

# THE LOPHAMS' NEWS

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## St Andrew's School

St. Andrew's pupils and staff are thrilled to back after their six-week break and are already enjoying the autumn term. After saying goodbye to last years year six pupils, St. Andrew's now welcomes four new reception pupils into Discovery class and a year 3 pupil in the new third class, Victory.

St. Andrew's now look forward to exciting opportunities in the term ahead. These include Harvest Festival, Book Week, European Languages Day, 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 18<sup>th</sup> October and another on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2012. Lunches must be booked in advance at £3.50 a head via the school office or let Jennie Vere know.

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 We would love to hear from you!

## Lopham Preschool

It seems like such a long time ago we said a said goodbye to our school leavers celebrating their time at the preschool with a sports day and tea party at the end of July. We wish them all the best of luck in their new schools. It's been lovely to welcome and get to know our new starters this term and they are already getting busy with Autumn themed arts, crafts and activities. **Thank you** to everybody who supported and helped with the yard sale, we raised over £150 selling bacon butties on the day!

We have spaces available at Preschool; if you would like to look around and meet our team of Tonya (preschool manager) and her assistant Laura, please call in when we are open. Tonya can also be contacted regarding preschool on 0762 219523.

## Yoga

Yoga is a great form of exercise, developing strength and flexibility. It can also help relieve stress and bring about a sense of well-being. Why not try it for yourself at The Lophams' Village Hall on Thursdays 7-8 pm.

Booking is essential. Before attending classes you will need to register, so please call / email: [pieternella.jarvie@gmail.com](mailto:pieternella.jarvie@gmail.com) tel: 01379 890955 mob: 07932010720.

## Samaritan's Purse

Once again we plan to send a big pile of shoeboxes, decorated and packed with gifts, to children who would otherwise have no treats at all in Eastern Europe or further afield. 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.

## Lophams' Village Hall

**Bonfire & Firework Event:** Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. After many years, our Local Firework team led by Peter & Andy, has 'retired'. We all send grateful thanks for the wonderful displays they have produced so many times. This year we are to have a recommended professional team to bring & set up the display, and feel sure you will enjoy the result. The gates to the playing field will be open on Saturdays & Sundays from 6<sup>th</sup> Oct, between 10am and 2pm for locals to bring along all their burnable garden rubbish and old wood for the giant fire. As in previous years, PLEASE do not bring other materials, which could be a threat to health & safety, and risk the banning of the fire by officers from Environmental Health. There will be a token charge this year of £1 per load, to offset firework costs.

**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 August draw, L Inglis won the 1st prize of £184.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> prizes of £46.00 each were won by B Thorndyke and R Bell. 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 27<sup>th</sup> October. 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.

**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.

**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 on the first Tuesday of the month 7.15pm for 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Visitors and new members always welcome.

The annual Jumble, Bric-a-Brac and Car Boot Sale at the beginning of September raised over a £100. Our thanks go to all who supported this event. At our September meeting Elizabeth Talbot, Senior Partner and Auctioneer at TW Gaze gave us, along with several visitors, a most interesting and informative evening. Casting her expert eye over a whole range of items brought along; she gave great insight into how design and craftsmanship have evolved over the past two hundred years.

On October 2<sup>nd</sup> we welcome Jason Salisbury from Suffolk Cheese (You will see him at the Farmer's Market) and on November 6<sup>th</sup> we look forward to hearing Jim Bacon our "Look East" Weatherman. These are both open meetings and we

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> September Bob Coutts, the Head Gardener at Somerleyton, visited us to speak about "Gardening for the Autumn". We enjoyed a very informative evening and Bob gave us a lot of basic and down-to-earth advice about various jobs to be done at this time of year, including taking cuttings, planting up containers and pruning of fruit trees to name a few, all of which we can put to good use in our own gardens.

We look forward to welcoming Yvonne and David Leonard to our next meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Yvonne and David will speak about "Autumn Bounty", and looking further forward, on 7<sup>th</sup> November Matthew Tanton Brown will give a presentation entitled "Plants for a Dry Garden".

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. For further information phone 01379 687833.

## Lophams Ramblers: from Jackie Brown

In September 2003 when I started South Lopham Ramblers I was anxious that anyone would be interested so it was a pleasant surprise when fourteen keen walkers arrived. We now have about twenty five people in the group. Whenever possible we like to use footpaths or quiet lanes in and around the Lophams and have even ventured to other villages. Eventually more people were joining us from North Lopham hence the name change. In fact we now have several members who come from other villages so our success has expanded. In the New Year Ted Young has kindly agreed to take over from me as organiser, although I still hope to walk with the group. After January 2013 please contact Ted on 01379 687833 for information about the group or details of the 2013 programme.

## Lophams' Harvest Luncheon

The first ever such event was a resounding success on Sunday, in the marvellous setting of a Wedding Marquee at the Village Hall. 65 people sat in style to enjoy ham & chicken with an amazing range of salads, before the traditional apple pie and ice cream.

After the Raffle, with an array of lovely prizes, country music played as the venue was cleared, ready for Music Praise & Worship with guest speaker Irene Sayer.

