

**LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER –
December 2017**

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| 2 nd | 10.30am | Coffee morning in the Church |
| 3 rd | 6.30pm | Evensong |
| 10 th | 8.00am 11.00am | BCP Holy Communion Second Sunday Service in Long Sutton School |
| 13 th 15 th | 7.45pm 7.30pm | LS Gardening club LSVH WI LSVH |
| 17 th 20 th | 6.00pm 10am | Village Carol Service Corporate Communion @ Long Sutton Church |
| 24 th | 3.30pm | Crib Service - those who come are invited to dress up as Nativity characters or animals |
| 25 th 31 st | 10.45 10.30am | Christmas Family Communion Benefice Service at Drayton |

There is no Christmas Midnight service at Holy Trinity this year - join others in the Benefice at Muchelney at 11.30pm.

| Date | Flowers | Brasses |
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| Dec 2 nd | Mrs Shepard | |
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| Dec 16 th | Xmas Decorating | Mrs Aitken & Mrs Sams |
| December 23 rd | Xmas | |
| Dec 30 th | Mrs Neil | |
| Jan 6 th | Mrs Neil | |

Nativity Lantern-lit Walk & Tableau

Following last year's successful Nativity Walk & Tableau, we are repeating this again in 2017. If you have ever been thwarted in your ambition to be a wise man – or even Mary or Joseph – in a Nativity play, here is your chance to shine! Adults and children are invited to come dressed as a nativity figure or animal.

Meet on the Village Green at 6.00pm on Thursday 21st December to sing Carols around the village, and finish in the Cox's barn with a tableau and then round the evening off with hot soup.

(There is, as usual, a Crib service in church on Christmas Eve at 3.30pm)

Village Carol Service

Dec 17th at 6pm.

Anyone who enjoys singing is welcome to join the choir. Rehearsals are from 7.30pm to 8.30pm in the church on the following dates in December: Wed 6th, Thurs 7th, Mon 11th, Tues 12th & Fri 15th. Don't be put off if you can't attend all of them, or if you haven't sung in a choir before. For more information ring 241443.

Christmas in Church

I am looking for volunteers to help decorate the windowsills for Christmas – either an organisation or individual to be responsible for a window –
Contact Heather Pomeroy 01458 241737
Thanking you in anticipation.

Coffee Mornings in the Church

The November coffee morning was very well attended and raised £493 for Combat Stress.

Future Events:

- **On Saturday, 2nd December** we will be supporting the Somerset Trust for Arts and Recreation (STAR). This young charity provides opportunities for disadvantaged young people between the ages of 5 and 25 to develop through engaging in musical, artistic, sporting and recreational activities.
- **On Saturday, 6th January** we will be raising funds for St Margaret's Hospice. The hospice is a charity and apart from a small amount of funding from the NHS relies totally on fundraising and legacies. We are probably all aware of the excellent care they deliver, either in Yeovil or Taunton or in people's homes. It is estimated that one in three people in Somerset will need their services at some point.

During the winter months the produce stall will be in the church.

Mothers Union

December 20st Corporate Communion @ Long Sutton Church

Long Sutton W.I.

DECEMBER 15th – CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Ideas from Somerton Craft Shop

Competition: Items made on the night.

Tea: Penny Ellis & Sandie Appleby.

Long Sutton C of E (VA) Primary School and Toybox pre-school

As 2017 draws to an end the school would like to thank our local community for your continued support throughout the year. It is very much appreciated.

In November the children enjoyed a day away from school, with each class experiencing and learning through the stimulating outdoor environment of Gore farm on the Trent estate in North Dorset. The farm and its surrounds are supported by the educational charity, the Ernest Cook Trust and provide children with new opportunities to learn in different ways.

The school is buzzing with the sounds of Christmas. The youngest children are busy rehearsing their Nativity play 'A miracle in town' and the Choir have been practising for various concerts and services, including the village Carol service and at Wells cathedral.

The school and PTFA would like to warmly invite Senior citizens of the village and surrounds to join us for seasonal refreshments and the premier of our infant Nativity play on Monday 18th December at 2pm in the school hall. Invitations will be sent out shortly.

Our 'Music Buddies' group for 0-4 year olds continues every Monday from 9.30a.m until 11am term times only, which includes a sing, play and snack in the school hall. It costs £2.00 for the first child, £1.00 for other siblings. New term starts on Monday 15th January. All welcome.

If you would like to find out more about our fantastic school do get in contact and come and visit. We have spaces in all year groups including the pre-school with wrap around care from 7.45 to 5.45. Toy Box pre-school is now open all day from 8.45 to 3.15 and parents are able to access the wrap around care too. Should you wish to look around please make an appointment and contact us on 01458 241434 longsuttonprimary@educ.somerset.gov.uk, Website: <http://www.longsuttonprimaryschool.co.uk> Facebook: @LongSuttonPrimarySchool Twitter: @longsuttonsch

Long Sutton Gardening Club

December 13th: Christmas meeting

FOLSC

Digance is Golden!

