

LOPEN EYE

Lopen Parish Newsletter **NOVEMBER 2021**



YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO

Lopen's Mistletoe Market



RAFFLE | BOTTLE STALL | ARTS & CRAFTS
HOMEMADE CAKES & PRESERVES
REFRESHMENTS | MULLED WINE & MINCE PIES



Saturday 27th November, 2pm - 4pm
All Saint's Church
TA13 5JX



ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE SHARED BETWEEN
THE CHURCH/SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM
& SOMERSET SAFE FAMILIES

A COVID-19 Risk Assessment has been completed for this event.
Stalls will be socially distanced, hand sanitiser will be provided,
masks are encouraged and a one way system will be in place.

ITEMS ARE STILL NEEDED PLEASE!

If you have any suitable items you would wish to donate please contact the appropriate person below for collection.
Items can also be delivered to the Sunday School Room on the morning of Saturday 27th November.

CAKES &
PRESERVES
Carolyn 240 717



BOTTLES
Les F 242 254
Les M 391 574



BISCUITS &
MINCE PIES
Ross 240 025



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 (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 Jane Collins, Parish Clerk, at lopenpc.clerk@gmail.com to add yourself to the Parish Council mailing list.

WE HAVE A NEW OCTOGENARIAN IN LOPEN!

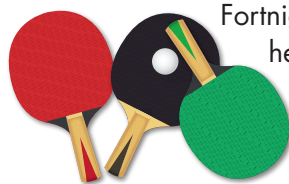


Ruby Norton was 80 years old on October 8th. Ruby lived in Curry Rivel, and after getting a job with British Telecom she was undergoing training in Taunton in 1975 where she met Ben Norton at a social dance. After a number of years courting she moved to Lopen in 1979 where she and Ben lived with his parents in Ballarat House in Frog Street, until they married in 1980. They helped look after Ben's grandmother in the bungalow where they now live. They have two sons – Henry and George, and three grandchildren.

Ruby worked in Hinton Primary School for about 20 years and progressed to become a teaching assistant. She was also a founder member of the Lopen Just Women group, which is still active in Lopen today.

From all of us in the village – Happy Birthday Ruby!

TABLE TENNIS DATES



Fortnightly table tennis 'Club' will be held on Sunday **November**

14th & 28th 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.*

Gaynor & Trevor would like to thank everyone who supported our Garage Sale at Hazelwood House. We raised £75 for our named charities: All Saints Church, Lopen Dementia UK Guide Dogs for the Blind

Lopen Christmas Cards

Our very own professional photographer, Pauline Rook, is offering one of her images as a Lopen christmas card - featuring a snowy scene of our All Saints Church. They are priced at £1, including envelope, with at least 55p going to the Mistletoe Market Fund.

Orders to:
prook12@gmail.com
by 8th November please.



There will be no Lopen Eye in January

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LOPEN

Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival Service took place on October 17th with the church looking resplendent with flower arrangements and harvest offerings - all prepared by a team of volunteers from the village. Well done to all the team for the hard work and creativity in producing such a lovely display.



Lopen Village Raffle is coming your way!

We are delighted to be holding our Lopen Village Raffle, to be drawn on **Saturday 27 November 2021 at 3.30pm**. Tickets will be delivered to all homes in Lopen very soon. This year the proceeds will go to Somerset Safe Families, a local charity helping families in difficult times, the Church and the Sunday School Room - so please, please buy or sell as many tickets as you can to help these worthwhile causes. As well as increasing your chances of winning one of the wonderful prizes!

1st Prize - A luxury Christmas Hamper full of delicious goodies to make Christmas extra special

2nd Prize - A scrumptious Chocolate Hamper brimming over with a variety of chocolate specials

3rd Prize - A Bath and Beauty Pamper gift box, the ultimate relaxation kit

4th Prize - Six bottles of superb wines to savour and enjoy

5th Prize - A handmade Door Wreath to decorate your front door

Please return the completed counterfoils, money and any unsold books as soon as possible to Mary Chapman, Ballarat House, Frog Street, Lopen, and at the **latest by 11am on Saturday 27 November** - ready for the draw at 3.30pm in the Church. Good luck and thank you enormously for your support.

Lopen's Pop-up Pub!



The first Lopen Pop-up Pub, on October 15th, proved to be successful! Over 20 people enjoyed an evening of conversation, drinks, nibbles & games. Further evenings are being planned - if you would like to host a PUP please let us know - quiz night?, beetle drive?, themed evening? darts?, table skittles?, etc.





Our next meeting will be on

Tuesday 9th November at 7.30pm at Dillington House The Impact of Gloving on Yeovil and its Factories



Joseph Lewis from The Community Heritage Access Centre in Yeovil will be giving this talk. He will also be bringing various relevant items from the historical collection.

After our successful October meeting, we will again be meeting in Dillington House.

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



All Saints Church

Services in Lopen:

**Sunday 7th November
at 9am**

Holy Communion

**Sunday 14th November
at 9am**

Remembrance Service

Two minutes silence and laying of wreath on the War Memorial. This will be in the Church Yard.

**Sunday 28th November
at 6pm**

Benefice Advent Service

with the excellent *Ad Hoc* Choir

Have you 'liked' the Lopen Events Facebook page? Have a look -
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.

NOVEMBER DATES
Wednesday 10th & 24th
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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