

# LOPEN EYE

Lopen Parish  
Newsletter  
MARCH  
2015



WELCOME TO LOPEN!



Simon & Louise Frackiewicz and their daughters Lucy (8) and Sophie (5) moved recently from Crewkerne to Toad Hall on the main road.



The old King William pub on the main road is now home to Aidan and Sarah Easterbrook, daughter Amy (7 months) and Sarah's parents Stewart and Sue Elphick. The family, with relatives already living in south Somerset, has moved to Lopen from Croydon.



Rob & Kate Westwood who have moved from Derbyshire to No.1 Church Street

A warm welcome also to Lisa Wilson and son Joel (12) who have moved from Norton sub Hamdon to No.3 Holloway.



Volunteer drivers schemes to provide transport for those unable otherwise to attend clinics, for example, already operate successfully in nearby villages.

A similar scheme for Lopen is under consideration. The first priority is to find someone to coordinate the scheme: not necessarily to drive villagers themselves but simply to field calls for assistance. Should you be prepared to fulfill this role, which is unlikely to very demanding, please call Angela on 01460 240 921.

# Our Parish Council Reports Back

## Basic Life Support Training

*(Sarah Mason writes:)*

As you are all aware we have recently purchased an external automated defibrillator (AED) which can be used in the event of a cardiac arrest happening within our community. A cardiac arrest happens when a person's heart fails to efficiently pump blood around the body, due either to the inability to contract effectively or to a disruption in the electrical pathway. This is an emergency situation, and your actions can save that person's life if you administer CPR and defibrillation in a timely manner. Recent figures show that approximately 28,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests happen each year; 80% within the home, and 20% in public places. Currently survival to discharge from hospital equates to 8.6%. This figure would almost certainly increase if more people carried out bystander CPR. At present only 43% of patients who suffer an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest receive bystander CPR. For every minute without CPR and defibrillation, the chance of survival is reduced by 7-10%.

## Free Training Offered In Lopen

As a result of this we would like to offer BLS (basic life support) sessions to as many members of our community as possible. These sessions will cover recognition of the collapsed/sick patient, CPR, and defibrillation. I am anticipating that the sessions will last approximately one and a half hours, and would like them to be interactive.

**We are planning two sessions in March. The first on the 20th which will be by invitation only for members of the PC and groups that regularly use the Schoolroom. The second on the 27th that will be the first of the wider public sessions (Lopen residents only please). Subject to demand, additional sessions will held during April and the dates will be announced in the next Lopen Eye. All sessions will start at 7pm in the Schoolroom, Church Street, Lopen with limited numbers (small groups) at each session.**

If you wish to apply to attend a session, the preferred contact is by email to the PC Clerk- Kim McDonald. If email is not possible for you, then call and leave a message on her answer phone (see back page).

Please indicate you wish to attend a session and provide your full name, Lopen street name and email address and/or telephone contact number. Please do not be disappointed if you do not get selected for the first session (which will be on a first come first served basis), you will go on a list to attend a later session (subject to availability).

*(Sarah is a clinical nurse specialist in critical care at Yeovil District Hospital. Who better to manage the training? Ed.)*

## Lopen Parish Council Size

*(Barry Davolls writes:)*

**I can now confirm that our Parish Council size has been increased from 5 to 7 members effective from the local elections in May this year. Please consider putting yourself forward for election, it would be good for our community to have a range of candidates to choose from.**

If anyone is considering standing and wants to find out more about the role and what it entails, I will gladly make myself available to do this. Various information and notices will appear on the Parish Noticeboard in due course. *Please see back page for contact information.*

## Lopenhead Industrial Site

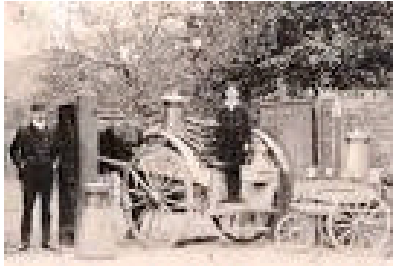
*(Teresa Sienkiewicz writes:)*

It was reported in November's Eye that SSDC's Area North Committee had again given planning permission for a huge new building at Lopen Head. This follows a judge previously quashing the original permission. He found that the rationale that SSDC had used in granting permission personal to Probiotics was unenforceable and irrational.

