

LOPEN EYE

Lopen Parish Newsletter **FEBRUARY 2022**



The Blackdown Hills: A Photographic Portrait by Pauline Rook 8 January to 19 March 2022



A photographic exhibition documenting two decades of farming life on the Blackdown Hills.

Somerset-based photographer Pauline Rook has photographed this hidden landscape for almost 20 years. Over this period she has explored hundreds of miles of country lanes and paths, getting to know the individuals, countryside and buildings that make up the distinctive landscape of the Blackdowns. Includes a selection of Pauline's most recent work which has been captured using an infrared sensitive camera.

Somerset Rural Life Museum, Chilkwell Street, Glastonbury, Somerset BA6 8DB

Open 10.00 am – 5.00 pm Tuesday – Saturday, booking advised

Telephone - 01458 831197

Charge: Normal admission applies/FREE for Museum Unlimited pass holders

Lopen's Pop-up Pub!



Friday 11th February
from 7.30pm

in the Sunday School Room

Please bring your own glass and drink and perhaps a few nibbles for an informal social evening.

Hand sanitiser will be on duty and any Covid restrictions in place then will be followed.

Please do a Covid test beforehand and if you prefer to wear a mask, that's fine.

For more information please contact
Mary Chapman 01460 249 549



Village Supper Party



with 'entertainment'

7.00pm

Saturday 26th February
in the
Sunday School Room

Please bring your own drinks.

*Tickets available at £6 each -
children under 10 free*

from
Carolyn on 240 717

Proceeds to Lords Larder



*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. LPC meetings can now be held in a public space, with current Covid measures observed, so will be held in either the Sunday School Room or All Saints Church - this will be defined on the agenda. The public are welcome to join the meetings.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Parish Council meeting will take place in at 7.30pm on:

- Monday February 28th

The venue will appear on the agenda. 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.

VILLAGE WEB SITE - URGENT HELP NEEDED

Due to unforeseen circumstances the new web designer can no longer help us with our new village web site. It can still be hosted for the time being but unfortunately we can no longer access it to update items such as Parish Council information, the Lopen Eye, Just Women, village events etc. We therefore urgently need someone who knows how to manage web sites and can arrange hosting and transfer existing content to a new provider. Design improvements would also be useful. Contact Les Morton on 391 574 for more information.

LOPEN EYE - NEW EDITOR WANTED

I have been editor of the Lopen Eye since October 2015 - almost six and a half years. It's been enjoyable meeting so many of our lovely residents and being the bearer of news and events in our special village. However other commitments mean that am finding it more difficult to prepare the Lopen Eye for the ten issues a year. Plus it would also benefit from a new editor with new ideas and design input.

So I plan to make the June 2022 issue my last, unless anyone can take over earlier, so there is time for someone to work with me to understand how it all comes together each month.

For more information and a chat please contact me on 391 574.

Les Morton - Editor



CAN YOU HELP?

Teresa Sienkiewicz has found this mysterious object in her garden in Broomhill and is appealing for any information that will help identify it. It seems to be the nose cone of a shell, probably from one of the two World Wars, but we can't be sure. She has contacted The War Museum but they said that they don't look at things like this. Can you help, or do you know anyone who can?

The small piece weighs 1.1kg. The second picture show the dimensions.



There is a Defibrillator in the porch of All Saint's Church, Church Street.

Sarah Lethbridge is the advisor for this and will be happy to run through the theory of it's use if required. Please contact her on 249 219 or sarahmason6@yahoo.com

Lopen Eye back copies are available on the Lopen web site as downloadable PDF files from this link: <https://lopenvillage.org/loopen-archive>



Queen's Platinum Jubilee Village Meeting

As is widely known, this is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee year, and a number of people have mentioned the possibility of some kind of celebration to mark her historic reign.

This year there will be a four day Bank Holiday from 2nd to 5th June and although there are a number of countrywide events being planned it would be good to have our own celebration during this time.

There will be a meeting in the **Sunday School Room on Tuesday 8th of February at 7pm** so that the wishes and views of our village residents can be discussed and agreed as to the best way forward.

We aim to include fun things to do for all ages.

As this is your village community event it is only through the participation and input of us all that will make it happen – so please come along to let us have your comments, ideas and offers of assistance.

Look forward to seeing you there!

For more information see - <https://www.royal.uk/platinum-jubilee-central-weekend>

FREE COMPOST

There's still some free compost for anyone who would like it. In the churchyard, on the right, under the carpet in right hand bin. Please bring your own bags & spade!

