

# THE LOPHAMS' NEWS

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## St Andrew's School

Following the administration of the DfE Statutory tests for Year 2 and 6, the children, staff, governors and parents of St. Andrew's C of E VA Primary are fast approaching half term.

This term the children are focusing on the topic 'Our Norfolk, Our Adventures' which is looking at past occupations in North Lopham. During this topic the children are gaining a greater understanding of the history of the village through story telling.

FOSTA are also busy planning their summer fair on Saturday 11th June 2016, 12 - 3pm. Please do come and join us for a BBQ, entertainment and wide variety of stalls.

If you would like to know more about St. Andrew's Primary School please contact the school office on 01379 687253.

## St Andrew's Pre School

Greetings once again from St Andrew's Pre School.

We remain busy at pre school with several new children joining us.

After half term and as the weather continues to be warm ( hopefully ) we will be celebrating summer and spending as much time as possible in the open air. We have a very nice gazebo which we use regularly to provide plenty of shade, and under which we can have lunch.

We have a lovely outside area with room for sand and water play and room to run around. We have been busy in our garden area planting strawberries and squashes and some tomato plants.

We now have 5 resident frogs in our bog garden, and see many species of birds at our bird feeding station. We are going to build a bug hotel next half term, have a barbecue, have lots of walks and picnics around the village and explore nature in general.

We are open Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 8.45am - 3.15pm and have a few spaces on all days. For further information call Jan Feaver on 07854091257

## Lophams' Village Hall

**BRIMBO:** The British Motor Bike Owners Classic Bike Meet & Auto-Jumble on 8th May had superb weather for once, which meant an excellent turn-out. The grounds team and the catering ladies worked flat out all day to ensure the bikes were correctly sited and everyone was well fed, so many thanks to all of them for giving all comers such a good time!

**Hall Improvements:** Some of the money from the Development Fund, to which a percentage of the Lottery money is directed each month, has been used this Spring on kitchen refurbishment - in particular for tiling all the walls, to avoid the need to re-paint every few months, when the condensation has turned them black. This has been a mammoth job, as all the fixtures and fittings had to be disconnected & re-fitted afterwards.

Thank you for your patience to the hall users who have been inconvenienced by the upheaval, and a huge Thank you to Eugene who has worked so hard on our behalf to do the work.

**The Lottery:** It is great when there's a full complement of 100 members with a corresponding monthly first prize of £200, so please get in touch if you would like to join as soon as a new vacancy occurs. Please ring 01379 687718 for more information or contact Eileen (01379 687608) or any committee member. There are three chances each month of winning a prize, plus a Bonanza draw in December. The winners in April were: first prize of £200 : A Bush; second prizes of £50: T Young and E Jacob In addition to the Lottery draw, there is a monthly raffle with one superb prize, which includes an item from every stall - a wonderful array of goodies for the larder. The April winner was I Bowden.

Regular bookings:

**Farmers' Markets** are on the fourth Saturday from 9am till 12.30pm, so the June date will be 25<sup>th</sup> (Details from Mike on 01379687235)

**Judo** is on Mondays & Wednesdays (Details from Howard on 1379 688 258)

**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.

**Dog Training:** Most Thursday evenings with Rob Jessup; Rob's 'phone number is 01379 873144

**Bookings** - to book the hall for private events, telephone 01379 68767 or go to the website.

## Lophams' Ladies

- meeting at the Village Hall on the first Tuesday each month, usually at 7pm for a 7.30 start.

In May, Emma Lord gave a presentation about the work of EACH, particularly at Quidenham Hospice and explained how the NOOK project will enable the work to grow and expand in ways that the present hospice cannot. The June meeting will be a visit to Furse House Gardens at Rushall on the 7th; we will meet at the Village Hall at 6pm, and car share; David Morton will come to the July meeting with an illustrated talk about the Tower of London.

**Advance Notice:** The annual Car Boot, Bric - a - Brac; Books & Jumble Sale is on Saturday 2nd July in the Village Hall. The doors open at 1.30pm and admission is free: Please think of us as you do your annual Spring Clean & Clear out! We can collect, if necessary.

For more information, please contact Sarah on 01379 687337 & 687679 for Jumble.

## Lophams' Garden Club

We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in Lophams' Village Hall and visitors and new members are always very welcome. Please telephone 01379 687833 for further details.

