

LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER –

March 2018

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Date	Long Sutton & Long Load Calendar	
3 rd	10.30am	Coffee morning in the Church
4 th	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
11 th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11am	SSS Long Sutton school
14 th	7.45pm	Gardening Club LSVH
	2pm	Long Load Crafty Lady's LLVH
15 th	7.30pm	WI LSVH
18 th	10.30am	Benefice Service at Drayton
21 st	10am	Corporate Communion LS Church
25 th	9.15am	Holy Communion

Flowers & Brasses Rota

Date	Flowers	Brasses
March 3 rd	Lent – No Flowers	
March 10 th	"	
March 17 th	"	
March 24 th	"	
March 31 st	Easter Decorating	Mrs Tulk and Mrs Burt
April 7 th	Mrs Ellerbeck	

Coffee Mornings in the Church

On 3rd February the coffee morning was in aid of Long Sutton Cricket Club. The event raised £452 and the club will put this money towards improving the pavilion and making it a more family friendly environment.

Future events:

- **On Saturday, 3rd March** we will be supporting the Stroke Association. This charity aims to reduce the number of people suffering from strokes and to provide support services for families affected by stroke.
- **On Saturday, 7th April** we will be raising funds for Men's Sheds (Somerset Levels and Moors Sheds). Men's Sheds are community spaces for men to connect, talk and work on their own projects. The activities are often similar to those of garden sheds, but for groups of men to enjoy together. They help reduce loneliness and isolation.

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

If you wish to be included on the Church Electoral Roll (& aren't already on it), please ask Sue Creegan (241-554) for a form (or pick one up from the church). These need to be completed & returned to Sue **before the end of March please.** **Note:** - The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 17th April** – you need to be on the Electoral Roll in order to vote!

Annual Church Spring Clean:

Saturday 24th March from 10am. Please come along and help – even if you can only spare half an hour. Many hands make light work! Refreshments provided.

Advance Notice

APCM on Tuesday 17th April at 7.30pm in the Church. All welcome.

News from Long Sutton C of E Primary School

Thank you to Harry and Toby Fry for supporting the school with their recent Wassailing event. The generous contribution will enable the purchase of some outdoor furniture for the children to enjoy.

Recently, a coach from the British Cycling Centre has been training children in Year 4-6 in 'Cyclo cross'. The children really enjoyed racing around the school field on bikes and we look forward to future competitions. Great to see some superb cyclists emerging!

Our youngest pupils enjoyed a day out at the newly refurbished 'Somerset Rural Life Museum' in Glastonbury. They had an amazing time, dressing up and interacting with the exhibits to step back in time. An educational day out to remember.

In this age of the internet the whole school took part in 'Safer Internet Day', learning how to use technology in a positive way and how to be aware of the potential pitfalls.

Our 'Music Buddies' group for 0-4 year olds continues every Monday from 9.30am 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. 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

Mothers Union

Wednesday March 21st: M U Corporate Communion @ Long Sutton Church @ 10am.

Long Sutton W.I.

MARCH 15th: World Horse Welfare Competition: Horseshoes
Tea: Carole Wooding, Sue Creegan

Long Sutton Gardening Club

March 14th Stephen Parker: Garden History Flower Competition
Teas: Sandie Appleby, Sue Creegan

Mid Somerset Riding Club – Annual Charity Quiz Night

Friday March 9th at Long Sutton Village Hall
General Knowledge quiz – first question 7.30 pm
Teams of 4 or 5. Great prizes. Superb raffle and delicious supper. £10 per head. Entry forms in the village shop – or details from Marian Draper 07885 301 898
Supporting World Horse Welfare and the Injured Jockeys Fund

Entries Close March 3rd. Come and enjoy a really fun evening.

Dust off those Blue Suede Shoes with FOLSC!

Whilst these words are written on a cold and blustery February day, with a smell of snow in the air, it is hoped by the time this is read we will all have thoughts of Spring and the summer ahead. To this end a reminder that FOLSC have its first outing of the 2018 season on **Saturday, 21st April**, when the Long Sutton Village Hall will we hope replicate, for one night only, the atmosphere of Graceland's Tennessee. **'Elvis'** will be performing for us all those numbers we know and love during the first set which will cover the early years of 'the Rockin 50's' through to his film years, followed by his 1968 comeback then right through to the Vegas 'jumpsuit' era.

During the interval a classic Somerset ploughman's supper will be served and for the second set we welcome to the stage **'The Bassetts Allsorts'** with fantastic covers from the 1950's to the 1980's. Tim Bassett has promised us the likes of Cliff, Everly Brothers, Bryan Ferry, Neil Diamond, Tom Jones, Roy Orbison, John Denver, Robbie Williams, Tony Christie and more! **'The Bassetts Allsorts'** is all about having fun, encouraging the audience to sing and dance and have a really good time. Knowing our regular FOLSC audience we have no doubt this will definitely hit the spot on all counts!

