

LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER – JULY 2008

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Date	Long Sutton	Long Load
5 th July	10.30am Church Coffee Morning	
6 th July	11.00am Holy Communion with Baptisms 6.30pm Evening Prayer	9.30am Holy Communion
8 th July	3.00pm Tea at 3 at Forge Cottage	
9 th July	6.30pm Gardening Club	
12 th July	10.00am Parish Walk 7.00pm FOLSC Summer Party	
13 th July	8.00am Holy Communion 11.00am 2nd Sunday Service in the school with picnic & swim after – all welcome	11.00am Morning Worship 7.30pm Open Door at St Mary's
16 th July	7.30pm Open Door at St Mary's	
17 th July	10.00am MU Corporate Communion	
19 th July	7.30pm WI Meeting	3.00pm Picnic by the Pond
20 th July	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am With Long Sutton
27 th July	8.00am Team Holy Communion at St Mary's, Huish Episcopi 10.30am Team Holy Communion at St Andrew's, High Ham	8.00am Team Holy Communion at St Mary's, Huish Episcopi 10.30am Team Holy Communion at St Andrew's, High Ham
30 th July	Watch out for cyclists Lis Foy & Gina Masters!!	

Date	Flowers	Brasses
6 th July	Wedding	
13 th July	Mrs J Bell	Mrs A Hall
20 th July	Mrs Ellerbeck	
27 th July	Mrs P Harding	Mrs P Ellis
3 rd August	Mrs Kent	

Calling all local clubs & organizations!!

For Harvest Festival on October 5th this year, it would be lovely if clubs etc would produce an arrangement or windowsill to remind or inform us of their raison d'être or simply just help decorate the church! If you feel able to contribute & to book a particular spot please contact Ann Kent 241436 or email me at the address at the end of the newsletter. Thank you.

Long Sutton Church News

Noticeboard

The PCC recently commissioned a new noticeboard to go by the church gate as the old board was well past its best. The new one looks very smart and the PCC is grateful to an anonymous donor who has contributed to most of the cost. We aim to raise the balance at the August coffee morning.

Trinity Sunday

The new board was installed shortly before Trinity Sunday. There was a full church for the feast of title service. A dozen or so people took part in a bright and breezy walk round the village. A similar number watched a delightful and informative film on 'The Secrets of the Levels' which covered a range of local crafts and traditions. The lunch in the village hall was well attended and greatly enjoyed by over sixty people. During the afternoon three bell ringers helped to guide over fifty visitors to the top of the tower: those who had not done this before were captivated by the far-reaching views. Delicious cream teas were available in the church and the church catering team was ably assisted by parents from Toybox.

All the events of the day were enjoyed and it was a wonderful example of how a great number of people contributing their time and skills can make things work for a greater number.

Pulpit Drawings

The PCC has recently been given two excellent drawings of the pulpit. They were generously donated by Alex Duffus, the great-grandson of the architect who restored the pulpit in 1872. Mr King Lucas was also responsible for obtaining and installing the statues in the niches in 1910. The drawings have now been framed and will shortly be hung in the church.

Coffee Mornings

The June coffee morning in aid of Water Aid raised £225. On 5th July we will be supporting the Langport branch of the Red Cross but as there is a wedding in the church on that day the event will be held at Vale House, Shute Lane. The format will be the same as usual but with the additional attraction of visiting a village garden.

Mothers' Union

No monthly meeting.

Deanery Festival Service 8th July
Corporate Communion: 16th July

Long Sutton W.I.

Thursday 17th July at 7.30pm
Speaker: Brian Smith – Pub Signs
Competition: An unusual drinking vessel
Tea Hostesses: Jean Tulk Doreen Cox

Come and join the WI for **Tea at 3**

In aid of St Margaret's Hospice

Tuesday 8th July at 3pm at Forge Cottage, Back Street by kind permission of Penny & Peter Ellis

Raise funds by raising a cup. All are welcome

Do you have any unwanted spectacles?

The WI will be pleased to receive any unwanted glasses on behalf of VISION AID. They can be refurbished and sent to Third World Countries for distribution to people whose sight can be greatly improved. Please contact a WI member.

