

LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER –

January 2018

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Date	Long Sutton & Long Load Calendar	
6 th	10.30am	Coffee morning in the Church
7 th	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
10 th	7.45	LS gardening club
14 th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Second Sunday Service in Long Sutton School
17 th	10.00am	Corporate Communion
18 th	7.30pm	WI LSVH
21 th	10.30am	Benefice Service at Muchelney
28 th	9.15am	Holy Communion

Flowers & Brasses Rota

Date	Flowers	Brasses
Jan 6 th	Mrs Neil	
Jan 13 th	Mrs Dene	
Jan 20 th	Mrs Dene	Mrs Pomeroy
Jan 27 th	Mrs Roberts	
Feb 3 rd	Mrs Roberts	

Coffee Mornings in the Church

The December coffee morning was enhanced by the beautifully decorated Christmas tree and some very skilful seasonal contributions to the produce stall. The event raised £551 for the Somerset Trust for Arts and Recreation.

Future Events:

- **On Saturday, 6th January** we will be supporting 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.
- **On Saturday, 3rd February** we will raising funds for Long Sutton Cricket Club – a valuable asset to our village life.

Long Sutton W.I.

JANUARY 18th (Subscription due £41.50)

New Year Social, Quiz, 'Unwanted Christmas Presents', Subs
Tea: Sarah Jerman, Penny Ellis

LSWI has a very full calendar for the coming year and we wanted to whet your appetite and share some of the forthcoming events with you.

We will be quizzing, chatting and singing. There will be a touch of fashion, skincare and belly dancing. We will learn about horses, the Fire Service, wood turning and around the world travels. Fish and chips, barbecue and cream teas will tickle the taste buds.

The skittlers will be in action again and we hope to introduce Pub Walks in spring. Hestercombe and a seaside resort will be visited in the warmer weather. Add to this our support for the Church, School, Flower Show and Craft Fair, you can see we keep busy.

This year is the centenary of Somerset Federation of W.I.'s and our celebrations will be highlighted on May 12th when we also support Somerset Day. Our successful Food and Craft Market will be repeated and we are combining this with a Flower Festival in Holy Trinity - another event for the whole village we hope.

Our thanks go to all Members for their loyal support and we extend a very warm welcome to all lovely, local ladies, young and 'more mature' - to join us in the fun and friendship of our W.I.

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month in the Village Hall, at the slightly later time of 7.45. Next meeting on January 18th there is a quiz, social and sharing / swapping of unwanted gifts, subs are due and no doubt chocolates will be passed round!

It just remains for us to wish everyone a very happy and healthy New Year.

Mothers Union

January 17th Corporate Communion @ Long Sutton Church

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

As we enter a new year the children at school have plenty to look forward to. We are fortunate to have the support of a very successful PTFA who raise funds to enable the children to take part in a range of activities throughout the year. We are grateful to all our volunteers for all their efforts and appreciate the time that they give.

In December the school choir spent a wonderful day at Wells cathedral rehearsing with Pete Letanka, a charismatic composer who wrote a carol that the children subsequently performed in the evening. It was a great opportunity for the children to sing as part of a large children's choir under the baton of inspirational musicians. The concert was part of the Cathedral school's outreach programme for local primary schools.

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. Please note that the 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

WEA Course

Our next course is **The Human Story**. The course will examine the broad sweep and patterns of human history and will try to answer some big questions, such as why our ancestors survived when our cousins the Neanderthals became extinct; why plants were domesticated in some places but not others; why processes of urbanisation and empire building were similar across the world; and why Britain became the dominant global power in the nineteenth century. The course starts on 30th January 2018. Email Kim Bailey on wealongsutton@gmail.com for full details and to enrol. Places are limited, so enrolling in advance is essential.

'History of Art; the Bigger Picture'

with **Joanna Cobb, MA**, independent art historian, lecturer and researcher. **Monday 22nd January 7-9 pm Long Sutton Village Hall**. This month's lecture is entitled '**Judith Leyster 'Tulip', politics, trade, art and contradiction in the Dutch Golden Age**'.

The series can be joined at any time, so **no problem if you have missed previous lectures and no obligation to book the whole series**.

In February we will look at 'William Hogarth and the Foundling Hospital, a pioneering double act' and in March at aspects of

the career of Thomas Gainsborough. The series continues in the summer term and ends in November with 'Art of the Great War across the Divide' to coincide with the centenary of the armistice in 1918.

