

# THE LOPHAMS' NEWS

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## St Andrew's School

Thank you to FoSTA, who encouraged children to celebrate St. Georges Day; children enjoyed coming to school dressed as Knights, Princesses or Dragons. Also thank you to FoSTA who recently purchased outdoor tables and chairs and an additional i-pad for the children. We are very grateful!

This term children are focusing on a Service worship team. They are currently being asked to reflect on people who serve them at school, home and in clubs. Last Friday St. Andrew's hosted a Pentecost Experience for its partnership school, which finished with all children enjoying cake to celebrate the birthday of Christianity.

Finally, St. Andrew's says a goodbye to Mrs Baker, who has retired from her Caretaker post. Mrs Baker has been at St. Andrew's for over twenty-five years and she will be missed. A special afternoon tea for Mrs Baker has been organised for Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

St. Andrew's now looks forward to the term ahead. Plans to date include a trip to Gressenhall for lower school pupils, Year 5 and 6 taking part in the Kingswood residential and a community lunch on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June. If you would like to join the children for the community lunch, at £3 a head, please contact the school office. We would love to meet you!

## St Andrew's Pre School

Though the spring days seem to be few and far between, the children go outside as often as possible. Let's hope June is better!

The children enjoy their trips into 'big' school to join in activities with the early years pupils; those who stay for lunch mid week also see the older pupils when they come to 'our' building to eat.

Please do contact Tonya at the Pre School on 07962 219523 if you would like to offer any practical help, or are interested in your child joining St Andrews Pre School.

We welcome children from their second birthday (nappies welcome) and are open Mondays 08.45 – 11.45 and Wednesdays/Thursdays 08.45 – 15.15.

## Lophams' Ladies

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

In May, David Hannant gave a presentation on "The Friends of Chernobyl's Children". Apart from the wonderful holiday the charity gives these deprived children from Belarus, we also learnt that the programme of bringing each child over to the UK for a month over a five-year period greatly strengthens their immune system as they return to live in such a contaminated and impoverished land.

Our next meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup> is an afternoon visit to Jason and Katharine Salisbury's Farm (home of Suffolk Cheese); meeting at 1pm in the hall car park. On July 2<sup>nd</sup> we are invited for an evening in the garden of Sylvia and Peter Coster.

Please think of us if you are having a "clear out" as our annual **Jumble, Bric-a-Brac, Book and Car Boot Sale is on Saturday June 8th**; 1.30pm in the Village Hall.

Please contact the following for details of the two visits and also if you need any items for the Jumble Sale to be collected -Tel 01379 687337 or 687679.

## Garden Club

On 1<sup>st</sup> May we welcomed Ben Potterton of Blacksmiths Cottage Nursery who spoke about "**Backyard Chickens**". Ben gave an amusing and informative talk and also brought along some of his own birds to illustrate their various types, sizes and plumage.

On 5<sup>th</sup> June we are looking forward to an evening visit to **Fullers Mill**. In a change of plan, we will not now be travelling together by coach, but will make our own travel arrangements to arrive at Fullers Mill at 6.30pm. The cost will be £6.00 and for further information please telephone 01953 681989. On 3<sup>rd</sup> July we shall welcome Tina Limmer who will give a presentation entitled "**Taste the Roses**".

We have another trip planned for Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup> when we shall spend the day at the **Cambridge Botanic Gardens**. The charge for this trip is £14.50 and tickets are now on sale. Once again, for information please telephone 01953 681989.

Our meetings take place in the restaurant area of Blooms Garden Centre on the first Wednesday of each month starting at 7.30pm and visitors and new members are always very welcome.

## The Lophams' Society

Summer BBQ at Lophams' Village Hall on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July with food, live music and dancing. Admission £5. Doors open at 6.30pm.

## Redgrave and Lopham Fen

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June**, 10.30am – 1pm. **Guided Fen Walk**. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the fen with enthusiast and naturalist John Hill. £3. Meet at the Education Centre, no booking required.

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June**, 10.30am – 12.30pm. **Wildlife Watch Group**. A club for 6 – 12yr olds, £1. Contact Mike Wraight 01379 644508

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June**, 10am – 3pm. **Jam Masterclass**. Join local master jam-maker, Janet Peachey, of Peachey's Preserves at this masterclass and learn how quick and easy it is to make jam and conserves. £25, £21.50 concessions. Booking essential 01473 890089.