Gardening Club

The meeting this month is on Wednesday 9th July starting early at 6.30 pm. Margaret of Pitney has graciously volunteered her lovely garden for our perusal so bring along your nibbles, drinks and personal seating arrangements for a lovely evening. Her number is 253077 and the house will be signed by balloons. Parking will be throughout the village as you find it. Please remember that if it is raining the evening will be cancelled as it is a garden do. A reminder that the Flower Show is next month and that all trophies will need to be handed in one month prior to the date. Val Martin has declared her desire to be the lady with the Brasso this year so pass them along to her a.s.a.p. The entry form is asking you to tick, or not, certain boxes. This information is simply to help the 'adder-upperer of points' to know who to allocate trophies to without having to ask endless people "Do you know...?"

FOLSC Summer Party on Knole Hill with Hog Roast and Disco - Saturday 12th July at 7pm. (Casual Country Dress)

Tickets (Adults £10, Family ticket £25) available from Long Sutton Stores from June 16th. Don't miss this fun evening – tickets are limited so do buy your tickets in good time.

LAND'S END to JOHN O'GROATS

27th July - 10th August

Lis Foy from Long Sutton and Gina Masters from Martock are cycling unsupported from one end of the UK to the other.

We are raising money to buy mosquito nets for a village in Mombassa and for Martock School.

If you would like to make donations please contact Lis Foy at Long Acre, Crouds Lane, Long Sutton 241553.

Thank you for your support.

We will be cycling through Long Sutton on 30th July!

The July Parish walk will start on The Green at 10am on the second Saturday (12th July) and future walks will take place on the second Saturday of each month. *Nicky Jones.0145824155*

Long Sutton School

GOLD ARTSMARK AWARD

Long Sutton C of E (VA) Primary is very proud to announce that they have achieved the Gold Arts mark Award from The Arts Council for its excellent provision of the Arts. Following a rigorous application process and subsequent inspection, the school was successful in achieving the highest award. The school is eager to ensure that all the children have the opportunity to experience and explore all aspects of the Arts in order for their learning to be enhanced and for their creative skills to develop. The Arts have always played an important part in the life of the school over the years and it is great to have the high standards recognised. The children are delighted to have received the top award as a panel of them were questioned and were a crucial part in the process! Look out for further press releases!

Ten children from the school choir have been selected to sing in the annual Schools Prom in the Royal Albert Hall, London in November. It is the first time that children from Somerset have attended and it will be a very memorable occasion I am sure!

Two representatives from Long Sutton School, Suzy Reed and Adam Hubbard, who attend the Community Learning Partnership Children's Parliament, are visiting The Houses of Parliament in July. Watch out for these budding politicians in the future!

In September the new school kitchen will be producing its own cooked meals for the children. This is a welcome return after many years of packed lunches!

Friends of Somerset Churches & Chapels Sponsored Bike Ride & Walk – Sat 13th September

The annual sponsored bike ride & walk in aid of Somerset historic Churches & chapels will take place on Saturday 13th September. You can help, either as participant, sponsor or as a steward. You do not have to be young to participate. Many people take part who rarely ride a bicycle at any other time. If you prefer to walk rather than ride a bike, that is fine. You can visit as many or as few churches as you like. This is a good-humoured & enjoyable day & the weather usually smiles on us. If you would be prepared to help, your local church representatives would be very pleased to hear from you. For long Sutton pse contact Dan Shorland Ball 241626. For Long Load, Mrs Nicki Collins 241306. Half the money we raise comes to Long Sutton/Long Load. Half goes to the Friends of Somerset Churches & Chapels. Thank you.

Colin Paull would like to thank the congregation for their generosity on the presentation made to him on retirement from playing the organ at Long Sutton Church.

Dorothy and Colin would also like to thank all those who sent cards good wishes and flowers also the bell ringers for ringing on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding on the 17th of May.

Over 50 family members from near and far attended a party held in the garden. I am reminded of an old music hall joke, when at a Diamond Wedding the husband was asked if in the 60 years he had ever considered divorce, he said "no, but murder often." *Colin Paull*

NSPCC Bring and Buy Garden Coffee Morning on June 11th held at Knightlands, made the terrific sum of £1,187. Very many thanks to all who came and supported this worthwhile charity, and also many thanks to the stallholders and helpers.

