

# LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2008

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Date	Long Sutton	Long Load
1st June	11.00am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evening Prayer	9.30am Holy Communion
3rd June	6.00pm Keep Fit	
4th June	2.30pm MU Meeting	
7th June	10.30am Church Coffee Morning 10/10.30am Parish Walk	
8th June	8.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's 10.30am Team Holy Communion	10.30am Team Holy Communion at Long Sutton 8.00pm Final Fete planning meeting
10th June	10.00am Gardening Club Day Trip	
11th June	10.30am NSPCC Bring & Buy Coffee morning	
15th June	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am With Long Sutton
18th June	10.00am MU Corporate Communion	
19th June	7.30pm WI Meeting	
22nd June	8.00am Team Holy Communion at St Mary's, Huish Episcopi 10.30am Team Holy Communion at St Andrew's, Aller	8.00am Team Holy Communion at St Mary's, Huish Episcopi 10.30am Team Holy Communion at St Andrew's, Aller
28th June	2.00pm Church & School Fete	
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## Apologies for lack of spaces between items –

### no room!!

Date	Flowers	Brasses
1st June	Mrs J Taylor	Mrs J Tulk
8th June	Mrs J Vaux	
15th June	Wedding	Mrs J Bond Mrs Ellerbeck
22nd June	Wedding	
29th June	Mrs I Neil	Mrs J Thomas Mrs Harding
6th July	Mrs J Bell	

### Church Coffee morning

The May coffee morning in aid of Cruse Bereavement Care raised £239 and was enjoyed by all who came. On 7th June we will be raising funds for Water Aid, an international charity whose mission is to overcome poverty by enabling the world's poorest people to gain access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene education. On the first Saturday in July there is a wedding at Holy Trinity so the coffee morning will be held at Vale House, Shute Lane. The format will be the same as usual but there will be the additional attraction of visiting a village garden.

### Church electoral roll

For the past nine years this has been compiled by Judy Thomas. Judy now feels that it is time to take a break. All that is needed is simple computer skills and a little knowledge of the people in the village. The roll is updated each year before the APCM and completely renewed every six years. Please phone Judy on 241039 for more information.

### Long Sutton Choir

Rehearsals for the Gordon wedding on 21 June will be in Church at 7.30 pm on Monday June 16, Wednesday June 18, and Friday June 20. The Friday rehearsal is essential, please make sure you can get to that one. *Christopher Dams 241 797*

### Mothers' Union

Wednesday 4th June 2.30pm at Mrs A Barton's  
Subject/Speaker: Mrs Edith Perfect (retired Archdeacony President) – How I became involved with the MU  
Corporate Communion: Weds 18th June

### Long Sutton W.I.

Thursday 19th June at 7.30pm  
Speaker: Ann Kent – Flower Arranging  
Competition: We will make an arrangement under Ann's guidance to be judged

### Would members bring a small oasis dish with soaked oasis, plant material (foliage, flowers), scissors or secateurs.

Tea Hostesses: Joan Taylor, Penny Ellis

New members will be warmly welcomed.

**Advance notice:** Come & join the WI for the St Margaret's Hospice TEA at 3pm on Tuesday 8th July at Forge Cottage, Back Street, by kind hospitality of Penny & Peter Ellis. Help to raise funds for the Hospice by raising a cup. All are welcome.

### Gardening Club

A big WELL DONE to everyone who helped to pull the stops out with both the (successful) Plant Sale and the SF of GC AGM held last Wednesday in the village hall. In particular thanks go to Ann and Joan. It's always fantastic to see how many of you contribute in your own particular way to our events, both usual and unusual. This month's meeting is the day trip day. We're Abbotsbury Sub. Trop. Gardens bound on June 11th, 10.00 am prompt from the village green. Some folks have still to pay and you can if you wish drop off the dosh to either Doreen or myself beforehand or pay at the bus stop on the day itself. Picnics are possible there. One or two places only still left. Let us hope for lovely weather.

A reminder to all that the schedule for the FLOWER SHOW, Saturday 9th August is now in the Hall and a possible recipe for the 'men only' culinary entry. Schedules will be delivered next month. Both Doreen and I have copies you can borrow of the RHS guidelines if you wish to persevere them at your leisure.

