

# LOPEN EYE

Lopen Parish Newsletter **OCTOBER 2021**



## **JONATHAN DELBRIDGE PIANO CONCERTS**

Over the last weekend of September we were privileged to enjoy two piano concerts involving our resident piano maestro Jonathan Delbridge. On Friday September 24th he was joined by the magnificent mezzo soprano Louise Innes. They gave a splendid evening's entertainment with a mixture of classical and popular arrangements. On Sunday 26th September Jonathan went solo and delighted us with an exploration of George Gershwin music - ending with a magnificent rendition of Rhapsody in Blue.

A big thanks to Ross and those who also worked behind the scenes including preparing the venue, hospitality, ushering people to their seats and providing the wine refreshments. And particularly to The Trading Post who sponsored the events. A total of £867.10 was raised for All Saints church funds!



## **Festival of Flowers**

During September volunteers picked and collected local flowers for display in the church - what a wonderful display from those talented and enthusiastic people!



*Do you have any news, or a story, that would interest our readers?  
Items can be sent in for consideration no later than the 23rd of the month preceding cover date.*



# LOPEN PARISH COUNCIL

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

During the COVID lockdown LPC meetings were held online. As of May 25th, the LPC Meeting can be held in a public space with social distancing measures in place so will be held in All Saints Church - the public are welcome to join the meetings. Masks, track & trace and sanitising will be part of the meeting process in accordance with current Government guidelines. The next Parish Council meeting is yet to be decided. The date and time will be posted on the Lopen Village web site - <https://lopenvillage.org/>

Please contact a councillor or the Parish Clerk at least one week before, if there is a matter you would like added to the agenda.

## MEETING MINUTES

Please note that Parish Council minutes, audited accounts and other statutory information, which must be made available to the public, are available on the village website - <https://lopenvillage.org/council>

## DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT FUTURE LPC MEETINGS?

Forthcoming LPC meetings are posted on the village notice board, which is located at the junction of Holloway (the main road) and Church Street and on the village page of the website. However, if you would like to receive email notifications, please contact Jane Collins, Parish Clerk, at [lopenpc.clerk@gmail.com](mailto:lopenpc.clerk@gmail.com) to add yourself to the Parish Council mailing list.

## HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT IN LOPEN

It's that time of year when the children of Lopen will be out and about trick or treating!

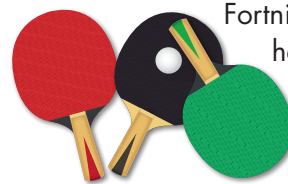
There are many ways to let people know you are happy for Halloween visitors to call - such as displaying a carved out pumpkin with a light inside or displaying a poster. If you would like a copy of this laminated poster to display at your door or gate please call or message



Trevor Power on 07878 185537 (posters can be collected or delivered in Lopen). Trevor is at Hazlewood House in Rydon Lane.

It's been suggested that children visit between 4 and 6.30pm on Sunday October 31st.

## TABLE TENNIS DATES



Fortnightly table tennis 'Club' will be held on Sunday **October 17th & 31st** from 3pm until 5pm.

Open to all ages from little ones to elderly ones. We have a kettle and some cake/biscuits for a 'Tea Stop'. We shall have to make a charge of £1 to cover the cost of the hall and the electricity. I look forward to seeing you. **Carolyn.**

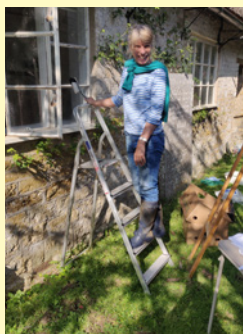
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<https://lopenvillage.org/loopen-archive>



## CHURCH WORK PARTY DAY

The annual Church Work Party was held on Saturday September 4th. A lovely day weatherwise and a great turnout of volunteers ensured most of the jobs were completed. Coffee & home-made cake mid morning, and a hearty lunch was provided thanks to the hard work of Ross Isbell!





You are warmly invited to this service of thanksgiving  
where we join together to celebrate the harvest  
and the season of creation

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LOPEN

# Harvest Festival

All Age Service  
Sunday 17th October at 11am



Contributions of food, toiletries and money for the Lord's Larder and the Pilsdon Community would be greatly appreciated and can be brought to the service on the day or left inside the church in advance.

