

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. St. Andrew's welcomes eleven new reception pupils into Discovery class and a year 3 and year 4 pupil into Victory class.

St. Andrew's reflects on its success of the summer term. Pupils achieved excellent results at the end of Key Stage Two in their national tests, and the footballers won the Fair Play award in the Small School League. 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, Christmas Production and a Christmas Service.

The next community lunch will be Wednesday 16th October at noon. If you can join us, please contact the school office on 01379 687253 and book a meal for £3 a head.

Lophams' Ladies

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

In September, Rosemary and Alan Cooper gave an illustrated talk on "The Mid Norfolk Railway". We saw early photos of the railway that ran from Dereham as well as photos showing the work that has been done by the volunteers in restoring the line to Wymondham. On October 1st we have a talk on Bhutan entitled "Thunder Dragon" given by Chris Parfitt and on November 5th we have a "Music Evening" with Gill Nicholls. This will take the form of an "Old Time Music Hall" featuring songs from the 30's to the 60's. We do welcome any visitors to this meeting, as indeed visitors and new members are always welcome.

Please phone 01379 687337 for further details.

St Andrew's Pre School

We hope you all enjoyed the Yard Sales on September 15th, especially the bacon rolls made by Scarlett - the weather was much better than expected.

We have had a good start to the new term, with lots of seasonal activities for the children to enjoy, outside whenever the sun shines. We do have a few free spaces, so please remember we take children from age 2 (in nappies) up to school age. We are open throughout school term times, Mondays to Thursdays 08.45 - 11.45 and continue until 15.15 on Thursday each week. Call in for a visit and chat with our friendly staff or call Tonya direct on 07962 219523 / attwood145@btinternet.com.

Garden Club

On 4th September we were very pleased to welcome Andy Bailey from Blooms of Bressingham Garden Centre. Andy gave a presentation on pruning shrubs and, with his wealth of knowledge, gave us much advice to put to good use in our own gardens. Our next meeting is on 2nd October when Martyn Davey from Easton College will talk about "Preparations for Winter" and looking further forward, on 6th November Ken Sammon will give a presentation "The Winter Garden".

Although it may seem too early to speak about Christmas, we shall be having our Christmas Dinner on 4th December and tickets will be on sale shortly. Please telephone 01953 681989 for further information.

We hold our meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in the restaurant area of Blooms of Bressingham Garden Centre. Visitors and new members are always very welcome.

Lophams' Village Hall

The big event for the Autumn is the **Bonfire & Fireworks Evening** on 2nd November. Do put this in the diary now, and plan to come along for a great family fun time. Tickets will be £7 for adults and £3 per school age child, with a family ticket at £20, a real bargain! Gates will open at 6pm, and there will be **live music** until the fireworks at about 7.30pm. As ever there will be hot food and hot & cold drinks, plus novelty items to buy. A big bonfire needs lots of burnable material - the gates will be open at weekends in October for all your garden prunings etc, with a nominal charge of just £1 per load towards the cost of the event. Do watch for local notices for exact times. Please do not bring unsuitable material, which could cause Environmental Health to ban the bonfire.

Farmers' Markets continue on the fourth Saturday each month, with some innovations in the pipeline - A Super Sausage Saturday is being planned, with a £25 voucher for the winner. A Community Stall is to be introduced, for one local and/or registered charity group at each market.

The Lottery, our chance to raise money for hall developments, has several new members this summer, so the prizes are growing too, as is the fund for the next Bonanza draw; - if you aren't yet "in", do consider having a go. It's a fun way to support the hall, with three chances each month of winning a prize. The winners for August were: 1st Prize of £190.00 - J & G Brown, and 2nd prizes of £47.50 each - W Nunn and D Goddard.

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 October Market is on 26th. 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 687282 for more details.

Yoga with P: is a popular addition to the weekly programme. Sessions are on Thursdays in the early evening. Booking is essential, tel 01379 890955 or 07932 010720 or email 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.

