

LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2010

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Date	Long Sutton & Long Load	
1st	2.30pm	MU meeting
2nd	6.00pm	Beat Surgery at Village Hall
4th	10.30am	Church Coffee Morning
	3.00pm	Long Load Flower & Produce Show
5th	11.00am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
8th	7.30pm	Gardening Club
11th		Sponsored Bike Ride/Walk
	7.00pm	FOLSC Grand Mouse Race Evening
12th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	2nd Sunday Service in the school
15th	10.00am	MU Corporate Communion
	10.00am	Parish Walk
16th	7.30pm	WI meeting
18th	2.00pm	Somerton Beekeepers' Honey Show
19th	8.00am	Team Holy Communion at St Mary's
	10.30am	Team Morning Worship at St Andrew's, High Ham (no Communion)
	6.00pm	Harvest followed by Supper
24th	10.30am	Macmillan Coffee Morning at Dams' house & Long Load Village Hall
	7.30pm??	School Gov's Auction of Promises
26th	9.30am	Holy Communion
30th	2.30pm	Service in Long Load Village Hall

Date	Flowers	Brasses
5th Sept	Mrs J Walford	
12th Sep	Mrs J Wheeler	Mrs J Tulk
19th Sept	Wedding & Harvest	
26th Sept	Flower Ladies	Mrs M Shepard
3rd Oct	Mrs J Turner	

Please note that the Harvest service is at 6.00pm not 6.30pm & will be followed by Harvest Supper.

Harvest – decorating the church

Thank you very much to the 4 clubs/organisations who have volunteered to do a display – it's still not too late!! We can get into the church to do this on Saturday 18th after 2.30pm or any time on Sunday 19th in the morning/early afternoon. Any queries pse ring Ann Kent 241436

Church Coffee Mornings

The August coffee morning in aid of the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance raised £311. The stall had a wider variety of home produce than usual due in part to the bounty of August gardens but more importantly to a greater number of people offering donations which were greatly appreciated. Despite having so much produce the stall had sold out by 11.30am. On 4th September we will be raising funds for Christian Aid. As it was not possible to organise a house-to-house collection this year we hope to raise a satisfactory amount. On 2nd October we will be supporting Smile Train, the charity which is dedicated to eradicating cleft palates by training local doctors in local hospitals to operate in their local communities.

Mothers' Union

Weds 1st Sept at Helen Pyke's
Speaker/Subject: Alison Kershaw – Relationships not Rules
Corporate Communion: Weds 15th Sept

Long Sutton W.I.

Thursday 16th Sept at 7.30pm
Speaker: Mrs Aileen Hase – Chinese Food
Competition: An item from China
Tea Hostesses: Betty Walter, Jenny Vaux

1. Somerton Beekeepers' Honey Show

A reminder that Long Sutton WI are supporting the Honey Show on **18th September** in Long Sutton Village Hall. FREE ENTRANCE at 2.00pm. Forms for entry to the Open Classes are available from Long Sutton Stores and should be returned to any WI Committee member before 8th September.

2. Macmillan Coffee Morning - Friday 24th September

All are invited to join Marjorie and Christopher Dams at Parsons Barn from 10.30am to 12 noon. Relax with coffee, cake and chat - all in a good cause.

3. The Shakers - WI Open Meeting 21st October Long Sutton Village Hall - 7.30pm

Our meeting is open to all. Come and hear the story of the Shaker movement by Mr John Ericson in a fascinating presentation in pictures and words. Tickets from Long Sutton Stores from beginning of September. £5 each, £3 for WI members, FREE to Long Sutton WI members. Enjoy and glass of wine and fabulous finger buffet. What a bargain!

Gardening Club

Well I would offer a big, wet, sloppy kiss to all who helped with the Flower Show but urghh is probably the response to that! So thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to help make the event run so smoothly, especially the birthday girl who left her party to come along and do a vital job. We meet again in the hall on September 8th when the talk is on Trees: tips on selecting and planting and the talk is to be given by our very own John Lewis. I will be asking for volunteers to help both decorate a church window for the Harvest Festival and any spare plant life to do it with. Doreen is planning a half day Magical Mystery tour (we're not sure where yet) and will be taking signatures.

Teas: Mrs H Leitch, Mrs M Young, Mrs J Godfrey
Chairs: Mrs P Pugh, Mrs Y Aitken

Parish Walk

Please note! Until further notice the Parish walk will be held on a **Wednesday**. So the next walk will be on Wednesday 15th September. Meet on the Green at 10 o'clock, as usual, and be prepared for mud and wet grass, if it has been raining. Any queries to Nicky Jones 241559. Hope to see you there.

FOLSC

Our next event is the Grand Mouse Race Evening to be held in Long Sutton Village Hall on Saturday, 11th September, doors open 7.00pm with the first race scheduled for 7.30pm. A bar has been laid on and this is sure to be a sell-out event. Tickets are now on sale from Long Sutton Village Stores but are strictly limited to 150, so first come - first served. Entry to the event is £5 per adult or £2.50 for children. You are all under starter's orders!

Friends of Somerset Churches & Chapels Sponsored Bike Ride & Walk – Sat 11th September

The annual sponsored bike ride & walk in aid of Somerset historic churches & chapels, now known as the Ride & Stride, will take place on Sat 11th September. You can help, either as a participant, sponsor or as a steward in the church. 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, your local church representative would be very pleased to hear from you. Please contact Dan Shorland Ball 241626. Half the money raised comes to Long Sutton; half goes to the Friends of Somerset Churches & Chapels. Thank you.

