

LOPEN EYE

Lopen Parish
Newsletter
JUNE
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SUNDAY 3rd JUNE 2012 LOPEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



As can be seen from the above, a goodly number of Lopen residents - over 80 - came out to enjoy a communal lunch in Church Street to mark the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth the Second (and the rain held off until later in the day!).

A very special large Jubilee Cake was made and beautifully decorated by Doreen Cable and Jean Pitcher. The games were organized by Pauline Rook who also provided the photographs on this page.

The 'pigs' in the skittles competition, kindly donated by Liz Hider, were won by Guy Anderson (1st), Nick Middleton (2nd) and Sally Ann Howell (3rd).



Harry Horlock Stringer was the worthy winner of the most appropriate hat competition, (adult section). Village children shared the prizes for the Fancy Dress competition.

Thanks are due to Carolyn White and her team for organizing Lopen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Lopen Eye is sponsored by Chris Pitcher of County Car Company Tel 01935 412 828. Over 40 cars in stock. www.countycarcompany.co.uk. ***If we haven't got the car you want in stock we will be able to source one via our Used Car Locator service.***

MARY ROOK - LATEST



Mary Rook, Lopen's international sailor, who lives in Church Street, is starting her campaign for the 2016 Olympics in Rio, Brazil. Mary missed the Olympics this year, despite doing well in the trials, because her two team members, both previous double gold medallists, became pregnant and the team withdrew. However, she is now totally focussed on 2016 and is launching her campaign in September. As part of the launch her supporters are forming a Friends of Mary group and anyone who would like to follow her journey is invited to join. Those interested should contact Pauline Rook on 240 644. Friends will receive regular newsletters on Mary's progress and training and will also be invited to an annual party at Dinnington Docks.



An Opportunity to Visit the Weymouth Olympic Site

On Wednesday 27th June at 11.00am, Mary Rook will host a guided tour of the Olympic site at Weymouth. Those interested in going should contact Pauline to coordinate lifts, etc. This is open to anyone in the village - you don't need to be a Friend to take advantage of what will be a fascinating look behind the scenes of the Olympic sailing venue.

ATTENTION All Local Businesses & Services

Free entry on the Village
Website

www.lopen.btck.co.uk

Anyone in Lopen with a local business or service can have it listed free of charge on the village website. Please send details to either Michael Canton at mvcanton@talktalk.net or to Kim McDonald at k.r.mcdonald@btinternet.com

rainfall report



from Jeremy Rook

*I have just received the monthly report from the Environment Agency for the Wessex area (most of Somerset, Dorset and Wiltshire) and I'm pleased to find that they agree with my figures in that in the Wessex area, April 2012 was the **second wettest** since 1914 - not **the** wettest (presumably averaged over the whole country)- the year 2000 had 17% more rain around here!*

My figure for April 2012 was 153 mm (approx. 6 inches) and the average for the Parrett catchment area was 147mm. The Long Term Average for this area is just 47mm for April.

Since we came to Lopen in April 1997 there have been 12 months with more rain than April 2012.

GOOD NEWS - LOPEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOLROOM

Good news for the Sunday Schoolroom's expenses: £5667 has been received from the Lottery Fund towards the cost of rethatching the roof. Another grant of £633 has been received from S.S.D.C. towards the cost of purchase and installation of a hearing loop in the Sunday Schoolroom.

Both the grants represent 50% of the total costs. Work will start on these projects over the summer.

A big Thank You to Mike Constable for all his hard work in obtaining these grants.

Sally Ann Howell

Our Police Community Support Officer Kym Rudge is the local coordinator of Avon & Somerset Constabulary's HORSE WATCH. Horse Watch has been set up to advise horse owners how to guard against the theft of often valuable horses, tack and horse boxes and to act as a clearing house for information about those suspected of being involved in such crimes.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

from Martin Howell

There have been a number of petty thefts in and around Lopen over the past few weeks. Tools have been stolen from sheds.

Do take a little time and care and make sure garden sheds have good locks and are secure. If your shed has a window think about a curtain so no-one can see what is in the shed.

Now that there is a possibility of warmer weather, make sure your doors are locked if you are working in the garden.

If you have information about any crime, phone the police on 101.

Horse Watch



Anyone wanting advice as to how to security mark a horse or tack, or wishing to volunteer to assist Horse Watch by keeping an eye open for anything suspicious in the countryside, should contact Kym Rudge by dialling 101 and asking for PCSO 9275.





WEDNESDAY 20th JUNE A Visit to Montacute
Meet at 4.00pm sharp at the Front Entrance

For this special LHG meeting, an entrance fee of £8 is payable although entrance is FREE to National Trust members. Guests are welcome
Andrew Kearney
240 287

MONTACUTE HOUSE is a magnificent, glittering 16thC mansion built for Sir Edward Phelips. There are many renaissance features and the Long Gallery, the longest in England, displays over 60 of the finest Tudor and Elizabethan portraits from the National Portrait Gallery collection. The State Rooms display a fine range of period furniture and textiles.



Lopen JUST WOMEN

TUESDAY 12th JUNE
at 2.30pm



A Tour and Q & A Session with the owner of Picket Lane Nursery in South Perrott preceded, if desired, by lunch at the pub in the village. *Please let Helen Kearney know if you want lunch.*
Further information from Carole (01935 824 595) or Helen (240 287)

CONTACTS

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JUST WOMEN

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COFFEE MORNINGS
at the SCHOOLROOM



in JUNE

Wednesday 13th and
Wednesday 27th
10.30 until 12.00 midday.
Only £1 for a hot drink
(and refill) plus a slice of
home-made cake.

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