

# THE LOPHAMS' NEWS

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## St Andrew's School

St. Andrew's pupils and staff are fast approaching half term, having had an eventful half term. The term began with the launch of the schools new website [www.standrews.schoolpartnership.org](http://www.standrews.schoolpartnership.org). This contains the most up to date information about the school and photos of recent events. Following the launch were a series of parents meetings outlining expectations for the school year and how pupils could be supported. These were year group based and well attended with positive feedback.

Key Stage 2 extended their knowledge about English cultural heritage by learning about London. This included an exciting educational visit to London on the train. There was buzz amongst the children as they embarked on this adventure. The first hand experience really enhanced their written work as they could write about their own observations and emotions.

Harvest Festival was also well attended by parents. The service took part in the St. Nicholas Church, the South Lopham catchment area of the school. The service included poems, songs and prayers. The generous gifts that were donated were sent to the Norwich Shelter for homeless.

At the beginning of October, St. Andrew's pupils enjoyed a feast of reading activities to celebrate book week. These included visiting the Scholastic book fair, parents coming in to read to children, paired reading and returning to school in the evening in pyjamas for a bedtime read and hot chocolate.

The netball and football teams have also been very active, representing the school in the Small School League.

St. Andrew's now look forward to the forthcoming month of events, which include Anti-Bullying Week, a visit from the Bishop of Norwich, Christmas Production and a Christmas Service. We also invite you to our monthly community lunches. There is one at noon on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Lunches must be booked in advance at £3.50 a head via the school office or Jennie Vere.

If you would like further information about St. Andrew's Primary, or wish to bring your child to visit, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 01379 687253 or by e-mail [head@st-andrews-pri.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:head@st-andrews-pri.norfolk.sch.uk). We would love to hear from you!

## FOSTA

Our AGM was held on 28<sup>th</sup> September. J Pursehouse stepped down from his role as Treasurer after 5 years. Jim is thanked for his dedication over this time. A Ramm was elected to the role of Treasurer. J Bernard voted to remain as Chair of FOSTA and E Aldous as secretary. FOSTA would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

Over the past year FOSTA has raised £1731 from events such as festive treats and treatments night, yard sales, beetle drive, pancake breakfast, film night, treasure hunt and a weekly cake raffle at the school. A total of £855 has been spent on a disco, portable PA system and mike, leaver's presents and insurance. FOSTA has agreed to purchase 4 ipads for the School at a cost of £1200, St Andrew's will purchase 2 ipads and a sync machine.

**Upcoming events:-** 25<sup>th</sup> October Spooky film night at St Andrew's School.  
30<sup>th</sup> November Family quiz night at St Andrew's School All welcome.

## Lophams' Village Hall

**Bonfire & Firework Event:** Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

Thank you to all those who have brought wood and burnable garden rubbish for the bonfire and placed it so carefully this year; contributions can be brought at weekends right up to The Day. On 3<sup>rd</sup> November, the gates will open at 6pm, and the firework display is at 7.30pm, giving you plenty of time to enjoy soup, drinks & hot food and buy your bonfire 'extras' - glow sticks, candy floss, sparklers etc. Entry is £7 per adult and £3 for children under 14, so do make it a real family treat night.

**The Lottery** - our opportunity to support the Village Hall and have a bit of fun too - has a number of renewals due at the moment. Do sign up quickly, to avoid missing a monthly draw. In the September draw, F Weber won the 1<sup>st</sup> prize of £186.00; S Savereux and S Blyth won 2<sup>nd</sup> prizes of £46.50 each. New members, and those who need to renew are urged to get in touch. Copies of the full rules and entry forms are available from promoter, Eileen (01379 687608), from Village Hall Treasurer, Tim Colyer (01379 687718), from other Village Hall Committee members (see website for details), or at the Farmers' Market and at Village Hall Events.

**Farmers' Markets** are on the fourth Saturday each month, from 9am - 12.30pm. The next one is 24<sup>th</sup> November. 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 776 110) 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 01379 687718 for more details.

**Judo with P:** is on Thursdays between 5.30pm and 8pm. Booking is essential so contact [pieternella.jarvie@gmail.com](mailto:pieternella.jarvie@gmail.com) or call 01379 890955 / 07932 010 720.

**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](http://www.lophamsvillagehall.co.uk).

## Lophams' Ladies

Meeting in the Village Hall; 7.15pm for 7.30pm on the first Tuesday of the month.

