

LOPEN EYE

Lopen Parish
Newsletter
SEPTEMBER
2011



Lopen Village Picnic 2011

Thanks to Peggie Finlayson and her team, Carolyn White, Liz Constable, Louise Anderson and Suzanne Richards who, with Jason, organized the games, the Third Lopen Picnic was a resounding success.

Thanks also to **Lopen Just Women** who provided the salads to accompany the roast pork, to **Guy and Louise Anderson** for donating the wine and to **Colin Bennett** for providing the electricity supply (and the Portaloo). Not forgetting **Michael and Valerie Canton** who kindly loaned their beautifully prepared field.. **Altogether a fine village occasion!**

A record number of almost 180 tickets were sold, which meant that the Picnic reached its break-even figure and no Parish Funds were involved.

'Carver' Bruce Bezance



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.***

**AVON & SOMERSET POLICE
NEW CONTACT NUMBER
FROM 19th SEPTEMBER
for non-emergencies**



Dial 101

- for reporting a crime
- contacting local officers
- getting crime prevention advice
- making us aware of policing issues in your local area
- making an appointment with a police officer for any other non-emergency.

Dial 999

- **for all emergencies**, as at present, that is
- when a crime is happening
- someone suspected of a crime is nearby
- someone is injured, being threatened or in danger.

Please note:

The new non-emergency number, 101, will be in use across the country.

Calls to 101 from landlines and mobiles cost 15 pence per call, no matter what time of day you call or how long your call lasts.

If you are hard of hearing, text to 18001 101.

**RECYCLING MILK BOTTLE
TOPS**



The Chard Churches have set up a Charity to help the poor and the children of Romania, it has been in operation for 20 years and one of their fund raising ways is the good old milk bottle tops. If anyone is interested in reading more about the Charity they have a web site www.projectromaniachard.org.uk .

Every 2 months they take as many as 50+ large sacks to Bridport and meet the GHS driver who transports them to Portsmouth for £50 per ton - approx 250 full sacks. A small financial reward BUT it takes years for them to biodegrade. In Portsmouth they are ground up and used for children's toys, carrier bags, soles of shoes, bin bags and more milk bottle tops. Just as before, we need washed and paper inserts removed but thanks for all your tops and we hope you will continue the good work.
Sally-Ann 241 765

Tip of the Month

Autumn, of course, is a good time to plant roses. We have found **Pink Meidiland** to be a healthy, disease resistant bush rose flowering profusely over a very long flowering season if you take the trouble to deadhead regularly. The photo is of the rose in our front garden at Trelleck House in Frog Street. *Les Farris*



Rosa Pink Meidiland

Have you a Tip of the Month to share? If so please get in touch.

Les Farris

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting will take place at 7.30pm on Monday 19th September in the Schoolroom.

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HARVEST FESTIVAL at ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Sunday October 2nd at 5.00pm
followed by a Ploughman's Supper



Harvest from the garden and dried or tinned goods would be gratefully received and donated to the Pilsdon Community for people going through difficult times.

Deep in the Dorset countryside, Pilsdon is a working community that offers a refuge to people in crisis; often those working through depression, alcoholism, addiction, divorce or bereavement, although you do not need to have a specific reason to stay at Pilsdon. It also offers temporary accommodation for Wayfarers who can stay over the weekend to get clean, eat well, and as everyone else does, gain strength by working in the community whilst they are there.

SHOEBOX APPEAL 2011

Last year Lopen sent off 22 shoeboxes full of presents suitable for children of various ages. In early **NOVEMBER Sally-Ann will be despatching the boxes for delivery overseas in time for Christmas. Please help us to send even more shoeboxes this year. For further information, please call Sally-Ann on 241 765.**



“In 2010 we gathered 118,000 filled shoeboxes that were sent to many countries in Eastern Europe as well as to Pakistan. As each year passes, it never fails to amaze me how much joy a simple shoebox can bring to children, teenagers and adults alike. Everyday items that seem so small to us; a new hat and scarf, a toothbrush with some toothpaste, a small toy, some soap; bring great joy to thousands of people who live in desperate poverty.” *A Shoebox Organizer*



**TUESDAY 20th SEPTEMBER
7.30pm in the Schoolroom**

The History Beneath Your Feet

**A Talk by BRIAN REED on Metal Detecting
and some Fascinating Discoveries!**

Further details from ANDREW KEARNEY 240 287



Lopen **JUST WOMEN**

Tuesday 13th September at 7.30pm in the Schoolroom

A talk by Dr. Pat Burton "The Pioneering Life of Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell 1821-1910", the first US-qualified woman doctor.

Further details from HELEN KEARNEY 240 287



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**COFFEE MORNINGS
at the SCHOOLROOM
in SEPTEMBER**

**Wednesday 14th & 28th
10.30 until 12.00 midday**



Put A Smile on your mug get together with friends, family and colleagues on **Friday 30th September** and raise some money for people affected by cancer. Hold a coffee morning with your friends, a garden party with your neighbours or a pub quiz with your colleagues – whatever puts a smile on your mug!

Register now. Call **0845 602 1246** or register online at www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee