

Long Sutton and Long Load Newsletter – May 2007

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Date	Long Sutton	Long Load
3 rd May	10.15am Garden Coffee Morning	
6 th May	11.00am Eucharist 6.30pm Evening Prayer	11.00am Morning Worship
7 th May	10.30am Church Coffee Morning	
9 th May	7.45pm Gardening Club	
13 th May	8.00am Holy Communion 11.00am 2 nd Sunday Service in the School 7.30pm Open Door at St Mary's	11.00am All-age Eucharist 7.30pm Open Door at St Mary's
14 th May	7.00pm PTFA Fashion Show	
16 th May	10.00am MU Corporate Communion	
17 th May	7.30pm WI Meeting	
20 th May	9.30am Matins 2.00pm Orchard Outing 10.00am MU Corporate Communion	9.30am With Long Sutton
26 th May	7.00pm FOLSC Russian Choir Concert	
27 th May	8.00am Team Holy Communion at St Mary's, Huish Episcopi 10.30am Team Eucharist at St Mary's, Huish Episcopi	8.00am Team Holy Communion at St Mary's, Huish Episcopi 10.30am Team Eucharist at St Mary's, Huish Episcopi

Date	Flowers	Brasses
6 th May	Mrs I Neal	Mrs Pomeroy Mrs Kent
13 th May	Mrs B Jones	
20 th May	Mrs J Brand	Mrs P Ellis
27 th May	Mrs J Turner	
3 rd June	Flower Festival	Mrs A White

Please could I ask everyone who sends me items for the newsletter & Roundabout to put which they're for as the 'Subject' as I have missed a couple by putting them in for one & forgetting they're for both! Humour me!! *Ann Kent*

We are celebrating Holy Trinity weekend 2/3 of June with a flower festival in the church. Any offers of help - doing an arrangement (themed), providing flowers/foilage, helping clear up (which would be LOVELY!) or manning the church over the w/end would be fantastic. Please contact Ann Kent asap to discuss, 241436.

Mothers' Union

Wednesday 9th May – Deanery Festival Service in lieu of monthly Meeting

Corporate Communion 16th May

Long Sutton W.I.

Thursday May 17th - The WI Resolutions

Competition: Floral arrangement in a tea-cup

Tea Hostesses: Helen Pyke Jenny Vaux

Long Sutton School PTFA proudly present a fashion show on Monday May 14th at Long Sutton Village Hall from 7pm. This is an opportunity to buy ex- high street labelled clothes, modelled by pupils from the school and parents. Wine, juice and nibbles available, with a raffle, so come along for an enjoyable evening Tickets £2.50 from the shop, school or Judy Turner 241422 or the PTFA committee.

Long Sutton Gardening Club We're back in the village hall for the meeting this month on Wednesday, 9th May. Doors will open at 7.30 pm sharp so that you can form an orderly queue to pay Joan and Doreen £5 per person for the trip in June to RHS Rosemoor. There are a few places still to be taken (non members £10) and if you wish to go then phone Joan on 241760. The meeting will start at 7.45 pm and our speaker this month is Chris Cornell who will be speaking about Wild Flowers.

A big thank you to all those who turned up on Saturday morning to help keep the churchyard looking tidy and a special thanks to Jordan and Andrew who 'had a go'.

The big event this month will be the PLANT SALE on May 19th in the village hall. We are holding our prices this year and the plants will be even more of a bargain, so make sure you get there early to avoid disappointment. Doors open at 10.30 am.

Teas; Mrs B Mathews, Mrs A Vaux, Mrs J Vaux

Church Coffee Mornings.

The regular monthly coffee morning at Holy Trinity has shifted its date from Saturday (just for this month) and will take place on Bank Holiday Monday, 7th May at the Church 10.30-12.00.

This month's event is in aid of the church flower fund. Our team of flower arrangers work marvels with their floral skills for our festival celebrations. Although many of the flowers and foliage come from their own gardens, these have to be supplemented with trips to the florist for additional blooms. Last month's event raised almost £180 for the Cruse Bereavement Care.

A Family Afternoon in the Orchard

Mr Bill Fry has kindly allowed FOLSC to arrange an afternoon visit for families to his orchards between 2.00pm & 4.30pm on 20th May when the blossom should be at its best. Tractor and trailer rides around the orchards will be included in the price of the ticket and there will also be entertainment, refreshment (cream teas) and cider tasting. It will be fun and educational – a real family afternoon out. Prices are being kept to a minimum to encourage families with young children to attend. A family ticket, to include children up to 16 years will be £5, single tickets £3, available from the Village Shop from 1 May or at the event.

Friends of Long Sutton Church (FOLSC) present a Concert by the Hermitage male choir from St Petersburg on Saturday 26th May at 7.00pm at Holy Trinity Church.

