

LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2011

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Date	Long Sutton & Long Load	
3rd	10.30am	Church Coffee Morning
4th	11.00am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
5th	9.00am	Tom's Warehouse Sale
6th	9.00am	Tom's Warehouse Sale
7th	2.30pm	MU Meeting
	7.30pm	Gardening Club
11th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	2nd Sunday Service in the School
12th	2.00pm	Senior Citizen Christmas Party
14th	6.30pm	Gardening Club at Brimsmore
15th	7.30pm	WI Christmas Party
18th	8.00am	Team Holy Communion at St Mary's
	10.30am	Team Eucharist
	6.00pm	Carol Service
21st	10.00am	MU Corporate Communion
24th	3.30pm	Crib Service
	6.00pm	Long Load Village Christmas Evening
	11.30pm	Holy Communion
25th	10.45am	Christmas Celebration

Date	Flowers	Brasses
4th	Mrs B Jones	
11th	Mrs I Neil	Mrs A Hall
18th	Flower Ladies	
25th	Flower Ladies	
1st	Mrs J Wheeler	Mrs D Francis

We will be decorating the church for the Carol Service on Sat 17th Dec from 10.00am – any queries please contact Ann Kent 241436. Offers of help, flowers (red or white) & foliage always much appreciated! Can the flower ladies who usually help please contact me. Thanks. AK Please note everyone!!!!!!

We have had the v kind offer of flowers every week until further notice (they run out!). They will be left in the porch on Friday morning every week for us to use. If the previous week's flowers are still looking OK (quite likely), please can you swap/jiggle them around & put some in windowsills so we make best use of this v generous offer. A huge thank you to Kate Biggins of Pibsbury.

Church Coffee Mornings

We had a successful morning on 5th November helped by pleasant autumn weather. The event raised £331 for Holy Trinity's commitment towards our local Christian Youth Worker's salary.

On 3rd December we will be fundraising for Victim Support. This national charity gives free and confidential help to victims of crime, witnesses, their family, friends and anyone else affected. The charity speaks out as a national voice for victims and witnesses.

In January we will be supporting the Muscular Dystrophy Campaign which provides free and expert information to anyone affected by muscle disease.

A note from the produce stall: *soup sales have always been good but I don't get as many boxes back as I send out. I appreciate that many people find them very useful (you can buy them from Lakeland) but if I don't get enough boxes back soup production will have to be reduced. Thank you. Judy*

Mothers' Union

Weds 7th December at Heather Pomeroy's
Subject/Speaker: Christmas/Advent readings
Corporate Communion: Weds 21st December

Long Sutton W.I.

Thursday 15th December at 7.30pm
Christmas Party with seasonal readings & buffet
Competition: Your favourite tree decoration
Tea Hostesses: Jess Bromfield, Helen Pyke

Wow! What an evening we all had in Long Sutton Village Hall on 20th October when the WI had invited Paul Atterbury from BBC Antiques Roadshow to come to speak. The hall was completely full and even Paul, himself, said he was surprised that we had managed to attract such a large audience. He spoke for nearly 2 hours and thrilled us with tales from the show, how many different paths his career had actually taken and how none of it had ever been planned – he just seemed to be one of those characters who was always in the right place at the right time. We finished with a stunning buffet, having had a wonderful talk from an excellent speaker.

Long Sutton WI Christmas Cards will be available in the shop from early October. They are on sale at the bargain price of £2.99 for a pack of 6 and contain a stunning view of Holy Trinity Church taken in the snow earlier this year. All your friends and relations will be delighted to receive this card during the festive season to remind them of the beautiful village we live in.

Gardening Club

The next meeting takes place at Brimsmore Garden Centre, Yeovil on 14th December at 6.30pm. There are sadly no more places for the Christmas meal but you could phone up Doreen and put your name onto the waiting list if you want, sometimes people do turn on, tune in and drop out. Again as I write this I'm amazed at how quickly the year has passed and would like to wish members and all in Long Sutton a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We start our new year on 11th January, 2012 at 7.45pm and welcome both old and new members.

