

LOPEN EYE

Lopen Parish Newsletter **NOVEMBER 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.

WE HAVE A WORLD CHAMPION!

Congratulations to Guy Anderson - he is a World Champion!



The 2020 World XContest has just ended and Guy has been declared the winner in the OPEN category. All three winners had their longest flights from Brazil towing sites (Caico & Assu).



First place, for the first time, is British pilot Guy Anderson with his longest flight of 535km and a total score of 2778 points. Second place goes to Swiss Sebastian Benz, with a seasonal maximum of 553km and a total of 2730 points. And third place, with 2583 points, is Juan Sebastian Ospina also from the United Kingdom.

For the full rankings of the OPEN category visit:
<https://www.xcontest.org/2020/world/en/ranking-pg-open/>

THE STOCKS HAVE RETURNED TO LOPEN!



John Milner has recently changed the name of his cottage to Stocks Cottage, in recognition of the stocks that used to be situated at Cross Tree in Lopen. They are to replace the original village Stocks, in which a young Curate Wolsey (later to be Cardinal Wolsey) was placed for being drunk & disorderly at the Lopen Fair in the early 1500's. He was put in the stocks by Sir Amyas Paulet (or Poulett), who was Sheriff at the time. Wolsey never forgave Poulett and as Lord Chancellor, Wolsey ordered Poulett to court and kept him waiting in daily attendance for five years – he was threatened with having all of his property confiscated if he failed to attend. The new stocks are fully useable - so no misbehaving in Lopen! They could also be useful for people caught speeding through the village!

NEW GATEWAYS FOR LOPEN

New 'village gateway features' have been installed at either end of the village - asking drivers to 'please drive carefully through our village'. Along with the large red '30' markings on red tarmac, to remind drivers of the 30mph speed limit. These are all part of the long awaited County Highways Small Improvement Scheme (SIS) for Lopen to improve road safety.



COFFEE STOP at the Sunday School Room

Only **£1** for a hot drink (including refill)
and a slice of homemade cake.

NOVEMBER DATES

Wednesday 11th & 25th
10.30am to 12.00 midday



We will be running a simple version of the Coffee Stop. The good news is that you won't need to book, but there can only be maximum of 6 people in the room at any one time, so you may have to wait in the churchyard if all seats are in use!

Please bring your own mug, use hand sanitiser on entry, and respect social distancing - seating will be spaced apart.

We look forward to seeing you!

All proceeds to
The Lords Larder Food Bank

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

We managed to record and upload a video of the

October Harvest Service

held in

All Saints Church, Lopen.

If you would like to watch it, please follow this link:-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s4GayhkYMMY>

Remembrance Service

Sunday 8th November
10 50am for 11am

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

Nick Clarke will be leading the Remembrance Day service on Wednesday 11th on Zoom.

December services will be announced as soon as possible

Covid-19 restrictions apply - please wear masks if possible when others are present, and hand sanitise on entering and leaving the church. 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.

Sadly, the usual Lopen Carols by Candlelight cannot happen this year in the church, but....

Lopen can have a Celebration of Christmas for All!

Please send in suggestions for a Carol or a reading you would like to be included.

Post your ideas through Jonathan's letterbox at the Chapel in Holloway or Angela's letter box at Denman Cottage, opposite the churchyard, by Monday 16th November or email nauntondavies@btinternet.com

With your help a video using as many of your choices of music and words as possible will be made.

The video will be available in mid-December in every way we can, so you and your families can see or hear it where ever you or they are.

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.

MISTLETOE

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VILLAGE RAFFLE

A Reminder

All tickets stubs and money must be returned by
9.45am Saturday 28th November 2020

To: Bailiffs Cottage, Church Street, Lopen
(5th House on the Left)

Many thanks for your support.

TABLE TENNIS

The Table Tennis table has been set up in the Sunday School Room. If you would like to use it please contact Carolyn (T: 240 717) for the keys. Due to Covid regulations a maximum of four people from the same household can use it at any one time (ie. parents & children), or only two people from different households at any one time.