

Long Sutton and Long Load Newsletter – March 2007

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Date	Long Sutton	Long Load
2 nd March	7.30pm FOLSC Any Questions	
3 rd March	10.00am Church Coffee Morning	
4 th March	11.00am Eucharist	11.00am All-age Eucharist
	6.30pm Evening Prayer	
6 th March	7.30pm WEA Lecture	
7 th March	2.30pm MU Meeting	
10 th March	10.00am Famine lunch	11.00am Village Service
11 th March	8.00am Holy Communion	
	11.00am 2 nd Sunday Service at Long Sutton School	7.30pm Open Door at St Mary's
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14 th March	7.45pm Gardening Club	
15 th March	7.30pm WI Meeting	
18 th March	11.00am Mothering Sunday Service	11.00am With Long Sutton
21 st March	10.00am MU Corporate Communion	
24 th March		2.00pm Table top Sale
25 th March	8.00am Team Holy Communion at St Mary's, Huish Episcopi	8.00am Team Holy Communion at St Mary's, Huish Episcopi
	10.30am Team Eucharist at St Catherine's, Drayton	10.30am Team Eucharist at St Catherine's, Drayton
	3.30pm Baptism of Samuel & Seren Lancey, Ellen & Lauren Hicks.	
	6.30pm Team Healing Service at St Mary's, Huish Episcopi	6.30pm Team Healing Service at St Mary's, Huish Episcopi
26 th March		7.00pm Annual Church Meeting
31 st March	10.00am Churchyard tidy	

Date	Flowers	Brasses
4 th March	Lent	
11 th March	Lent	Mrs Tulk
18 th March	Lent	
25 th March	Lent	Mrs A White
1 st April	Lent	

Anyone who would like to donate a **lily/lilies** in memory of someone, to be used to decorate Holy Trinity Church for **Easter**, please let Ann Kent know as **asap** (by 24th March at latest) with names & money (£3 each) so that I know how many to order. 'Copythorne, Knole, 241436. Thank you! There will be a list of people remembered in the church for Easter.

The February 'Second Sunday Service' in Long Sutton celebrated its 5th meeting by holding an early Pancake Party and enjoying Races and Lunch together after Worship. We meet on the 2nd Sunday of every month at 11.00am, not in the church building, but in Long Sutton School, a less formal venue, which offers facilities for all ages.

Churchyard Tidy

On Saturday 31st March from 10am onwards a working party will be tidying the untended graves. All welcome. Many hands make light work.

Mothers' Union

Wednesday 7th March at Miss Helen Pyke's house.
Subject/Speaker: 1st session of Lent course
Corporate Communion: 21st March in the Church

Long Sutton W.I.

Thursday March 15th
Speaker: Mr Alan Foster – The Turin Shroud
Competition: Interesting piece of fabric/embroidery
Tea Hostesses: Heather Pomeroy, Barbara Gasson
Long Sutton W I are pleased to announce that £100 from the proceeds of their Millennium Project Map and Walks leaflets is to be donated to the Village Hall towards the cleaning and re-fireproofing of the Hall curtains.

Long Sutton Gardening Club

An interesting talk at our February meeting was followed by an equally interesting sale of plants (at reasonable prices) and runner bean seeds. Thanks to everyone who gave to the raffle; it raised £47.50.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday 14th March, 2007 when our speaker will be Simon Larkin who will be talking about Gardening at Lytes Cary Manor. Joan and Doreen will also be collecting the names of members who wish to take part in our trip to RHS Rosemoor later this year.

A rough copy of the new schedule for the Flower show this August is on the notice board in the village hall with its changes and additions highlighted. Schedules will be delivered to everyone later this summer, as always.

Dates have been decided for the churchyard tidy up and these are Saturday, March 17th, April 28th and May 26th. As always we will work from 10 until 12 midday. All are welcome to come along and help not just club members

Teas: Mrs M Shoemark, Mrs S Down, Mrs E Stirzaker

Church Coffee Mornings.

The monthly coffee morning takes place on 3rd March from 10.30 until 12 noon at the church. Come along to catch up with the news over a cup of coffee. The cake and produce stall will be operating as usual with a range of home-grown and home-made items. This month's good cause is Long Sutton Toybox. Advance notice - Coffee morning, Saturday 7th April for CRUSE.

The Friends of Long Sutton Church (FOLSC) are holding a fundraising event of "Any Questions" on the 2nd March at 7.30pm in the Long Sutton Village Hall. An excellent panel will be on hand to answer topical questions which you can ask in advance by giving them to the village shop when you purchase tickets at £5 each.

The Long Sutton Famine Lunch takes place on Saturday 10th March from 12.00 until 2.00pm at the Village Hall. A range of delicious home-made soup will be on the menu with bread and

cheese and the Traidcraft stall will also be in attendance. All proceeds will go to Christian Aid.

Church Electoral Roll

This year we have to compile a new church electoral roll; after the end of March the present roll will no longer be valid. Everyone who is on the present roll has been contacted & sent a new enrolment form. Membership on the church electoral roll is a sign of commitment to the Church. It also qualifies members to attend & take part in the proceedings at the annual parochial church meetings, to be elected to the Parochial Church Council, the Deanery, Diocesan & General Synods. There is a notice in the church porch & additional forms are available there or from Judy Thomas, Church Electoral Roll Officer – 241039.

