

# LOPEN EYE

Lopen Parish Newsletter

MARCH 2019



## LOPEN VILLAGE PICNIC

Make a note in your diary!

The 2019 Lopen Village Picnic will be held on

**Sunday July 14th.**

## MOMENTS MUSICAUX

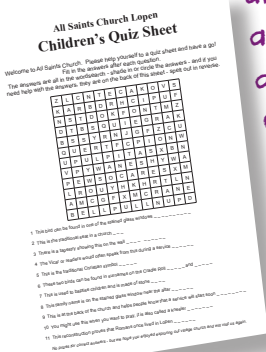
The concert on the evening of March 9th is now sold out, however five volunteers are needed to help on the night - bar staff, ticket collector, ushers, etc.

If you are able to help please contact Angela on 240 921.

**SOLD OUT**

## Children's Quiz Sheet

As with all familiar things and places, how often do we go into ALL Saints' Church in Lopen and properly look at it? Well, thanks to Thomas & Charlie Gibson's ideas, and input from Philip Harper and Les Morton, we now have a children's Word Search Quiz which will be left in the church for children (and even adults!) to complete. So next time you call in there, please help yourself to a quiz sheet and have a go! Sadly no prizes for finding all the answers, but we hope you will enjoy seeing the church with fresh eyes. Good exploring!



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## TRADING POST FARM SHOP ON BBC



**BBC**

The Trading Post Farm Shop owners were contacted by Matt

Faulkner at BBC Radio Somerset who had heard about their 'Shop of the Year' award nomination. He popped along on February 6th for a wander around the shop and a natter - this was broadcast live on his show! February 22nd - and now they're on the telly! The farm shop appeared on BBC Two Jimmy's Farm, along with Jamie Oliver!



## SUNDAY WALK WITH PUB LUNCH

We are starting a Sunday pub walking group on the first Sunday of each month,

with the first walk planned for **Sunday April 7th.**

Meet at The Sunday School Room at 11.30am and enjoy a sociable walk to one of the local pubs for lunch. If you are interested please contact Belinda on 240 973 or email [belinda.bezance@gmail.com](mailto:belinda.bezance@gmail.com) at least one week prior so she can gauge numbers for the pub booking.

## LOPEN PARISH COUNCIL

### YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!



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 Lisa or one of the councillors for more information.

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

**- Monday March 11th.**

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](http://www.lopen.btck.co.uk/LopenParishCouncil)

### DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT FORTHCOMING 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 Lisa Wilson, Parish Clerk, at [lopenpc.clerk@gmail.com](mailto:lopenpc.clerk@gmail.com) or telephone 07587 211150 and add yourself to the Parish Council mailing list.

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN DESKTOP PUBLISHING?

As our editor, Les Morton, is away from time to time we are looking for someone to prepare artwork for the Lopen Eye, maybe 2-3 times a year. Full tuition and software is available. If you are interested please contact Les on 391 574 or email [lesmorton26@gmail.com](mailto:lesmorton26@gmail.com)

## JUDY MILNER

Judy Milner (John Milners mother) passed away on 14th February with the Funeral being held at All Saints Church on February 28th.

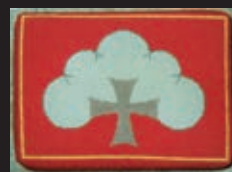
Judy moved into Cross Tree Cottage with her husband George and their son John in 1979. She was kind, caring, full of knowledge and wisdom; an active member of the church, being a Church Warden for a period and supporting it in every way. Her fudge was a great hit when fundraising! Judy was one of a group of villagers who made some lovely church kneelers - hers featuring the Cross Tree symbol (see pictures below).

She loved films but not TV so was an avid reader - we would often see her waiting for the Mobile Library!

Sadly Judy has been housebound for nearly nine years, but she was a pleasure to visit, so interested in one's families and life in the village with her lovely smile and never a grumble. She died peacefully in her sleep after a long life. We are all thinking of John and his family at this time.



Judy, (lower right) seen with her fellow 'stitchers'.



Church kneelers featuring the Cross Tree symbol.

