

LOPEN EYE

Lopen Parish Newsletter

MAY 2022



Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration



Counting down to

Saturday June 4th

From 3pm - FREE ENTRY

Bring your own picnic, drinks & chairs.



From 3pm children activities & games plus Adults Tug of War if you're feeling strong!!

Live Music from 'Jeroka' with lots of dancing to be done from 6.30pm,
and to commence with a toast to the Queen.

We are hoping to capture celebrations by taking photographs and would welcome support with this so we can display them at a later date.

From the weekend of **21st of May** we would like you to start getting into the spirit by decorating your houses & window displays (red, white & blue theme). Any help tidying pathways and grass frontages would also be welcome.

A **Treasure Hunt** is also being organised details available at Hazelwood House (on bend of Rydon Lane, past the Sunday School Room) from **Sunday 22nd May**, winner to be announced on the evening of 4th June before the band are in full swing!

So where do we go for our picnic and dancing.....

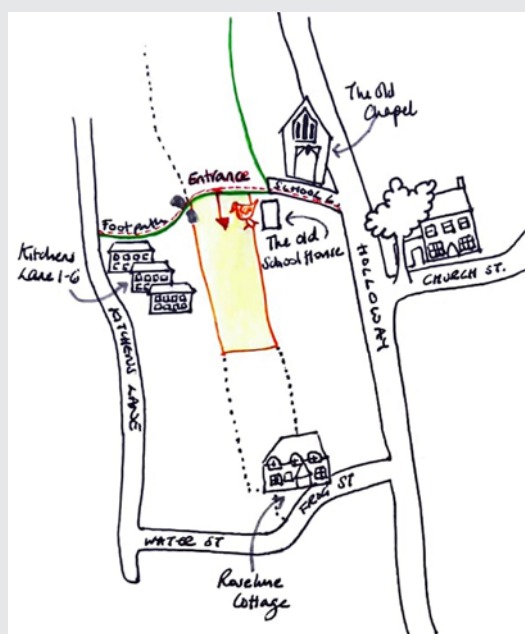
Our Village Picnic will be held in the field above Rosehue Cottage.

The entrance is via the TOP of the field, via the public footpath which runs between School Lane and Kitchens Lane.

There will be signs!!!!

If anyone has any access concerns please contact Steve (07710 235249)

Alternative contact for further information
Jenny 419 569



Lopen Plant Fair - see page 3 for further information

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 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 contact a Parish Councillor.



The **Lent Lunch** on March 30th raised just over £400 for Safer Families South West.

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 1 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



VILLAGE WEB SITE - HELP NEEDED

Nick Jones has kindly taken on the task of building the new Lopen village web site, as our previous provider is no longer in business. However Nick would welcome some help! His web building abilities are limited so if there is someone out there who could assist him he would like to hear from you.

Contact Nick Jones on 241 643 or nick.jones.lopenpc@outlook.com

ECO UPDATE

Hot off the press! The churchyard now has 140 new plug plants in place (except for a few held back in case we have any casualties from rabbits!). Very many thanks to Rev Bob for ordering them and Philip Harper, and Steve & Mary Chapman for planting them in the wildflower area. They are all UK species and will surely enhance the churchyard for us all to enjoy.

The cherry tree blossom has been truly magnificent. Many thanks to Pauline Rook who has photographed it for us - we've had some cards printed and hope to make those available to people soon. The nearby pink cherry is now in full flower, also the primroses at our Primrose and Snowdrop planting morning. Along with all the beautiful flowers in the church to celebrate Easter, the church and churchyard have been well worth a visit and we hope people have enjoyed some moments of quiet contemplation there. What will appear in May? Don't forget to use the white board in the church porch to record any new sightings - plants, birds, animals, whatever you notice - as these are being passed on to a professional database.



Lopen Plant Fair



Saturday 7th May from
10.30am to 3.30pm

at The Old Bakehouse, Holloway, Lopen



For a wide variety of annuals, perennials, shrubs and indoor plants.

All proceeds to be shared equally between the Lopen Church and School Room
Maintenance Fund and DEC Ukraine



LOPEN POP-UP CINEMA

After the success of the Pop-Up Pub we are going to try a Pop-Up Cinema in the Sunday School Room

Friday May 27th from 7.30pm



Please bring your own drinks & snacks.
The film is a PG so no children under 12 please.

COMPUTER CLINIC



Georgina in Water Street has volunteered to help with the Computer Clinics so we are able to have our first Clinic at the May Coffee Stop

10.30am Wednesday May 25th.

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., we will do our best to help you. If there are any other volunteer 'techies' that can help please, the more the merrier.

Platinum Jubilee Celebration Concert

LAST FEW TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

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

Would you like to learn something new?

Or pick up a previous hobby. **Rummikub** sessions will be starting in South Petherton Library in September 2022. Rummikub is an easy to learn game for 2 to 4 people that involves playing numbered tiles in runs and groups. We are running two taster sessions where people can come and learn how to play or remind themselves of how to play.

The sessions will be in the Library on:

Monday 1st August at 1.45pm - 3.30pm

Monday 15th August at 1.45pm - 3.30pm

Adults and Children over 8 welcome. Taster sessions are FREE.



Our next meeting will be on
Tuesday 10th May
from 3pm to 5pm
at
Dillington House



Come and enjoy the lovely surroundings and a fabulous Afternoon High Tea at Dillington House.
 A scrumptious spread of sandwiches, cakes and desserts - a real treat.

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

All Saints Church Services in Lopen:

Sunday 1st May at 9am
Holy Communion

Sunday 15th May at 10.30am
Parish Communion

Sunday 29th May at 10.30am
Benefice Communion

MUSIC IN THE MEADOW

Refugee Support Group (RSG) invite you to our popular musical afternoon in Hinton St. George on **Sunday 22nd May at 2pm**. This event is held in The Secret Garden at the end of West Street and there will be direction signs in the village. Ricky Romain will play beautiful music on the sitar followed by folk group Teasing the Cat. Tickets can be bought in advance from Amanda (72553) or at the gate. Adults: £10 Children: a donation Please bring chairs and drinks and enjoy this happy event

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

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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.

MAY DATES
 Wednesday 11th & 25th
 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.