**The matter has again been referred to the High Court, and the go-ahead has been given, on a number of grounds, to take the matter to judicial review for a second time. It is anticipated that the case will be heard in late spring or early summer. The Parish Council is also looking into concerns that planning conditions are not being met (most notably the landscaping) relating to the existing site.**

**LEARN CPR**  
You Can Do It!

## THE HISTORY of LOPEN - CAN YOU HELP?



The archivist of the recently lapsed Lopen History Group is collecting facts, recollections, stories and anecdotes about past times in the village, including information about previous occupants of our houses, cottages and farms, for a book he is writing about Lopen. The loan of old photos and documents would be particularly welcome.

Should you be able to assist in any way, no matter how seemingly trivial, please contact Nigel Potts by phone on 01460 240 369 or by email at [nigelpotts@talktalk.net](mailto:nigelpotts@talktalk.net). Nigel lives at Applehay in Frog Street.



## Green Milk Bottle Tops Recycled for Charity

Newcomers to the village please note that the recycling point for clean, green milk bottle tops is 2 Church Street - second on the left coming from the main road. Or call Sally-Ann on 01460 241 765 for collection. **Thank you** to our regular savers!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**WEDNESDAY 25th MARCH**  
**Lent Lunch in the Schoolroom**  
**12 Noon - 2pm**



*Sally Ann writes...*  
*Please come and enjoy a Ploughman's Lunch with friends and family and support this very worthwhile cause.*

According to UNICEF figures, 20% of the world's child population will never attend school. School in a Bag is a simple solution created to help poor, orphaned, vulnerable and disaster affected children throughout the world. **Each SchoolBag is filled with stationery, learning resources and eating utensils that will enable a child to write, draw, colour, calculate, express themselves and, above all, to learn.** An education for these children could be their passport to a life out of hardship and poverty.

**All proceeds from the lunch will be donated to the charity School in a Bag based locally at Chilthorne Domer. [www.schoolinabag.org](http://www.schoolinabag.org).**

**SATURDAY 14th MARCH**  
**2-4pm**

**at the Schoolroom**  
**CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP**

**Making Gifts for Mothering Sunday (15th)**

**Please call Angela on 240 921 to reserve places and to ensure that there will be enough craft materials**



*15 mother's day gifts from kids*



# Lopen JUST WOMEN

For further information  
please call  
**Margaret Linton**  
Tele 241 162

**TUESDAY 10th MARCH**  
at 7.30pm in the Schoolroom  
**NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!**  
An officer from South Somerset District  
Council will speak on the subject of  
**“DRIVING SAFER for LONGER”**



## An extract from the Lopen Village Website at [www.lopen.btck.co.uk](http://www.lopen.btck.co.uk). *Have you visited the site recently?*

The village of Lopen is a quiet hamlet of some 117 properties that lies within the Yeovil Scarplands which sweep in an arc from the Mendip Hills around the southern edge of Somerset Levels and Moors to the edge of the Blackdowns. Lopen nestles in one of the most fertile valleys of agricultural land in the county, within fields that still feature their medieval strip patterns and is just 20 miles from the famous Jurassic coast of Dorset. Read more about the local geography and landscape characteristics. (Natural England)

**An easy way to keep up-to-date with village news - and to share yours. Please use “Contact us” on the Lopen website.**

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

### PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman	Barry Davolls	242 297	b.davolls.lopenpc@btinternet.com
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### DISTRICT COUNCIL

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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 73226 Issy Welsh

Rectors Rev. Julia Hicks, Rev. Bob Hicks	76406		
Churchwarden	Angela Naunton Davies	240 921	nauntondavies@btinternet.com

Services are listed on the Church noticeboard

### JUST WOMEN

Chairman	Lynn Benfield	929 205	lynn.ian@virgin.net
Treasurer	Zena Morgan	77259	zenam1@hotmail.co.uk
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### POLICE CSO

Ceara Sturt	<b>101 and ask for PCSO 8340</b> ceara.sturt@avonandsomerset.police.uk
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### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

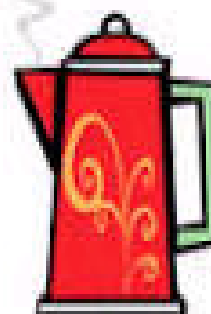
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## COFFEE MORNINGS at the SCHOOLROOM

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



in March

Wednesday 11th only  
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*