Unfortunately our planned visit to Stody Lodge on 1st May had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers, however we are looking forward to our next meeting on 2nd June when Gary Alderton will give a presentation entitled "Propagation". I'm sure that Gary will give lots of advice for us all to put to good use in our own gardens.

## South Lopham Parish Council

The AGM 2016 and regular meeting was held at Valley Farm Low Common on 5th May. Four Councillors were present (unfortunately three had to give apologies ) and the Clerk Mrs Phillips.

John Crisp was elected Chairman and Mrs Sarah Martin Vice Chairman. Thanks were given to Councillors for their work over the year to our Clerk for her constant attention during the year and to Gary Phillips our Responsible Financial Officer. Mrs Chapman -Allen our District Councillor had attended various meetings throughout the year for which the Chairman expressed his thanks.

**Audit:** the Clerk presented the annual governance statements and the accounting statement which were approved.

**Financial Report:** presented by the Clerk together with the current balances and various accounts for approval. The Clerk is in the process of obtaining quotations for renewal of the Council's annual insurance.

**Planning :** a fresh application for the erection of three dwellings on the site of Willow Brae in the Street has been made; a new application for the conversion of three buildings and extension to house and buildings at Poplar Farm has been made; details available on line or Councillors will have paper copies in due course. The Enforcement Officer has issued an unauthorised change of use notice in respect of land at the corner of Brick Kiln Lane and Low Common.

**Highways:** Councillors agreed to continue with their campaign with Norfolk County Council of speed reduction of vehicles on the A1066 in the village. A certain amount of pothole repairs had been carried out on the Blo Norton road but further work was still required.

**Works:** a successful litter pick had been carried out on Sunday 10th April; as usual various assorted rubbish collected; thanks to Tim for organising this collection.

**Bus shelter-** work to be carried out on date to be agreed.

**Other Business:** a letter of thanks had been received from the East Anglian Air Ambulance in respect of the donation sent after the last meeting. Letters of support and a petition had been forwarded to Breckland Council in connection with the application for a grant to refurbish the Village sign on Church road

**Next meeting** 7th July 7.30 pm Valley Farm.

## St Nicholas' Church

**Momentous Anniversaries:** The bells rang out on 21st April to mark the 90th anniversary of their re-hanging and the 90th birthday of HM The Queen; two days later a good congregation gathered for a special Evensong to mark both the birthday and St George's Day. After singing a great selection of English hymns to English tunes, there was birthday cake for all to share!

**ART EXHIBITION:** Thank You: to the artists who put on such a wonderful exhibition at North Lopham Church at the beginning of May, to all those who helped in any way, and to those who came along to enjoy the paintings and support the event, enabling us to make over £750 for the church.

**Pentecost** - the Birthday of the Christian Church was celebrated on 15th May with a special Birthday Family Service, with balloons, cake and fun alongside the worship.

Friday Night was **SNYSB Night** on Friday 20th May, when members of the South Norfolk Youth Symphonic Band entertained us with their unique Wind Band sound, playing a selection of music from films and shows, alongside pieces written specifically for an "orchestra without strings". Their motto is "Music is Fun", and they made sure that the audience knew it.

**Advance Notice:** A Summer Coffee Morning in & around the church will be held on Wednesday July 6th, from 10am until 12. In addition to the usual delicious refreshments, raffle and tombola, there will be a Bring & Buy Stall, some plants and a Jigsaw Bring & Buy. We look forward to seeing YOU there. If you need transport, just phone 01379 687679.

**Knitting The Bible:** The project to knit figures for scenes from the bible for a display at the end of October is well under way, but it isn't too late to join in - phone 01379 687679 or e-mail [jennyvere@btinternet.com](mailto:jennyvere@btinternet.com) We would love to hear from you!!

## North Lopham - PLEA from the Parish Clerk:

"the PC would welcome residents to attend PC Meetings and these are advertised on the website and notice board. Parish council exists to problem solve and provide a better environment for the community, please come along from time to time to assist us and make the village a better place."

THANKS: from the rest of us to the gallant band who worked so hard to "clean up" the village in mid May. Your efforts really are appreciated!

