

# LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER – MAY 2009

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Date	Long Sutton	Long Load
2nd May	10.30am Church Coffee Morning 10.30am Litter Pick	
3rd May	11.00am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evening Prayer	
5th May	7.00pm Annual Parish Meeting	9.30am Holy Communion
6th May	2.30pm Mothers Union Meeting	6.30pm Driver Awareness Course
7th May		2.00pm & 7.00pm Red Cross Course Whist Drive
8th May		
9th May	10.00am Parish Walk 2.00pm FOLSC Big Garage Sale School Governors & PTFA Barn Dance	
10th May	8.00am Holy Communion 11.00am 2nd Sunday Service in the School	11.00am Morning Worship
13th May	7.45pm Gardening Club	
14th May	2.00pm Vicarage garden tidy-up	
16th May	10.30am Gardening Club Plant Sale	
17th May	8.00am Team Holy Communion at St Mary's 10.30am Team Communion at St Andrew's, High Ham	8.00am Team Holy Communion at St Mary's 10.30am Team Communion at St Andrew's High Ham
20th May	10.00am MU Corporate Communion	
21st May	7.30pm WI Meeting	
23rd May	10.00am Big Breakfast	
24th May	9.30am Holy Communion 9.00am Friendly Society Walk	9.30am With Long Sutton
30th May		
31st May	9.30am Matins 2.00pm Global Day of Prayer Pentecost Celebration, Cockle Moor	2.00pm Global Day of Prayer Pentecost Celebration, Cockle Moor

Date	Flowers	Brasses
3rd May	Mrs J Thomas	Mrs D Cox
10th May	Mrs P Harding	
17th May	Mrs I Neil	Mrs R Cox Mrs J Vaux
24th May	Mrs A Kent	
31st May	Mrs J Ellerbeck	Mrs G Sargent

## Church Coffee Morning

The April coffee morning in aid of South Somerset Citizens' Advice Bureau raised £271, another excellent result, possibly helped by the beautiful spring weather but of course mostly achieved through the number of people who provide produce for the stall and who come and support the event.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> May we will be raising funds for Tearfund. Tearfund is a Christian relief and development agency building a global network of churches to help eradicate poverty. As the number of people attending these events has steadily increased we are finding that we would benefit from having some more small tables to use inside the church. If anyone has an unwanted small, square, folding table we would be most grateful. Please contact Judy Thomas – 241 039 or Heather Pomeroy – 241 737. Thank you.

## Mothers' Union

Wednesday 6th May at Miss Pyke's  
Subject/Speaker: Rev Jane Twitty – An Inner City Parish  
Corporate Communion: Weds 20th May

## Long Sutton W.I.

Thursday May 21st at 7.30pm  
The WI Resolutions  
Competition: A May posy  
Tea Hostesses: Barbara Gasson, Shirley Shire

### Dates for your Diary:

**Wednesday 1st July, 3pm.**

**"Tea @ 3" in aid of St. Margaret's Somerset Hospice.**

Do come and join us in Penny and Peter Ellis's garden at Forge Cottage, Back Street, for tea and cake. Help us raise money for the Hospice by raising a cup. All are welcome.

**Saturday 11th July, 10am - 5pm.** The Court House

Long Sutton W.I. is celebrating its 85th year.

By kind permission of the tenants we will be displaying our W.I.

Archives, which are full of fascinating facts, information and details of Long Sutton through the eyes of the W.I. from 1924 onwards. Members' craftwork can also be seen and light refreshments will be available.

The Spigurnal Hall, in the Court House, was the original meeting room for the W.I. and it will give visitors the chance to view this historic building.

## Gardening Club

Greetings diggers! It was nice to see members having a good spend up at last month's meeting. This month we meet on the 13th May when the talk is 'Rare Plants of the Southern Counties' given by Chris Cornell who gave an excellent talk the last time he visited. During the meeting Ann will need to know who is coming to help (from 9.00 am) at the Plant Sale on Saturday, 16th May not the 6th as mistakenly stated in last month's newsletter. The PLANT SALE is open to the public from 10.30 am and remember, folks, most items are sold within the first 20 minutes. Ann will also be taking money for the trip to Mapperton in June.

Tea Host and Hostesses: Mrs P Pugh, Mr & Mrs A Matthews  
Chair Wrangler: Mr D Neil

## Parish Walk

By democratic vote the walk this month is to the Bell at Ash - an interesting one across the levels (or moors) Most will not wish to walk back so we suggest you arrange with friends to pre-position a car. It will probably still be muddy on the droves so good boots please. Nicky and Tony Jones will be leading the walk, any questions to them on 241559 or Keith Harding on 241291

## Long Sutton C of E VA Primary School News

Long Sutton School has had a very busy Spring Term. We are very proud of our *Netball and Football* teams who won the Small Schools Tournament which was held at Huish Episcopi Science and Languages College on 17th March.

*The School Choir* sang beautifully and with great confidence at the Somerset Spectacular at Westlands Leisure Complex on 30th March. Two of our girls, Lana Taylor and Phoebe Carey sang solos in front of the very large audience. It was a great experience for all the children who enjoyed a very enriching and memorable day!

*We had a Green Day* on Monday 16th March. All the children came to school wearing green clothes and took part in Recycling, Fairtrade, Wildlife and Renewable energy workshops run by the Primary Trust for the Environment. As a result the children are becoming much more eco-aware. Our school vegetable patch is ready to go and we would appreciate any advice or seedlings to help us on our way. The children are really keen to get digging and seeing the fruits and veg of their labour!

*The school Easter fair* raised £493.00 which we were delighted with in view of the current financial climate. Many thanks to all who contributed to this event. The children will enjoy lots of extra activities!

## A date for your diaries: PLEASE NOTE:

The school Governors and PTFA are hosting a **Barn Dance** in the Village Hall on Saturday 9th May. It will be a really great night out so

please come along and bring friends and family with you! Tickets will be available from the school office nearer the time.

**The Annual Parochial Church Meeting** was held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 7.30pm in the Church. Only 25 people attended. Special thanks were extended to retiring officers for all their hard work: Michael Thomas (Churchwarden) Christopher Dams (Lay Chairman) Judy Thomas (Secretary) and Toby Crispin (Treasurer). Roger Cox and Heather Pomeroy were elected Churchwardens for 2009/10. Anthony Shepard has become Treasurer and Joan Bond is Secretary. Church finances are not good, and the PCC hope to find ways to increase its income. FOLSC have paid for a number of minor repairs and renovations, but are not allowed to contribute to the running costs of the church owing to the terms of their charitable status. There is a desperate need for younger people (under 60!) to become involved in whatever way they feel able. With an ageing congregation, the future of our beautiful church is in question. It was reported that the monthly coffee mornings (initiated by Judy Thomas and starting their fourth year in July) were a huge success, and were a great way of bringing more people into the church as well as being an excellent social occasion. They had raised £2,978 for local and national charities in 2008 (an increase of £745 from the previous year).

**The Annual Parish Meeting** will take place on the 5th May 2009 at 7 pm in the Village Hall Committee Room followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

#### **The Big Breakfast is back!**

Long Sutton village hall on Saturday 23rd May. 10 - 2pm  
Still only £5 [children £2.50] pay on the day.  
Any offers of help greatly received.  
All money raised will go towards replacing new tables in the village hall. *Judy Turner 241422.*  
Also present on this day will be the local police and PCSO to offer advice and useful information about local policing in the community. Tea and coffee will be on offer.

#### **A message from our local PCSO**

I attended the school at Long Sutton on the 30th April, visiting Birch Class with our Crime scene investigation unit and we looked at fingerprints and footprints.