So please invest in tickets, which will be on sale by kind permission of the Long Sutton Village Shop, at a modest £12.00 for adults and £6.00 for children (and yes this is a show which will appeal to 'children' of all ages!) and we are sure you will be word perfect with "DELILAH", RING OF FIRE", "ANGELS", "TIGER FEET", and of course the late great Buddy Holly's classic "OH BOY".

We can hardly wait, and we look forward to welcoming a capacity audience who will enjoy an evening they will not forget and what better way to welcome in May Day and the summer to come? This is one party where the phrase 'be there or be square' will most certainly be applicable!

Long Sutton WEA

will be running a Day School in the village hall **Saturday 28th April on Investigating the landscape archaeology of Long Sutton and the surrounding area.**

Using old and modern maps, satellite images, aerial photographs, historic building records and archaeological discoveries we will explore the techniques of landscape archaeology.

The professional tutor leading the course will be Philip Kibberd. Fee will be £20, payable on enrolment (cheques to Long Sutton WEA)

A reminder together timings will be in the April newsletter and Roundabout.

If you would like to enrol or want further details now please contact

Doreen Harvey. The Old School House. Catsgore. TA11 7HZ. email: doreenharveylongsuttonwea@outlook.com or phone 01458 241711.

Defibrillator Training evening

Wednesday 21st March in Long Sutton Village Hall at 7:00PM

A trainer from Community Heartbeat Foundation will be giving practical training in the use of the Automatic Electrical Defibrillator (AED) which we already have in Long Sutton and Knole available to any member of the public.

Already the AED in Long Sutton has been used in a real emergency. It behoves us all to learn how to use it so that if a friend or family member subsequently has a heart problem then the machine can be used with confidence.

It is easy to use but a bit daunting if you are starting from scratch so come along and see how it works.

Bring your neighbour so that they can use it in case YOU have a problem!

PLEASE COME - IT'S FREE!! Just turn up on the night.

Wassail Report

Another year has flown by and once again we greeted local friends, family and stockists to Harry's Cider, Littlefield Farm in Long Sutton for our annual wassail all in aid of local charities and of course to encourage a healthy crop of apples for the coming growing season.

The pagan ceremony dates back hundreds of years and is intended to scare away any evil spirits that may inhabit the orchards as well as blessing the trees with a jug of Harry's lovely mulled cider to promote a good crop for the coming season.

Wassail actually means 'good health' in Anglo Saxon.

As the rise in popularity of Harry's Cider grows so does this ancient tradition and for our third annual wassail we saw numbers peak at over a hundred people. Long Sutton PTFA were serving up some lovely local hot dogs, as well as Harry's Cider running the bar with the option of hot mulled cider free of charge, included in the ticket price.

All of the guests were welcomed by the master of ceremonies (Gerard Tucker from Aller) who has done a sterling job for the

previous two years and did not disappoint this year either. The ceremony took place out in Harry's young six acre orchard adjacent to the cider house, planted back in 2012 and just last year cropped nearly 40 tonnes of apples which was no doubt helped along by the previous year's wassail.

The guests were brought back in to the cider house, which is open every Saturday 10am-4pm, for a performance by the Langport Mumpers who are all from surrounding areas and each year present a great adaptation of their play which is performed at other local wassails.

After an evening of ancient tradition, blessing the orchards and drinking hot mulled cider a total of £490 was raised by Harry's Cider which will be split between Long Sutton Primary School and Somerset and Dorset Air Ambulance. As well as this, Long Sutton PTFA were raising money for the school and a donation was made to the Langport Mumpers going towards the air ambulance so all in all a total of £690 was raised on the night.

LONG LOAD

Long Load Parish Council Meetings are now held on the 3rd Tuesday on a MONTHLY basis (with the exception of August) at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

All residents are welcome to attend each meeting. Please access the Long Load Website for village events and news www.longload.org.uk

Your Parish Councillor and Village Hall Committee details are available on the Long Load Website

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CRAFTY LADY'S CLUB DATES 2018

Long Load Village Hall
2 pm – 4:30pm

WEDNESDAY 14TH MARCH
Card Making

WEDNESDAY 11TH APRIL
Event To Be Confirmed

Please contact Marsha for Bookings 01458 241415 or email Marsha.White2@btinternet.com

Whist Drive at the Village Hall - 24th March

There will be a whist drive at the village hall on Saturday 24th March at 7.30 pm. Players of all abilities are welcome, singles, couples and whole families. There will be light refreshments served but please bring your own drink. The cost will be £4 per person. Can you ring Ann Campbell on 01458 241202 if you are planning to come so that we have an idea of numbers for the refreshments.

Good Friday Walk – Friday 30th March

Join us on Friday 30th March for the traditional Good Friday Walk. Meet at the Village Hall at 11am for a hot cross bun and a cup of tea or coffee. We will then venture out for a gentle riverside walk. When we return to the Village Hall, hot soup will be waiting for us. Family, friends, children and well-behaved dogs are all welcome. The event is free – donations to Village Hall costs will be welcome.

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