## Lophams' Village Hall

**Cruel & Bloody Murder** came to the Hall on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May!! Well Made Theatre Productions presented the story of a murder that took place in what is now Louie's Lane, Diss, in May 1829. We were privileged to have the first showing; the play went on to venues along the Waveney valley the following week.

Now that the **car parking area** is so much better, **the kitchen** will be the focus for improvements - to the insulation and decoration.

Thanks go to all those who buy tickets for the monthly Lottery draw; part of their ticket money goes into the fund to develop the hall and it's facilities. **The Lottery fund** for the next Bonanza draw is growing - if you aren't yet "in", do consider having a go. It's a fun way to support the hall development fund, with three chances each month of winning a prize. In April, the winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize of £186.00 - S Frizzell and 2<sup>nd</sup> prizes of £46.50 each - C Ward and K & S Southwood. Anyone who needs to renew, or who wishes to join is invited to make contact: 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 till 12.30pm. The June Market is on 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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 01379 687718 for more details.

**Yoga with P**: is a popular addition to the weekly programme. Sessions are on Thursdays, between 6pm and 8pm. Booking is essential, tel 01379 890955 or 07932 010720 or email [pieternella.jarvie@gmail.com](mailto:pieternella.jarvie@gmail.com).

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).

## North Lopham Methodist Church

A Project Group has been formed to preserve and continue to use this important Lopham building - the second oldest surviving Methodist Chapel in Norfolk!

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 10.30 – 12 noon.** There will be 30 minutes of informal worship followed by a coffee morning with a sales stall (books, bric-a-brac, jam etc.)

All proceeds toward future work at the Church. Everyone welcome to come to all or part of the morning.

## Lophams' Bingo

For June we are back to the normal first Monday of the month - do come along on 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm to join in the fun!

## St Nicholas' Church

**Pentecost** or Whitsuntide to give it its old name enjoyed a double celebration this year - All the children from All Saints and St Andrew's Schools ended a Partnership Day with Pentecost Worship in the church on 17<sup>th</sup> May - it was wonderful to have over 120 children there at the same time. **On 19<sup>th</sup>, we had our own birthday party** service with cake, balloons and candles to celebrate with some of the local children. **Music, Praise & Worship** with its informal mix of songs and readings will be in St Nicholas' Church on 9<sup>th</sup> June, at 4pm, with very special speaker, Bishop David Gillett. Even if MPW isn't usually your thing, do consider coming to this one.....! **30<sup>th</sup> June is a fifth Sunday** - Please note that all services will be in Diss that day; the Communion Service will be at 10.30am and Evensong at 6pm. **The Summer** social scene is developing quickly:- Celebrated local historian Roy Tricker gave a wonderful talk with slide show:- "**In Praise of Old Churches**" on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Those who came along are already asking when he will return for a second helping!

**Friday Night is SNYSB Night** returns for an evening full of Music and Fun with Mike Booty and the members of the South Norfolk Youth Symphonic Band on 7<sup>th</sup> June. Please note, this is a week earlier than mentioned last time - SNYSB will be in Diss eight days later for Proms in the Park, so won't now have back to back concerts. Any new residents or folk who have not seen this group are warmly invited to come along to see just how much "Music is Fun" for them and for their audience. Tickets are £5, available from church members, or on the door, and include refreshments in the interval and a chance to see the instruments and meet the players while they take a break. (For further details, contact Jennie on 01379 687679). Advance notices: **Jean's Grand Summer Coffee Morning** is on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July, at Brecklands, The Green, from 10am until noon. Do come for delicious coffee and eats, a chance to meet friends older and new, and opportunities to find a bargain on stalls including Plants, Fashion items, Bring & Buy, Raffle and Tombola - truly something for everyone! (For directions or help with transport, just telephone 01379 687679). One more **Hymn Marathon** has been requested, and will take place on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, between 8.30am and around 5.15pm. Anyone who would like to sponsor a hymn, in memory of a loved one, or just because it's a favourite, is invited to do so - Jennie will be around the village during the next few weeks.

## St Andrew's Church

**St. Andrew's Craft Fair** on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July 10.00am to 4.00pm. Local Crafts ranging from woodturning, card making, quilting, soft toys, jewellery, bags, plants and cakes etc. Entry is free. Refreshments will also be served.

We are pleased to report that the **entrance gates** to the Church are re-instated, our thanks to Kevin Pilmer for his good work.

We would like to thank Nigel Mutimer, Roger Stevens, Isaac Barker and Michael Richardson, members of Banham New Life Church, who came recently to help to tidy the Churchyard; collecting sticks etc.

