

# THE LOPHAMS' NEWS

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## St Andrew's School

St. Andrew's pupils, parents, staff and governors have enjoyed a busy month and are now looking forward to the fast approaching half term break.

Since returning after Easter, Friends of St. Andrew's School have organised a popular paper night, which raised over £500. The event, which was held in Lophams' Village Hall, was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Pupils have also been developing their sporting skills; winning their last few netball matches in the small school league! Pupils are now busy practising Rounders, Kwick Cricket and Athletics in preparation for participation in the Cluster events.

Clubs this term include guitars, art, film and performing arts. In performing arts the pupils are working with others from across the federation and partnership to put on a production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory in July.

Other events the children are looking forward to, in forthcoming weeks, include a trip to Norwich Castle Museum to enhance learning about Egyptians, an Egyptian Dance workshop and a residential to Hill Top!

## St Andrew's Pre School

The Bingo evening for Pre School funds has been postponed until the Autumn - there is just so much already going on this term, that we will use it to get to know the families of the children who join us after the holidays.

The wonderful Spring weather has enabled the children to spend lots of time outside on their new, bright flexible chequer-board floor covering; it's really bouncy to walk on and very safe.

We are running a mobile recycling initiative, so if you have an old mobile languishing in a drawer, let us take it off your hands and turn it into much needed pennies and pounds for the Pre School.

Our sessions are on Mondays 8.45-11.45, and Wed/Thurs 8.45-3.15. Do note that all 3 year olds are entitled to 15 hours free sessions each week.

As always, we encourage prospective parents to drop in, view the setting and meet our team. Please note our new contact number is 07854 091257.

## Lophams' Village Hall

**The Motorcycle Meet** in May was affected by the dreadful weather conditions; the organisers were pleased that people from near and some from a considerable distance turned up for look.

**The Village Hall AGM** will be held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June, in the hall at 7.30pm. As already mentioned, we would like to see you there, with ideas to share!

**The Lottery** is a fun way to support the hall development fund, with three chances each month of winning a prize. The April winners were: first prize £180.00 - T & D Harding; second prizes of £45 - G Osler and K Hatton. 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 June Market is on 28<sup>th</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 687882 for more details.

**Yoga with P:** is taking a Summer break; watch for details again in the Autumn.

**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 in the Village Hall; 7.15pm for 7.30pm.

On May 6<sup>th</sup>, we had an evening outing to "Cocoa Mama", a chocolate shop in Eye. Chocolatier Helen Fraser, owner of this family business, talked, demonstrated and let us indulge in some of her "fresh chocolate, made the old fashioned way; inspired by local Suffolk produce". Helen not only produces these handmade delights but also serves lunches - certainly a place to return to!

On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, harpist Sarah Rochfort will be talking and playing for us and on July 1<sup>st</sup> we have an afternoon visit to Fuller's Mill Garden at West Stow. Once again we shall be organising lifts.

On June 14<sup>th</sup> we have our annual Jumble, Bric a Brac and Car Boot Sale; 1.30pm in the Village Hall. Car Boots will be £4 and can set up from 12noon. Please remember us if you are having a Spring Clean!!

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

## Garden Club

On 7<sup>th</sup> May we welcomed John Tate who gave his presentation entitled "Garden Ponds", giving lots of advise on creating and maintaining a healthy garden pond.

We will not have our usual meeting in June, but will instead be making an evening visit to Furze House Gardens on June 11<sup>th</sup>. The cost of this visit will be £6.00 and we shall meet in Blooms of Bressingham's car park at 6.30pm. We shall then car share and make our own way to Furze House Gardens. For tickets and any further information please telephone 01953 681989.

Our next meeting will be on July 2<sup>nd</sup> when Gabby Reid will talk about "Growing and Using Seasonal Flowers".

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.

