

LOPEN EYE

Lopen Parish Newsletter

APRIL 2022



Lopen Plant Fair

Saturday 7th May from
10.30am to 3.30pm

at The Old Bakehouse, Holloway, Lopen



With everything starting to take off in the garden, please remember us should you be lifting and dividing plants. We are happy to accept clumps of things to divide and pot up and bring on for the sale. We would also welcome offers of seedlings, both flowers and vegetables, as well as perennials, shrubs, large and small, as well as houseplants and any garden related items, such as ornamental pots, garden games, furniture and tools.

Please send a message or leave items at The Old Bakehouse, Holloway (opposite the end of Church Street) or Bailiffs Cottage, Church Street.

Contact: Marian - Tel: 240 179 or email: marianobrien@me.com

Platinum Jubilee Celebration Concert

Over half of the tickets have now sold!

An evening of music with a Royal connection to include works by Elgar, Purcell, Tallis and more. Bring your flags and be ready to sing along!

Stuart Paul - Trumpet
Jonathan Delbridge - Organ
Mosaica - Choir

Friday 3rd June 2022 at 7.30pm



ALL SAINTS CHURCH
LOPEN, TA13 5JX

£10 per ticket
Booking essential

For more information and to book tickets contact Jonathan Delbridge on 01460 240025 or info@jonathandelbridge.com



CALLING THE CHILDREN OF LOPEN



Our lovely little church Sunday School Room has a terrible stain on its wall - and for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee we would like to produce a permanent Jubilee banner to cover the stain.

We would love to use art by you children to decorate the banner. The pictures just need to show something about what makes Lopen special to you, drawn on white paper and coloured with pencil crayons not felt tips.



We are going to hold a meeting in the Sunday School Room on April 13th at 2.30pm to put our ideas together and hopefully put some down on paper. Please get in contact with me, Pauline Rook, at Prook12@gmail.com or bang on my front door at Lopen Farmhouse, Church Street.

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 PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Due to the ending of Covid rules LPC meetings can now resume in the Sunday School Room. The public are welcome to join the meetings.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Parish Council meetings take place in the Sunday School Room at 7.00pm on the following dates:

- Monday 25th April
- Monday 30th May
- Monday 27th June
- Monday 25 July
- Monday 22nd August (29 is a Bank Holiday)
- Monday 26th September
- Monday 31st October
- Monday 28th November
- Monday 19th December (26 is Boxing Day)

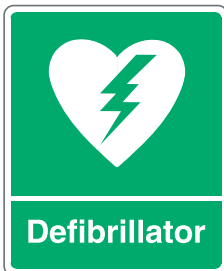
Please contact a councillor or the Parish Clerk at least one week before, if there is a matter you would like added to the agenda.

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 - <https://lopenvillage.org/council>

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 Jane Collins, Parish Clerk, at lopenpc.clerk@gmail.com to add yourself to the Parish Council mailing list.



DEFIBRILLATOR EXTRA LOCATION NEEDED

A second defibrillator is going to be placed in Lopen as it is felt the one in the Church Porch is too far away for residents living on the west side of the village.

We are looking for a suitable

location - easily accessible and with a power supply to keep the battery charged up. Can anyone offer such a location please? Please contact a Parish Councillor.

LOPEN EYE - NEW EDITOR NEEDED

We are now getting desperate! The Lopen Eye could end after the June issue!

Other commitments mean that I am finding it more difficult to prepare the Lopen Eye for the ten issues a year. Plus it would also benefit from a new editor with new ideas and design input.

So I plan to make the June 2022 issue my last - only 2 issue after this one!

We urgently need a volunteer or the Lopen Eye will cease to be published!

For more information and please contact me on 391 574 or lesmorton26@gmail.com

Les Morton - Editor



COUNTRYSIDE CODE FOR THE PUBLIC

Spring is a lovely time of year when we 'break out' from the winter and enjoy the countryside - daffodils, lambs, and the lovely fresh air. So, just a reminder to think of the farmers too when out walking, remember:

- Leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths.
- A farmer will normally close gates to keep farm animals in, but may sometimes leave them open so the animals can reach food and water.
- Leave gates as you find them or follow instructions on signs. When in a group, make sure the last person knows how to leave the gates.

GARDEN FIRES



The Parish Council had a phone call last month from someone in the village, who declined to give her name, but made a complaint about bonfires.

There has also been another report of someone, purportedly in Church Street, who was burning garden rubbish for three consecutive days, including a sunny Saturday, when washing had been hung out to dry. So can we remind readers to consider their neighbours when setting bonfires - the smell and smoke can often travel quite some distance. Please ensure the wind is in a direction that will not cause a nuisance - especially the danger of flying sparks where thatched properties are nearby!