Richard Digance did not disappoint with his concert on Saturday, 21st October, as part of his amazing 50th Anniversary Tour. Whilst numbers through the door were slightly down on his last visit to Long Sutton we attracted many guests from further afield including Martock, Langport, Lydford, Bristol, the Cotswolds and even Sussex that ensured the hall was filled to near capacity. Richard soon gave a taste of what was to come with songs, stories and anecdotes taken from his time on the road and he soon had the audience participation which is the norm at FOLSC events. Once he had warmed us up he introduced the support band, 'The Broadside Boys' Eric Sedge and Mat Bayfield all the way from deepest Suffolk. Sadly, Mat was unavailable for our gig but Eric performed a range of the bands own songs written about life, loves and living in East Anglia and it was soon clear he is a great solo talent with voice and guitar skills to match.

Richard returned to the stage after the interval and soon had the audience eating out of his hand. We had a diverse age range of guests and Mr Digance amused us all with banter with 21-year-old Dan from Langport (our youngest guest) and others who were considerably older! We enjoyed a range of brand new material, poems and stories and a couple of instrumental numbers that proved without doubt Digance can do rather more than just strum his guitar! He also brought the audience alive with his classic '200 Remembers' and those of us of 'a certain age' recognised from just a couple of bars the relating advertising jingles and proved word perfect on the likes of '**1001 cleans a big big carpet for less than half a crown**' and '**dum dum dum Esso Blue**'! Richard seemed loathed to leave the stage after a comprehensive second set but when he did the applause and happy smiling faces of our guests told the full story and those from our community who were unable to join us were clearly the losers. If Richard is still touring in another few years we will most certainly welcome him back! The evening contributed a very worthwhile £845 to the fighting fund and a great result with which to finish the season.

Whilst we have your attention - two dates for 2018. Our AGM will be held at the LS Village school on **Monday 19th February**. The meeting is open to all so come along and hear what we have been up to this year and our plans for 2018. Whilst still a little way off for our spring outing we are delighted to be welcoming 'Elvis' to the village on Saturday **21st April** which will certainly prove be another classic night to start the season with. To conclude this report our Chairman and Trustees would simply like to thank our members and all those from near and far who have supported our events this year and wish all in our community an excellent Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Long Sutton Village Hall Committee Secretary

The Long Sutton Village Hall (LSVH) now has a pro-active committee with very good support from the Parish Council. However we do need to recruit a Secretary to participate in the running of the committee.

As the title suggests, the job entails not only participating in the meetings to take the notes but, far more importantly however, is the fact that the Secretary is one of three Parishioner members who have full voting rights on the Committee. This ensures they have active participation in the management of this important Community asset.

It is not an onerous task perhaps requiring about 4-5 hours a month which includes attending the meetings - perhaps that is why it is a voluntary role!! It probably goes without saying, the Secretary needs to be able to use a computer and have access to email and the internet.

If you would like to know more, please contact either
Tony Ellerbeck 01458 241 334
Phil Godfrey 01458 241 137

Christmas tree recycling

There will be a Christmas tree drop-off enclosure at the Village Hall this Christmas from 2 - 15 January 2018. The Council will take them away for re-cycling.

Somerset Churches Trust - Ride and Stride - 9th September

Seven of us took part (four from the Cosser family - well done them!). Conditions were mixed - showery and blustery. We managed to raise £740, half of which goes to Holy Trinity and half to the Somerset Churches Trust. Many thanks to all who kindly sponsored us, to those who rode/walked and to those who manned the church,

LONG LOAD

Long Load Parish Council meet every 3rd Tuesday in the month in Long Load Village Hall starting at 7:30 pm with the exception of August when there is no meeting at all. All residents are welcome to attend these meetings to have their say and to keep up their knowledge of what is happening in Long Load

Carol Singing Round the Village

Following last year's highly successful carol singing tour of the village, the event is to be repeated this year. If you would like to join in, meet at the Village Hall on Monday 18th December at 6.30pm. It would be advisable to have a torch or a lantern together with hi-vis or light-coloured clothing.

Christmas Eve Carols at the Village Hall

The annual Christmas Eve carol event will be on Sunday 24th December at 6.00pm. Join us for carols, readings, poems, mulled wine and mince pies. The whole family, friends and visitors are all welcome.

Items for the January newsletter to Lieve Cousins, Spring House, Shute Lane, Long Sutton TA10 9LU or preferably by email to lsnewsletter@btinternet.com by 12th December please. For more information call 01458 241450