

LOPEN EYE

Lopen Parish
Newsletter
APRIL
2015



FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP LOPEN CHURCH WEDNESDAY 6th MAY 10am - 12 noon

The highly entertaining Angie Blackwell of Cottage Flowers, Ilminster will demonstrate both a window arrangement and a posy and also lead a workshop, and I suspect laughter in Lopen Church. The cost is expected to be £5. Although Angie will bring some flowers and other materials please bring garden flowers. **We do need to have names and contact details as soon as possible** so we will have enough space for everyone who comes. Even if you don't want to make an arrangement do come for the show, there will be coffee available of course.

Ring Liz on 240912 or Angela 240921

The CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP

on Saturday 14th March in the
Schoolroom at which village children
made an assortment of gifts, see
below, for Mothering Sunday



photo: Angela Naunton Davies



A MUCH DRIER FEBRUARY

Only a little over 1.5 inches (40mm) of rain fell this February compared with **over 8 inches (209mm)** of rain in February last year - when we had only three days with no rainfall.

The February average is close to 2.5 inches (62mm).
Thanks to Jeremy Rook for this information

LOPEN PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Elections – Get Involved!

This is the last Eye before the deadline for Parish Council - Councillor nominations for the Parish elections taking place on 7th May 2015 (combined with the UK Parliament and South Somerset District Council elections).

Lopen PC Clerk Kim McDonald (contact details on the back page) has the necessary candidate nomination form bundles which are now available on request. Some forms require input from other parties (i.e. proposer and seconder) so please leave sufficient time to complete and **hand deliver** to SSDC Brympton Way Yeovil no later than 4pm Thursday 9th April.

Earlier this year we were successful in our application to increase the size of our Council and this is the first election where seven Councillor vacancies exist (was five).

Please give some serious thought to standing as a Lopen Parish Council candidate in this election. It would greatly benefit the whole community to have as diverse a range of applicants as possible. On our scale of activity, this is not a particularly onerous undertaking and, under normal circumstances, only requires a few hours of your time each month. I will gladly take the time to talk through the role with any prospective candidate – please make contact with me (contact details on the back page- Barry Davolls) if you would like a chat.

Road Works

A road closure will be in place on part of Broomhill Lane (AKA Lopen Lane) from 11th to 29th May and in Snap Ant from 1st to 26th June. This is required to replace the existing water main in this area which has reached the end of it's life and suffers near constant leakage.

The Snap Ant closure has the potential to cause some difficulties for us all but as we have not yet been given the full details, it may not turn out to be as challenging as this simple message suggests.

LOPEN PARISH COUNCIL'S TRAINING FOR MEDICAL EMERGENCIES, CPR AND USE OF THE VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR

The first session took place on 20th March.



Clinical nurse specialist and Lopen parish councillor Sarah Mason takes the first group of trainees through the course in the Schoolroom. Councillor Teresa Sienkiewicz practises CPR on the dummy.

Commented retired nurse Joan Farris -
"Eight of us from the village attended the first training course in the use of Lopen's new defibrillator - which is accessible at all times in the Church porch. We are very fortunate to have such a highly qualified instructor in Sarah who gave us an excellent lesson on training for emergencies as well as in the use of the defibrillator. Sarah has generously offered to do the same for all other villagers who would like to undergo the training."

Added Joan...

"There is no excuse for not taking this free training and possibly saving a life. As our son did when, while working as park ranger, he came across a young couple in desperate straits as their toddler had stopped breathing. He applied CPR and the child is now a healthy teenager."

Please contact Kim (see back page) to reserve a place as numbers will be strictly limited for each training session. (You cannot just turn up!) April dates will be advised on the village noticeboard and on the village website. All sessions will be in the Schoolroom, courtesy of the PPC.

LEARN CPR
You Can Do It!

SUPER THURSDAY 7th MAY

**YOUR CHANCE TO VOTE for
THREE LEVELS of
GOVERNMENT -
a Member of Parliament
for the Yeovil Constituency,
a local councillor for the
South Somerset District Council and a
new Lopen Parish Council.**

**You can vote in all three
elections at the
SCHOOLROOM
next to the Church.**

**Voting will take place from
7.00am until 10.00pm.**

PLEASE USE YOUR VOTES.