A two course Harvest Lunch will follow which everyone is welcome to attend - donations please.

To help with catering, please contact Jonathan Delbridge on 01460240025 or e-mail jonathandelbridge@gmail.com to confirm your place.



**Somerset Wildlife Trust**  
www.somersetwildlife.org



## SOMERSET WALKS

The Somerset Wildlife Trust are delighted to announce the launch of a new mobile app: Somerset Trails! For more information go to - [https://www.adaptingthelevels.com/somerset-trails?ct=t\(Wildlife\\_News\\_May\\_20165\\_4\\_2016\\_COPY\\_01\)&mc\\_cid=c27da6cf39&mc\\_eid=0c7aaca27a](https://www.adaptingthelevels.com/somerset-trails?ct=t(Wildlife_News_May_20165_4_2016_COPY_01)&mc_cid=c27da6cf39&mc_eid=0c7aaca27a)

The app is FREE to download and provides self-guided walks exploring Somerset and looking at how nature can help us tackle climate change. The first trail to be launched begins in the centre of Wedmore, taking in breathtaking views across the Somerset Levels.

Throughout the walks, people will be invited to add their thoughts and ideas, which will help the project teams develop climate adaptation plans with the community voice at their heart.

Somerset Trails can be downloaded from the Google Play Store or Apple App Store. Please do download it and let us know what you think!

## Lopen's Pop-up Pub!



Come along and join together for a social evening with neighbours and friends.

Bring a bottle of your favourite tittle and some nibbles to share and if you're feeling particularly playful perhaps even a board game or a deck of cards!

£ 1 per household to help cover the cost of the SSR.



FRIDAY 15TH OCTOBER AT 8PM  
THE SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM

\*Covid-19 measures: There will be good air flow and alcohol gel will be provided. Lateral flow tests are encouraged and are readily available at local pharmacies.

## MISTLETOE FAYRE

After the problems with Covid you'll be pleased to hear we will be going ahead with the Lopen Mistletoe Fayre this year!

Make a note in your diaries - **Saturday 27th November, from 2 to 4pm** in All Saints Church and the Sunday School Room. The usual stalls with plants, bottle stall, raffle, etc. and of course mince pies and mulled wine!

Donations of bottles for the Bottle Stall, jams/preserves and cakes will be most welcome.

There may be other needs when the final stalls are decided.

*Volunteers will be needed please!*

More detailed information in the November Eye.

**All Saints Church**  
Services in Lopen:

**Sunday 3rd October**  
at 9am  
Holy Communion

**Sunday 17th October**  
at 11am  
Harvest Festival





Our next meeting will be on

# Tuesday 12th October at 7.30pm at Dillington House Hats



We will welcome Sue Outhwaite from 'Snooks Hats' in Bridport who will give us her entertaining talk, and a brief history, on the fascinating subject of Hats.

We will be trying on some of her hats - so dress to impress!

For further information about Just Women please contact Pauline Rook T: 240 644 E: prook12@gmail.com

## SHOE BOX APPEAL 2021



This year, with the added problems of Covid-19, there is an even more urgent need to help desperately deprived people. Our boxes are such a source of joy to them!

We would also be more than happy to receive 'fillers' for boxes, or donations to help with their transportation. Sometimes it can be fun for a few people to club together to make up boxes! We are happy to receive completed boxes, fillers or donations at any time. The final date for receiving boxes is Saturday 14th November. Further information, if required, please ring Sally-Ann on 241 765.

Have you 'liked' the Lopen Events Facebook page? Have a look - [www.facebook.com/Lopen-Events-277018432630673/](http://www.facebook.com/Lopen-Events-277018432630673/)

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## COFFEE STOP at the Sunday School Room

Only **£1** for a hot drink (including refill) and a slice of homemade cake.

**OCTOBER DATES**  
Wednesday 13th & 27th  
10.30am to 12.00 midday



Everyone welcome - including parents with young children.

All proceeds to



The Lord's Larder: providing emergency food supplies for people in need.

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