Invitations have now been sent out for this year's **Senior Citizen Christmas party**, it will be held in school on **Monday 12th December at 2:00 pm**. You are invited to attend the premiere of our nativity play and listen to the school choir. There will be a raffle, refreshments, mince pies and Christmas cake. If you are over 60, new to the area or have not received your invitation and would like to attend please contact the school office on: **241 434**

Light up a Life Christmas Carol Service for the Langport Area in aid of St Margaret's Hospice, 7.00 pm Thursday, 8th December, St Mary's church, Huish Episcopi. Everyone most welcome.

The Village Carol Service on Dec 18th needs a village choir to lead the singing. Singers of all ages and abilities are welcome. If you sang last year please come again and bring a friend. If you are unsure about joining, why not come to the first rehearsal and find out what is involved?

Rehearsals are in the church at 7.30pm for about an hour on the following dates:-

Nov 30th, Dec 5th, 8th, 12th & 14th

For further information and encouragement ring 241443

Appointment for LEA School governor at Long Sutton C of E School

Long Sutton School Governors need to appoint an LEA governor to join the team of enthusiastic people who work to support the school in its work.

If you have a bit of spare time and would like to be involved at the local school with governor work, school visits and fundraising events, please contact the school office for more information : 01458 241434. Ask to speak to Elaine Cosser or Mrs Reynolds. We look forward to hearing from you!

Long Sutton School Christmas Craft fair

Thank you to all who supported the Long Sutton School Christmas craft fair on 10th November. It was pleasant and Christmassy evening with lots of interesting items to buy, mainly made locally. People enjoyed the first carols, mulled cider and mince pie of the season! The crèche run by Toybox allowed parents to browse peacefully! Thanks to all who came along, we raised just over £600 which is fantastic and will enable the governors to pay the 10% towards capital expenditure such as new laptops and network. Best wishes for the Christmas season from the Long Sutton School governors

**Chairman of Somerset County Council's
Award for Services to the Community**

Congratulations:

Rob Mitchell for his dedication and commitment while serving as Councillor and Chairman of Long Load Parish Council.

Congratulations:

David Rowell, who has performed a caring, thoughtful and very valuable service as Postman and friend to the community for many years.

Toms Place is having a Christmas Warehouse Sale on Monday 5th December and Tuesday 6th December

From 9 – 4.30 each day. PTO

At Unit 4, Bridge Barns

Long Sutton TA10 9PZ

Great Christmas gifts, gadgets, toys and stocking fillers.

Casual Clothing from Deal, Wombat and fleeces from Coastal Blue.

Great shoes, deck shoes and boots from Sebago.

All welcome, free coffee, tea, biscuits.

Please come and bring your friends

The sale is in aid of Send a Cow to Africa which enables people in rural areas to move out of total poverty and become self-sufficient.

WEA 2012

The subject of the next course is APPRECIATING ANTIQUES.

These evenings will cover a wide range of antiques from glass to furniture; we will be looking at the antiques trade including tips on how to spot fakes. The sessions will be illustrated with items. Students are encouraged to bring along their own items for discussion.

Date: 6 weekly sessions starting Tuesday 31st January with a half term break on 14th February.

Venue: Long Sutton Primary School, Martock Road, TA10 9NT

Time: 7.30 to 9.00pm

The tutor will be Brian Wright - Fee: £30.00

Please come a little earlier on the first night to complete your enrolment form. Further enquiries: Dick Sheppard 241618

Police Notice

101 – The new non-emergency number coming

from 19th September you will be able to contact Avon and Somerset Police by calling us on **101**.

Part of a national programme to make it easier for you to contact your local police, 101 will be used for non-emergencies such as:

- reporting a crime
- contacting local officers
- getting crime prevention advice
- making us aware of policing issues in your local area
- making an appointment with a police officer
- for any other non-emergency

Key Facts

101 **will not** replace 999, which will continue to be used for emergencies.

It will replace our existing 0845 number, although there will be a period when both numbers will be available.

