

# LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2007

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Date	Long Sutton	Long Load
1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	10.30am Church Coffee Morning	4.00pm Flower Show
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	11.00am Eucharist 6.30pm Evening Prayer	11.00am Morning Worship
5 <sup>th</sup> Sept 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.30pm MU meeting  Friends of Somerset Churches & Chapels Sponsored Bike Ride & Walk	Harvest Supper
9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	8.00am Holy Communion 11.00am 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Service in the School 7.30pm Open Door at St Mary's	11.00am Eucharist  7.30pm Open Door at St Mary's
12 <sup>th</sup> Sept 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	7.45pm Gardening Club 2.00pm Patchwork Group restarts	
16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.30am All-age Eucharist 5.00pm Martin Poll's Farewell Team Eucharist at St Mary's, Huish Episcopi	9.30am With Long Sutton 5.00pm Martin Poll's Farewell Team Eucharist at St Mary's, Huish Episcopi
17 <sup>th</sup> Sept 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00am MU Corporate Communion 7.30pm WI meeting	
23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.30am Team Eucharist 10.30am Macmillan Coffee Morning 2.30pm School Harvest Celebration in the church:	10.30am Team Eucharist at Long Sutton 10.30am Macmillan Coffee Morning
29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00am all welcome Quaker Meeting Open Day	
30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	11.30am Ecumenical Service at All Saints 6.30pm Harvest Festival (& supper)	11.30am Ecumenical Service at All Saints

## PLEASE NOTE

**THAT I NEED ALL ENTRIES FOR THE OCTOBER ROUNDABOUT & NEWSLETTER BY 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER AT THE LATEST!!!!**

### Apologies, Ann Kent

Date	Flowers	Brasses
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Miss Sloman	
9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Mrs J Wheeler	Miss A Atkins
16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Mrs J Taylor	
23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Mrs V Chick	Mrs J Tulk
30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Flower Ladies	
7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Mrs D Paull	Miss Sloman & Mrs Paull

### Harvest decorating

We would like to decorate the church a little earlier than normal this year so that the school's harvest service can take place in a fully-decorated church! So, if you are one of the wonderful people who help to make the church as beautiful as possible, *or would like to help*, please could you do so on Thursday 27/9 or Friday 28/9. If you really cannot do that, but can on 30/9, then please carry on! I hope to contact all the usual suspects soon, but meanwhile, any queries please contact Ann Kent 241436. Flowers, greenery & produce would be most welcome!

### Church Coffee Morning

The September Coffee morning is on Saturday 1st, from 10.30 until 12.00 with coffee in the church and the usual array of mellowly fruitful produce and cakes for sale on the stall. This month we will be raising funds for the Anglican Church in Baghdad, which must be the most beleaguered parish in the world. The community there tries to maintain its work, despite daily facing the risk of attack. It has an active branch of the Mothers' Union which organizes activities for children. The coffee morning is an opportunity for us, who enjoy a peaceful and safe community, to support those trying to provide comfort in a very hostile and challenging situation.

The August coffee morning raised over £190 for the Friends of Yeovil Hospital. Many thanks to those who came along for coffee and a natter, and to those who supported the stall. Donations of produce are always very welcome.

### Mothers' Union

Weds 5<sup>th</sup> Sept at Barbara Morgan's, Long Load  
Subject/Speaker: Kay Leddingham (Bible Reading)  
Corporate Communion: Weds 17<sup>th</sup> Sept.

### Long Sutton W.I.

Thursday Sept 20<sup>th</sup>

Speaker: The Ven. R F Acworth – To fail is to succeed  
Competition: Create an animal with food

Tea Hostesses: Marjorie Dams Imogen Pearson.

### Long Sutton Gardening Club

What a fabulous flower show we had this year; even the sun chose to be out shining on us all. Well done to everyone who helped and contributed towards its success. It couldn't happen without those who volunteer their time and efforts. Thank you.

This month will see us meeting in the village hall on Wednesday, September 12th 2007 for a talk given by Mrs M Benger on Plants for flower arrangements. This will be our first meeting in the hall for some time and it is particularly important that all those members visiting HIGHGROVE on Monday, September 24th 2007 are present as you are to be given vital information which will self destruct after two minutes. See you there.

