

THE LOPHAMS' NEWS

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St Andrew's School

St. Andrew's pupils, parents, staff and governors are fast approaching the end of the summer term, and also the end of the academic year!

Endeavour pupils recently shared their learning about the Ancient Egyptians, by creating a class museum, Victory class lead an assembly and Discovery class enjoyed a whole school trip to the Dinosaur Park.

Pupils have continued to represent St. Andrew's in a variety of sporting events. Year 1 and 2 enjoyed a cluster sports day event hosted by Diss High School and year 5 and 6 won their league at the Cluster Rounders Competition. St. Andrew's also won the Diss Rotary Quiz and now look forward to hosting the event next year!

Partnership and Federation events have included a marvelous production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The show included children from three different schools singing, dancing and acting.

St Andrew's Pre School

St Andrews Pre-School would like to say a big **thank you** to committee members past and present, and to all the parents and villagers that have supported us this year. Following the fun sports day, Angie and George of The King's Head kindly, officially declared our new garden area open. The children can now grow and care for their own plants and vegetables and learn about the mini-beasts that the new bog garden attracts. The whole outside area has had a makeover, with new colourful matting, bird feeders and lots of fun learning activities for the children to enjoy. We hope to have new shade sails installed in September, so they can go outside in all weathers. This wouldn't have been possible without the hard work of Jan, Amanda and, of course Tonya, and the generous donations of time and money we have received so far.

We hope you all enjoy the summer holidays, see you in September!

Lophams' Holy Bingo

It is always good to see new faces - especially in the summer holiday months. Do join us on 4th August at **Lophams' Village Hall**: at 2pm, for some light hearted fun and banter. Please telephone 01379 687679 if you need help with transport.

Lophams' Village Hall

It was good to see a few new faces at the recent AGM, especially with offers of practical help! During the summer we plan to do some refurbishments to the toilet provision for the less able and to the storage cupboard area, to make it much more pleasant and user friendly.

Advance Notice - **The Osiligi Troupe Of Maasai Warriors** have been booked to perform at the hall on the afternoon of 11th October. The Troupe's music is incredible, mesmerising to hear and certainly fascinating to watch so do book the date **now!**

The Lottery is a fun way to support the hall development fund, with three chances each month of winning a prize. In June the winners were:- 1st prize £182.00 - K Hatton and 2nd prizes of £46 - D Blanchard & D Jury. Copies of the full rules and entry forms are available from promoter, Eileen, tel; 01379 687608, from Village Hall Treasurer, Tim Colyer, tel; 01379 687718, from other Village Hall Committee members (see website for details), or at the Farmer's Market and at Village Hall Events.

Farmer's Markets are on the fourth Saturday each month, from 9am to 12.30pm. The August Market is on 23rd. For details, call Mike on 01379 687235.

Judo is on Mondays & Wednesdays - (Details from Howard on 01379 688258).

Dog Training is held most Tuesday evenings, our trainer Elaine (07845 776110) will provide information.

Lopham Art Group: meets on Wednesday mornings from 9.30am. The cost is £20 each per month, and includes refreshments and a visit from an 'expert' once each month. Contact Jennifer on 01379 687882 for more details.

Yoga with P: we hope will return again in the autumn - watch this space!

To book the hall for private functions, please contact 01379 687679. To find out more about the hall generally, visit the website at www.lophamsvillagehall.co.uk.

Lophams' Ladies

On July 1st, on a glorious summer's afternoon, we visited Fuller's Mill Garden near West Stow. This beautiful garden by the River Lark, created over 50 years by Bernrad Tickner and his wife is well worth a visit.

On August 5th, we have invited Peter Dudley to give a talk on the work of the Citizen's Advice Bureau. There will be a "bring and buy" stall at this meeting.

Looking ahead to September 2nd, we have a talk about family tree research; "Tears and Laughter" given by Christine Humphries.

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month in the Village hall; 7.15pm for 7.30pm.

Once again newcomers and visitors are always welcome - phone 01379 687337 for details.