At our October meeting, Jason Salisbury talked to us about how he started out to become a "first generation farmer" and how he and his wife came to start up his Suffolk Cheese business; turning an enterprise that started with a bank loan and a few Guernsey cows into a very thriving business. The reputation of his delicious cheese (selling at our own farmer's market) has spread far and wide and is a tribute to Jason and Katharine's hard work and survival in our poor economic climate.

On November 6<sup>th</sup> Jim Bacon from Weatherquest and a familiar face on the Look East Weather slot, will be our speaker. This is an open meeting and the topic of the weather is of interest to many of us. There will be refreshments and a raffle and admission for visitors will be £2.

New members and visitors always welcome. Tel 01379 687337 for details.

## North Lopham Charities

Any young people from the village who are experiencing problems with funding their education - special text books, transport, etc. are invited to apply for financial help from the village charity, by writing to the Chairman, Mr Mike Cox, at Linden House, The Street, North Lopham.

## Garden Club

On 3<sup>rd</sup> October Yvonne and David Leonard gave their presentation entitled "Autumn Bounty". As they vividly described, autumn is such a beautiful and also productive time of the year, and we were shown some of the flowers, fruits and berries of this season, which are so useful to ourselves as well as to wildlife.

We look forward to welcoming Matthew Tanton Brown to our next meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> November. Matthew will give a presentation entitled "Plants for the Dry Garden".

We are also looking forward to December 5<sup>th</sup> when we shall enjoy our Christmas Dinner. This is a very festive occasion held in the restaurant area of Blooms of Bressingham Garden Centre and tickets are now on sale - telephone 01953 681989 for details.

We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at Blooms Garden Centre starting at 7.30pm; visitors and new members are always very welcome.

## Samaritan's Purse

We hope our boxes will go to Belarus again this year, to the area still so devastated by the nuclear disaster at Chernobyl, and the part our 'own' Chernobyl's Children come from each summer. If YOU would like to join in, boxes need to be brought to Southlands, N Lopham, by 12<sup>th</sup> November. For details, & a list of suitable items to use, please telephone Jennie Vere on 01379 687679. Thank you.

## Charity Race Night

Raising money for Have a Heart Charity who are sponsoring Childline. 10<sup>th</sup> November in the Village Hall. £5 entry includes sausage and mash supper and race card.

Doors open at 6.30pm first race at 7.00pm

## Remembrance in North Lopham

All veterans, residents and members of the Royal British Legion are warmly invited to join the children from St Andrew's School at the War Memorial on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November, at 10.50am, for our local Act of Remembrance at 11am. This is always a moving occasion, and will be especially poignant this year, coming so soon after the death of Albert Crook, our senior Veteran. We will miss his gentle presence, and his words to the children after the ceremony.

## North Lopham Methodist Chapel

There are  
No Services in November

## St Nicholas' Church

**Harvest Thanksgiving** at St Nicholas' Church was a wonderful weekend this year, in a church so beautifully decorated by a whole team of people - thank you all. A special feature was the real single furrow plough outside, which proved a great attraction for all the children who came to the Family service. It was lovely to have two very good congregations to share the day, and we are very grateful to all those who took an active part in the worship.

**Art Exhibition 2012:** Everything is coming together for a magnificent show of some 150 to 160 pictures this weekend. By the time you read this show will be over - so we hope YOU had a chance to enjoy it. Church members say a huge thank you to all who took part, but very especially to Tony & Gill, who inspired it and planned the details so meticulously. A fuller report will be included next time.

**Our second Cribbs Festival** is November 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>. This time there will be a greater focus on Angels and their part in the Nativity story. The church will be open each day from 11am to 5pm, to give time for families to visit after school. There will be refreshments every day, and seasonal extras to buy, so we hope to see you there. Anyone with a crib set and/or angel decorations is asked to consider letting us include them. Please contact Jennie on 01379 687679 to discuss.

**Remembrance Sunday** is on 11<sup>th</sup> November - Armistice Day itself. There will be a short Act of Remembrance as part of the Evening Service, when we will pay tribute to the Fallen from North Lopham, and the US airmen who died in the plane crash, and remember all those who have given their lives in subsequent conflicts.

## Lophams' Bingo

Bingo sessions continue on the first Monday in the month, at the Village Hall from 2pm to 3.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come along for a social time, with lots of opportunity to chat and enjoy yourself. It's good to have children during the school holidays. (Please note - serious bingo players could find the social aspect disconcerting; fun is the main objective!)

## St Andrew's Church

The Harvest celebrations took place on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September with St. Andrew's Church adorned by a delightful array of Flowers, Fruits, Vegetables, Sugar beet, Corn and tinned produce. The Family Harvest Service in the morning was taken by Richard Vere with a talk by Jenny Vere. The Evening Harvest Praise was led by Dr. Sue Drake and Jane Hines.

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September we welcomed Head Teacher Louise Norgate, and the Children and Parents from St. Andrew's School for their Harvest Service.

Thank you to all who gave Produce and Gifts, the perishable items have been taken to Fenners in Fersfield and the other items are going to the Food Bank in Diss.

There will be a Coffee Morning in the Church on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November from 10.00am - 12.00noon. There will be a Raffle, Bring and Buy, Cake Stall and a Tombola, we look forward to seeing you there for a Coffee and a Scone.

## Redgrave and Lopham Fen

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 6.30pm – 8.30pm. **Night Safari.** Family evening. Make a jam jar lantern and take it with you to explore the Fen for creatures of the night. Children £3.50, Adults £1.50. Booking essential 01379 688333.  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 10.30am - 12.30pm. **Guided Walk.** Volunteer-led seasonal walk to enjoy the sights and sounds of the Fen. Adults £3, children £1. Meet at the Education Centre, no booking required.  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 10.30am – 12.30pm. **Wildlife Watch.** A club for 6 – 12yr olds, £1. Contact Mike Wraight 01379 644508.  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 10am – 4pm. **Botanical illustration.** Join botanical artist, Christine Grey-Wilson on this relaxing and supportive day. Look at a range of illustration techniques with emphasis on botanical accuracy and seasonal plant species. £20, booking essential 01473 890089.  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 10.30am - 12.30pm. **Guided Walk.** Volunteer-led seasonal walk to enjoy the sights and sounds of the Fen Adults £3, children £1 Meet at the Education Centre, no booking required.  
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 10.30am – 12.30pm. **Wildlife Watch.** A club for 6 – 12yr olds, £1 Contact Mike Wraight 01379 644508.  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 10am – 4pm. **Botanical illustration.** Join botanical artist, Christine Grey-Wilson on this relaxing and supportive day. Look at a range of illustration techniques with emphasis on botanical accuracy and seasonal plant species. £20, booking essential 01473 890089.

## The Lophams' Society

**Quiz Night.** The Society is putting on its popular Autumn Quiz at the Village Hall on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> November. Please arrive at 7 p.m. for a prompt 7.30 p.m. start. Although teams will consist of a maximum of six people we will happily accommodate those wishing to come alone or in couples who can then join others to form a team. A hot meal and nibbles. There will be a paying bar and a raffle. Those wishing to book a table in advance can do so by contacting Granville Horan on 01379 640355 or Robert McCaw on 01379 687776. Naturally, we are hoping for a good turnout, especially as the proceeds will go towards financing the Society's Christmas Drop-in at the Village Hall on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> December.

**Music Evening held Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September.** A very good evening was enjoyed by those who attended. The music was provided by the Waveney Four who were on good form. A tasty supper was provided by Cynthia Huggins and other committee members. However, it was a shame that the attendance was so low (43 or so) with the result that the Society made a loss of £67 on the night. The Committee hopes that future events will enjoy more enthusiastic support from the two villages, as it cannot continue to function on a loss-making basis.

## Fancy a day out? Need a lift to doctors, hairdressers or shops? Or just want to visit a friend or relative?

Then give us a call at Borderhoppa. Anyone, any age can use our demand responsive service (formally called dial-a-ride.) We operate Mon – Fri from 8.30 – 4.30pm & pick you up from your door. You can book your journey 4 working days in advance, but we do require a minimum of 2 working days notification for bookings. If you have a bus pass & travel after 9.30am, it wont cost you a penny!

On Mondays throughout the year we have outings for members only to various places such as garden centres, shops, pub lunches & to the seaside. To become a member (which is free & only necessary if you want to enjoy our outings, not needed to use our demand responsive service) give us a call & we'll send you a short application form.

All our outings are individually priced depending on distance, admission prices etc. If you are interested, please give us a call & we'll send you a list. Places are now limited on some of our outings.

To book a place on an outing, book a journey on our demand responsive service, or to hire one of our mini buses, please call 01379 854800.

## Services for October

North Lopham South Lopham

### 4<sup>th</sup> November

9.30am HC -  
11am Fam S -

### 11<sup>th</sup> November

11am Fam S -  
6.30pm ES + Rem -

### 18<sup>th</sup> November

11am Fam S 9.30am HC

### 25<sup>th</sup> November

11am Cribbs S 6.30pm ES

Contributions for next issue by;

**18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

Please email to  
lophamsnews@gmail.com