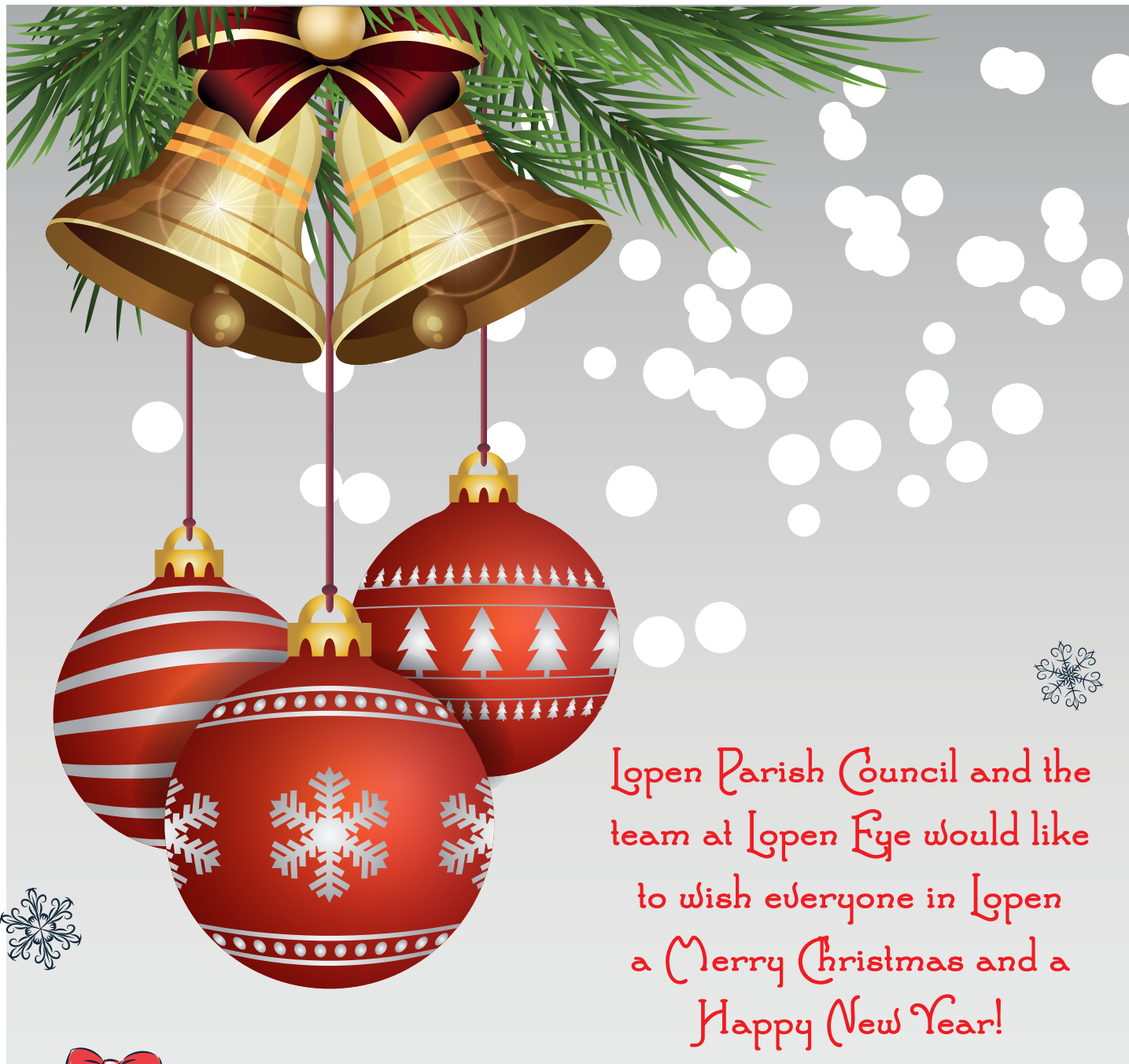


# LOPEN EYE

Lopen Parish Newsletter **DECEMBER 2018**



Lopen Parish Council and the team at Lopen Eye would like to wish everyone in Lopen a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## CHRISTMAS DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 1st December - *Mistletoe Fayre*

