

# LOPEN EYE

Lopen Parish Newsletter **NOVEMBER 2018**



**SATURDAY 1ST DECEMBER 10:00-12:30**



# LOPEN

# MISTLETOE

# FAYRE

**Father Christmas** will be making a special appearance in his Grotto!



**ALL SAINTS CHURCH  
LOPEN TA13 5JX**

**PLANTS & BOTTLE STALL : GIFTS & RAFFLE & MORE  
: REFRESHMENTS :**

**RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM OUR SHOP - HINTON ST GEORGE**

**All money raised will be shared between the Lopen Church & Sunday School Room, the 1st Hinton St George Scout Group and Merriott Guides.**

**ITEMS ARE STILL NEEDED!** - if you have any suitable items you would wish to donate please contact the appropriate person below for collection, or they can be taken to Victoria or Marion. Items can also be delivered to the Sunday School Room on Friday 30th November.

**HANDMADE ITEMS**

Nancy 240 106

**PLANTS**

Christianne 249 766  
Marion 240 179

**GIFT ITEMS**

Nancy 240 106

**BOOKS**

Valerie 242 751

**CAKES &**

**PRESERVES**

Carolyn 240 717

**BOTTLES**

Les F 242 254  
Les M 391 574



## LOPEN PARISH COUNCIL

There is not much to report in this edition, as there hasn't been a Parish Council meeting since the last Lopen Eye and the next meeting will be on Monday 29 October – after this edition has gone to press!

### FOOTPATHS

Many thanks to all those who have helped in maintaining the footpaths over the summer months either through the footpath maintenance parties or in their own time. We will organise more footpath projects in the new year and volunteers for these events are always very welcome.

Thank you also to those who have volunteered to adopt a footpath, your contribution is very much appreciated. We are always looking for support with this so if you have a footpath near you and you feel you could spare some time to maintain this with some simple cutting and pruning please let me know.

There is no obligation to commit on a regular basis but any help, however small will keep the village looking its best and the footpaths accessible for everyone to enjoy.

As always, if you do notice any maintenance issues or problems with the footpaths over the winter months please do not hesitate to contact Ed Moore so that these can be resolved.

### SID

The SID is now up, and has captured data in two different locations. Depressingly, somewhere approaching 60% of vehicles were found to be

exceeding the speed limit, and two vehicles were doing more than 80mph - see the SLoW report below opposite.

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Parish Council meeting will take place in the Sunday School Room at 7.00pm on:

**- Monday December 10th.**

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](http://www.lopen.btck.co.uk/LopenParishCouncil)

### DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT FORTHCOMING 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 Lisa Wilson, Parish Clerk, at [lopenpc.clerk@gmail.com](mailto:lopenpc.clerk@gmail.com) or telephone 07587 211150 and add yourself to the Parish Council mailing list.

## WELCOME PACK DISTRIBUTOR

Sally-Ann & Martin Howell have, for some years, been supplying Welcome Packs to anyone who moves into the village. They feel that a 'new face' is probably appropriate now and would like to pass the service on to someone younger in the village. Could it be you? Please contact them on 241 765 if you are interested.

## THE NEXT TABLE TENNIS DATES

Following the kind donation of a table tennis table by John Milner, we have started a table tennis 'Club'. This takes place on the **11th and 25th November** from 3pm until 5pm. 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 small charge to cover the cost of the hall and the electricity. I look forward to seeing you - *Carolyn.*



## BULK BUY FUEL LOANS

We know living without mains gas can be expensive. If you live in Somerset, are a homeowner or private tenant and rely on oil, Calor gas, LPG, wood or coal to heat your home, we may be able to help you to spread the cost of your bulk buy over six months\*

Find out more: call **01823 461099**, or email [enquiries@wrcic.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@wrcic.org.uk)

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Wessex Resolutions CIC  
Heatherton Park Studios, Bradford on Tone,  
Taunton, TA4 1EU

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*\*Subject to Status*

## Chocolate Tasting Event

Steve Chapman has reported that the event held on October 13th. was attended by 55 people and raised over £700 for Benefice of Merriott, Hinton St George, Lopen and Dinington.

## ROAD CLOSURES



Gigaclear will be continuing their broadband cabling in the area in November.

Of particular interest to Lopen are:

**Kitchens Lane, Lopen** - from the junction with Fosse Way to the junction with Water Lane, a distance of 585 metres. The proposed date of the closure is **2nd November 2018 for 10 days**.

**Water Lane, Lopen** - from the junction with Water Street for its full extent, a distance of 36 metres. The proposed date of the closure is **12th November 2018 for 5 days**.

Full information will be on the village notice board.

