

LOPEN EYE

Lopen Parish
Newsletter

JULY

2015



The Lopen Picnic is held every other year on Summer Bank Holiday Sunday and customarily attracts most of Lopen's residents. A great village occasion!

LOPEN VILLAGE PICNIC



SUNDAY 30th AUGUST
3pm until late at the Canton's Field

Fun for all ages -
children's games, cream teas, hog roast and
live music for dancing

Entry by ticket - all-in price
includes a Cream Tea and the Hog
Roast. Your visitors are also
welcome. Children under 5 free
Age 6 to 12 £3
Adults £6

Please buy tickets from
Carolyn White
01460 240 717
by 20th August
to allow for catering.
£2 extra per ticket after this date.

**PLEASE BRING YOUR
OWN DRINKS AND
SOMETHING TO SIT ON!**

HELP NEEDED

Please could we have some help from
strong and fit individuals to erect the
marquees on Saturday 29th August and to
dismantle them on Monday 31st.

The more the merrier!

Please volunteer your help at the
Schoolroom at 10am on Saturday 29th
August. Thank you.



LOPEN PARISH COUNCIL

It has been a busy first month for me as Chairwoman. Thank you to those who have made contact with me. I appreciate hearing from you. Here is a brief update of some of the matters we have been working on.

Frogmary anaerobic digester - will the site return to agricultural use?

We received a copy of the application made by the developers of the anaerobic digester (AD) to vary one of the conditions which required the site to be returned to its original condition at the end of the life of the plant. It should be noted that we are not the lead parish for this development. That is South Petherton, who have agreed the variation. However, Lopen PC has objected, since the AD application passed last year was made on the premise that this was an agricultural development, and the passing of the current application would give the developer and also the owner of the site carte blanche to do whatever they should choose - agricultural or not. The parish council has also written to SSDC to seek assurances that the condition that the development was to be a 1MW plant would be enforced, and that the council will not permit the use of non-agricultural waste. For those new to the village, the access to the site runs through our parish as the farm is just the other side of our parish boundary.

Keeping our house in order

Even though we are a small PC with limited assets, we still have to comply with local government legislation. Most recently that includes having in place a risk register, and the proposal for this was agreed at our June meeting. Our Standing Orders and financial regulations (the rules by which we manage the council's business) are in line with nationally agreed standards and are reviewed regularly. All our data and information is regularly posted to the Lopen village website, and we already comply with all key statutory disclosure rules.

Volunteers sought to monitor overweight vehicles

We are seeking volunteers to try and capture data on lorries breaching the weight limit through the village. Please make contact if you have a camera and a spare hour (or even half an hour!). Meanwhile we have written to the developer in Merriott whose delivery lorries are travelling through the village asking him to ensure that this ceases.

Join us? Parish Councillors and Parish Clerk needed

We are looking to co-opt two additional Members to the council and we also need to recruit a new Clerk.

We have had expressions of interest for all posts, which is great, but we would like to extend the invitation to as many of you as possible, so please call us soon. Phone numbers and e-mail addresses are on the back of the Eye.

The War Memorial could form part of the WWI Centenary plans

Historic England have written to us with plans to consider listing the Lopen memorial as part of their response to the centenary of the First World War. Stephen Crane who sits on both the Council and the Parochial Church Council seemed the right person to take this forward and he has agreed. We will let you know the outcome.

Teresa Sienkiewicz

LOPEN'S WAR MEMORIAL IN THE CHURCHYARD



LITTERBLITZ!

A big Thank You to the Lopen residents who took part in the local campaign on June 14th to clear litter from the streets of Crewkerne and the surrounding villages. Most of Lopen was covered by our small team of village volunteers and only at Snapant, where workmen have been busy for some weeks, was a significant amount of litter found.



There is no room for complacency, however, as rubbish is often dropped or thrown from vehicles along the main road. Although the vast majority of dog owners pick up after their pets, unfortunately there are still a very few who don't. Apart from the obvious hazards to other walkers, there is a particular problem on footpaths through fields where livestock are at risk of picking up serious infections. The Parish Council has alerted the District Council's Dog Warden to this problem and it will be monitored.

Incidentally, the Village Ranger Scheme which replaced our Lengthsman, has litter collection as a routine part of the contract.

WANTED - NEW EDITOR FOR LOPEN EYE



If you can spare a few hours a month and are able to lay out this essential village means of communication, please get in touch with Les, the current editor, (see back page for contact information).

WELCOME TO LOPEN THE GIBSON FAMILY



Sarah and Richard Gibson with sons Thomas (L) and Charlie.

The family, with close relatives living at Seavington, has moved down from Derbyshire. Their new home is September House on the main road.

Proceeds to Yeovil District Hospital CT Scanner Appeal



The Rotary Club of Yeovil present

LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS concert

The British Philharmonic Concert Orchestra

Programme will include popular classics, light orchestral pieces, music from the movies and theatre and the big finale complete with pomp and flag waving.

Friday 4th September 2015

7:30pm at The Octagon Theatre, Yeovil

Tickets £24.50 / £22.00

old mill
accountants and financial planners

Proceeds to benefit:

Yeovil Hospital Charity

CT Scanner Appeal

Tickets from:

The Rotary Club of Yeovil 01460 240984

Old Mill 01935 426181 or The Octagon Theatre 01935 422884

BOOK EARLY FOR THIS VERY POPULAR EVENT

Lopen JUST WOMEN

TUESDAY 14th JULY
2.00pm meet at
THE OCTAGON THEATRE
in Yeovil for a
'Back-Stage Tour'

For further information
 please call
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Tele 01460 929 205



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COFFEE MORNINGS at the SCHOOLROOM

All proceeds to charities including Macmillan Nurses, the Stroke Association, Bliss, Somerset Air Ambulance and the Alzheimers Society.

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



Dates in JULY

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*

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO LOPEN EYE IN AUGUST.
 THE NEXT EDITION WILL BE THAT FOR SEPTEMBER.**