**Church Cleaning:** We have a monthly rota of volunteers who help to clean our lovely church but would appreciate some extra help. If anyone is able to join us do please contact Monica Reeder on 01379 687273 to discuss further.

**A Miscellany of Music** for all to enjoy will be presented on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 7.30pm in the Church by "The Thursday Night Ladies Choir", with soloist Katie Howard and Flautist Alan Howard with "Four Hands in Harmony" playing piano duets. The evening will include refreshments and a raffle. All funds raised will go towards the Church Organ Fund. Tickets price £5 available from PCC members or call 687361.

## The Lophams' Art Group

We are a friendly, mixed ability, art group which meets at the Village Hall each Wednesday 9.30 am – 12.30. Membership costs £20 per 4 weeks, which includes one session of tuition each month from a professional artist (currently Tracey Waghorn). Anyone interested in joining can call in any Wednesday morning or telephone Jennifer on 01379 687882 for more information.

**Exhibition;** the group is holding an informal exhibition of its works at the Lophams Village Hall on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July from 10.00am – 12.00 (free entry) do come, have a look round and meet the group members.

## The Village Games Roadshow

Returned to Lopham on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May, giving all who wished the chance to 'have a go' at any of the games on offer, inside or out. We hope that many of those who took part will be successful members of our team at the Best in Breckland Games at Watton on 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

**Lophams' Village Games Team** were back in action again on the 28<sup>th</sup> April playing in a county netball tournament. After a very competitive 7 matches, the Lophams finished a very creditable 7<sup>th</sup> out of 14. Well done Molly Armes (capt) Holly, Gillian and Milly Rednall, Emma Somers, Lily Nunn, Holly Flemming, Alison Pursehouse and Sarah Ahrens. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> June "The Lophams" will be defending their Breckland Village Champions title at Watton Sports Centre, a team of 40ish villagers will be representing us in 11 different sports. Any badminton players out there call Jim on 01379 687330. Facebook: Lophams Village Games Team.

## North Lopham Parish Council: 8<sup>th</sup> May

Heather Potter (Chair) and Jan Tate (Vice Chair) were re-elected for further terms. No applications for the vacancy on the PC received so attempts will be made to co-opt a new member. Norfolk CC intend to set 20mph speed limits around all schools, St Andrew's is on their list so we await developments. Affordable Housing and Play Area: No progress. Letchmere drainage: No progress MC will pursue.

**Finance:** The audited accounts for the last year were examined, agreed & signed. **Planning:** 14A The Street was approved; 73 The Street is pending. **Village Plan:** A meeting will take place to investigate the process and costs of producing a 'Village Plan', designating areas where residents do not want housing development to take place. **Roads and Footpaths:** the worst pot holes have been repaired. By the end of May, preparations for the resurfacing of roads through the village should have begun and the resurfacing should take place during June. It is not clear how far down Tanns and Kings Head Lanes the works will go. More complaints about the noise, frequency and speed of HGVs passing through the village have been received. Tribunal about proposed rights of way will take place on 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> September. The War Graves Commission will re-erect/repair the G Morduant headstone Federation of St Andrew's, North Lopham and All Saints, Winfarthing schools; no objections were raised. The recent litter pick was a success - thanks go to Cllr Bird and her team. **Correspondence:** Mr. J Rednall reported that a deer had been killed on his land, in view of his children, by a walker's uncontrolled dog. He requested that walkers be reminded that, when using footpaths crossing farmland, their dogs must be under close control, preferably on a lead. Complaints have been received from residents of Kings Head Lane about dog fouling in their gardens. Councillors were invited to attend the Village Hall Annual Meeting of Trustees at 7.30pm on 24<sup>th</sup> May at the hall. Next meeting is on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2013.

## Open Farm Sunday

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 11.30- 3.30pm**  
**Discover where your milk comes from!**

Come to our Open Farm Sunday Event at Guiltcross Dairy (NR16 2LJ) See cows being milked (from 1.30), meet the baby calves, enjoy a farm trailer ride and see the farm machinery and demonstrations!  
Easy to spot on the B1114 between Garboldisham and Kenninghall.

## Services for June

North Lopham	South Lopham
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>
9.30am HC	-
11am Fam S	-
	<b>9<sup>th</sup> June</b>
11am Fam S	-
4pm MPW	
6pm ES	
	<b>16<sup>th</sup> June</b>
11am Fam S	9.30am HC
	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>
11am Fam S	6pm ES
	<b>30<sup>th</sup> June</b>
	****services in Diss****

Contributions for next issue by;

**18<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

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