

# LOPEN EYE

Lopen Parish Newsletter

MARCH 2016



## The LENT LUNCH on 17th February

*report back from Sally Ann*

A very big **Thankyou** to all who supported our Charity Lunch this year. We had fantastic support in numbers of people attending and the **total amount raised was £400 - plus 27 Gift Aids.**

*giftaid it*

**Make your gift go further at no expense to you!**

If you missed this year, please look out for next year's friendly (and tasty) Lunch: good fun and all in a good cause.

## LOPEN IS STILL LOOKING FOR TWO NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS

Should you wish to consider making a worthwhile contribution to the improvement of life in our village, please get in touch with any of the councillors or the Parish Clerk. Contact information listed on the back of this EYE.

## DATES in MARCH

**Saturday 5th** 2-4pm at the Schoolroom **Children's Workshop for Mothering Sunday**

Please call Angela on 240921 if you are able to come with your child or children. A passport-sized photo for each child would be helpful in making one of the gifts. A brief, child-centred service in the church will take place after the making is done.

**EASTER SERVICES at ALL SAINTS, LOPEN**

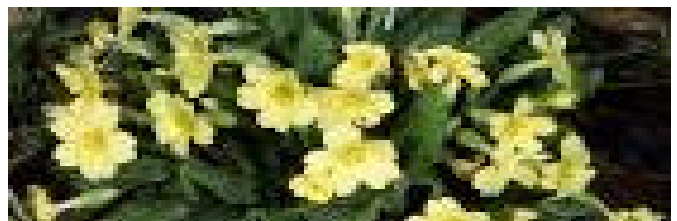
**Tuesday 22nd** 8.00pm Compline

A short, quiet service of night prayer.

**Friday 25th** 2.00pm Good Friday service.

**Saturday 26th** 10.00am Making the Easter Garden

**Sunday 27th** 10.00am Easter Morning All Age Communion, Easter Garden



## LOPEN PARISH COUNCIL

### Planning

We have now submitted our response to the planning application for the anaerobic digester at Frogmary Green Farm after SSDC asked for any further comments. We pointed out that the site developer, Greener for Life, had not provided the information we required and that the matters raised in our letter of October 2015 remained unanswered. As a result, Lopen Parish Council was (and remains) unable to consider the application further until such time as the members have been provided with information adequate to make a recommendation.



### Dualling of the A303

Roger and Teresa are attending a presentation on the proposals in Ilminster on 25th February. We shall report back when we have seen what is being planned and the implications for Lopen.



The ill-thought out Ilminster Bypass

### Transparency fund

As a result of legislation requiring parish councils to publish various documents on a website, the Government has made funds available to councils to buy a computer and the necessary equipment. We made a successful application and Roger has now used the money to equip us with a laptop and a replacement printer/scanner which should fulfil our IT requirements.

### Parish Ranger (*Barry Davolls writes:*)

What do the Parish Rangers do for us? Well pretty much anything we ask for that relates to village maintenance.

Our limited budget provides a Ranger for only 7.4 hours per month (and this is halved over the winter months) which limits the extent of maintenance that can be achieved.



In the main, the Ranger is routinely tasked to maintain the publicly owned areas within the village, some work on the Lopen Head roundabout and Islands, keeping the boundary markers clear and tidy, leaf and litter clearance, one-off tasks as they become necessary in other areas of the village and, in exceptional cases, some public footpath maintenance. We do not usually ask the Ranger to maintain the verges where they are closely related to private properties as in the main, these are taken care of by the dwelling occupants (and sometimes enhanced - thank you). Maintenance of public footpaths and drains are avoided as much as possible as responsibility for these (and therefore the cost) sits with Somerset County Council.



Devon Air Ambulance Trust



# THE LOPEN SCONATHON

ALL DAY EVENT

SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2016  
8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Come and scoff a scone  
IN AID OF: The DORSET & SOMERSET  
AIR AMBULANCE and the DEVON AIR  
AMBULANCE

AT CROSS TREE HOUSE, LOPEN

Entertainment from:

**The Langport Mummers**  
**Bad Dog No Biscuit & Kent\***  
**Jonathan Weeks**  
**and Dr Turbeville's Morris**



STOATE & SONS  
ORGANIC FLOUR

Blackacre Farm  
Free Range Eggs



## THE LOPEN SCONATHON

John Milner would like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience this charity fundraiser might cause. It is difficult to estimate the likely numbers attending. Thanks to their generosity, however, parking space has been arranged in Ben Norton's field on the main road and in John Pitcher's field in School Lane.

Many have volunteered to help on the day but more are needed for two hourly stints. Please call John Milner on 240476.





The artist LS LOWRY -  
*Much More Than Just  
 the Matchstick Men*



A talk by Richard Kay of  
 Lawrence's Auction Rooms  
**The profound art  
 of LS Lowry**

**Tuesday 8th MARCH**  
 7.30pm in the  
 Schoolroom

*Richard Kay has given a number of talks to the Lopen History Group and is an extremely interesting speaker*



Once takings at Coffee Mornings in the Schoolroom amount to a minimum of £150, the next charity to benefit will be

**MEDECINS SANS FRONTIERES.**

The volunteer international medical staff of MSF provide urgently needed care wherever needed throughout the world - irrespective of political or religious considerations.

## CONTACTS

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

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## COFFEE MORNINGS at the SCHOOL ROOM



All proceeds to charities including Macmillan Nurses, The Stroke Association, Bliss, Somerset Air Ambulance and The Alzheimer's Society.

## MARCH DATES

**Wednesday  
 9th & 23rd**  
 10.30am to 12.00 midday

Only £1 for a hot drink (including refill) and a slice of homemade cake.

*Everyone welcome - including parents with young children.*

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