Churchyard Eco team



Jubilee Celebrations

Jonathan and Ross have announced that there will be a Platinum Jubilee Celebration Concert at

All Saints Church in Lopen

on

Friday 3rd June



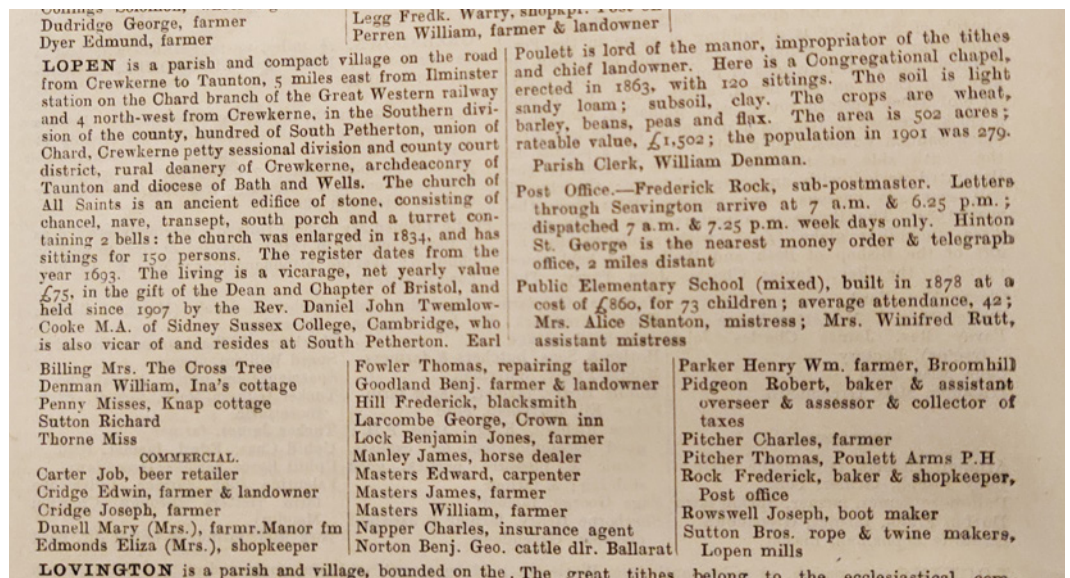
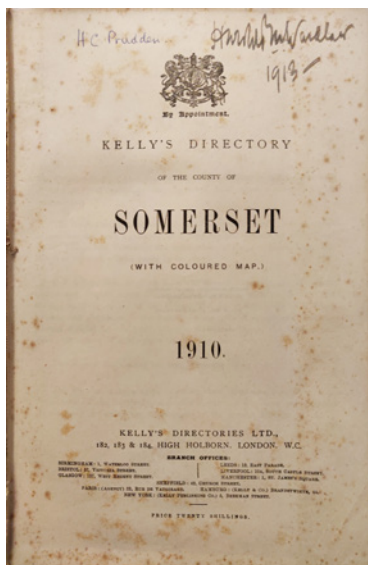
More details in the next issue!

RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS

Please drop in any new or used Christmas cards to Sally-Ann's at Crown Cottage, Church Street, Lopen. They are used in the Shoe Boxes that are put together for the Christmas appeal. *Thank you*

Lopen Village History

Whilst joining the Lopen Just Women ladies recently at a talk about the glove industry in our area, the speaker had a copy of the 1910 Somerset Kelly Directory - listing businesses and commerce in the county. Of particular interest were the entries for Lopen listing the commerce that was going on in the village and some of the family names that are still here. Maybe you can recognise your house, or name?





Our next meeting will be on

**Wednesday 9th February
at 7.30pm**

A Visit to Tancook Island



This will again be a Zoom meeting. With distance no object in this technological age, Lucy Neatby, who lives in Nova Scotia, will take us to 'Tancook' and show us what it's like to live on an island. Her talk also includes a visit to Lucy's colourful home/studio on the island where she hosts 'knit camps'.

A link to the meeting will be sent out nearer the time.

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

All Saints Church Services in Lopen:

**Sunday 6th February at 9am
Holy Communion**

**Sunday 20th February at 10.30am
Parish Communion**

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM



To hire the Sunday School Room, by the Church, or for loan of equipment, please contact on Angela 240 921.

Have you 'liked' the Lopen Events Facebook page? Have a look -
www.facebook.com/Lopen-Events-277018432630673/

CONTACTS

Village website - www.lopenvillage.org

PARISH COUNCIL

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JUST WOMEN

Chairwoman	Pauline Rook	240 644	prook12@gmail.com
Treasurer	Christianne Long	249 766	christianne@lopen.me.uk

POLICE CSO

Mike Bell	Dial 101 ask for PCSO 7954		mike.bell@avonandsomerset.police.uk
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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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LOPEN MANOR FARM

Steve	07769 657 168	For loose or fallen cattle in Lopen
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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.

FEBRUARY DATES
Wednesday 9th & 23rd

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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