## PRECAUTIONARY ROAD GRITTING TO BE CANCELLED IN LOPEN

SCC are reducing the number of roads that will receive precautionary gritting, and included in that list is Watergore Road and the road through Lopen & Merriot. This could prove interesting with the amount of HGV traffic and the fact that it's a steep hill in the shade with a double bend, and also the camber of the road at the Lopen Head roundabout. Roads removed from the precautionary network will continue to be treated as part of the secondary network in the event of prolonged periods of ice and snow. If anyone wishes to express their personal concern please contact John Woodman ([jwoodman@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:jwoodman@somerset.gov.uk)) or David Fothergill ([DJAFothergill@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:DJAFothergill@somerset.gov.uk)).



## SPEED INDICATION DEVICE (SID)

Stephen Crane (Chairperson Lopen Parish Council) and Roger Gurner (Co-Chair SLoW) with the new SID that has been installed after the generous donations of the people in Lopen.

Of the 22,292 vehicles recorded over that period only 8,638 were travelling at 30mph or less meaning that around 60% of all traffic through Lopen during those 21 days was exceeding the official speed limit. Of the remainder, 11,355 were shown at between 30 and 40mph with almost 2,297 recorded at between 40 and 70mph. The most terrifying statistic, however, must be that 2 vehicles were travelling at more than 80mph through the centre of the village - one of them between 3pm and 7pm. All this data will be passed to the police Speed Enforcement Unit to enable clearer targeting of their presence in the village.

It is worth noting that during the 6 days of this session that the SID was used with the display turned off those exceeding the speed limit rose by almost 6%. Evidence, if needed, that its visible presence contributes a positive effect.

## A WARM WELCOME!



Bob & Sylvia have moved into Church Street House, Church Street from Waterlooville in Hampshire.

Dave & Sue have moved into 1 Broomhill Lane. Although they are originally from England they have spent the last 20 years in Alstonville, North South Wales, Australia.



Jonathan (pictured) & Ross, and their 6 month old puppy Clara, have moved into The Old Chapel, Holloway, from Crewkerne.

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

This is an important event this year as it is 100 years since the end of the First World War, and it is always preferable to celebrate the end of a war rather than the beginning. This year's Remembrance service will be at 10.50am on Sunday 11th November. During this service we will be laying a wreath on our war memorial after reading the names of those people in Lopen who lost their lives during WW1. There will be coffee and biscuits available afterwards in the Sunday School Room. Carolyn White & Penny Little will be selling poppies around the village.



## BOTTLES WANTED

Donations required for the Mistletoe Fayre - of bottles containing alcoholic and nonalcoholic drinks, perfume, toiletries, sauces, olive oil, etc. Please either deliver to, or call for collection:

Les Farris, Trelleck House, Frog Street  
Tel: 242 254

Les Morton, Chandelle, Church Street  
Tel: 391 574

**THANK YOU!**

## RAINFALL UPDATE

Jeremy Rook has kindly supplied the following data :- Another month on the dry side - I recorded 52mm in September which is 80 % of the Long Term Average. Over half of that fell on one day - Saturday the 22nd. In the 5 months May to September we have had only 60% of the LTA for that period, and of course many days of high temperatures. Looking back through my records (from Haselbury Plucknett) I can only see the 5 months April to August 1995 as being drier. On a rolling 12 month basis we have had 87% of the LTA - saved by the very wet March.



Our next event will be on

**Tuesday 13th November**  
at 7.30pm  
in the Sunday School Room

**A talk by Judith Hills**  
followed by a **Bring & Buy Sale**

Judith accompanied her husband on VSO work in Nepal and ended up as a volunteer herself. She will speak of the problems women face in Nepal, her involvement dealing with their issues and her experience of being in a major earthquake.

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



## HARVEST SERVICE, APPLE PRESSING AND LUNCH



The Harvest Service was held on Sunday October 21st, where the Five Bells Choir were in attendance. The service was followed by the Curate Nick Clarke bringing his apple press, and with the young helpers and donations of apples, fresh apple juice was made and subsequently enjoyed at the ploughmans lunch that followed in the Sunday School Room.

Have you liked the Lopen Events Facebook page? Have a look -  
[www.facebook.com/Lopen-Events-277018432630673/](http://www.facebook.com/Lopen-Events-277018432630673/)

## CONTACTS

Village website - [www.lopen.btck.co.uk](http://www.lopen.btck.co.uk)

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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.

## NOVEMBER DATES

wednesday  
14th & 28th

10.30am to 12.00 midday



Everyone welcome -  
including parents with young children.

All proceeds to the  
British Heart Foundation

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