

# LOPEN EYE

Lopen Parish Newsletter

JULY 2019



The Lopen Picnic is held every other year and customarily attracts Lopen's residents, past & present, - a great village occasion!

## LOPEN VILLAGE PICNIC

Fun for all ages - children's games, cream tea, hog roast supper and live music for dancing!

**Sunday 14th July**  
3pm until late

**in The Canton's Field**

(courtesy of Michael and Valerie Canton)

Please bring your own drinks and something to sit on!

Entry by ticket. All-in price includes a cream tea and hog roast supper.

Your visitors are also welcome.

**Adults - £8, Under 16's - £4, Children under 4 - free.**

Tickets are available from:

Kate Jones - 241 643 or Michael Armstrong - 354 023.

**PLEASE ENSURE YOU BUY YOUR TICKETS BY JULY 6TH SO WE CAN ARRANGE SUITABLE CATERING.**

Lets be eco friendly - bring your own cups, cutlery & plates.



**HELP NEEDED** - please could we have some help from strong and fit individuals to erect the marquees on Saturday 13th July and to dismantle them on Monday 15th.

**The more the merrier!**

Please volunteer your help at the School Room at 10am on Saturday 13th July.



# LOPEN PARISH COUNCIL

## COUNCILLORS WANTED

With just four of a possible seven positions occupied, the Council currently has three vacancies and needs your help. If you are interested in village matters, have a little time spare and count common sense, patience and a sense of humour among your virtues, why not consider becoming a councillor? If you are interested, we'd very much like to hear from you. Please contact Lisa or one of the councillors for more information.

Due to the postponement of the Parish Council meeting on June 17th. there is not much to report this month. The meeting will now take place on Thursday June 27th. at 7.30pm.

### PARISH CLERK

Lisa has resigned so we are in urgent need of a new Parish Clerk. Full details will appear in the September issue of the Lopen Eye, however if anyone is interested please contact Stephen Crane or Lisa Wilson.

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Parish Council meeting will take place in the Sunday School Room at 7.30pm on:

**- Thursday June 27th.**

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

*LopenParishCouncil*

### 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 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.

**THERE WILL BE NO LOPEN EYE  
IN AUGUST**

## UPDATE FROM SLOW



These figures show that despite the chaos which has reigned in Holloway for most of the period in the report, with a resulting drop in the total volume of traffic through the village, only just 17% were respecting the speed limit and we still have people travelling through at more than 90 mph! A feat that defies belief that it could be possible in the current circumstances.

*Roger Gurner - Co-Chair SLOW*

Total Vehicles Recorded	12,247
Number observing 30mph speed limit	2,146
Vehicles between 31 and 39 mph	5,736
Vehicles between 40 and 49 mph	3,332
Vehicles between 50 and 59mph	887
Vehicles between 60 and 69 mph	125
Vehicles between 70 and 79mph	11
Vehicles between 80 and 89mph	8
Vehicles exceeding 90mph	2

*For the period 9th to the 11th June (entering the village from the north) and the 11th-23th June (entering the village from the south).*

## GAS MAINS WORK IN HOLLOWAY

The gas mains work in Lopen has been delayed due to the discovery of a steel main at the upper end of Holloway, which was not on their plan. The existing section of gas mains is 50 years or so old, hence the need for upgrading/replacement - the 'newer' section was found around the junction with Snapant/Dinnington. They don't know how far towards the village the steel section goes so it means they need to put a camera down, which they have decided to do from the lower end of Holloway. The traffic implications have also made things much harder for them. The traffic lights have failed, and blockages have occurred from time to time due to drivers becoming impatient, believing the lights are broken. Some drivers are ignoring the red light and are therefore jumping the lights. The workers have, on occasions, had to shout out to drivers who just drive through regardless. This triggers an inconsistency in the timing of the lights, which they then have to reset - a total nightmare for them as they take their life in their own hands on the narrow section, with only a plastic barrier protecting them from the traffic speeding past. Seemingly with no regard for the workers safety! So, the gas was not turned off in Holloway as was planned - the contractors have now gone away to have a re-think.

*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.*

# SUNDAY WALK WITH PUB LUNCH

The next walk will be on Sunday July 7th.

Meet at The Sunday School Room at 11.15am for a prompt 11.30am departure.

A walk to the Dinnington Docks for lunch - table booked for 12.30pm. Dog friendly.

**August 4th** The Lord Poulett Arms, Hinton St George, table booked for 12.30, leaving at 11.30 from the Sunday School Room. Dog friendly.

**September 1st** The Phelips Arms, Montacute for carvery, table booked for 1pm.

Suggest we leave at 11am to allow travel time and walk around Montacute Park. Please note parking challenging so suggest we share where possible. Dog friendly.