HAVE YOUR GREEN GARDEN WASTE COLLECTED EVERY FORTNIGHT

12 month subscription is £48. At less than a pound per week, this service remains good value and offers a quick and easy way for your garden waste to be collected and composted.

24 month subscription is £91. We are continuing with a 2 year option as it has been popular. We are able to offer a discount as we save money by reducing our admin and postage costs. In addition, 24 month subscribers will be protected from any possible price increase in 2016/17.

As an alternative to bins you can purchase garden sacks from us which currently cost £25 for 10 sacks. These will be collected fortnightly and can be more suitable for smaller gardens or those with access issues.

HOW TO JOIN THE SCHEME

Online - [www.southsomerset.gov.uk/
gardenwaste](http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/gardenwaste)

Telephone - call us on 01935 462462

Visit - call in to one of our offices

No.9 BUS Reduced Service from 26th May due to funding cuts - the NEW TIMETABLE

Donyatt - Ilminster - Crewkerne

Mondays to Fridays

(except Public Holidays)

Ilminster Square 0955 1240

Ilminster Medical Centre 0958 1243

Seavington St. Mary 1007 1251

Lopen 1012 1256

Hinton St. George 1017 1301

Merriott Church 0829 1024 1308

Crewkerne Ashlands Road 0835 1034 1318

Crewkerne, George Hotel 0840 1038 1322

Crewkerne, Kings Arms 0845 1045 1325

Crewkerne, Ashlands Road 0849 1049 1329

Merriott, Church 0901 1101 1341

Hinton St. George 0909 1109 R

Lopen 0914 1114 R

Seavington St. Mary 0919 1119

Ilminster Square 0926 1126 1215

Ilminster Medical Centre 0929 1218

**R - Serves Hinton St. George and Lopen on
this journey only on request from
passengers on the bus.**



A Correction.

The village chapel was described in the March Lopen Eye as being constructed for the Methodist Church.

In fact it was built in 1864 for the local Congregationalist community. *Ed.*

A note from Carolyn White

I would like to thank all my dear friends and neighbours for the letters, cards and flowers so kindly sent to me following the death on 5th March of my beloved mother. They have been hugely appreciated. Carolyn

Lopen JUST WOMEN

For further information
please call
Margaret Linton
Tele 241 162

TUESDAY 14th APRIL

at 2pm

at the historic Horsehair Factory
in Castle Cary - tour £6
shared transport

HUSBANDS & PARTNERS WELCOME!



**JOHN BOYD
TEXTILES
LIMITED**
Weavers of Horsehair
Fabrics since 1837



CONTACTS

Village website <http://lopen.btck.co.uk>

PARISH COUNCIL

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	Teresa Sienkiewicz	241 363	tslopenpc1@btinternet.com
	Sarah Mason	249 219	sarahmason6@yahoo.com
Parish Clerk	Kim McDonald	242 297	mcdonald.lopenpc@btinternet.com

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Cllr Barry Walker	242 894	barry.walker@southsomerset.gov.uk
Cllr Paul Thompson	240 510	paul.thompson@southsomerset.gov.uk

COUNTY COUNCIL

Cllr Christopher Le Hardy	01935 850 212	clehardy@somerset.gov.uk
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MEMBER of PARLIAMENT

The Rt Hon David Laws	01935 423 284	david.laws.mp@parliament.uk
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ALL SAINTS CHURCH Benefice Office

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Services are listed on the Church noticeboard

JUST WOMEN

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Secretary	Margaret Linton	241 162	margaretlinton79@yahoo.com

POLICE CSO

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

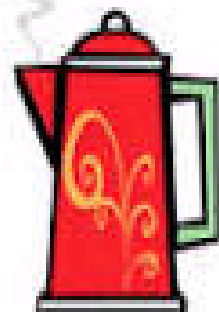
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COFFEE MORNINGS at the SCHOOLROOM

**ALL WELCOME -
INCLUDING PARENTS
WITH YOUNG CHILDREN**



in **APRIL**

Wednesdays 8th & 22nd
10.30 until 12.00 midday.

Only £1 for a hot drink
(and refill) plus a slice
of home-made cake.

*The views expressed in Lopen
Eye are not necessarily those
held by Lopen Parish Council
and its members*

LOPEN LENT LUNCH TEAM wish to say a big thank-you to all who supported them. We had a very happy lunchtime and raised a goodly amount for the charity **SCHOOL IN A BAG**: £377 sent + £156 in gift aid forms.