### Long Sutton Macmillan Coffee Morning 28 September 2007

from 10.30 to 12.00 noon at Parsons Barn, Cross Lane, Long Sutton. (Marjorie and Christopher Dams).  
If you cannot come, please send a donation or a raffle prize.

### Long Sutton Quaker Meeting Open Day on Saturday 29th September

Refreshments from 10am, 11.00am talk by Jane Harries, co-chair of Women to Women for Peace, about the current work of the group around the world, including her recent visit to Israel & Palestine. Lunches will be available.

There will also be a short presentation about Quakerism & opportunity for questions. All are welcome to visit our historical Meeting House & enjoy any/all the events.

For more information please contact Gill Greenfield 241325.

### Vandalism – Village Hall & surroundings

So far over the past year the following incidents have taken place:

- Foul graffiti sprayed on the Village Hall walls & on the 4 waste bins in the car park.
- Cake plastered into Village Hall locks & over windows.
- Tennis court nets destroyed & wire netting cut through on several occasions.
- Pavilion door battered in & windows smashed.

**And now the nastiest incident of all.** Two teenagers riding around the car park on small motorcycles then entered the Village Hall during the Dancing Club's regular event. They asked if they could use the male loo which was agreed. When carrying out checks of the hall prior to locking up it was apparent that one of the teenagers had defiled the urinal. Associations & societies using the Village Hall are warned to take care whom they permit to use the facilities (we suggest the answer to outsiders is No!). Anyone in the Village Hall & Recreation area is asked to show an interest in what is going on & take any action they think fit. **This wonderful village asset does not deserve this mindless behaviour.**

## VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall is a tremendous asset to village life and an opportunity has arisen for an organised, public spirited person to contribute the day to day running of this essential venue.

We are looking for a Clerk who will have responsibility for taking the bookings for the hall. This will involve keeping a diary of bookings, sending invoices to individuals and organisations who hire the hall and, on occasion, showing the hall to prospective hirers. There will be no responsibility for the collection or banking of money as this falls within the Treasurer's remit, with whom you will liaise. The position will also involve attendance at congenial meetings of the Village Hall Committee which normally occur every two months.

This position will carry an honorarium.

Please apply to the Chairman Patrick Vaughan on 01458 241592.

**The Patchwork group** resumes on Friday September 14th from 2:00 - 5:00 pm, and then every other week. If you have an unfinished project you would like to work on, or are interested in starting, do come and join our friendly group and enjoy a good chat. Further information from Margaret Briggs on 241565

## Budapest to Birmingham Charity Cycle

I would like to thank all the local residents who sponsored me on my recent cycle from Budapest to Birmingham in aid The Anthony Nolan Trust. Along with two friends, I completed the 1400 mile journey in 22 days in temperatures up to 38 degrees! So far we have collected well over £1000 and hope to raise a final figure in excess of £2000. If you have yet to donate and wish to do so please contact me by phone or go to [www.justgiving.com/b2b](http://www.justgiving.com/b2b). Many Thanks. Jack Fry. Tel: 241234

## Race for Life – Cancer Research

This year again I entered the race & I'm pleased to say that I completed it & enjoyed it. My thanks go to all who contributed to the money collected which was £70.70p. *Ellen Harlow*

**FLOWER SHOW.** A big thank you to everyone who supported the Flower Show: the show committee whose hard work in advance helped everything run smoothly; to the helpers who helped set up, take down and escort the judges; to Bunty and her team for the delicious refreshments and above all those who made a record number of entries and made a great display for visitors to enjoy on a relaxed and friendly afternoon. It was lovely to have so many entries from children; thanks to supporting parents and grandparents!

## FOLSC

Many thanks to all of you who braved the weather to attend our summer party. The evening was a great success. The band had everybody dancing from the word go and, the hog roast was delicious. The event made in excess of £800. Many thanks to all who attended and helped with the smooth running of the evening. Our grateful thanks to Tim and Janet Walford for the use of the barn.

**Geoffrey & Evelyn Sherman** thank the church for putting on such a wonderful farewell party for them. It was an emotional evening for us & we thank all those friends who came to wish us well. It was sad to leave Long Sutton but we will keep in touch & hope to see some of you down here. We have a lovely flat full of sunshine all day. It has been a very stressful move & we still have workmen everywhere it seems, & many boxes still unpacked. Without our caring family we could not have coped. Bless you all & love to anyone who would like to accept it!