### 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, please 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*

### Parish Walk – Saturday 7th June

The amendments to the footpaths between Knole and Bineham have now been approved and published and the necessary stiles have been installed. It is intended to hold a Parish Walk on Saturday 7th June to familiarise walkers with the new paths. The walk will leave the Green at 10.00 am and Knole Bridge at 10.30 returning to Knole at approximately 11.30 and the Green at 12.00. If walkers bring their dogs, they (the dogs!!) must be kept on leads if in the same fields as livestock or anywhere near livestock. Please wear clothing and boots suitable for the weather and muddy droves.

Many thanks are due to the landowners who have agreed to the new paths, in particular Mr Dave Hubbard over whose land most of the paths go. *Walkers must now do their part by obeying the Countryside Code: stick to the paths, don't damage fences or hedges, and don't disturb livestock.*

Thanks are also due to Mr Derek Waddleton of SSDC rights of Way Department who has carried out the considerable administrative work involved in the amendments, Mr Peter Keenlyside, the SSDC volunteer co-ordinator, who provided the expertise, the materials and much the actual labour for installing the new stiles and to the volunteer stile builders, particularly Dick Shepherd. *Keith Harding Tel: 241291*

### Church/School Fete – Saturday 28th June 2.00pm

This year we are holding a **Tug-of-War** competition during the Fete. If you would like to enter a team, e.g. Farmers, Cricket Club, Pub, Shop, Governors etc etc please contact school office 01458 241434 or the village shop for entry form. Teams of 8 - £1 entry per team member. Other attractions include **Somerset Beekeepers**, Community Bus, Raffle, Cakes, Children's Games, Refreshments, Country Dancing, Plants, Bottle Tombola, Collectables, Books, Crafts and many more!

Please come along and support.

**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 Governors 01458 241198.

**NSPPC Bring and Buy Coffee Morning** (hopefully in garden!) – Wednesday June 11<sup>th</sup> at Knightlands, (Nick and Joan Bond's home – Knole Causeway) from 10.30 a.m. – 12 noon. Do please come along and support this worthy cause. Stalls to include plants, cakes, produce, unwanted gifts and cards.

### Long Sutton Primary School

#### Forthcoming events

Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Wells Country Dancing Festival
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	School closed – INSET
Thurs 10th July	Sports Day – am
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> July	School Birthday/Open afternoon
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Leaver Service 2pm holy Trinity Church
Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last day of term

### Long Sutton Cricket Club

The village cricket club has enjoyed a tremendously successful start to the new season with the 1st XI currently undefeated, gaining comprehensive victories over Huish & Langport, Curry Rivel, and Wells along the way. Youth cricket in Long Sutton also continues to flourish with record numbers of children of all ages and abilities in attendance at training sessions, and also representing the club in youth matches in the evenings and Sunday mornings.

The Cricket Club would like to thank all of the local businesses who have kindly offered sponsorship this year, including;

The Crown Inn, Long Load. Tel: 01458 241333

The Devonshire Arms, Long Sutton. Tel: 01458 241271

M&M Contractors Ltd. Tel: 01458 274062

Nick Reed Construction Ltd. Tel: 01458 241065

Tony Hooper Joinery. Tel: 01458 274221

Peter Herridge Blackbike Motorcycle Training. Tel: 07866723128

Greenslade Taylor Hunt. Tel: 01458 250589

Long Sutton Stores. Tel: 01458 241227

Please support those who have supported us!

We would also like to offer a warm welcome any new players. For senior cricket, please come along to our training sessions on Tuesday evenings from 6:15pm or call Chris Vigar (07776427154). For youth cricket, please contact Rupert Cox (01458 241616).

Finally, if you have a spare 10 minutes, please come along for a cup of tea and watch us play. Matches are played at the recreation field every Saturday afternoon from 2pm

**June & Bill Fry** would like to thank the ringers for ringing the Church bells on May 5<sup>th</sup> to celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary & also their card. We also wish to thank all who sent cards or telephoned with their good wishes. It all added so much to a very special day.

**Advance Notice – FOLSC Summer Evening Party** - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July, on Knole Hill, with hog roast and disco. Do keep the date free and tell your friends. Tickets will be available from Long Sutton Stores from Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Christian Aid Collection** for Long Sutton, Knole and Upton amounted to £881. Very many thanks to all who contributed so generously and to the collectors for their time – another very worthwhile total for 2008!

### **Tea Afternoon/Information Sessions for the over-60s.**

South Somerset District Council is hosting free afternoon tea and information sessions in July. There will be free health checks available and people from a number of agencies to chat to you with information on services available to older people living in the area. There is no need to book and you are welcome to just come in for a cup of tea, cake and a chat.

