looking at the antiques trade including tips on how to spot fakes. The sessions will be illustrated with items. Students are encouraged to bring along their own items for discussion.

Date: 6 weekly sessions starting Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January with a half term break on 14<sup>th</sup> February.

Venue: Long Sutton Primary School, Martock Road, TA10 9NT

Time: 7.30 to 9.00pm

The tutor will be Brian Wright - Fee: £30.00

Please come a little earlier on the first night to complete your enrolment form. Further enquiries: Dick Sheppard 241618

## **LONG LOAD**

#### **IMPORTANT; LONG LOAD VILLAGE HALL.**

**As from January 1st 2012 - all bookings, payments & general enquiries for Long Load Village Hall to be directed to Mavis & Brian Hook on 01458 241323. Until further notice.**

The Chairman & village hall Committee thanks all who have supported events during 2011 & wish everyone a Happy New Year.

We hope to have a Quiz and a Social evening in the early in the Spring. More details in due course. Any ideas for events at the Hall are welcome. Please 'phone 241251 or 241323. We would also welcome additional members to the Committee, next meeting January 12th 2012 at 8p.m. at the Hall.

#### **Special Long Load Presentation**

Around 70 people attended a special award presentation at The Crown Inn, Long Load, near Langport on Monday 21 November, writes Joseph Lewis.

Two local 'public figures' received the Chairman of Somerset County Council's Award for Services to the Community. This is the first occasion where two nominations have come from one village. A total of 30 Awards were presented for the whole of Somerset.

Long Load residents, Ann Campbell and Marsha White made the presentations to Rob Mitchell and David Rowsell.

Rob Mitchell received his Award for his dedication and commitment while serving for eight years as Councillor and Chairman of Long Load Parish Council. Ann noted that Rob was instrumental in starting the Parish Lengthsman Scheme. Rob said: "It was an honour to serve the community of Long Load and I wish Marsha all the best for the future." David Rowsell received his Award for performing a caring, thoughtful and very valuable service as postman for 23 years.

#### **Exciting Line Dancing for Youngsters.**

A new line-dancing group for 5-8 year olds is planned at Long Load Village Hall. This is due to be held from 4.15-5.45pm on Mondays. 5 or more children are needed to start the group. This will be for boys and girls and 'modern-up-to-date' music is available.

For further information please contact:

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

#### **The Perfect Church**

If you should find the perfect church  
Without one fault or smear  
For goodness' sake, don't join that church  
You'd spoil the atmosphere.

But since no perfect church exists  
Where people never sin,  
Let's cease in looking for that church

And love the one we're in.