## Redgrave and Lopham Fen IP22 2HX

**Wildlife Watch Group** Saturdays, 11 June, 9 July 10.30am-12.30pm  
A club for 6-12 year olds, £2  
Contact [marcus.halmshaw@btinternet.com](mailto:marcus.halmshaw@btinternet.com) or call 01379 688333

**Guided fen walks** Saturday 6 Aug 10.30am-1pm  
Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Fen with enthusiast and naturalist John Hill. £3 Meet at the Education Centre, no booking required

## Summer holiday activities

Family events, £4 child, £2 adult  
Wednesday 27 July, 10am-12noon - Butterflies and moths  
Wednesday 3 August, 2pm-4pm - Wild play  
Wednesday 10 August, 10am-12noon - Treasure hunt  
Wednesday 17 August, 2pm-4pm - Animal Olympics  
Children must be accompanied by an adult  
Book online at [www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org](http://www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org)

Activity days for 6-10 year olds, unaccompanied children  
£7 each - details on website

## North Lopham Methodists

Methodist friends invite local residents to the monthly service in the church, with Coffee afterwards, on the fourth Wednesday each month at 10.30am so the next are on 22<sup>nd</sup> June and 27<sup>th</sup> July.

## The Friends of South Lopham

**Church** cordially invite you and your friends to a GARDEN PARTY to celebrate Her Majesty's 90th birthday on Saturday 11th June 2016 at 3.00pm, at Flint Farm, Brick Kiln Lane, South Lopham. £6.00.

We look forward to seeing you there.

**Holy Bingo** continues in the Village Hall, when new faces are always welcome to come and share in fun sessions, with plenty of time for a chat. (Please telephone 01379 687679 for further details or for help with transport.)

## St Andrew's Church

**Vestry meeting** - At the recent Vestry Meeting Peter Reeder retired from his position as Churchwarden. Peter has been a Churchwarden at St. Andrew's Church, South Lopham for over 40 years and we thank him most sincerely for his commitment and dedication in this roll. The PCC would like to wish Peter all the best in his retirement. Jill Brundell will continue as Churchwarden and is joined by new Churchwarden Marion Crisp.

**Coffee Morning** - On Saturday 4th June, there will be a Coffee Morning in St. Andrew's Church 10.00am to 12.00 noon, with all the usual stalls, including a tombola, Everyone is very welcome, please come and join us for a Coffee and a Scene.

**Thank you** to everyone collecting the Community Chest tokens, please keep collecting them as we apply every month

## North Lopham Parish Council

Council meeting and AGM 11th May 2016

Attendance: Councillors Eagle, McManus, Hammond, Tate and Tipple; Parish Clerk (Mrs Crossley); Mrs. Chapman-Allen (Breckland Council); two members of the public.

Election of officers for the new term was conducted by the Parish Clerk; Chairman: Cllr Hammond proposed by Cllr McManus seconded Cllr Eagle; Vice Chair: Cllr Tate proposed by Cllr Tipple seconded Cllr Eagle, There were no other proposals for either post so both were declared elected, vote unanimous. The new chairman read the report of the past year's activities. These included the induction of two new councillors, a number of traffic calming measures, the parish plan, the trod, the telephone box restoration with village information board and the defibrillator. He thanked the councillors and all those who had made contributions in whatever form. The councillors thanked the chairman for his endeavours.

**The trod:** The Bull to The Cherry Tree footway. Funding is in place, work should start either late this year or early next.

**Lophams News:** £10/month rise in production costs, the increased expenditure was approved.

**LOHP:** Increased costs mean their newsletter will cease.

**Neighbourhood Plan:** No progress to report. Further consultations will be announced soon, important that representation is made then by both the PCs and the public.

**Tanns Lane Water:** Continuing problems with drainage water flooding Tanns Lane. The Environment Agency, Anglian Water and Highways have been informed. Opinions were expressed that drainage ditches behind the properties on the north side of the lane are blocked.

**Finance:** Various compliance requirements were dealt with.

**Broadband:** Superfast BB should be available by the end of the year, individuals will need to contact their provider re access.

**Defibrillator:** The annual maintenance cost will be covered by the King's Head as long as George and Angie are there.

Next Meeting: 13th July 2016

## Art Exhibition - IP22 2HX

Sat 27, Sun 28 & Mon 29  
August, 10am-4pm  
Artwork by local artists  
inspired by nature.

Free entry and  
Refreshments available.

## Services for June

North Lopham	South Lopham
	<b>5<sup>th</sup> June</b>
9.30am HC	-
11am Fam S	-
	<b>12<sup>th</sup> June</b>
11am Fam S	-
	<b>19<sup>th</sup> June</b>
11am Fam S	9.30am HC
	<b>26<sup>th</sup> June</b>
11am Fam S	9.30am M.S

Contributions for next issue by;

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

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