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Thank you to all who supported the annual yard sale on 15th. The **Bag 2 School Collection** will be taking place again on 16th October, please bag up your clothes and help us raise funds.

Samaritan's Purse - Shoebox Appeal

As the days shorten and the darker evenings set in, why not think about filling a shoebox with gifts for a very underprivileged child in Eastern Europe or beyond? A knitted hat and mitts is a very good start, plus stationery items, toiletries and a small gift. Shoeboxes can be brought to Southlands by early November, for collection & transport to their destination in good time before 'that' festive date in December. For more details, contact Jennie on 01379 687679.

Lophams' Bingo

It was great to have some new people to join the fun during the summer. There is still room for more - on the first Monday each month at 2pm in the village hall. The next session is on 7th October.

Frenz Youth Group

For young people aged 13+ who have autism / aspergers. Meeting once every two weeks on Fridays 7 - 9pm for socialising/fun/games etc. Each session costs £3. Situated in Burston near Diss. For further information please contact Sharon (Group Leader) on (01379) 642255 who will be happy to help.

Lophams Churches - Rector's Drive - 5th September

Following the successful Bishop's Walk in August, folk from all six parishes in the group made the journey in reverse, but by car, again stopping at each church for prayers and a short talk. The new Team logo from Canon Tony for each church notice board was given to a churchwarden. Around thirty people took part, this time meeting for a buffet lunch in The White Horse at South Lopham, and a chance to get to know each other better.

St. Andrew's Church was pleased to welcome over 40 people, which concluded a very successful day.

St Nicholas' Church

The Teddy Bears' Picnic on 10th August had to be postponed at the very last minute, but it **will** take place on 29th September, from 2pm to 4pm.

The **Sponsored Bike Ride** was on 14th September this year. Thank you to those who manned the church.

A Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Relief will be held in St Nicholas' Church on Friday 27th September from 10am to 12pm, with a Bring & Buy Stall & Raffle. Do come and support this very special cause.

The Harvest Thanksgivings at North Lopham will be the second Sunday in October - 13th - with an All age service at 11am and Festival Evensong at 4pm - please note the new time! Gifts of foliage, flowers and produce to decorate the church building, or help with arranging everything, will be gratefully received at any time on Friday or Saturday 11th & 12th. Produce surplus to Gift parcels will be available from 2pm on Monday 14th during the Gift afternoon. A late Autumn Luncheon for the Lophams will be held in November - probably on the 10th, 12.30 for 1pm start. Local posters will give all the details; those who came to last year's Marquee lunch will vouch for the event's popularity!

Advance notices: November means **Remembrance**. There will be a special ceremony during the Evening Service at 4pm in St Nicholas Church on Remembrance Sunday, and the annual Ceremony at the War Memorial on Monday 11th, with veterans, RBL standard & Juniors from St Andrew's School.

The third **Crib Festival** will be held in Church from Wednesday 27th November till Sunday 1st December. Please book the dates **now!**

Redgrave and Lopham Fen

Saturday 5 October 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 12 October 10.30am – 12.30pm. **Wildlife Watch Group.** A club for 6 – 12yr olds. £1. Contact Mike Wraight 01379 644508.

Sunday 13 October, 10.30am – 3pm. **Apple Day and Autumn Fair.** Fruit identification, plants and tools for sale, cookery and craft demonstrations, recipe swap, family games and trail. Plus Kenninghall Morris dancers. Refreshments also available. £3 adults, £2 children.

Tuesday 29 October, 10am – 12noon. **Awesome Autumn Family Morning.** £2.50 per person, please book 01379 688333.

Wednesday 30 October, 3pm and 7.30pm. **The Midsummer Hare – a Musical Fable.** A performance for narrator and orchestra, based on creatures of the fen, by Sue Heaser, with music by Peter Cresswell. For ages 6 years and over, £5 per person, please book - 01379 688333.

