

LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2009

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| Date | Long Sutton | | Long Load | |
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| 1st March | 11.00am | Holy Communion | 9.30am | Holy Communion |
| 4th March | 6.30pm | Evening Prayer | | |
| 7th March | 2.30pm | Mothers Union Meeting | | |
| | 10.30am | Church Coffee Morning | | |
| 8th March | 8.00am | Holy Communion | 11.00am | Morning Worship |
| | 11.00am | 2nd Sunday Service + Communion in the School | | |
| 11th March | 7.30pm | Open Door at St Mary's | | |
| 14th March | 7.45pm | Gardening Club | 7.30pm | Open Door at St Mary's |
| | 10.30am | Parish Walk <i>PLEASE NOTE LATER TIME</i> | | |
| 15th March | 8.00am | Team Holy Communion at St Mary's | 8.00am | Team Holy Communion at St Mary's |
| | 9.30am | Team Communion at St Catherine's, Drayton | | |
| 18th March | 10.00am | MU Corporate Communion | | |
| 19th March | 7.30pm | WI Meeting | | |
| 20th March | 3.00pm | School Easter Fair | | |
| 21st March | 7.30pm | FOLSC Dinner Dance | | |
| 22nd March | 9.30am | Mothering Sunday Service | 9.30am | With Long Sutton |
| 28th March | 7.00pm | Charity Rock & Roll night (doors open at 6pm) | | |
| 29th March | 9.30am | Matins | | |
| CLOCKS FORWARD | | | | |

| Date | Flowers | Brasses |
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| 1st March | Lent | |
| 8th March | Lent | Mrs D Francis |
| 15th March | Lent | |
| 22nd March | Lent | Mrs J Bell |
| 29th March | Lent | |

Easter Lilies

Anyone wishing to buy an Easter lily in memory of someone, to be used to decorate the church for Easter (on Saturday 11th April for 12th April) please contact Ann Kent 241436 with £3 per lily & details of who it commemorates, by **31st March at the very latest**. Thank you.

If anyone would be willing to join our rota to do the flowers/brasses in church, we would be very grateful, as we seem to be a bit short of people to help. You don't need to be an expert, I promise! Any queries or offers of help please ring Ann Kent 241436. Thank you.

Church Coffee Morning

Despite the wintry weather and a cold church the February coffee morning was well attended and raised £289 for Practical Action. Thank you to all who came and especially to all who helped and who brought produce for the stall: we sold every single item.

On 7th March we will be supporting the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance again. It will be eighteen months since we last raised funds for this valuable local service which is funded largely by voluntary donations.

Holy Trinity:

Church Electoral Roll: As we prepare for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Wednesday, 22nd April, we need to revise the roll which was compiled last Spring and is posted on the church noticeboard. If anyone who is not on the roll would like to be included, a notice of eligibility is on the church notice board. Application forms are on the table just inside the church door or from Jenny Bell (241438).

PCC Vacancies: We are losing 3 members of the PCC in April & would welcome proposals – the positions of Churchwarden & Secretary will also be vacant. Anyone interested please contact Heather Pomeroy 241737 or Michael & Judy Thomas 241039.

Date for your July diary: Mr and Mrs Nicholas Gould are kindly hosting a tea party in the grounds of Long Sutton House on Sunday, 12th July at 3.00pm in aid of church funds. Further details will be in the June newsletter.

Spring Dinner Dance – 7.30, 21st March, Village Hall

The FOLSC Annual Dinner Dance will be even better this year. A glass of bubbly on arrival, a delicious dinner by professional caterers, and first rate music from London's West End. Where else could you get a night like this for £24 each? Tickets go on sale at the Village Shop on 16th February. In the past tickets have all sold very quickly so please book early to make sure you don't miss out.

Mothers' Union

Wednesday 4th March at Holy Trinity Church
Subject/Speaker: Lenten Service with Canon Donald Salway
Corporate Communion: Weds 18th March (Lady Day Celebration Communion)

Long Sutton W.I.

Thursday 19th March at 7.30pm
Speaker: Mr D March – The story of English Cheeses
Competition: A cheese dish, board or knife
Tea Hostesses: Christine Shire, Valerie Burdett

Gardening Club

Greetings, fellow diggers. An enjoyable talk and interesting seeds at our last meeting. We still have seeds left, so if you didn't manage to get to the meeting and have some seeds to swap - "come on down". This month's meeting on Weds 11th March sees our CHARITY RAFFLE so bring your pennies and any items you might be hoarding for that special occasion and some idea of who you might donate the winnings to if you are the winner. The talk this month is by Peter Slimon on our National Parks.