## Friends of Somerset Churches & Chapels Sponsored Bike Ride & Walk – Sat 8th September

The annual sponsored bike ride or walk in aid of Somerset historic churches & chapels will take place on

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> September. Can you help? You do not have to be young to participate. Many people take part who rarely ride a bicycle at any other time. If you prefer to walk rather than ride a bike, that is fine. You can visit as many or as few churches as you like. This is a good-humoured & enjoyable day & the weather usually smiles on us. If you would be prepared to help, either as a sponsor or as a participant or by manning the church for a while on the day, your local church representatives would be very pleased to hear from you. For Long Sutton, please contact Dan Shorland Ball 241626; for Long Load please contact Mrs Nicki Collins 241306. Half the money raised comes to Long Sutton/Long Load. Half goes to the Friends of Somerset Churches & Chapels. Last year Long Sutton raised £1,329 – a record. We want to do even better this year!

## LONG LOAD

Looking ahead, all are welcome to the **Harvest Service** at Long Load Church, at 11am on Sunday 7th October.

The following is a summary of a talk on the theme of harmony, given by Brian Hook at the Long Load Village Service in early July.

### HARMONY

I have been trying to compile bits of history and stories about Long Load and the people who have lived here in previous years. Whilst looking for information, I realised that much of what has been achieved has come about through members of the community working in harmony, one with another.

In centuries past, this was an almost completely self-contained settlement, each person reliant on the services and support of others within the parish. The central pivot of this was the Church.

One very obvious example of the inhabitants working in harmony was in the days of the "Revels." This annual celebration of the village and all it meant was instigated, arranged and worked for, by those who also attended and supported our Church. This continued through the years as an annual occasion. Indeed, I read a report printed in the Western Gazette, published in the 1950's, which highlighted the involvement of the Parish in this way. I quote, "the success of the Fete was through the harmonious way that just about everyone in the village became involved". A Fete in 1964 raised the balance needed to buy the then redundant village school building, which is now our village hall and a place for the community to meet and enjoy a variety of occasions. This is an on-going, tangible display of people working in harmony with each other for the common good.

Of course, where there is harmony, there is also disharmony. As individuals we do not always think or work the same as those around us. Perhaps we might also overlook, at times, the feelings of others or forget to give them the opportunity to explain why they are of a different opinion. We are asked in the Bible that every one should be listened to and due respect given to the views of others. If we communicate properly, differences can be resolved. Thoughtful communication promotes harmony and prevents disagreement and offence. This is not always easy when we have ideas or wishes, that as an individual, we think are correct or the way to go forward.

Over many former years this Parish relied in part on good farming practices for its existence. Farmers are independent people by the very nature of their calling. Even so, over the centuries, neighbours arranged for their workforce to help out on other farms during hay making and harvest time, where they worked in harmony, men, women and children, to gather the crop.

Nowadays, the Environment Agency promotes and requires farmers to farm in a way that is considered to protect and enhance the environment. Farmers have always worked in Harmony with nature, with their stock and with the land itself. Had they not, then they would have been unable to produce the food this nation required, especially in this Country's darker days. Working in harmony is for the good of all, even if at times as individuals, we have to adjust or moderate our own wishes. Who was it that sang, "I want to teach the world to sing in perfect harmony". Don't worry, I won't inflict my singing on you! Living in harmony, whether as a couple, as a family, as a community or as a Nation, is not always easy, but it is worth working at, for all our sakes.

## Macmillan Coffee Morning at LONG LOAD VILLAGE HALL 10.30 - 12.00 FRIDAY 28th SEPTEMBER

We hope all our regular supporters will come and it would be lovely to see new people join us.

**Picnic by the Pond.** Saturday 11th August was a day of sunshine and pleasantly warm; perfect for a picnic by the pond! Gratitude to all involved, especially, "Cazz Jazz" and our very own Julia Harvey.

*Items for the October newsletter to Ann Kent, Copythorne, Knole,  
or to [lsnewsletter@btinternet.com](mailto:lsnewsletter@btinternet.com) by **14<sup>th</sup> September**  
please.*

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

If you really look like your passport photograph, then you certainly need  
a holiday.