Coffee Morning on 7th April from 10.30 to 12.30 at 20 Silver Street, Ilminster (house just before the Minster). Books and homemade cakes for sale. In aid of **Raft** which hopes to open again mid April in new premises. Donations to Geraldine Downey RSG 01460 271358.

LOPEN CHURCHYARD PLANTING

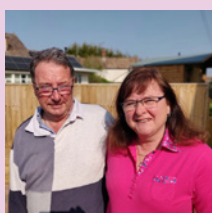
Some of the enthusiastic team who planted snowdrops and primroses, donated by many villagers from their gardens, on Saturday March 12th. This was the latest activity organised by the All Saints' Eco team



We were also delighted to have been successful in our application to the South Somerset District Council's Wildflower Seeds Giveaway and are told we will receive our free seeds shortly. These will be sown as soon as possible.

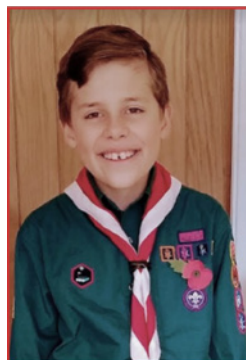
COMPUTER CLINIC

As we now have Superfast broadband in the Sunday School Room everyone is encouraged to make use of it - studying, research, file downloading & transfer, etc. For instance, from July Les Morton is planning to hold a Computer Clinic on one Coffee Stop morning each month. If you are having problems with your laptop, tablet or mobile phone, or just want to know how to do something on it like updating, downloading, set up a new app, getting online, etc., Les will do his best to help you. If there are any other volunteer 'techies' that can help please, the more the merrier.



A WARM WELCOME!

We would like to welcome - Steve & Linda, and their dog Baxter, who have moved to School Yard House, in School Lane, from Littlehampton in West Sussex.



Hi I'm Elijah Brown from Water Street; I am 13 years old and am a member of the Hinton St George Scout Group. I am lucky enough to have been given the opportunity to take part in Project Kenya in August 2023 with the Somerset Scouts Association.

While I am in Kenya I will be volunteering with underprivileged

children at three different primary schools.

During my time at the schools, I will be part of a team which will run creative and fun activities that engage the children in learning, singing and playing as well as low-level maintenance work within the schools - like painting and digging.

My mum has handmade notebooks to sell, in aid of my fundraising to be part of Project Kenya.

The notebooks are hand bound with a fabric, patterned paper or hand designed paper cover, and then finished with a ribbon page marker. We are selling them for £8 each and if you would like to buy one, please email us at helpelijahhelpkenya@gmail.com. Thank you.



LOPEN POP-UP PUB

The Informal Quiz was a great success with 16 people attending, divided up into 4 teams. The team of Jeremy & Pauline Rook with Angela Naunton Davies were the winners, and were presented with a bottle of Prosecco!

Belinda has kindly stepped up to do the April Pop-up Pub so please put it in your diary for

Thursday April 21st from 8pm

Please bring your own glass & drink and perhaps a few nibbles for an informal social evening. I'm sure she'll appreciate your support and help on clearing at the end if you are able.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration

Come & join us everyone

on **Saturday June 4th**

From 3pm in the Canton's field.

Live music from Jeroka - with dancing. Bring your own picnic, drink & chairs.

Childrens' Games will be fun!

To get the Celebration into full swing a number of activities will commence on May 21st. We are hoping everyone in Lopen will participate in the preparations - placing of flags & bunting, window decorations, setting up a treasure hunt and a general 'sprucing up' of the village.

Watch this space, and look out for a leaflet in the near future with more information!

Contact Jenny on 419 569 for further information.



Our next meeting will be on
Tuesday 12th April
at 7.30pm
at Dillington House



A History of Hinton St. George

Joan Farris will be giving us her interesting talk about the history of Hinton St George - we will also be holding the AGM and be asking for annual subscriptions.

More details will be sent out to members nearer the time.

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

All Saints Church Services in Lopen:

Sunday 3rd April at 9am
Holy Communion

Thursday April 14th at 7pm
Maunday Thursday Communion

Sunday 17th April at 10.30am
Easter Communion

The Coffee Stop organisers decided that the current funds should be donated to the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. In the past the Coffee Stop has supported a number of different charities such as the Lord's Larder, Smile Train, MSF, Akamba, British Heart Foundation, etc. when funds have reached £150.

At the Coffee Stop on Wednesday March 9th £140 was donated towards the appeal. This together with current funds held and gift aid amounted to **£275** which has been sent to the Ukraine appeal.

Well done Coffee Stop!

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

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LOPEN MANOR FARM

	Steve	07769 657 168	For loose or fallen cattle in Lopen
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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.

APRIL DATES

Wednesday 13th & 27th

10.30am to 12.00 midday



Everyone welcome - including parents with young children.

All proceeds to



The Lord's Larder: providing emergency food supplies for people in need.