Garden Club

On July 2nd we welcomed Gabby Reid who talked about "Growing and Using Seasonal Flowers". Gabby brought along a selection of flowers she had grown in her one-acre garden and, whilst telling us how she developed her garden, she formed them into a beautiful relaxed and natural bouquet. She very kindly donated this to our raffle and one lucky winner was able to take it home to enjoy.

We are looking forward to a visit to Thorncroft Clematis Nursery on August 6th. We are making our own travel arrangements and will meet at Thorncroft Clematis at 2pm. The cost being £5.00 per person.

Looking further forward, we shall welcome David Bolton to our meeting on 3rd September. David will give a presentation entitled "Beauty in Norfolk".

We meet at Blooms of Bressingham Garden Centre on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm. Visitors and new members are always very welcome. Please telephone 01379 687833 for further details.

South Lopham Parish Council

Meeting 10th July 2014 at Valley Farm Low Common.

John Crisp was in the Chair. The clerk, Mrs Phillips gave a brief financial report and various regular payments were ratified or approved.

Mrs Martin, who had given her apologies, provided a written report concerning the refusal by Breckland Council planning committee for planning permission in respect of a solar farm at Whitebreads Farm - South Lopham. It was noted that planning permission for alterations at Pansthorne Farm had been granted subject to conditions. A further application for planning permission has recently been received for two agricultural buildings on land at Pooley Street.

Jim Pursehouse drew to the council's attention that the state of the highways, especially filling of potholes, on the majority of highways remains a source of concern and the County Council rangers are to be notified again.

The clerk was in touch with North Lopham Parish Council regarding proposals for cutting and maintenance of Primrose Lane.

The clerk outlined the contents of the open space audit letter received from Breckland Council; the councillors decided that this was inapplicable in the case of South Lopham.

Next meeting: Thursday 4th September 2014 at Valley Farm.

St Nicholas' Church

Coffee Morning at Jean & Chris's home: July 2nd was a wonderful sunny summer day in lovely surroundings. Special thanks to everyone who supported the Coffee Morning in any way - by donating goods, helping behind the scenes or coming along to take part, and help to raise £540 for church funds. We are very grateful to Jean & Chris for their welcome and hard work.

August is traditionally quieter in church, as the harvest on the land takes place and holidays are the order of the day. We do hope all those who go away travel safely and enjoy the change. We extend a warm welcome to all who will visit the area, and assure them how pleased we would be if they join us for a service, or just come to see the lovely buildings.

Advance Notices:

The Churches Sponsored Bike Ride is on Saturday 13th September, from 9am to 5pm. All are invited to join in. There are sponsor forms & full details in each of the churches.

Lophams' Harvest Luncheon will be on **Sunday 21st September**, in the Village Hall at 1pm. Tickets and full details will be available throughout August from PCC members; so do get yours in good time, to be sure of a place.

North Lopham Parish Council

9th July. Apologies: Councillor Bird. **Public present:** 5. **Chair for this meeting and until next meeting;** Councillor Hammond. **New Councillor:** Mrs Loraine Makowski-Heaton was welcomed; she fills the vacancy left by the retirement of Mrs. Potter. **Solar Farm:** Breckland planning committee considered the Whitebreads Farm application at its meeting on 7th July. The unanimous decision was to refuse permission. **Risk Management:** Health and safety; the burial ground, mere and trees continue to be regularly monitored. **Flashing Speed Sign:** is now in operation. A rota has been established to move it between 3 approved sites at 4 weekly intervals. H&S instruction has been given and Hi Vis waistcoats supplied. **War Memorial Cleaning:** Quotations have been obtained from 2 firms; £2780 + VAT includes lettering (£2020 + VAT without lettering) and £895 – decision deferred until the details of this quotation are confirmed. Funds are available for this. If significant surplus funds remain, a village questionnaire will be circulated to identify a suitable use for them. **Highways:** Rangers contacted again re clearing grass from pavements. RGM will start cutting grass in Jubilee Lane and continue to cut Primrose Lane. Hedges in both need cutting, council initially to contact adjoining landowners re this. **Parking:** Residents are asked not to obstruct footpaths by parking on grass verges. **Overhanging Trees and Hedges:** Residents are reminded that they are financially liable for injuries to pedestrians if caused by their trees or hedges growing across footpaths. The property owner is responsible for preventing their hedges from obstructing footpaths. **Pond Clearance:** Thanks to Eric and Leslie Bird, Heather and Gerald Potter, and Simon Blyth for clearing the fallen tree from the pond. **Federation of Hapton, All Saints Winfarthing and St Andrew's North Lopham primary schools:** There were no objections to the proposal. **Open Space:** Pond and Village Hall Field are identified as the only public open spaces in the village. **North Lopham Village Charities:** There is a vacancy for a trustee, J Crossley volunteered, the clerk to the trustees, M Birchall, will check eligibility. Next meeting 10th Sept 2014.