Our PLANT SALE this year will be on May 16th starting at 10.30am and the new and revised schedule for the Flower Show will shortly be arriving on the notice board in the hall. Directional liquid dispensers: Mrs V Burdett, Mrs C Shire, Mrs S Shire.
Linear abutment strategists; Mr D Sheppard, Mr and Mrs Lancaster.

A Charity rock and roll night will be held at Long Sutton village hall on Saturday 28th of March in order to raise money for St Margaret's Hospice. Money raised will be divided between Yeovil and Taunton Hospices.

Come and hear the classic sounds of the 50s and 60s, with the live band 'The Reformers'.

A licensed bar will be serving drinks.

Doors open from 6.00 for 7.00 start.

Tickets are on sale at the village shop

For more information call *Matt Park* on 241049 07779738834

LONG SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Neighbourhood Watch.

Neighbourhood watch is a voluntary organization of a group of people that coordinate messages from the police to households within their parish. At present we have only 6 people and our desperate for more volunteers to come forward. If you feel you can spare some time to be a coordinator or would like to know more then please get in touch.

Judy Turner 241422 Long Sutton Parish Council.

There is now a **Police box** in the village shop to encourage all residents to report all crime no matter how trivial it is. It can also be used to inform the police of your concerns or worries that you may have with regard to any form of crime, vandalism anti social behaviour etc. Please remember there are other methods of reporting to the police:

EMERGENCIES: 999 for incidents that require an immediate police response.

NON EMERGENCIES: 0845 456 7000 for non-urgent enquiries, to report a crime/incident that is no longer on going, to report an ongoing incident that is not an emergency or to inform us of any information relating to a crime.

INTERNET: You can report incidents/crimes using a form on the website www.avonandsomerset.police.uk

CRIMESTOPPERS: 0800 555 111 - Call anonymously with information about crime.

NEWS FROM LONG SUTTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Long Sutton Primary School is very proud to announce two new awards to add to an ever increasing collection. Most recently the school was successful in achieving the Active Mark Award in recognition of the amount of physical activity the children participate in. The award is from Sport England and indicates that the children are receiving an above national average quantity of PE which is also of a high quality and keeping pupils healthy too!

The school continues to develop the children's awareness of environmental issues and actively involves the children in a variety of ways to promote this. In recognition of the good work being done, the school has been awarded an Eco Award Bronze level and is now working towards the Silver level.

The winner of the **Christmas Music Quiz** in aid of Choir funds was Mrs A Saunders. Thank you so much to those of you who took part. It raised £58.00 which is very much appreciated. Please look out for the next brain teaser.

The School Easter Fair will be on Friday 20th March at 3pm in the school hall. All welcome. The proceeds benefit the children by providing them with extra activities and resources. We would particularly welcome any craft items, old toys, raffle prizes or plants to help us to raise money. Thank you to the whole community who continues to support the village school. Our special school celebration of Easter will be taking place on Thursday 2nd April at Holy Trinity Church at 9.30am.

Parish Walk - 14th March - 10.30am from the Green

The February walk to the Half Way House was enjoyed by a few stalwarts so this month we will do another interesting route, calling at the Lime Kiln for anyone who might feel in need of refreshment. As usual be prepared for muddy conditions. Please note the start time is half an hour later than normal. *Any questions to Nicky Jones 241559 or Keith Harding 241291.*

Children's Society Collection Boxes.

Thank you very, very much to all box holders for their continued support. This year we have raised £489.16. I have spare boxes if anyone is interested in having one in their home. Contact me on 241486 *Jean Tulk.*

LONG LOAD

Dates for your diary from the Village Hall Committee:

Pauline's Village Walk – Good Friday April 10th.

Starting from the Village Hall at 12.00 noon. Soup and hot cross buns will be available for all who come. Children and dogs are very welcome – but only good-natured ones! For those new to the village Pauline was a great friend of many of us and did many things to make this village a good place to live.

Midsummer Event – Please keep June 28th Saturday free. It will be different!

Flower Show – Saturday 5th September

Village Hall Committee – As you can see from the events planned we do try to provide something of interest for everyone, but we do need NEW members for our Committee. We meet once per month for about an hour and a half. The meetings are informal and fun, helped along by a glass of wine. Come and join us and try it out.

If anyone is interested, telephone Bob 241251 or Ann 241202

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'!

Dieter's Prayer

Strict is my diet, I shall not want
It maketh me to lie down at night hungry.
It leadeth me past the confectioners,
It trieth my willpower,
It leadeth me in the paths of starvation for my figure's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the aisles of the pastry department,
I will buy no sweet rolls for they are fattening.
The cakes & the pies, they tempt me.
Before me is a table set with green beans & lettuces.
I filleth my stomach with liquids,
My day's quota runneth over.
Surely calories & weight charts will follow me all the days of my life & I will dwell in the fear of the scales forever.