Saturday 9 November 10.30am – 12.30pm. **Wildlife Watch Group.** A club for 6 – 12yr olds, £1. Contact Mike Wraight 01379 644508.

Thursday 14 November, 10am – 12noon. **Polymer Clay Jewellery Making.** Learn how to make a flower pendant and patterned beads with local expert Sue Heaser. £10 per person, including materials. Please book - 01379 688333.

Friday 29 November, 10am – 3pm. **Christmas Wreath Making.** Make a wreath or table decoration with natural materials under the specialist guidance of Mary Yuill. £10 per person, per hourly session, including materials. Please book - 01379 688333.

North Lopham Parish Council

11th September 2013.

Apologies for absence: Jan Tate. New Councillor David Hammond was welcomed.

Rights of way inquiry was held on 3rd September; the result should be announced in about 6 weeks.

Affordable Housing: Consultations over the site off Primrose Lane are progressing slowly.

Neighbourhood Plan: will be discussed further with Mrs. Farren-Bradley.

Drains in Tanns Lane: NCC highways have been out to clear the drain alongside the lane.

Conservation area at burial ground a suitable area has been located; the records will be examined to ensure no graves are present before proceeding with planting.

New Parish Clerk Julie Crossley will become Parish Clerk from October 1st 2013.

Mission Statement the Parish Council will produce and publish a mission statement to make clear its purposes and objectives.

Speed Watch: It is intended to start next March, more volunteers needed. In the meantime, improvements to advisory signage to be addressed and appeals to local businesses will be made. Councillors will raise issues at the next 'Safer Neighbourhood Scheme' meeting.

Roads and Footpaths Dog fouling, new signage has been placed. Thank you to persons who no longer park on verges and obstruct footpaths. 3 cars in the village have been 'keyed' in the last few weeks. Village 'clean up' will be next spring.

Next meeting 13th November 2013 at 7.30pm in the 'Mess'.

The Lophams' Society

Will be holding a Quiz Night on Friday 11th October at the Village Hall. 7pm for 7.30pm. Entrance is £7, which includes a hot supper. Teams of up to six. Bar available.

For further information, please telephone 01379 640355.

All proceeds in aid of Christmas Drop-in.

St Andrew's Church

The Remembrance Service this year will be at St. Andrew's Church on Sunday 10th November commencing at 10.50am.

There will be a Coffee Morning in the Church on Saturday 23rd November 10 am to 12 noon with bring and buy, Cake stall, Tombola and a Raffle.

Lophams Art & Crafts Sale

The Lophams Art Group will be holding their first **Christmas Art & Crafts Exhibition in the Village Hall.** 15th November 6pm - 9pm and 16th November 10am - 4pm. A selection of artwork and quality locally crafted items including painted furniture, china hampers, coffee table footstools, pottery and much more will be on sale. A donation from the event will be made to Macmillan Cancer Support. Refreshments available. Free admission.

The Bacon Exhibition Endowment Fund

A small educational fund available once a year to those between 5 and 25 years old who live, or attend school in the villages of Redgrave, Botesdale, Rickingham, Wortham, Gislingham, Burgate, Hinderclay, Blo Norton, **South Lopham** and Bressingham. If you wish to apply, please do so by the end of September to Mrs R Powell, 2 Fir Tree Cottage, Redgrave, Diss, Norfolk, IP22 1SD.

North Lopham Methodist Church

The informal Wednesday service, followed by Coffee and Sale is becoming established at 10.30am on the fourth Wednesday each month. Everyone is warmly invited to come along to this wonderful building at 10.30am on 23rd October.

Services for October

North Lopham South Lopham

	6 th October	
9.30am HC	-	
11am Fam S	-	
	13 th October	
11am Harv Fam S	-	
4pm Harv ES	-	
	20 th October	
11am Fam S	9.30am HC	
	27 th October	
11am Fam S	4pm ES	

Contributions for next issue by;

18th OCTOBER

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