*I would like to put a request in that if any one is having a function within the next 2 or 3 months and they would like me to attend then they can contact me on 07825103300 or via email [melanie.austin@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:melanie.austin@avonandsomerset.police.uk)*

#### **Long Sutton Friendly Society**

The Annual walk takes place on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May. Members are reminded to attend Roll Call at the Village hall at 9.00am followed by the church service in Holy Trinity church at 9.30am. The walk this year is along the Langport Rd followed by lunch at the Golf Club. For further details contact *D Crossman241465*

**Litter pick** (organised by parish council). Saturday 2nd May, 10.30 to 12.00am. Meet at Long Sutton village hall car park at 10.30. All equipment provided, children welcome if accompanied by an adult. Refreshments available 12 o'clock at the village stores for a small charge. Enquiries Tel. *Dave 241637*

**The FOLSC Spring Dinner and Dance** on the 21<sup>st</sup> Of March was very much enjoyed by all who attended. Although the ticket sales were slightly down it did leave more room for dancing and general merry making. The meal that was served was delicious and there was even enough for seconds! The hall once again look wonderful decked out in very spring like green and yellow. A huge thank you to EVERYONE who donated time, money, their services, their bodies or anything else I haven't thought of into making it such an enjoyable evening.  
*Amanda Vaux*

#### **FOLSC's Big Garage Sale – Sat 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2 to 4 pm**

Everything from furniture to unused dinner services to garden tools and many interesting new and old ornaments, kitchen items, etc. All going for a song. The proceeds will be split 50-50 between maintenance of the Church building (FOLSC's single purpose) and the sellers. See you at Peace Lane Cottage, Long Sutton (next to the Devonshire Arms).

#### **North Border of the Churchyard**

Some time ago the PCC asked the gardening club to take care of the north border. The club agreed to take this on but with an ageing and

often ailing membership they have found it increasingly difficult to maintain this commitment on a regular basis. The PCC is most grateful to all members of the club who have contributed time, knowledge and plants to the border over a period of time and is particularly grateful to Mrs Neil who took on the organisation of this aspect of the club's activities. In the circumstances the PCC feels that it would be appropriate to revert to the system of volunteers who each take charge of a section so that it can be worked in their own time. Obviously the more volunteers the less work for each so it would be encouraging if as many village families and organisations as possible could consider taking part. If you feel able to help or would like more information please contact Judy Thomas on 241 039 or [jdt@icsmconnect.co.uk](mailto:jdt@icsmconnect.co.uk) or any member of the PCC before the end of May.

**Vicarage Garden** - The PCC would like to help Jane with the maintenance of the vicarage garden on a voluntary monthly basis. The first of this season's working parties will be on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> May starting at 2.00pm. Please bring your own tools. All are welcome to help for as much time as can be spared.

**A coffee morning** in the garden of Upton Bridge Farm, Long Sutton, will be held in aid of the N.S.P.C.C. on Tuesday, June 9th. There should be many old fashioned roses to enjoy and plants to purchase, as well as a bring and buy, cakes and other stalls.

**Long Sutton Stores** invites you to try their new hot drinks - coffee (to suit all tastes) tea & hot chocolate are available to buy at only 99p per cup! Go on, give it a go!

## **LONG LOAD**

#### **Pauline's Walk**

On Good Friday, having eaten hot cross buns to give us energy, 40 villagers set off on a circular walk around the village. Although the weather could have been much better we all finished the course; arriving back at the Village Hall a little damp and bedraggled, but in good spirits.

We were treated to a choice of four different home made soups and crusty bread followed by coffee and chocolates. An excellent quiz tested our observational skills. As usual, no one could get away without taking part in the raffle - the proceeds paying for the food thoughtfully provided. As we left, everyone kindly made donations to a cancer related charity and this raised £52.30. Pauline's Walk is now an established Village Event and we hope many of you will join us next year.

Forthcoming events:-

**May 5th - 6.30pm at the Village Hall** - Driver Awareness Course  
*Contact Roger Harvey for details.*

**May 7th - 2.00pm and 7.00pm** - Red Cross Course at the Village Hall  
*Contact Marsha White.*

**May 8th** - Whist Drive - *Contact Paul Fielden*

**Items for the June newsletter to Ann Kent, Copythorne, Knole, or to [lsnewsletter@btinternet.com](mailto:lsnewsletter@btinternet.com) by 20<sup>th</sup> May please.**  
NB the first letter of the email address is an 'l' (L) not an 'i'

#### **Girlie Wisdom**

Women over 50 don't have babies because they would put them down & forget them.

A friend of mine confused her Valium with her birth control pills...she has 14 kids but doesn't really care.

One of life's mysteries is how a 2-pound box of chocolates can make a woman gain 5lbs.

My mind not only wanders, it sometimes leaves completely.