Long Sutton choir

The Gordon and Butler families would like to convey their heartfelt thanks to Christopher Dams and his choir, to Jess Bromfield, the organist and to the trumpeter, Jim Witton for the glorious music they provided for the wedding of Henrietta and Herbert on June 21st in Holy Trinity Church.

Long Sutton Village Hall & Recreation Ground

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we will shortly require both a Treasurer & a Booking Clerk. If you feel that you might be able to help, pse ring me on 241592 for further information. It is most important that we maintain our splendid facility: we can only do this if we get sufficient support from those who live in the village. *Pat Vaughan Chairman*

In September 2008 two vacancies will arise on the Governing Body at Long Sutton School Church of England VA School. We would be interested to hear from anyone who would like to become a School Governor. The first vacancy will be for a Diocesan Foundation Governor, it is preferable that this person is a parent of a child at the school. The second vacancy is for Long Load Parochial Church Council, (PCC) it is not necessary that this person is a parent. For

more details please contact Margaret Brown Clerk to Governors 01935 476579 or Wendy Toy Chair of Governor 01458 241198.

Long Sutton Primary School

Forthcoming events

Mon 23 rd June	School closed – INSET
Thurs 10th July	Sports Day – am
Fri 11 th July	School Birthday/Open afternoon
Tues 22 nd July	Leaver Service 2pm holy Trinity Church
Weds 23 rd July	Last day of term

Area North Community Forum

Have you got an idea that will make your neighbourhood a better place?

Vote to invest £20,000 to benefit Area North!

What is the Forum? – The Community Forum is a new way to have your say on issues which affect Area North – Somerton, Langport, Martock, South Petherton & surrounding areas.

How can you take part? – Look out for a bright blue double-decker bus on **Tuesday 8th July** near the Library at S. Petherton 10am – 1.00pm;

Moorlands Car Park, Martock 2 – 5pm.

OR

Thursday 10th July at Cocklemoor Car Park, Langport 9.30am – 12 noon;

Skate Park, Somerton, 2.30 – 5pm;

Parish Rooms, Somerton, 5 – 7pm.

Alternatively submit your ideas via post, email or on the web by 5pm on 9th July.

www.southsomerset.gov.uk/northforum

email: forum@southsomerset.gov.uk

Post: SSDC Area North, Old Kelways, Somerton Rd, Langport TA10 9YE

Tel: 01458 257405

LONG LOAD

Plant Sale and Cream Teas at Fairlight - Sunday 25th May 2008

Many thanks to all those who gave raffle prizes etc; we were even most fortunate with the weather. Another big 'thank you' to the helpers and those who came along to buy cakes, plants and other items. We raised over £280.00 in aid of our Church funds and there is still some more to be paid in, when the orders for garden furniture have been dealt with.

Mavis and Brian Hook.

Picnic by the Pond, 19th July from 3.00pm onwards – live music – swing / oldies / jazz!

Saturday September 6th ANNUAL FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW

Just a reminder – in the hope you are all thinking of things you could enter – perhaps even feeding your marrow plants right now. We always hope that new entrants will have a go and those of you who always support this event – this may be your year of fame!!

Items for the August newsletter to Ann Kent, Copythorne, Knole, or to isnewsletter@btinternet.com by 20th July please.

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

Raining Cats – but no dogs!

The Lord moves in mysterious ways. When the vicar of St John's with St Michael's discovered that his cat was stuck in a tree he was forced to mount a perilous rescue operation. Climbing as far as his ladder would take him, he discovered he still could not reach the family pet. Not to be defeated he tied one end of a piece of rope to the trunk of the tree at the highest point he could reach & the other to the bumper of his car. As he drove forward, intending to bend the tree towards the ground so that the cat could jump to safety, the inevitable happened, the rope broke & the cat was catapulted into space. No more was heard of the poor creature until a couple of weeks later. The Minister was in the supermarket when he saw one of his church members buying cat food. Overcome with nostalgia, he remarked that he hadn't realised this particular family had a cat. 'We didn't until two weeks ago,' she replied. 'It's a bit of a miracle, really. I was having a picnic on the lawn with my daughter. 'I'd like a cat, Mummy' she said. 'You'll just have to ask Jesus for one,' I replied. At that moment the cat came flying through the air & landed on the lawn next to us. He's been staying with us ever since.'