- a. If you are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired, you can textphone us on **18001 101**
- b. Calls to **101** from landlines and mobiles cost 15 pence per call, no matter what time of day you call or how long your call lasts.
- c. International callers, those in the UK residing outside of England and Wales and those residing in local force areas currently awaiting access to 101 should call 0845 456 7000 to contact Avon and Somerset Police.

Remember...

999 should be used for an emergency, when a crime is happening, someone suspected of a crime is nearby, someone is injured, being threatened or in danger.

Richard Digance on Tour

For our final event of 2011 FOLSC were delighted to welcome the unique Richard Digance to Long Sutton and the village hall was filled to capacity. Richard, who has an international track record stretching

back over 40 years entertained us with his brilliant self-penned comic songs, accompanied by an acoustic guitar.. Many in the audience did not know what to expect but his relaxed style immediately had us at our ease and the laughter nearly lifted the roof! We heard stories from his varied career starting as an ambulance driver to performing with the likes of Tom Jones and Brian May, his regular slot with Carol Vorderman on Channel 4's Countdown and his involvement in the creation of double entendre names for several of Black Pig's crew in the Captain Pugwash cartoon which landed him in hot water.

Songs were performed from his latest CD and the title track "Letter from Afghanistan" brought a hushed silence to the hall. England's dismal performance in the recent Football World Cup when the team "lacked motivation" contrasted with the courage and dedication of our lads serving in Helmand Province. The evening concluded with Richard's classic "200 Remembers". Our audience whose ages spanned eight decades were able to identify with such things as sherbet dips, spangles, love hearts, Dennis the Menace, Lone Ranger, 77 Sunset Strip, the Fugitive, idiot mittens, Put a Tiger in your Tank, Lady Penelope, Senior Service and National Health Specs. By the end Richard had us all eating out of his hand and in a subsequent email he praised the audience for being a great crowd.

The evening proved a fantastic event with many guests saying they had not laughed so much in years. We raised £1247 which we understand is a possible record for any FOLSC event and in view of the recent thefts of lead from our church roof, is already being put to good use. It is opportune at year end to thank all those who generously supported our events in 2011. Please visit our page on the excellent Long Sutton Parish Website at: www.longsutton.org.uk to see reports and photographs. We hope to see you again turning out in such numbers in 2012.

On behalf of our chairman and the trustees, can we take this opportunity of wishing everyone a happy, peaceful and enjoyable Christmas & best wishes for the New Year.

Poppy Day Appeal

We raised £1229 which is the 4th year in succession we have exceeded £1000. A marvellous effort in any event but particularly during these tough times. Many, many thanks to collectors & givers.

LONG LOAD

Village Christmas evening: Carols, Songs and readings at the Village Hall 6 P.M. Saturday 24th. December. Mince pies, mulled wine and good company. All very welcome; please come and join us for an enjoyable start to Christmas. More info Mavis & Bria01458 241323

Wanted

Does anyone have a surplus bookcase that needs a new home? We could make very good use of one in the Village Hall. If you can help please contact Ann Campbell (01458) 241202. Many thanks.

Exciting Line Dancing for Youngsters.

A new line-dancing group for 5-8 year olds is planned at Long Load Village Hall. This is due to be held from 4.15-5.45pm on Mondays. 5 or more children are needed to start the group. This will be for boys and girls and 'modern-up-to-date' music is available.

For further information please contact:

sorial@live.co.uk

(01458) 270052 or (07719) 916 900

Long Load Village Harvest Supper Sat. 15th Oct.

What a very pleasant evening this was... one of the best in recent years. Thanks to everyone that came along and enjoyed the evening and especial thanks to those of the Village Hall Committee and others who arranged the evening then worked hard to make it the undoubted success it was.

Items for the January newsletter to Ann Kent, Copythorne, Knole, or to lsnewsletter@btinternet.com by 20th December please. NB the first letter of the email address is an 'l' (L) not an i



**WISHING EVERYONE A PEACEFUL, HAPPY &
HEALTHY CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR**