

LOPEN EYE

Lopen Parish Newsletter **SEPTEMBER 2020**



Due to the ongoing Covid-19 lockdown situation the Lopen Eye is reduced in size for this issue. We will continue to publish as a PDF version, which is emailed out or can be downloaded from the village web site. If you know of anyone who would like to be emailed a copy please let the editor know and they can be added to the mailing list.

LOPEN VILLAGE FUND - UPDATE



Further to funds raised for village projects in 2019, a Village Fund has been set up to manage money raised and provide funds for Village projects, using the monies raised at the various events, social activities and donations made to the Village. This is distinct from any Church specific funds, and are to be used to benefit the wider Village.

The fund administrators will be Ed Moore, Michael Armstrong and Sue Champion, with Chris Marsh representing the Lopen Parish Council.

A Fund Charter and the process for applying for funds will be published in due course.

The type of projects supported will be anything deemed to benefit the Village, and it will also provide a centralised repository for larger plans like the purchase or rental of a field and a hall as a Village Community space in the long term. The contacts regarding the Fund are:

Michael Armstrong (md.armstrong@btinternet.com)

Sue Champion (sue_champion@hotmail.com)

Ed Moore (jandedd@yahoo.co.uk)

Chris Marsh (chrismarshlpc@gmail.com)

Any fund raising activities being planned should be made known to the Fund team so they can work with the organisers to support the event and provide the right channel for anything raised. On that note, subject to social distancing and Covid-19, we have had a couple of suggestions for more seasonal fund raising events later this year, and would appreciate any Villager thoughts: A **Village Garage Sale** - where elected garages are opened up to act as individual sales points for people to walk to. And a **Bonfire Night** (for example 7th November). Any thoughts please contact Michael Armstrong.

ANCESTRAL VISIT TO THE CROWN INN

We were contacted in July by a Nicholas French:

I am in the process of producing a fairly detailed biography of my life so that future generations of my family will have a definitive record. My best estimate so far of my time living at The Crown Inn, Church Street, Lopen, was that it was for a period in 1955 when I was aged 3. As I understand, my grandfather, Frank Pearce was the licensee in 1955 and he died in 1956 whilst still in residence there. I had a great aunt, Mrs Elsie Denman, nee Lamb, who at the time lived in the house immediately before you reach the church and on the same side of the road as the church.

Nicholas and his wife, Elaine, subsequently visited Lopen and met with Patrick & Carolyn, who currently live in the property, and also visited the church and the house his great aunt lived in.





The current virus situation is just one of the reasons for a huge increase in the number of people doing their shopping online. ActionFraud has produced a handy guide on how to stay safe when

shopping online, and this is attached to this Alert message. Please pass it on to your friends, relatives and neighbours: <https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk//media/32957976/are-you-shopping-online.pdf>

Please be aware that one of our schemes has reported a potential scam. This time an automated call from Visa stating a transaction for £299 to Tesco has been authorised and asking for confirmation. The telephone number that called was 02039 669 829.

Several members have reported to have received the same call already.

Should you receive the same call, simply hang up and notify Action Fraud on this number 0300 123 2040 or report it via their website below:

<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

Christmas Wreaths



The Mistletoe Fayre may have been cancelled, however I will be taking orders for our Lopen Village Christmas Wreaths with the proceeds again being split equally between the Village and Church & School Room Funds.

These full circular wreaths are built on a frame of Somerset willow with all foliage, herbs and flowers being sourced from Lopen gardens and hedgerow. All sizes can be used as grave markers and will last several weeks in the open.

They are also 100% compostable, excluding any ribbon you may wish to add.

Small Flat 6" - £5

Standard 10" - £12

Deluxe 16" - £18

Contact Christianne at
Bailiffs Cottage, Church Street. T: 249 766.

SUNDAY WALK WITH PUB LUNCH

Tuesday 6th October
The Royal Oak, Over Stratton

Please meet at the Sunday School Room at 12 midday promptly as all pub tables are booked for 1pm.

All walks are dog friendly.

If you are interested in the walk please contact Belinda on 240 973 or email belinda.bezance@gmail.com at least one week prior so she has numbers for the pub booking.

A WARM WELCOME!



Deborah & Jeremy and their 18 year old son Tyler James have moved into 2 Broomhill Lane.

They own a Taunton based restaurant with takeaway and delivery service called Oggy Oggy. They previously lived in Wembdon, just outside Bridgwater. During lockdown they have developed their frozen pastie delivery round to include Lopen and South Petherton!

MISSING CAT



Our cat keeps going missing - often for days, but sometimes weeks at a time. If you know where she is going/staying, can you please let us know so we can stop worrying about her! Many thanks, Felicity and Ben - 01460 249 231.

The cat is missing right now, and has been for over three weeks.

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<http://www.lopen.btck.co.uk/LopenEyeNewsletter>



All Saints Church



We are happy to tell you that we can now open the church for private prayer. You are welcome to come and enjoy the peace and quiet in church.

Sunday mornings 10am to 12 midday
Wednesday afternoons 2pm to 4pm

Communion Service
9am Sunday 6th September
 (without hymns)

Covid-19 restrictions apply - please wear masks if possible when others are present, and hand sanitise on entering and leaving. Be sure you keep a safe distance from others. To help you, there are signs placed where you can sit or need to avoid. WC through the school room will be open during services.

Revds Julia and Bob Hicks and Lopen Church PCC

REV NICK CLARKE - CURATE



It is with both sadness and joy that we announce the departure of our Curate, Rev Nick Clarke. Following two days of interviews and visits, Nick has been appointed as Rector for the Ham Hill Churches Benefice; our neighbours to the east! Nick's leaving date has not been finalised, but it will probably be around the end of November. We will of course find a way to say a proper farewell to him - within whatever Covid-19 rules and guidance apply at the time!

We have very much enjoyed having Nick with us for the last three years, and wish him and his family well as he takes this next step in his ministry. God bless you Nick.

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

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ANNUAL CHURCH WORKING PARTY

We have had to cancel the usual day to get various jobs done. People have offered to help with some of the tasks. If it is safe for you to take on one of the tasks, please contact Steve Chapman on 249 549 for outside jobs or Angela Naunton Davies on 240 921 for inside jobs.