## North Lopham Parish Council: 14<sup>th</sup> May.

Mrs Tate sent apologies. **Election of Officers & Appreciation;** Chairman, Mrs Potter, stands down at the end of this meeting. Because no nominations were received for chairman, there will be a 'rolling chair'. Mrs Bird will be chairman from the close of this meeting until the close of the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2014. Retiring councillor, Mrs Potter, was presented with a token of appreciation for her service on NLPC. One nomination received and seconded for vice-chairman, Mrs Tate, she was elected unanimously. Two applications received to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs Potter. Both applicants briefly addressed the council members. A decision will be made after the public meeting has closed. **Conservation area at the burial ground;** Mrs Potter will continue this project with Mrs Tate. **War Graves;** the damaged headstone has been repaired and reset. **Flashing speed sign;** The cheapest and most effective sign, a moveable one, would cost about £3,000. NCC will pay 50%; matching funding needed. Donations received to date; Crown Chicken, £500; K Gooderham, £50; J Alston, £100; Wayland Farm, £100; DPD (parcel carriers), £200; local residents Mr and Mrs P Attewell and Mr and Mrs D Hammond £50 each. Grateful thanks go to all who have contributed. Remaining £500 could be covered from reserves. A motion to buy the sign was passed. **War memorial cleaning;** one quotation has been received another will be sought. **Finances;** the accounts have been audited. There is a surplus in reserves; villagers will be asked to suggest possible uses for this money. **Village clean-up;** Mrs Bird reported that there was a good turn-out of volunteers, thanks to all of them, to Eric Bird for re-treating the benches and to Angie Estcourt for providing coffee and cakes. Arrangements to remove the fallen tree in the mere are being made. Thanks expressed also to Jan Tate for painting the railing round the mere. **Roads;** white lining and pavement clearing will be done during the next few weeks. **Affordable housing;** no suitable land has been made available so no progress. **Grass cutting;** adopted lanes need cutting but are responsibility of NCC; Primrose and Jubilee Lanes, RGM will be contacted. **Planning;** Solar farm; will be considered at the Breckland planning meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> June; public may attend. **Next meeting;** 9<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

## St Nicholas' Church

### Social Scene

**Friday Night is SNYSB Night & Ryan Lewis - A Concert in Memory** will be reported next time. If you are reading this before 30<sup>th</sup> May, do ring Jennie on 01379 687679 if you would like to come to Ryan's concert. Tickets are going fast, but there may be some left.

**NADFAS members** joined us for Evensong on 11<sup>th</sup> May, and handed to the Rector, Canon Tony Billett, the beautiful Record of church furnishings & artifacts compiled over the last two years. The book will be kept in the vestry, but is available for residents to view on request.

**Ascension Day** on 29<sup>th</sup> May will be celebrated with a special service in Diss Church.

**Pentecost**, which marks the Birthday of the Christian Church, will be celebrated on 8<sup>th</sup> June. After the 9.30am Eucharist, there will be a Birthday Service at 11am, with balloons, cake and fun to follow the worship. Please do come and join in! Bishop David Gillett will lead Evensong with Healing at 4pm that day.

A date for your diary: **Summer Coffee Morning at Jeans**. All readers are warmly invited to Brecklands, 19 The Green, North Lopham on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, from 10am to 12 noon for a Coffee Morning hosted by Jean & Chris Stringfield. There will be a Boutique, Plants, Raffle and Tombola etc., plus plenty of time for coffee/tea and goodies to enjoy, while you catch up on the news with friends from near and further away. For further information, or help with transport, just phone 01379 687679.

## South Lopham Parish Council

Annual General Meeting 2014 and regular meeting 2014. As before these meetings took place at 7.30pm at Valley Farm Low Common. John Crisp was **elected Chairman** and Mrs Sarah Martin **Vice Chairman**. Chairman made his opening remarks and gave his Annual Report referring back to the Village Meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> April. **Thanks** were given to **Councillors** for their contributions during the year and to the **Clerk** Mrs Phillips for her work on behalf of the Parish Council. Various payments were approved and the responsible financial officer Gary Phillips presented the financial report, which was adopted. Mrs Martin reported on **planning**; she had discussed the application for a Solar Farm on land south of the A1066 with Breckland Planning Office who had confirmed that it's officers still had considerable work to undertake before the Planning Committee could consider the matter and the earliest hearing date, at which a decision could be made, would be their June meeting. Following this Mrs Saveroux was invited to address the meeting concerning her application for proposed alterations to Pansthorpe Farm, which was approved by the Council. The outgoing Chairman of the **Lophams' Society**, Granville Horan, introduced his successor Roy Clarke who delivered a positive report concerning the Society's activities and programme. Future meetings, as from September, will be held on the first Thursday in the month.