**Thursday 3rd July** at the All Saints Hall in Langport from 1.45-3.15pm.

Free transport is available through South Somerset Links - call 01458 250169 in advance between 9.30-12.30 to book a lift. (Please phone at least 10 days in advance.) You are welcome to come at 12.30 and have lunch for a small charge of £3. If you would like lunch, please call Anita Emery by Tuesday 1st July on 01458 251222.

**Wednesday 9th July** at Martock Parish Hall from 2.30-4.30pm. If you would like free transport, please call Teresa by Friday 4th.

For further information please contact Teresa Oulds at South Somerset District Council on 01458 257435.

### LONG LOAD

#### Long Load Village Hall Notices

We are still trying to find a cleaner for the village hall – just one hour per week. Please contact Ann on 241202, if you can help, or can suggest someone who might be interested. Pay by negotiation.

### **Long Load Fete – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June**

This is a very special day in the village, so please try to join us for all, or some of the celebrations.

12 noon – lunches served at the Crown Inn

2.00 – Fete to be opened by Jane Twitty

Lots of new ideas this year – plus the old favourites – stalls, children's activities, good music, teas, BBQ, dancing etc etc.

6.30pm – Service at Christchurch.

Skittle Alley open in the evening.

The final planning meeting is on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 8.00pm in the Village Hall. Several people have offered help. Please can you try and attend this meeting to make sure your skills are well used and you get a job you really enjoy.

A few days before the fete, we will be out collecting bottles for the bottle stall. This is our big money raiser, so we hope you will be generous – anything in a bottle, can, jar or packet will be very welcome. Also, nearer the date, we hope you will have a sort out, as we need more books and bric-a-brac for these stalls.

### **Advance Notices**

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

### **Saturday September 6<sup>th</sup> 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!!

### LONG LOAD PARISH COUNCIL

#### NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING MEETING REPORT

A very positive and interesting meeting, with plenty of discussion and future initiatives explored. We have the opportunity to hold further meetings for our village to be held every 3 months if sufficient demand. Actions agreed from the meeting:-

**PCSO Rachel Napper** has agreed to visit our village once a week (minimum) to walk around the village and to raise her profile and act as a Police presence on a regular basis. This will include visits to College Close, the Church and walking the village in general. If you do see Rachel do please take the time to meet her, and discuss any issues that you feel are important to you. It is our opportunity to keep in touch with our local Police and to inform them of what is happening in our village.

**Wetmoor Lane** 7.5t weight limit – concerns about the volume of traffic and large vehicles currently using this route. This will be addressed by the local Police, and they will be reporting back to us in time for our next Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May

The success of our Neighbourhood Watch scheme relies upon good communication, and email is an excellent medium in this respect. Email allows us to distribute the intelligence-led messages and advice that comes through from the Police on "Ringmaster" quickly and efficiently. **If you would like to be added to this circulation list, please phone/email your Neighbourhood Watch contact – please refer to your Welcome Pack for further details.**

### Future of Christchurch, Long Load

A further village meeting was held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Everyone at the meeting was shocked to hear that a qualified quantity surveyor had been to the church and had costed the work at around £400,000. This was far higher than had been previously thought. We also learned that the largest single grant for which we were likely to be eligible was £250,000 – and there was no guarantee that this would be awarded. We would also have to provide match funding. Other grants were only likely to be in the region of a few thousand at a time.

The meeting reluctantly decided that this amount of fund-raising was likely to be beyond us as a village.

Of course, the final decision has to be taken by the PCC (Parochial Church Council), and they will be meeting in the course of the next few weeks. We will be asking for the help of the Archdeacon, with whom we have already had an informal discussion.

We are very grateful to those members of the village who have shown an interest in the future of the church; those who have come to the meetings, and to those who have spent considerable time and effort obtaining information about grants and the realistic costings, and to the architect and quantity surveyor. We will keep you updated on further decisions, when information is available

**Pam Cooper** thanks all the Long Load people who contributed to the Red Cross Appeal which raised £110.

**Items for the July newsletter to Ann Kent, Copythorne, Knole, or to lnewsletter@btinternet.com by 20<sup>th</sup> June please.**

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

'When one door closes, another opens; but we often look so long & so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us.' *Alexander Graham Bell*