

LOPEN EYE

Lopen Parish Newsletter

MAY 2021



Due to the ongoing COVID-19 lockdown situation this Lopen Eye is published as a PDF version, which is emailed out or can be downloaded from the village web site.

Please ensure your questionnaire has been completed and your future preference for a printed or digital version of the Lopen Eye is conveyed to the Editor.



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.

LOPEN EYE QUESTIONNAIRE

Hopefully you will have received a questionnaire through your letterbox during April.

The Lopen Eye has not been produced in printed format since the Covid situation arose, and we are trying to establish who would like to receive it in digital format (PDF), in printed format, or just download it from the village web site - www.lopen.btck.co.uk.

If you haven't yet responded to the questionnaire could you please do so ASAP. Would you please let us know your preference, either by contacting the editor, Les Morton, by email - lesmorton26@gmail.com or calling on 01460 391 574.



*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 May 5th

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

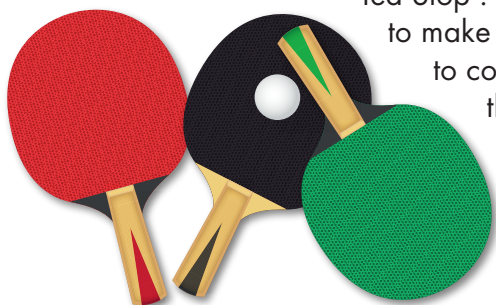
DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT FUTURE LPC MEETINGS?

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.

TABLE TENNIS DATES

Fortnightly table tennis 'Club' will be resuming! Held on Sunday **May 22nd** from 3pm until 5pm. And then continuing on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. 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.



Rogue Trader / Fraud / Potential for Distraction Burglary.

An elderly resident living in rural Yeovil was, on 24th March, visited by a man claiming to work for a Loft Insulation Company. Prior to this they had received a phone call stating that their Loft insulation warranty was no longer valid as the previous company had become insolvent and they had to accept the visit to maintain the warranty. Once permitted access he was then supposedly looking at the loft hatch when the resident's granddaughter arrived and noticed an unusual car parked on the driveway. Upon entering the property the granddaughter approached the male and noticed his lanyard did not contain his ID but a driving licence, he had no tools and was in poor health. The loft was not entered at any point and as such he was not left unattended. A photo was taken of the man concerned. The man left and was immediately reported to Police where enquiries are underway.

Do please remain alert to any potential bogus callers stating your Loft Insulation needs attention, how could they possibly know? If it needs work you will contact them, and if they are contacting you there is probably a good reason - they do not have enough work.

THE LOPEN VILLAGE WEBSITE

The current Lopen website needs modernising and updating to be more intuitive and easy to find, and to that end a new domain name is being implemented - www.lopenvillage.org. Initially we will transition the existing site content and look to the new domain name.

This change also provides us with an opportunity to refresh and add more substance & content to our site. This will provide our community with more shared information, and will present a broader appeal to those who visit the site and wish to discover something about Lopen.

So, can we have your ideas please!

Examples can include more history, local walks, local services (places to stay, eat, shop, etc.), profiles of aspects of the village and so on. The content can be stories, images and content that would become part of the infrastructure of how and what makes Lopen what it is.

We will collect and collate the responses and curate an appropriate representation that we hope reflects what you want of a village web site and how we wish the world to see us.

Please send your thoughts and ideas by email to Chris Marsh - chrismarshlpc@gmail.com.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks for your cooperation.

EASTER FLOWERS AND BLOSSOM

With Spring arriving the blossom around the village has been looking resplendent! And the ladies of Lopen have been busy preparing floral displays for the Church - in time for the post Covid Easter Sunday Service on April 4th.



Lending with Heart and Mind

South Somerset District Council fund a not-for-profit loan scheme for homeowners and landlords*.

We understand the expense of maintaining your home and we work with you to take the stress out of funding repairs, improvements or adaptations.

We see you as an individual, not a credit score. Our knowledgeable team of advisers will guide you through the process of applying for a home improvement loan.

For a no-obligation assessment or more information visit www.lendology.org.uk or call 01823 461099

Heatherton Park Studios, Bradford on Tone, Taunton, TA4 1EU

*subject to eligibility

A WARM WELCOME!



Georgie & George and their 3 lovely daughters Amelie, Ottie and Beatrix have moved into Paddock House in Water Street, having come from Guildford in Surrey.



Mark & Suzanne have moved into 5 Holloway, now Boardwalk Cottage, having come from Norton Fitzwarren.



With the Covid restrictions easing we can now get together for our next meeting, which will be a

Garden Party

Tuesday 18th May - from 3 to 6pm at Ballarat, Frog Street

We will also be holding the AGM and be asking for annual subscriptions at this time.

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



All Saints Church

Services continue in Lopen

Sunday May 16th at 10.30am

Morning Prayer with APCM

Pre-booking is not required.

The Annual Meeting takes place as part of a service this year to comply with Covid rules. All are welcome to attend. Or if you prefer, you can submit questions or comments to PCC members in advance.

The Annual Report will soon be printed and available in the church porch.

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

Sunday 10am-12pm and Wednesday 2pm-4pm

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

CONTACTS

Village website - www.lopen.btck.co.uk

PARISH COUNCIL

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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 12th -
outside only
weather permitting
& 26th indoors

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.