Tickets £8 per person or £15 for two to include a fully illustrated lecture, refreshments and handouts. **Bookable in advance or on the door.** The lectures are also available at West Street Church Somerton. Tickets **available from Long Sutton Village shop or by phone or email.** For more information please feel free to contact me on **01458 832178** or **ericjoanna@waitrose.com**

A Happy FOLSC New Year!

Weeks of planning, shopping and cooking and suddenly it is all over! Suffice to say we hope you enjoyed an excellent Christmas with friends and family and are now looking forward to whatever 2018 has in store for us.

Here at FOLSC we are not resting on our laurels, plans are well advanced for this year's programme and can we take this opportunity of advising you of a couple of important diary dates. Firstly, FOLSC will be holding their **Annual General Meeting** at the Long Sutton Village School on **Monday, 19th February** with doors opening at 7.00 PM and meeting starting at 7.30. Come along, have a drink, hear what we got up to in 2017 and have a preview of our plans for the new season. The meeting is very informal, is open to all (non-members in a non-voting capacity) and what else can you do on a dark Monday evening in February? We extend this invitation in particular to all who are new to our community as it is a great way to meet your neighbours and fellow villagers. FOLSC membership is inexpensive and funds raised help maintain the fabric of Holy Trinity Church Long Sutton, the focal point of our community and with the added benefit of having fun!

Whilst we have your attention, here is a further date for the diary. For our Spring outing we are delighted to announce "Elvis" will be performing for us in the Long Sutton Village Hall on **Saturday 21st April**. Full details will be published in due course but we understand the first set will be Elvis performing solo, including some Gospel classics whilst for the second hour we will be entertained by 'the Bassetts', a compilation of several artists you will have heard of and love and is not to be missed! This year we plan to ring the changes and later in the summer we will be bringing theatre in the open back to Long Sutton. Full details to be announced at the AGM.

So, on a rather gloomy January day, make sure you have a Happy New Year with FOLSC!

Long Sutton Parish Council

Please note that the January meeting of the Parish Council will take place at the Village Hall Committee Room at 7.30pm on Tuesday the 9th January 2018 and **not** the 2nd January.

There is a vacancy on the Parish Council and anyone interested in becoming a Parish Councillor or requiring further information should contact the Parish Clerk, Mrs Paula Allen of 45 West End View, South Petherton TA13 5EW Email: clerk@longsutton.org.uk Tel: 01460 241497.

Ladies in stitches

The craft group meets every other Friday afternoon 2.00 to 5.00pm starting again on the 5th of January. For info please contact Lieve. Tel. 01458 241450

Harry's Cider Wassail returns to Long Sutton

Harry and Toby Fry will be holding their annual orchard wassail on Saturday 27th January at Littlefield Farm, Long Sutton, starting at 5pm.

They will be joined by the Langport Mummies who will provide music and entertainment throughout the evening, and Long Sutton PTFA selling hot dogs with proceeds going towards Long Sutton Primary School, and Somerset and Dorset Air Ambulance.

Tickets will be £6 per adult, and can be purchased from the farm, children are also very welcome, but must be accompanied.

Adults will be welcomed with a cup of hot mulled cider and home-made apple cake, and there will also be refreshments for children. A paid bar will also be running on the evening.

Please call 01458 241324 or 07860 216992 for further details and to purchase your tickets.

SANTA'S FLOAT

Congratulations to Peter Tulk and Mark David for producing such a wonderful float to parade around the villages leading up to Christmas you certainly brightened our evenings and hopefully raised lots of money for the School and the Air Ambulance.

Children's Society Boxes:

Jean Tulk would be pleased to receive all boxes at Tullards, Crouds Lane,
Thank you for your support and a Merry Christmas to you all.

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

The Winter Warming Supper will be held on 18th February in the Village Hall. More details will appear in the February Newsletter.

Winter Warming Supper

The Winter Warming Supper will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday 27th January at 7.30 pm. A choice of delicious one-pot warmers plus dessert and coffee will be on offer. Please bring your own drink as well as plates, glasses and cutlery. The cost is £7.50 per person. To book, ring Ann Campbell on 01458 241202.

Whist Drive

It is planned to hold a Whist Drive in the Village Hall in early spring. Watch the Newsletter for details.

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