The Shop and Post Office

Last month we reported that the response to our article "Use it or lose it" had been positive. This was true of the Post Office but unfortunately not of the Shop. Obviously a Village Shop cannot compete with the supermarkets in the range of goods and sometimes, but not always, in price. However, it makes up for that in personal service. Mark and Veronica will always listen to what customers would like them to stock and will act on it whenever the demand is there.

Save fuel...Save hassle...Find out what is going on...Use the shop!

Parish council

Coming Shortly

A Bit of A Do to fly the flag for St George 21st April 7.30pm in the Village Hall. A bit of a laugh, a bit of a sing song, a bit of supper and all for £7.50!

Tickets will be available on April 1st in Long Sutton Stores, thanks to Mark and Veronica.

Sylvia James

Ron, Joyce & Dave would like to thank everyone for their cards, messages & prayers. On the Friday before Sylvia passed away she asked us to put a message in the newsletter thanking everyone for their visits, phone calls, cards, gifts & flowers. It was much appreciated.

Council Elections in May – What They Mean to You

It has often been said that nations get the governments they deserve; well, the same could be said about parishes and parish councils. Our Parish Council has an important role in protecting the character of the Parish (the type of community we are, as well as the built environment) and in ensuring that the Parish gets at least its share of the money which is available from various government agencies, "quangos" and charities. Then there are the everyday matters of encouraging community spirit, safety, general tidiness, the condition of the roads, footpaths, signs, etc. There is a real job to be done.

The next elections are due in May when at least three experienced councillors will not be seeking re-election. We need councillors with every sort of experience and ability, including a talent for just getting things done, as well as councillors with local knowledge. What will you get out of it? Few, if any, councillors regret having decided to give it a go. Many feel that their increased knowledge of, and involvement in, the community means that they actually gain just as much as they give. This Parish has always been able to fill its nine councillor posts with elected members, true representatives of the people, rather than resorting to "co-opting" members which is always a second best. In the immediate future, when local government in the County will be going through considerable upheaval, the Parish will need a strong Council to look after its interests. Please consider putting your name down for the May elections. Talk to any councillor if you want more information. Nominations have to be with the District Council by 12 noon on 4th April. If you feel you need independent advice the Somerset Association of Local Councils has arranged one-hour meetings in four different locations especially for people who are considering becoming parish councillors.

Wed 21 Mar 7.30	East Brent Village Hall
Thur 22 Mar 7.30	Baltonsborough VH
Mon 26 Mar 7.30	Fivehead VH
Thur 29 Mar 7.30	Crowcombe VH

Advance notices

Lionel & Sue Whatley. We will be holding a farewell drinks party on Friday 13th April in the school hall at 6pm which you are welcome to attend. (They will be leaving at the end of April.)

Evelyn and Geoffrey Sherman will be leaving Long Sutton at the beginning of May. To thank them for all their contributions to church and village life there will be a farewell party in the school hall at 6.00pm on Friday, 27th April. To help with numbers could you please let Heather Pomeroy (241737) or Michael Thomas (241039) know if you intend to come.

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Christ Church Annual Meeting

The Annual Church Meeting will take place at the church on Monday 26th March at 7pm.

The meeting will review the past year, look ahead to the coming year and elect the Church Officers. Voters have to be registered on the Church Electoral Roll. The Roll is currently being revised by Mrs Barbara Morgan, who will be delighted to supply forms as required.

Table Top Sale - Saturday 24th March 2.00pm

To book a table ring Valerie Morse 241707 Ann Campbell 241202. This is a way of selling those good quality, but no longer required items - perhaps raising money for a favourite charity. Tables are selling fast at £5.

Friendship Club

We would really like to re-start this club and are eager to know of anyone who can help to organise and run it. In the past it was a club, meeting once per month with a mixture of speakers and activities. Topics included canal boat painting, history of pub names and signs, crystals, gardening ideas and memories of visits to exciting places.

There was a small charge as we had to pay the expenses of the speakers and sometimes a fee too. Perhaps you have different and new ideas of how this could be run - please let us know what you think.

Ring Bob Lench 241251

Parish Council Update

Dog Fouling on village pavements is particularly bad at present. The South Somerset District Council Dog Warden has been contacted and is helping to solve the issue. General public are reminded that dog fouling receives a fine of £80. Parish Council Elections are to be held in May 2007. Anyone interested in applying, can contact Rob Mitchell Chair of the Parish Council, for an application form, or South Somerset District Council.

Long Load Stories Request

Many years ago, I began to note down stories and facts about Long Load. I am now trying to assemble these into a 'book' form, around Long Load, some history, some stories, some photos. If you have any details I can record and or photos that I may copy, I would be most grateful to hear from you.

Some three years ago, I played a tape at a village design statement group meeting. This included some information which I am currently seeking. Would the person who borrowed the tape please return it. Many thanks.

Brian Hook, Fairlight, Martock Road, Long Load.
(01458) 241323

Village Walk 6th April 12.00 noon.

We will be setting off from the Village Hall on a leisurely circular walk - about an hour - and following this by soup and rolls in the hall. Everyone welcome from 0-100(!) plus dogs. It was great fun last year with a really good crowd turning out!

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

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

'Start by doing what is necessary; then do what is possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.' *St Francis of Assisi*