

LOPEN EYE

Lopen Parish Newsletter

APRIL 2021



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.

Lopen Spring Plant Fair



Saturday 8th May 2021

Strictly by Appointment

We have settled on a date and there is a revision to our plans as we will be able to meet in groups of 6 from April 12th. We have decided that in place of circulating a plant list, and thus saving us several hours of work, we will be holding an 'open nursery' at Marian's garden at

The Old Bakehouse, Holloway Road

with entry strictly by appointment.

We will be selling our usual range of bedding, perennials, shrubs with a good range this year of hostas, grasses and outdoor succulents.

This invitation is only being circulated to Lopen residents and friends, however, feel free to share.

Please contact Christianne at christianne@lopen.me.uk to book your 20 minute slot.

Appointments available from 9.20am.

Proceeds to be shared equally between the Lopen Church & Sunday School Room Maintenance Fund and the Hinton St George Primary School Classroom Appeal.

LENT LUNCH

The Lent lunch team would like to say they were sorry they couldn't provide the usual fun Lent Lunch, but thank you for the donations given for The Lords Larder, Chard.

The total donated and sent was £127.

A WARM WELCOME!



Dan & Sally (pictured) have moved into Beauregard in Snapant, having come from St. Albans in Hertfordshire.

Christina & Joe, and their Border cross Maggie, have moved into 6 Holloway, having come from Taunton.

*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

During the COVID lockdown LPC meetings are being held online using Zoom. The public are welcome to join these meetings. If you would like to join please see the village web site Home page (www.lopen.btck.co.uk) or contact Jane Collins (Parish Clerk) (lopenpc.clerk@gmail.com) and she will email you an invitation. The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Zoom at 7.00pm on:

- Wednesday April 7th

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

All Saints Church



Services are resuming in Lopen

Easter Sunday April 4th at 10.30am

Communion Service*

Sunday April 18th at 10.30am

Communion Service**

* *Pre-booking is required - please contact Carolyn on 240 717.*

** *Booking may be required - see church & village notice boards for latest information.*

We are still opening the church for 'Private Individual Prayer' twice a week:

Sunday 10am-12pm

Wednesday 2pm-4pm

The Sunday School Room remains closed.



Scams / Local Numbers!

We are hearing several reports of members receiving scam calls from local numbers. These are where scammers are trying to trick you into believing they MUST be real as they are nearby. Do please remain alert to any calls you receive - for instance: advising you have a slow broadband connection, your loft insulation does not meet current regulations, you have a delivery from Royal Mail that has not been fully paid, your Amazon Prime has expired or has been hacked, etc. These will almost certainly be scams - **if in doubt hang up!** Let the phone line clear for at least 5 minutes and then call the company back on a number you know, preferably on a different phone.

And never press 1 on your keypad if asked!



Our Zoom presentations have proved very successful over the past few months so we will be continuing in the same way for April.

Tuesday 13th April at 7.30pm - Joan Farris will be enlightening us with an illustrated talk about 'The Saxons of Somerset' - a time in history most of us know little about.

Tuesday 27th April at 7.30pm - Pauline Rook will be giving a presentation on her Adventures in the Philippines.

An email will be sent out to Just Women members with a joining link the day before the meeting.

If anyone would like to join us who is not a member please contact Jean Morton at - jeanandlesm@gmail.com or Tel: 391 574.

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