## North Lopham Methodist Chapel

There are  
No Services in October

## St Nicholas' Church

Grateful thanks to those who welcomed riders into our church for the Churches Trust **Sponsored Cycle Ride** on 8<sup>th</sup> September.

**Harvest Thanksgiving** at St Nicholas' Church is on Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup>, with an All Age service at 11am and Festival Evensong at 6.30pm. Flowers, foliage and produce, and help with arranging it all, will be warmly welcomed, on the Friday or Saturday before

We look forward to welcoming anyone from the village on this very traditional day. Gift Day will be on Monday 15<sup>th</sup>, from 2pm.

**ART EXHIBITION 2012:** All readers are warmly invited to come to the preview on Friday evening 19<sup>th</sup> October, of a wonderful Exhibition of high quality pictures in North Lopham Church on Saturday & Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> October, master-minded once again by Tony & Gill Osler. Refreshments will be available both days, and there will be a bumper Raffle, so do come along to browse, and also to buy - something to enhance your own home, or a present for someone special. At 11 am on the Sunday, there will be a short service of Thanks for the Arts.

**Advance Notice:** Our second **Cribs Festival** is 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> November. This time there will be a greater focus on Angels and their part in the Nativity story. Anyone with a crib set and/or angel decorations is asked to consider letting us include them

## Redgrave and Lopham Fen

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 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 13<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30am - 12.30pm. **Wildlife Watch.** A club for 6 - 12yr olds, £1. Contact Mike Wraight 01379 644508

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 11am - 3pm. **Apple Day & Autumn Plant Sale.** Apple identification, fruit trees and garden plants for sale. Plus demonstrations, crafts and free family games. Refreshments available. Dogs on leads welcome. Adults £3, children £2

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 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.

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.

## 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. (Please note - serious bingo players could find the social aspect disconcerting; fun is the main objective!)

## St Andrew's Church

The Lophams' Harvest Lunch on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September had a wonderful setting at the Village Hall in a splendid marquee kindly loaned by John and Marion Crisp, following the wedding of their daughter Hannah. Over 60 people sat down to the Luncheon and our thanks go to Cynthia Huggins and her helpers who worked so hard to produce a superb Lunch. The Deneside Ramblers provided the musical entertainment, which was followed by a service of Music, Praise and Worship, which rounded off a very enjoyable occasion. We are pleased to say that a total of £483.86 was raised to be divided between St. Andrew's and St. Nicholas' Churches.

**Advance Notice** - On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November there will be a Coffee Morning in the Church from 10.00am - 12.00noon. There will be a Raffle, Bring and Buy, Cake Stall and a Tombola. Please come along and join us for a Coffee and a chat.

## South Lopham Parish Council

The following points arose at the meeting on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2012. 1) The Chairman welcomed Steve Reynolds to his first meeting as a new councillor. 2) The Council adopted updated Financial Regulations. 3) The Chairman reported on his attendance at the meeting of SNAP. In particular, he urged the meeting to take some action concerning the speed of heavy lorries coming into the village from Thetford. 4) David Huggins reminded the meeting about the forthcoming firework evening at the Village Hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> November. 5) Steve Reynolds gave a report on the village website. It seems to be attracting increased interest. Villagers are urged to keep in touch with events through the website on [www.southlopham.co.uk](http://www.southlopham.co.uk). 6) Granville Horan reported on the activities of the Lophams' Society and the Jubilee Committee. The Society is currently low on funds and it is therefore important that as many villagers as possible support its events, e.g. Music and Supper Evening on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, and the Quiz Night on the evening of Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> November at the Village Hall (meal included). The Jubilee Committee has donated a bench to the Village Hall with a suitable plaque attached. This has used up virtually all of the small surplus of funds held by the committee.

## North Lopham Parish Council

**Meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> September.** Five councillors and two members of the public were present. **Finance:** various items of expenditure were approved subject to cash flow. An increase in the precept to £3,000 will be sought to offset mounting costs. **Planning:** Without consultation, Breckland Council have decided to no longer post planning application site notices. NLPC agreed that this will severely curtail public awareness of and chance to comment on planning proposals. **Roads and Footpaths:** the Highways Dept. forgot the resurfacing of the Street and The Green this year; it will be done early next year. Hedges are still a problem in places. Councillor Bird will campaign for a 20mph speed limit between Church Corner and the Post Office. **Lopham Road, Kenninghall will be closed** from 19<sup>th</sup> November for 5 days south of Heath Road, diversions will operate. **Village Clean-up** 27<sup>th</sup> October watch for notices. **Correspondence:** Affordable housing survey will take place shortly. Community Rangers need more to do, suggestions were sought. A member of the public drew attention to the Mordaunt military headstone in the burial ground which he thought should be re-set. **Next meeting:** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at 7.30pm.

## Services for October

North Lopham South Lopham

7<sup>th</sup> October

9.30am HC -  
11am Fam S -

14<sup>th</sup> October

11am Harv FS -  
6.30pm Harv ES -

21<sup>st</sup> October

11am Art Thanks 9.30am HC

28<sup>th</sup> October

11am Fam S 6.30pm ES

Contributions for next issue by;

18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

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