### WELCOME PACK DISTRIBUTOR

Sally-Ann & Martin Howell have, for some years, been supplying Welcome Packs to anyone who moves into the village. They feel that a 'new face' is probably appropriate now and would like to pass the service on to someone younger in the village. **Could it be you?** If you are interested please contact them on 241 765.

*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.*

## TABLE TENNIS DATES

Remember the fortnightly table tennis 'Club' will be held on Sunday **March 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*.



## LENT LUNCH Wednesday 3rd April

12 to 2pm

in

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM

In aid of a local charity organisation helping refugees.

Sally-Ann at Crown Cottage or telephone 241 765.

## FOR SALE

Mika Shorty Bunk Beds. Metal frame, 75cm x 175cm, white, condition 'as good as new'. Easy to assemble, full instructions, £40.00. If interested ring Sally-Ann Howell on 241 765.

## BOTTLE TOPS & BISCUIT WRAPPERS

Milk bottle tops are still being collected - at present the fundraising through recycling is going to the Dorset Air Ambulance.

We have now added plastic film biscuit wrappers, any brand, so come on biscuit connoisseurs!

Fundraising with the wrappers is for the National Trust.

Lopen collection point is  
2 Church Street (Crown Cottage).



## Lopen Plant Fair - Plants Needed!

As Spring begins to make itself known and thoughts turn to the garden, please remember us should you be lifting and dividing plants. We are happy to accept or collect unwanted clumps of things to divide, pot up and bring on for sale.

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

For your diaries this years event will be held on

**Saturday 11th May from  
10.30am to 1pm**

## VINTAGE VEHICLE SHOW COMING SOON.....

An exciting opportunity to take part in a vintage & classic vehicle show in the beautiful village of Hinton St George on

**Sunday May 12th. from 10.30am to 3.30pm.**

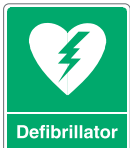
200 spaces are available - £10 per entry.



All proceeds go to the Playground Fund for Hinton St George First School. There will also be a Food Stall, Beer Tent, Pimms Station, Vintage Clothing Area, Childrens Area and a Craft Circle. See the Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/HSG-Vintage-Vehicle-SHOW-420349408706568/>. To book your place please email [hsgvintagevehicleshow@gmail.com](mailto:hsgvintagevehicleshow@gmail.com)

## HAVE YOU LOST SOMETHING?

In the recent storms, a large blue gym ball and a multi coloured football appeared in the back garden of Toad Hall on Holloway. The owners are welcome to reclaim them - telephone 394 975.



**There is a Defibrillator in the porch of All Saint's Church, Church Street.**

Sarah Lethbridge is the advisor for this and will be happy to run through the theory of it's use if required. Please contact her on 249 219 or [sarahmason6@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahmason6@yahoo.com)



Our next meeting will be on

**Tuesday 12th March**  
at 7.30pm in the  
**Sunday School Room**



**A Musical 'Trip around the British Isles'**

We have a return visit from Adelaide and Clare for a fun evening of music and gentle quizzing.

*Non-members welcome.*

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

**CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS AND APCM SUNDAY 17TH MARCH**

Do you want to know what has been happening in the Sunday School and church in the last year? Would it be helpful for you to meet the people who are looking after the buildings and facilities and trying to make improvements to make them easier and better for you all to use?

Come to the APCM (Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting) on Sunday 17th March at 11.30am with Coffee and cake (following the All Age Service which starts at 10.30am). During the meeting everyone on the electoral roll will be able to vote. We hope to see you there!

**VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteers are always needed for the occasional jobs around the village, the Sunday School Room and Church. Please let me know if you would like to help in any way. Angela 240 921.

Have you 'liked' the Lopen Events Facebook page? Have a look - [www.facebook.com/Lopen-Events-277018432630673/](http://www.facebook.com/Lopen-Events-277018432630673/)

**CONTACTS**

Village website - [www.lopen.btck.co.uk](http://www.lopen.btck.co.uk)

**PARISH COUNCIL**

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**ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

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**JUST WOMEN**

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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.

**MARCH DATES**

Wednesday 13th & 27th  
10.30am to 12.00 midday



Everyone welcome - including parents with young children.

All proceeds to  
The Epilepsy Society