North Lopham Methodist Church

Very sadly, we must report the decision to **close** North Lopham Methodist Chapel, with a view to selling the property. The 4th Wednesday informal service in **July will be the last one** in that venue. But there are plans to keep the Methodist presence very much alive in the village, with a similar monthly service held in St Nicholas' Church after the Summer holiday - still a Methodist occasion, organised by them, just a different venue.

There will be **one last big Service** in the Chapel on **Saturday 9th August** at 3pm, to give thanks for over 200 years of worship and witness in the building, so we hope many local residents will join with Methodists from across the region, for a last special time in this beautiful setting.

St Andrew's Church

The **Flower Festival** was extremely successful, made so special by so many glorious floral arrangements that made the Church look so beautiful and full of wonderful colour and fragrance. With the Tower open many were able to enjoy the stunning views. Our thanks go to all the flower arrangers who took time and effort to make it so special this includes St. Andrew's School children who made some lovely flowers, thank you also to Sarah Frizzell for her exceptional plants that she had grown for the stall and to all the helpers who made the Festival run so smoothly. Our thanks also go to everyone who came to support the Church and enjoy the flowers. A magnificent total of over £1000 was raised for the upkeep and running of St. Andrew's Church.

The PCC would like to congratulate Peter Reeder who recently received a British Empire Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours list; it is so well deserved.

Village Games

After becoming Breckland champions for the third successive year running, our Village Games team qualified for the county final at the UEA in Norwich on July 13th. Forty athletes from North and South Lopham represented us in 11 sports. Every Lopham team scored points the pick of them were carpet bowls, and tag rugby who were both runners-up. Special mention to our athletic team of Katie Pursehouse, Gregor Shipperlee, Luke Owen and Alex Garwood, who finished as county champions after 100m, 100m hurdles, long jump, shot putt and javelin.

At the end of the day the Lophams' finished fourth in the small village category, our highest position yet. Full results on Active Norfolk website. Thanks to everybody for competing, one family fielded three generations proving no one is too old to join us.

Facebook us at Lophams Village Games Team or call Jim Pursehouse on 687330.

Friends of South Lopham Church

On the 28th June the Friends held a strawberry tea at South Lopham Hall, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs David Burroughes. Strawberries and cream, scones and jam, bowling and the beautiful garden were enjoyed by all and helped raise money to maintain our Church.

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We need at least 2 working days notice for a booking, but bookings can be made up to 4 working days in advance.

Concessionary passes can be used after 9.30am. Without a pass or before 9.30am, our fares are priced depending on distance travelled & range from £1.80 – £3.50 for a single journey.

On Mondays throughout the year we run outings for our members to the seaside, gardens, garden centres, boat trips, shops, pub lunches etc.

We also hire our mini buses to local community groups for private hire with a driver or for self drive.

If you would like more information or would like to make a booking please call – **01379 854800** or visit: www.borderhoppa.org.

Services for August

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| | 3rd August |
| 9.30am HC | - |
| 11am Fam S | - |
| | 10th August |
| 11am Fam S | - |
| 4pm ES | - |
| | 17th August |
| 11am Fam S | 9.30am HC |
| | 24th August |
| 11am Fam S | 4pm ES |

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