Like the Welsh coalminers the Russians have a long tradition of choral music. Remember the Red Army Choir?

This spring the Hermitage male voice choir is touring the UK & will give a concert in our church. The choir consists of five singers, each of whom is professionally trained in the very best Russian Conservatoires. They perform regularly at concert halls in St Petersburg as well as in Russian churches. Also, they have toured extensively throughout Europe & beyond.

The concert will start at 7pm & will consist of two parts, each of 30-45 minutes. There will be an interval of 30 minutes, when a complementary glass of wine will be offered. During this interval it will be possible to buy CDs of the choir, including recordings of many of the pieces heard at this concert. The programme of music will have something for all tastes, from old favourites such as 'Moscow Nights', 'Kalinka', 'Song of the Volga Boatmen' (and many others) to Russian Orthodox church music. Tickets cost £10 per person & are available from the Village shop or from John Bradley, FOLSC Hon. Sec. 241095

Garden Coffee Morning on Thursday 3rd May at 10.15am at Forge Cottage, Back St, Long Sutton, in aid of St Margaret's Hospice. Lots of excellent stalls so do come & support us..

Long Sutton Friendly Society

The annual walk will be on Saturday 2nd June. Members please assemble at Long Sutton Village Hall at 9am prompt. Anyone interested in joining please be at the Village Hall at 8.45am or contact David Crossman 241465.

Village Hall AGM

The AGM of the Long Sutton Village Hall & Recreation Ground Trustee will take place at 7.00pm on 5th June in the Village Hall. This meeting will be managed by the Trustee, namely the Parish Council, with the Village

Hall Committee in attendance. Anyone interested & willing to stand for election to this committee should contact Mrs Anita Barton 241682. Please volunteer! The Committee really would welcome some younger people to help run this vital village asset.

Recycling

There is now a large YELLOW recycling bin situated in the Village Hall car park which accepts clothes shoes and textiles. This facility has been installed for the benefit of the Somerset and Dorset Air Ambulance Charity. Please try and support this worthwhile cause whenever possible.

This is a scarecrow announcement! It's back! By popular demand there will be another scarecrow competition at the village fete on June 30th. This year will have a royal theme so get your thinking hats on to surprise and entertain the village and the passing motorists. More details next month.

LONG SUTTON SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

The Club celebrated its 20th Anniversary on Tuesday 27th March, by inviting retired members as well as some members from other local bowling clubs to a bowling fun evening. Later in the evening, a finger buffet was enjoyed by all; and some guests and club members went home with prizes from the raffle. Photos were taken by the Western Gazette.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The APCM was held on 18th April in the church and was attended by twenty-five people. Hugh Ellis commissioned the churchwardens for the coming year, Heather Pomeroy and Michael Thomas. Christopher Dams, lay chairman, thanked the three members whose terms of office have expired – David Astington, Rosie Cox and Barbara Gasson – for all their contributions over the past three years. Jenny Bell and Jean Tulk were elected as new members. The minutes of the meeting are posted on the church notice board.

Another successful "Bit of a Do" was held to mark St. George's Day with an almost maximum capacity crowd enjoying food, wine and nonsense. The organisers would like to thank everyone who supported this event, especially those invaluable helpers who worked so hard to make the Hall look splendid and produce the delicious supper. The Village Hall funds will benefit by over £500, a superb effort from all concerned. (Sutton Over Dramatic Society)

Saying Goodbye

On 13th April about forty friends gathered in the school hall to thank Lionel and Sue Whatley for their time with us. Michael Thomas, speaking for us all, expressed his sorrow and regret that things had not worked out as hoped and he hoped that lessons will have been learnt. Janet Walford spoke on behalf of the school governors and made a presentation to Lionel. We all wish the Whatleys well in their new home in Worthing.

LONG LOAD

MARIE CURIE BEN NEVIS MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE 2007

Once again the mountains beckon and on the 3rd June 2007 Bev and I, along with a couple of hundred others will be walking to the top of Ben Nevis to raise money for Marie Curie Cancer Care. We would be grateful for your support by way of sponsorship. Mark and Veronica have very kindly agreed to have a sponsor form in the shop for us; money at time of sponsorship would be helpful as we have to pay on the day. You could also catch Bev and me whilst we are out and about training or at Cobbs or Williams Supermarket in Somerton. Thank you for your support, Lynn Miell and Bev Squire

Long Load Easter Walk, 6th April, 12 noon

Joseph Lewis reflects on an energetic morning...

Around 40 intrepid explorers gathered at Long Load Village Hall, on Good Friday, under glorious skies, for our annual Easter Walk. The route follows a marked footpath down to Long Load bridge, along the river, onto to Church Lane and turning back to our starting point, taking about an hour to complete.

