

# LOPEN EYE

Lopen Parish Newsletter

OCTOBER 2020



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.

## COFFEE STOP at the Sunday School Room

Only £1 for a hot drink (including refill)  
and a slice of homemade cake.

### OCTOBER DATES

Wednesday 14th & 28th  
10.30am to 12.00 midday



We will be running a simple version of the Coffee Stop. The good news is that you won't need to book, but there can only be maximum of 6 people in the room at any one time, so you may have to wait in the churchyard if all seats are in use! Please bring your own mug, use hand sanitiser on entry, and respect social distancing - seating will be spaced apart.

We look forward to seeing you!

All proceeds to  
The Lords Larder Food Bank

## OUR SHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



During the Covid-19 situation the local shop in Hinton has been a lifeline for many people who don't want to visit the

larger supermarkets. They are happy to take orders for groceries, and even deliver them. However to keep the shop functioning properly they depend on volunteers - and at present they need more people to come forward and offer their time to help. Even if you can only spare a couple of hours each week, it would be appreciated. If you would like more information, or would like to volunteer please contact Our Shop on 271 218 or email [asl@ourshophinton.org](mailto:asl@ourshophinton.org).

## WALK WITH PUB LUNCH

Tuesday 6th October  
The Royal Oak, Over Stratton

Please meet at the Sunday School Room at 12 midday promptly as all pub tables are booked for 1pm. All walks are dog friendly.

### COVID-19

Please ensure you bring a face mask with you!

## TABLE TENNIS

The Table Tennis table will be left set up in the Sunday School Room from Thursday October 1st. If you would like to use it please contact Caroline (T: 240 717) for the keys. Due to Covid regulations a maximum of four people from the same household can use it at any one time (ie.



parents & children), or only two people from different households at any one time.

## COUNTRYSIDE CODE FOR THE PUBLIC

Autumn is a lovely time of year for walks in the colourful countryside. So, just a reminder to think of the farmers too when out walking, remember:

- 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.
- 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.
- Follow paths unless wider access is available, such as on open country or registered common land (known as 'Open Access' land).

## Christmas Wreaths

My thanks to all those who have been in touch, so many that my order book is now closed. I am delighted to report that this will raise nearly £400 which will be split equally between the Church and School Room Maintenance Fund and the Lopen Community Fund.

Christianne.

## SHOE BOX APPEAL 2020



The Shoe Box Appeal is finally going ahead! This year, with the added problems of Covid-19, there is an even more urgent need to help some of

the desperately deprived people in Romania. Our boxes are such a source of joy to them! We would also be more than happy to receive 'fillers' for boxes, or donations to help with their transportation. Sometimes it can be fun for a few people to club together to make up boxes! We are happy to receive completed boxes, fillers or donations at any time. The final date for receiving boxes is Saturday 14th November. They can be dropped off to Beryl Virgin 12 Higher Beadon, Merriott Tel: 74917 or to Beryl Bellamy 35 Shiremoor Hill, Merriott Tel: 74574 . We would also be very grateful for any empty, medium-sized shoe-boxes.

## WELCOME PACK DISTRIBUTOR

Sally-Ann & Martin 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. If you are interested please contact them on 241 765.

## BOTTLE TOPS & BISCUIT WRAPPERS

Due to the Covid-19 situation - please don't leave any more bottle tops or biscuit wrappers until further notice.



## All Saints Church



We are happy to tell you that we can now open the church for private prayer. You are welcome to come and enjoy the peace and quiet in church.

**Sunday mornings 10am to 12 midday**  
**Wednesday afternoons 2pm to 4pm**

**Holy Communion Service**  
**9am Sunday 4th October**

**Harvest Festival**  
**10.30am Sunday 18th October**

To be celebrated in the Church and the churchyard (there will be chairs) - sadly there will be no refreshments available.

Donations welcome for The Lords Larder and The Pilsdon Community.

Pilsdon have not been able to welcome the guests and Wayfarers this year, usually a large part of their life. They grow most of their own produce. But little treats would make a difference, examples suggested Jars of olives, Biscuits, and Roses chocolates etc are particular favourites.

**Remembrance Service**  
**Sunday 8th November**

Details will be announced next month.

**Covid-19 restrictions apply** - please wear masks if possible when others are present, and hand sanitise on entering and leaving. Be sure you keep a safe distance from others. To help you, there are signs placed where you can sit or need to avoid. WC through the school room will be open during services.

## DOG POO PROBLEM!



There seems to be an increase of dog owners NOT clearing up after their dog leaves an unwelcome deposit! It has certainly been noticed in Church Street where various deposits have been made, including in the church grounds. We know that wild animals such as foxes and badgers are also doing this but it is easy to spot the difference. So would all dog owners please ensure they keep an eye on their dog, especially when they are off the lead, and ensure they clean up after them!

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.