

LOPEN EYE

Lopen Parish Newsletter **NOVEMBER 2019**



SATURDAY 30th NOVEMBER 10:00 - 12:30



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RAFFLE
See inside
for detailed
information

MISTLETOE

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**ALL SAINTS CHURCH
LOPEN TA13 5JX**

**PLANTS & BOTTLE STALL : GIFTS & RAFFLE & MORE
: REFRESHMENTS :**

All money raised will be shared between the Lopen Church and the new Village Fund.
(More information about the new Village Fund next month)

ITEMS ARE STILL NEEDED!

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 Thursday & Friday 28th/29th November.

TOYS

Angela 240 921

PLANTS

Christianne 249 766
Marion 240 179

GIFT ITEMS

Nancy 240 106

BOOKS

Martin 241 765

CAKES & PRESERVES

Carolyn 240 717

BOTTLES

Les F 242 254
Rob 249 766



LOPEN PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCILLORS WANTED

With just five of a possible seven positions occupied, the Council currently has two 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 the Parish Clerk Jane Collins, or one of the councillors for more information.

Our last Parish Council Meeting was on 30th September 2019. This was the first for our new Parish Clerk, Jane Collins and I am pleased to say we were able to keep it relatively painless, with some routine housekeeping matters and non-contentious planning applications.

BRIDGE RAILINGS

The railings have, at long last, been repaired on the bridge over Lopen Brook, opposite the pumping station. This is about a year after the matter was reported, but it has been worth the wait, now looking at how well the work has actually been done. We can only hope that the traffic calming measures are of equal quality when they finally take place!

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Parish Council meeting will take place in the Sunday School Room at 7.00pm on:

- Monday October 28th

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/OpenParishCouncil

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT FUTURE LPC MEETINGS?

Forthcoming LPC meetings are also posted on the village notice board, which is located at the end of Church Street, and on the village page of the website. If you would like to receive email notifications, please contact Jane Collins, Parish Clerk - see back page for contact details.

SUNDAY WALKS WITH PUB LUNCH

Forthcoming Lopen walks

3rd November

The Lord Poulett, Hinton St George

1st December

The Brewers Arms, South Petherton

Please meet at the Sunday School Room at 11.00am promptly as all pub tables are booked for 12.30.

All walks are dog friendly.

If you are interested in any of the walks 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.

Christmas Willow Wreath Making Class

Saturday 14th December - 2pm to 4pm

in the

Sunday School Room

Only 8 places available – price £15

This is to be an informal and fun session. Just bring your secateurs, gloves and any foliage from your garden you wish to include and I will provide everything else.

All proceeds to the new Village Fund

Places must be booked with Christianne on 249 766.

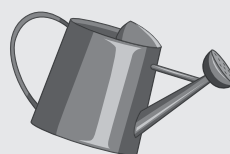


Beehive Toys in Lopen

We're opening our doors and inviting local people in to browse our range of toys for Babies, Toddlers and Pre-School Children.

As a thank you to our local customers we're pleased to be able to offer you some extra savings across all of our ranges.

We hope to see you soon. Find our opening times online www.beehivetoyfactory.co.uk



LOST Has anyone seen the old galvanised watering can normally sitting by the tap in the church yard. It has been in use for as long as anyone can remember for people who tend flowers on graves. It is much missed - maybe you forgot to return it?



Village Supper Party

with 'entertainment'
at 7.00pm on

Friday 15th November

To celebrate our 'New Look' Sunday School Room. Only 40 places available so book early!

*Tickets available at £5 each from
Carolyn on 240 717.*



Please bring your own drinks.



**Some tickets still
available
But hurry!!**

FINES FOR DISRUPTION IN HOLLOWAY

Two utility firms have received substantial fines following successful prosecutions by Somerset County Council.

BT and Royal Mail both pleaded guilty at Taunton Magistrates on Wednesday 9 October to several offences relating to roadworks.

One of the cases involving Royal Mail was:

Holloway Road, Lopen

- Royal Mail incorrectly installed traffic management in breach of safety provisions under S.65 NRSWA. Fined £4,000.
- Failure to comply with a direction by SCC highways authority on safety measures, in breach of S.65 NRSWA. Fined £6,000.
- Failure to use its best endeavours to co-operate with the highways authority in breach of S.60 NRSWA. Fined £4,000.

