

LOPEN EYE

Lopen Parish
Newsletter
SEPTEMBER
2013



The 2013 LOPEN VILLAGE PICNIC



Around 200 villagers and visitors of all ages enjoyed a day of fun and games and socialising on a day of (mostly) fine weather.



See over for acknowledgements

Lopen Eye is sponsored by Chris Pitcher, who can provide all your gardening and home decorating needs, call 01460 240 506 or 07714 631 007. Also Autohouse Cars. If the car you want is not in stock, I will be able to find it through my used car locator service.

PICNIC THANK-YOUs from the Organiser Carolyn White

"Huge thanks to the Cantons for letting us use their field, to the Bennetts for the water and electricity and for the Portaloo and to Ben Potts making the necessary connections. Many thanks also to the Andersons for their lovely tent and the wine that they generously donated. Very many thanks to Nigel and Karen for organising the games so successfully and to the Lopen ladies for such a wonderful selection of salads. Many thanks must go also to the host of other people who worked so hard putting up,, taking down and transporting the gazebos, etc. Grateful thanks to those who served the food and drink and to the two carvers who did a brilliant job in making the meat go round - and a big thank you to John Milner who nobly made 200 scones - which were delicious!"

**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH
& SCHOOLROOM**
OPEN DAY Saturday 7th Sept.
10am until 3pm
All Welcome! Refreshments available.



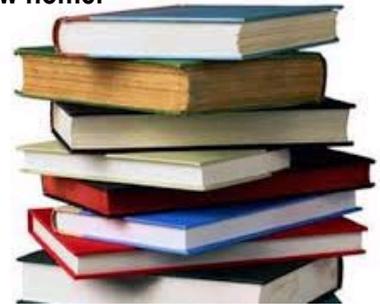
Not only are these buildings the most venerable and architecturally interesting in the village but they are also the only places where public meetings, events and celebrations can take place. So whether or not you are a church-goer it is of prime importance to the village that they are maintained in good condition.

However, as with all things of worth in these straitened times, financial support is urgently needed. Also needed is a few hours of your time to help with cleaning, maintenance and grass cutting. Please contact Mike (240 912) with donations and Angela (240 921) if you can spare some time.

Farewell Peggie! Cllr. Peggie Finlayson moves house to Hampshire



Peggie, of Church Street, is moving shortly to Romsey in Hampshire. During her time in Lopen Peggie has contributed much to village life; not least as a parish councillor, and she will be greatly missed. **We wish Peggie good health and happiness in her new home.**



FREE BOOKS!

Peggie has dozens of books, fiction and non fiction to give away before moving house in September. **PLEASE CALL PEGGIE URGENTLY on 240 059** should you wish to call and see the selection.

LOPEN PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

Peggie Finlayson's departure means, of course, that there will shortly be a vacancy for a new Lopen councillor. The initial term will be until the next scheduled elections in May 2015.

Should you be interested in applying, please contact Parish Clerk Kim McDonald: telephone 242 297, or by email at mcdonald.lopenpc@btinternet.com, for more information.

WELCOME TO LOPEN!

We hope you will all be very happy in our small community

John and Alisoun Lever, from near Wimborne in Dorset, recently moved into Shore's Farm on the corner of Frog Street after lengthy renovation and conservation work on their old farmhouse.



James and Zoe Gentle and daughter **Erin** moved recently from Crewkerne to No.1, Kitchen Lane



Marcus Bond and Hatti Bartlett moved recently from Hinton St.George to The Cottage at No.1, Church Street.



Freddie and Lorna Hamilton and daughter **Olivia** have moved from Montacute into Court Farm on the main road through the village.



Guests are always welcome.
Further information from
Andrew Kearney
240 287

A Visit to the FLEET AIR ARM MUSEUM at Yeovilton

A daytime guided tour by Barbara Gilbert who gave us such an interesting talk in July. The charge is £11, concessions £9. We can share transport but **Andrew needs to know numbers ASAP as there is a minimum for a tour.**

TUESDAY 24th SEPTEMBER



Lopen JUST WOMEN

Enquiries to
Margaret Linton
Tele 241 162

At 7.30pm in the Schoolroom
there will be a
GAMES & QUIZ EVENING
with prizes and a raffle.

All proceeds to this year's good cause
CANCER RESEARCH.

TUESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER



CONTACTS

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COUNTY COUNCIL

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COFFEE MORNINGS at the SCHOOLROOM



in **SEPTEMBER**

Wednesdays **11th & 25th**
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
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