## Friends of South Lopham Church

**Strawberry Tea** at South Lopham Hall on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 3pm. Strawberries and cream, Cream teas, Cake stall and Raffle. Please come along and help the Friends to work towards the maintenance of our beautiful Church. This year the Friends have paid for the repair to the Church gate, repaired an electrical fault and arranged for the cleaning of the guttering. We look forward to seeing you all there.

## Local Churches Unite

The Benefices of Diss and Upper Waveney officially united as the **Diss Team Ministry** on 1<sup>st</sup> May, with Canon Tony Billett named as Team Rector. We do hope to appoint a part time Team Vicar to the Team in the next few weeks to work in all the six parishes alongside Canon Tony.

## The Lophams' Society

At the Lophams' Society AGM held as part of the Lopham's Village meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> April, the chairman gave an update of events held over the past twelve months including the recent March quiz, which proved to be the most successful ever. Following his report Granville Horan announced his intention to stand down as chairman having held the post for several years. Fortunately this past year the society has seen several new members join the committee and therefore was pleased to receive a nomination from Roy Clark who was duly elected as chairman and also from David Hammond who was elected as vice chairman replacing Alan Gaynor who also decided to stand down. At the conclusion of the AGM a vote of thanks was proposed for all Granville's hard work on behalf of the Lophams' Society.

The society would like to take this opportunity to express its thanks to Nigel and Tracy Martin, landlords of The White Horse in South Lopham for their most generous donation of £500 raised at a number of fund raising events held at The White Horse over recent months. This donation will go towards funding this year's Christmas drop-in event to be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> December. The Lophams' Society was delighted to be chosen by The White Horse to receive this amount and we wish them every success in all their future events, which will benefit other causes across the Lophams.

The next Lophams' Society event will be a jazz night featuring Jazzamazoo on the 19<sup>th</sup> July at the Lophams' Village Hall.

## Village Games

On April 26<sup>th</sup> our netballers were in action at Dereham playing 14 other towns and villages from all over Norfolk. After a hard fought competition "our girls" from Lopham finished up in 7<sup>th</sup> place; a great result with such a youthful team. Many thanks to Milly and Gillian Rednall, Amy Heaton, Molly Armes, Emily, Katie and Alison Pursehouse, Julie Cubley and Emma Somers. Our first round entry for the main village tournament is on 22<sup>nd</sup> June at Dereham, Northgate High School. We need teams for 11 wide ranging sports, anyone interested? Call Jim on 687330 or 07796212857. Facebook us at Lophams village games.

## North Lopham Methodist Church

The future of the Chapel is uncertain at the moment, but we hope to continue the informal service on 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday each month at 10.30am, followed by a Coffee Morning from 11am until 12 noon. Please watch the noticeboard for details.

## St Andrew's Church

At the Vestry meeting the following were elected as Churchwardens for the coming year, Peter Reeder, David Huggins and Jill Brundell. The PCC members were re-elected at the Annual Church Meeting.

**Flower Festival** at St. Andrew's Church, South Lopham, on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2014 10am - 4pm. **"God Created A Garden"** admission free, Refreshments, Wood Turning, Plant Stall and Tombola, everyone welcome, please come along and enjoy the flowers.

**A Miscellany of Music**. St. Andrew's Church, South Lopham, on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at 7.30pm. The Thursday Night Ladies Choir and Friends and Four Hands in Harmony playing piano duets. Tickets £5.00 including refreshments from PCC members tel. 01379 687361 or 01379 688313. Raffle. All funds raised will go towards Cancer Research.

Thank you to all who helped, and came to support, St. Andrew's Church Coffee Morning. A total of £132.00 was raised for the Church.

## Lophams' Holy Bingo

It is always good to see new faces. Do join us at the Village Hall on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, at 2pm for some lighthearted fun and banter. Please telephone 01379 687679 if you need help with transport.

## Services for June

North Lopham	South Lopham
	<b>1<sup>st</sup> June</b>
9.30am HC	-
11am Fam S	-
	<b>8<sup>th</sup> June</b>
11am Pentecost Birthday S	-
4pm ES and Healing	-
	<b>15<sup>th</sup> June</b>
11am Fam S	9.30am HC
	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>
11am Fam S	4pm ES
	<b>29<sup>th</sup> June</b>
Fifth Sunday - Communion Service at Diss at 10.30am; MPW at Roydon at 4pm	

Contributions for next issue by;

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

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