Long Sutton School

You may have noticed that the new study space at Long Sutton Primary School is now well on the way to completion. We still need to raise more funds to complete this project. The Governors are planning to hold an Auction of Promises on 24th

September at Long Sutton Village Hall in support of the building fund. We have many exciting promises to auction which will include something for everyone.... so please put this date in your diary and come along for a fun evening which will include light refreshments.

On Saturday 2nd October, from 10.00a.m -12 noon there will be a Mammoth Car Boot sale in aid of the new School study space, pitches are £5, please make cheques out to 'Long Sutton Governors' & put through letter box in holiday time to secure a space. Refreshments available. Please phone School 241 434 for more information. Pitches on School field and playground.

Somerton Beekeepers' Honey Show

Many thanks to all for the invitation to bring our bees to The Flower Show; we enjoyed meeting many of you!
Just a reminder about our Honey Show which will be held at Long Sutton Village Hall on Saturday 18th September, opening to the public at 2.00pm, and entrance is FREE!

So don't be shy, ring Jenny Trood on 241368, she'll supply you with an entry form etc, polish up those jam jars and show us what you can do!

We are looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible on the day,

Stuart Dennes - Treasurer - Somerton Beekeepers

P.S. If you would like to enter the Show or have a sales pitch please contact me on 01458 210119, or e-mail

stuart.dennes@tesco.net

FOLSC funding of the PCC

I have been told recently that some people in the village are not supporting FOLSC events because 'FOLSC does not spend its money'. I want to correct this misapprehension because it is just not right! Not long after FOLSC was formed, we agreed with the PCC that we would help fund repairs etc that fall within our charitable remit, and that any surplus would be used to build up a fighting fund to assist with the major repairs that are going to be required in the not too distant future. Our charitable remit is all about preserving the medieval structure for future generations to enjoy and has no religious aspect whatsoever. While the church is in generally good condition, the architect has stated that major work will be required on the tower within the next 10 years or so, so a fighting fund will be needed - considerable local match funding will be required even if a grant can be obtained from English Heritage. Meanwhile there are inevitable on going unexpected expenses which we endeavour to cover, but FOLSC's income is not huge so it is important not to fritter our money away on desirable items rather than essential ones. Over the last 5 years since FOLSC's inception, it has provided the following yearly amounts to the PCC - £5759, £615, £600, £4000, and £739 so far in this year. That totals £11713 so it is just not true to say that we are not spending our funds! The PCC would have struggled even more if it had had to raise this cash. The £739 contributed this year has helped with heating repairs and measures to deter thieves from pinching lead off the roof - both of which are only marginally within our remit! If anybody would like to discuss the subject further, please do get in touch with me.

Please do support FOLSC events - we try to have fun so the financial pain goes un-noticed!

Tim Walford - Chairman

LONG LOAD

Long Load Flower and Produce Show - Saturday 4th September - Opens 3pm.

Produce can be brought to the Village Hall on Friday 3rd September 6.30-8pm or Saturday morning 9.00 - 10.00am. We are hoping for lots of entries even though it has been a difficult "growing year". If you haven't been so successful in the garden this year there is plenty of scope for you in the cooking, jams,

creative writing, arts and crafts and photography sections.

A date to remember:-

Friday 24th September "Macmillan Coffee Morning".
The biggest coffee morning in the world 10.30 - 12.00.
(Village Hall). Raffle and Bring & Buy. Do come and bring a friend.

Everyone is welcome to join us for an informal service in the Village Hall on Thursday 30th September at 2.30pm (please note change of date)

PARISH LENGTHSMAN SCHEME FOR LONG LOAD

Long Load Parish Council are pleased to announce their involvement in the new Turnhill (& Long Load) Parish Lengthsman scheme. This is as a result of a joint project between the Parishes of Long Load, Long Sutton, Aller, Pitney and High Ham. Given constraints on budgets and grants, it was felt that we need to work towards becoming masters of our own destiny, and ensure that the needs of our villages are met now and in the future. Jody Foy of Long Sutton Parish Council as the lead Parish has agreed to administer this scheme supported by a representative from each Parish.

To that end, we have agreed to jointly employ a Parish Lengthsman in order to achieve the following objectives:-

- To provide an enhanced and more responsive level of service than the existing arrangements
- To improve the environment within the local communities by adding value to the core services provided by the County Council and District Council
- To increase the satisfaction of the parishioners

Craig Howe is the first Lengthsman for the area and takes up his position on 1st September 2010. He has been employed by the five parishes in conjunction with South Somerset District Council and Somerset County Council. It is seen as value for money by the parishes as we all share the cost and get those jobs done which do not fall under other people's responsibilities.

Craig will carry out a range of tasks across the ward including footpath maintenance, clearing pavements, painting signs, and cutting grass. Internal renovation and decoration work will keep him occupied during the winter months. It is my intention to place a suggestions box in the village in due course for residents to contribute their ideas for helping to prioritise future jobs for Craig around the village.....watch this space!

Craig will be working in Long Load for 2 days each month and he looks forward to meeting the residents of Long Load in due course.....so if you see him out and about in the village, please do stop and say hello!

Regards,

Rob Mitchell
Chairman, Long Load Parish Council

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

Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail & with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath. This made him..... a super calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis. Sorry! AK