DIARY DATE - Carols by Candlelight will be held on Thursday 19th December 6pm.

TABLE TENNIS DATES

Remember the fortnightly table tennis 'Club' will be held on Sunday **November 10th & 24th** 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.



Mistletoe Fayre - Raffle

This year's Mistletoe Fayre profits are to be shared equally between Lopen Church and the new Village Fund, for which the Raffle is a very important contributor. To help provide a boost for the new fund, we are enclosing raffle tickets and a returns envelope with every copy of this month's Lopen Eye.

Please consider supporting this new village initiative, all sales will be much appreciated, however we fully understand if this may not be possible at this time.

For all tickets you wish to buy, please write your name and a telephone number on the ticket stub then tear off the ticket(s) and keep. Please then put the ticket money, completed stubs and unused tickets in the envelope and seal. There will be a street collection on the morning of Sunday 17th November, Monday 18th November for the Trading Estate, alternatively please pass your envelope to any stall holders listed in the Lopen Eye or drop through the letterbox at Bailiffs Cottage, Church Street, Lopen (5th house of left). **To qualify, the stubs for all purchased tickets must be returned by 25th November 2019 to any of the above or delivered by 12pm to the Raffle Stall at the Mistletoe Fayre.**

1st Prize - An Oak Christmas Box filled with Christmas goodies.

2nd Prize - Somerset Ploughman's Hamper filled with Cider, Cheeses, etc.

3rd Prize - A voucher for a Christmas Tree of your choosing, kindly donated by Yarcombe Woodland Products.

4th Prize - Chocolate Bonanza, a hamper filled with chocolates for all the family.

5th Prize - £50 voucher kindly donated by The Lord Poulett Arms.

6th Prize - Boxed Magnum of Chateau Peyredouille Red Wine.

7th Prize - £20 voucher for and kindly donated by The Lopen Raj.

8th Prize - Jigsaw & Afternoon Tea Play Set, for 12month+, kindly donated by Beehive Toys, Lopen

9th Prize - Bottle of Sparkling Wine.

10th Prize - An outdoor floral arrangement.

Many thanks to all our contributors who have helped make these prizes possible, including 'Our Shop' in Hinton St George, The Trading Post at Lopenhead, Honeyplot Farm in Yeabridge.



Our next meeting will be on

**Tuesday 12th November
at 7.30pm
Sunday School Room**



The Dog's Trust – Charity Event

Talk, Raffle and Bring & Buy Sale

Founded in 1891, the Dog's Trust is the largest dog welfare charity in the UK. We will be having a speaker to tell us about their work and the ongoing challenges they face.

For this event there will be a raffle and a Bring and Buy Sale with all proceeds from the evening going to the Trust.

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

HARVEST SERVICE & LUNCH



Thank you everyone who contributed to the produce we have taken to the Pilsdon Community and the Lords Larder. The latter particularly helpful over half term. Donations of

money have been sent to the Mission for Seafarers. And thank you to Rachel for bringing the 16 Bells Choir.



Do you enjoy the flowers and appearance of the church? If so we would welcome a few more volunteers who enjoy arranging flowers and/or cleaning the church, either on the rota or for two or three times a year. It's an enjoyable & social way to give something back to our lovely village and church.

Please contact Helen Kearney on 240 287 or Angela on 240 921.

We would love to hear from you!

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

CONTACTS

Village website - www.lopen.btck.co.uk

PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Clerk	Jane Collins	07967 218478	loopenpc.clerk@gmail.com
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MEMBER of PARLIAMENT	Marcus Fysh		marcus.fysh.mp@parliament.uk
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ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Benefice Office	Issy Welsh	73226	
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JUST WOMEN

Chairwoman	Pauline Rook	240 644	prook12@gmail.com
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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 13th & 27th
10.30am to 12.00 midday



Everyone welcome - including parents with young children.

All proceeds to



An international children's charity with a sustainable approach to problems with cleft lip and palate.