

# LOPEN EYE

Lopen Parish Newsletter

JUNE 2020



Due to the ongoing Covid-19 lockdown situation the Lopen Eye is reduced in size for this issue. Hopefully we shall be in a position to bring you a full size edition next month.

## 75TH ANNIVERSARY VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

With the Covid-19 lockdown still in place the VE Day celebrations on Friday May 8th weren't quite as grand as we would have hoped for, however Lopen did put on a good show. To start the day Isabella Loxston played the Last Post on her trumpet at 11.00am outside 3 Church Street. Around 4pm there was a socially distanced street party in Church Street. And some of those who didn't attend the street party did send in photos of their own salute to all the brave souls of the Second World War.

There is also a short video available on YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x-J5NKv2CvU>.



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 SALE OF PLANTS RAISES £959

Many, many thanks to all those who made contact with us and placed generous orders for plants with us. In the absence of our annual Spring Plant Sale and almost no advertising we have succeeded in raising an astonishing amount. As in previous years, the proceeds will go towards the maintenance of Lopen Schoolroom and Church, which is much appreciated as these remain closed.

*So a huge thank you from Marian, Helen and Christianne.*

## COVID-19 GUIDANCE

### Stay alert!

We can all help control the virus if we all stay alert. This means you must:

- Stay at home as much as possible
- Work from home if you can
- Limit contact with other people
- Keep your distance if you go out (2 metres apart where possible)
- Wash your hands regularly

Do not leave home if you or anyone in your household has symptoms.

### HANDY TIP

Mary Chapman from Ballarat in Frog Street sent in this handy tip - Lynash Nurseries in Merriott would be glad to have a mention that they will deliver plants to Lopen or do collection by appointment. I bought some good sized healthy perennials for £7 each and larger plants and shrubs. They're on Facebook and can email out a full price list.

Best wishes, Mary

### RAINFALL UPDATE

Jeremy Rook has kindly supplied the following data: I recorded a total of 45mm of rain in April close to the Long Term Average of 47mm.

April is the driest month on average round here, which often leads to anxiety in farmers and gardeners as it is the critical month for the season ahead.

As you may remember this year the rain was concentrated in 2 periods 16th & 17th April and 27th to 30th April. The latter wet spell has saved the day for our farmers and gardeners.

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## SOMERSET POTENTIAL SCAM CALLS, (BE AWARE)



Trading Standards have told us that some residents have been receiving phone calls from a company that are offering 'virus ventilation and sanitation due to lockdown' on behalf of Bath & North East Somerset Council. The Council wishes it be known that the company, Pro Day UK, do not represent them so any calls from them should be considered as a scam. Although this offence happened in the Bath area, similar attempts have been made in other parts of the country, so they may well start to try other regions of the Avon and Somerset police area including ours.

If you have any information regarding these incidents contact the Police on 101. Alternatively you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.