**If you are interested in any of the walks please contact Belinda on 240 973 or email [belinda.bezance@gmail.com](mailto:belinda.bezance@gmail.com) at least one week prior so she has numbers for the booking.**

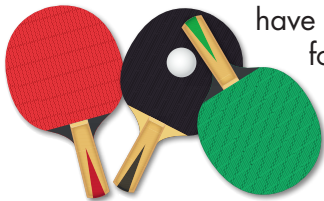
## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM



The Sunday School Room is now much brighter since the floor has been renovated. This is another step towards making it a more friendly resource to be used by the people of Lopen.

## TABLE TENNIS DATES

For the summer months we will be meeting **once** a month on the following dates **July 21st, August 18th and September 15th**, from 3pm until 5pm. Thereafter 2nd and 4th Sunday's. 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*.

## ANYONE FOR TABLE TENNIS IN THE HOLIDAYS?

If Lopen residents and their children want to play table tennis during the summer holidays, there is a table in the Sunday School Room. Please see the list in the church porch for availability then contact a key holder to make sure that the room is not booked. There will be no charge but please make sure you wear soft soled shoes and that the room is left clean and tidy when you leave. The key holders are - Angela 240 921, Carolyn 240 717 and Liz 240 912.

## ANOTHER WEDDING IN THE VILLAGE



Jeremy and Pauline Rook's daughter Alice was married in the church at Hinton St George on June 8th.

A number of ladies in the village had helped

prepare the flowers for the wedding and the reception. The 'flower studio' was in the Sunday School Room, and the air was full of the scent of glorious village grown flowers, and the chatter of the florists.



## UPDATE ON THE VILLAGE POST BOX

Teresa Sienkiewicz has been pushing Royal Mail for the installation of a new post box in the village. The latest response from them:

*Thank you for your letter dated June 4th. I am very sorry that despite previous contact the Post Box in Lopen village has not been replaced, and I completely understand the inconvenience this has caused for the local residents.*

*To thoroughly investigate this for you I contacted our Property and Facilities department. They have confirmed we are still waiting for the new Post Box to be delivered to enable us to reinstall the box. I am unfortunately unable to advise you of a timescale for this, but please be assured we are working hard to try and resolve this matter for you as soon as possible.*

*I trust I have been able to clarify the situation and the above information will be of assistance.*



Thefts from motor vehicles often increase at this time of year - there has been an incident in Church Street where money was stolen from an unlocked car parked on the owners driveway. Ensure you

lock your car even if left unattended for a short time. Keep car keys in a safe place at home - away from windows and doors, preferably in a locked cupboard or cabinet.

Also during the recent cabling work in Frog Street one of the contractors trucks had an attempted fuel theft, with diesel spilt on the road surface.

## A MESSAGE FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE IN LOPEN.

There is a chance to raise some money, which could be available to provide something for the young people of this Village. There will be a questionnaire in the near future for young people to tell us what they would want the money used for, and what would make a difference to them.

**So, get thinking!!**



Our next meeting will be on  
**Tuesday 9th July**  
**2.30pm**  
**Fossil Hunting**  
**on Charmouth Beach**



We will be visiting the Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre for a short talk on fossils, followed by an opportunity to view various finds from the beach.

This will be followed by a guided hunt for fossils down on the beach. Stout footwear needed.

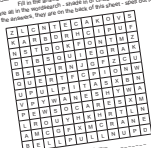
Price: please allow £10, including tea.

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

## Children's Quiz Sheet

All Saints Church, Lopen  
 Children's Quiz Sheet

Welcome to All Saints Church. Please help yourself to a quiz sheet and have a go at the answers. It is a fun way to spend time with the children. The answers are on the back of the sheet.



There is a children's Word Search Quiz available in the church, which is open every day during daylight hours, should anyone have any young visitors to entertain. Sadly no prizes for finding all the answers!

## ONE MAN, OR LADY, NEEDED TO MOW!



We have a vacancy on the team of four who mow the churchyard grass. This only requires an hour a week in the summer months, mower and fuel provided, reward - great satisfaction in keeping

our lovely churchyard tidy. If you would like to join the team, please contact Steve Chapman on 249 549.

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

Village website - [www.lopen.btck.co.uk](http://www.lopen.btck.co.uk)

### PARISH COUNCIL

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MEMBER of PARLIAMENT	Marcus Fysh		marcus.fysh.mp@parliament.uk
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### ALL SAINTS CHURCH

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### JUST WOMEN

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

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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.

### JULY DATES

Wednesday 10th & 24th

### AUGUST DATES

Wednesday 14th & 28th

10.30am to 12.00 midday



Everyone welcome - including parents with young children.

All proceeds to The Epilepsy Society