Wednesday 12th December from 10.30am - *Coffee Stop (the last one for 2018!)*

Sunday 16th December at 10.30am - *All Age Communion*

Thursday 20th December at 6.00pm - *Carols by Candlelight*

Tuesday 25th December at 10.30am - *Christmas Morning Service*

Sunday 30th December at 10.30am - *Benefice Communion*





# LOPEN PARISH COUNCIL

As it is that time of year again, on behalf of the whole of Lopen Parish Council (LPC), I should like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

There are only a few matters to report from our last Parish Council meeting on 29th October. As you may be aware, in an effort to save money, Somerset County Council (SCC) has removed Lopen from the regular gritting route. While we all believe this is a short sighted measure – and have written to SCC expressing our views – it seems that little will come of it in time for this winter. To help with the situation, LPC is looking to buy some bags of salt/grit to be placed at points around the village for use, when needed, on the footpaths. We shall keep you posted. Unfortunately, I have to tell you that, due to his increasing workload, Simon Frackiewicz feels it necessary to resign from the LPC. At the present time he is unable to continue giving all the time and effort to supporting LPC, but hopes that in the fullness of time, as his other commitments permit, he will be able to stand again on the LPC. We are sorry he is leaving but fully appreciate his position. We want to thank Simon for his hard work for LPC and wish him well for the future. ***This now leaves two vacancies on LPC, so we shall be delighted to hear from anyone who feels able to join us!***

It just remains for me to wish you all a very peaceful and restful festive season.

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Parish Council meeting will take place in the Sunday School Room at 7.00pm on:

**- Monday December 10th.**

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 -

[www.lopen.btck.co.uk/LopenParishCouncil](http://www.lopen.btck.co.uk/LopenParishCouncil)

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

Forthcoming LPC meetings (listed above) 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 Lisa Wilson, Parish Clerk, at [lopenpc.clerk@gmail.com](mailto:lopenpc.clerk@gmail.com) or telephone 07587 211150 and add yourself to the Parish Council mailing list.



## HINTON OUR SHOP

The village shop and Post Office, saved by huge public support in Hinton St. George, has launched its new website - [www.ourshophinton.org](http://www.ourshophinton.org)

David Clements, Chairman of the shop's management committee, commented - *'We are absolutely delighted with the outcome of much hard work by dedicated volunteers who have produced a website which is both hugely informative and easy on the eye. In short, a very professional job.'*

Do remember they offer a delivery service to Lopen, and that there is a Post Office within the shop.



## Have your say: Proposed changes to the County Council's support and services for children and their families

We want to hear as many people's views on our proposed changes to the support the County Council provides for children and their families. So we would appreciate it if people could get involved.

There is one last 'Drop In' session from 10.00am - 6.00pm on Tuesday December 4th at the Yeovil Methodist Church, Vicarage Walk, Middle Street, Yeovil, BA20 1JZ

People can share their views by completing a questionnaire which is available online at [www.somerset.gov.uk/getsetconsultation](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/getsetconsultation).

If anyone would like a hard copy sent to them, or any of the information in an alternative format, for example larger print or translated into a different language, please email [getsetconsultation@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:getsetconsultation@somerset.gov.uk) or telephone 01823 357479.

The closing date for consultation responses is 5pm, Monday 31 December 2018.

## There will be no Lopen Eye in January

### FOR SALE

Folding Z-bed - unused, in perfect condition. It's only had the plastic cover removed. All proceeds to church funds - £35. Contact Angela on 240 921.



This year was the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. On November 11th a service was held at All Saints Church, and the laying of a wreath at the War Memorial, to remember not just those from Lopen but all military personnel who gave their lives in conflicts around the

world. Large poppies were placed throughout the village, handcrafted by Carolyn White, which added to our respect for those individuals.