For 2007, we were joined by many new faces. Christine Shire read of the walk in the Newsletter. Having enjoyed last year's Long Sutton walk, the opportunity of another 'village stroll' was too good to miss and Grandson, Matthew from Somerton joined in. Our walk was something of a "memory lane" as Christine moved to Long Load from Hampshire, at the age of fourteen and lived in the cottage next to the church.

We welcomed Roger and Nina Allen and their daughter, Stephanie, relatively new to the village from Yeovil and enjoying life in the country.

Easter time visitors also helped to swell our ranks, including Bruncker family members, friends from Reading and a delightful number of children (an Easter egg helped, apparently!).

After a group photograph from Yours Truly, we set off, at our own pace, under the leadership of Ann Campbell, my Dad, John Lewis and Village Hall Committee Chairman, Bob Lench.

Passing the Crown Inn and crossing the river Yeo, we saw parts of the village, usually only glimpsed from passing cars.

Catching up with neighbours and the latest news, our backdrop were the flowers springing forth in the hedgerow and our soundtrack, the crows squawking away in the treetops.

Up the cattle route, with stream alongside, we chatted to villagers languidly cutting lawns or enjoying the sunshine. Back in the village, we dropped down into Church Lane's dappled shade and headed for the river once more. With views out to Huish Episcopi and Langport, we felt the importance of enjoying and maintaining the countryside, emphasised as we passed through our last "kissing gate".

Leaving the continual rush of water, we took our last few strides.

Invigorated and with a renewed sense of perspective, we were ready for our soup; a choice of country vegetable, chicken or tomato, with hot cross buns of course!

Bob Lench thanked so many people for coming and having the opportunity to share one another's company. A dedication was then made to Pauline Salway, a light of the village. From next Easter, we will follow "Pauline's Walk" and remember a dear friend.

This underlines the significance of our Easter Good Friday meeting. We need to take time aside to consider all our blessings; of family, friends, food and community. Something, that with our busy lives, is simple to forget.

A special thank you to Margaret Haines and Pam Cooper for all their help, preparing and serving refreshments.

Annual Church Meeting

The APCM was held in the Church on 26th March, at which we welcomed the Rev'd Hugh Ellis and fifteen parishioners. After many long years of faithful service variously as a PCC member, churchwarden and latterly as Deanery Synod representative, Paul Morgan has retired. Due to increased commitments elsewhere, Nicki Collins has found it necessary to stand down as secretary and Margaret Adens has kindly agreed to take her place. To all of them, we extend our warmest thanks. Brian Hook is our new Deanery Synod rep. The new PCC is completed by Barbara Morgan, Heather Trott and Liz Spencer, with Guy Bruncker continuing as Treasurer and Paul Sayers and Mary Bruncker as Churchwardens.

All parochial and relevant reports were presented at the meeting. Hugh commissioned the churchwardens and after some invited discussion about the life of our church in the village, the meeting closed with a presentation to Paul and Nicki and a glass of wine for everyone.

Farewell to Lionel and Sue Whatley

The Church was beautifully decorated and provided a lovely welcome for the good congregation who attended our Easter Day service. This was conducted by Ven. Lionel Whatley, which gave us the opportunity to say farewell to both Lionel and Sue, who have become very much part of our church in Long Load. Sue has been so good in stepping in when Sheena (our organist) has been away, we shall certainly miss her willing support. In appreciation of their love and care, a most attractive original of Christchurch, painted by Roger Harvey, was presented to them.

South Somerset District Council are looking to support activities in Long Load for the over 50's.

Suggestions so far are Whist Drives, Pilates and a Tea Dance. Are these of any interest to you or do you have other ideas?

Please contact Ann Campbell with your thoughts! (01458) 241202

MARY DYER

A memory of Mary Dyer, born October 1918, survived by Daisie and Ted.

Mary's life was one of service, caring for the family during the hard years before and during the war. Mary was independent, capable and dedicated to others. She enjoyed gardening, conversation and during her youth excelled at archery, becoming Somerset county champion. Mary will be much missed by her family and friends.

The Funeral and Service of Thanksgiving, conducted by Ven. Lionel Whatley, was held at Christchurch on 12th April.

The table top sale was a great success. Buyers and sellers had a really good time and bargains were snapped up.

We had a **play-scheme** in the village for one morning of the Easter holiday, where 15 children attended. We learnt circus skills and some even managed to keep plates spinning!

Some of the very young children enjoyed the soft toy area on the South Somerset District Council (SSDC) bus, which parked right outside the

village hall. Older children made circus models and all the children loved making edible Easter bonnets!

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

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

Apologies for squashed entries – lots of info this month!! AK