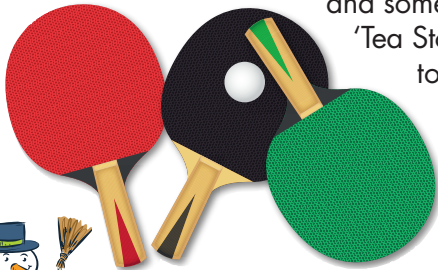


## LOPEN MISTLETOE FAYRE

The annual Mistletoe Fayre was a great success plenty of stalls loaded with many items including homemade cakes, savouries & preserves, plants, local hand made craft items, chocolate tombola, books - and of course the ever popular bottle tombola - a fantastic total of over was £2120 raised! This is divided between All Saints Church (for upkeep of the church and Sunday School Room) and the 1st Hinton St George Scout Group and Merriott Guides. And a special thanks to all the volunteers who gave their time to set it all up, make produce, run stalls, and the ladies who ran the refreshment area throughout the morning. And a big thank you to all who came and supported the fayre.

### TABLE TENNIS DATES

Remember the fortnightly table tennis 'Club' will be held on Sunday **December 9th** from 3pm until 5pm - there will be no table tennis on December 23rd. Next month will be - **January 13th & 27th**. 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 small charge to cover the cost of the hall and the electricity. I look forward to seeing you - *Carolyn*.

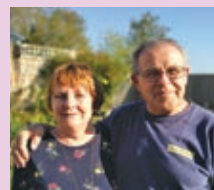


Thefts from motor vehicles often increase at this time of year and leading up to the Festive period. Many criminals are tempted by items (both large and small) being left on display in vehicles that are unattended. If possible you are advised not to leave anything on display, whether it is coins for the car park, shopping, a spare coat for inclement weather, work tools or paperwork - unfortunately it is all tempting to the criminal. Even if they do not steal anything of value - there is the inconvenience and expense of reparations to your vehicle. Always make sure that vehicle windows and doors are kept secure whenever unattended, even when leaving a vehicle open/unlocked when unattended for a short time. Keep car keys in a safe placed at home - away from windows and doors, preferably in a locked cupboard or cabinet.



The Carols by Candlelight in Lopen Church will be at **6pm on Thursday 20th December**  
Little shepherds and angels are welcome.

### A WARM WELCOME!



**An apology** - Last month there was an error, the entry should have read: Bob & Sheila (not Sylvia) have moved into Church Street House, Church Street from Waterlooville in Hampshire.



*A huge thank you to everyone who so generously contributed to the Shoe-Box appeal. With boxes from Lopen & Merriott we have been able to send over 140 beautiful boxes, covering the whole age-range. This will make such a difference to the lives of desperately needy people. We were overwhelmed and touched by your love and imagination - and indeed by the skill of many who have spent many hours making beautiful gifts. Wishing you a very happy Christmas.*  
**The Shoe-Box team**





# LOPEN

## Just Women



### Our next meeting will be on

## Tuesday 11th December

### at 7.30pm in the

## Sunday School Room

# Christmas Party



The last Just Women meeting of 2018 - an evening of seasonal entertainment, with a light-hearted quiz set by one of our members, followed by Christmas carols, all accompanied by mulled wine and mince pies.

Come dressed with a touch of sparkle.

*Non-members welcome.*



**Note for your diary - Tuesday 9th January 2019 at 12.30 - Christmas Lunch at Haselbury Mill**

For further information please contact Pauline Rook T: 240 644 E: [prook12@gmail.com](mailto:prook12@gmail.com)

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM



This thatched room, previously two small cottages, was the village school until the new one was able to be built at the top of School Lane, over 100 years ago. Since then it became a Sunday School and village meeting place. It is

available for bookings, and serves well for meetings, of up to 40 people, for Just Women, our Parish Council and the PCC meetings. It has good facilities for serving refreshments for weddings, baptisms and funerals and other services in the church and for fundraising events and parties. Much of the equipment used in the room is also available on loan, including wine and water glasses, crockery and cutlery etc, chairs and tables. There is a charge for the use of the room and we ask for breakages to be replaced and donations made for the loans.

**For details please contact:**

**Liz Constable (240 912) or Angela (240 921).**

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

## CONTACTS

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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.

## DECEMBER DATE

Wednesday 12th  
10.30am to 12.00 midday



Everyone welcome - including parents with young children.

All proceeds to the British Heart Foundation