

# THE LOPHAMS' NEWS

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## St Andrew's School

The children, staff, governors and parents of St. Andrew's C of E VA Primary are thrilled to be back after a refreshing Easter break.

St. Andrew's have been celebrating the recent inspection as a church school where it was recognised as consistently good in Collective Worship and RE teaching and learning and outstanding in its Christian Distinctiveness Leadership and Management.

This term the children are focusing on a special project about the History of the Lopham's, and we are looking forward to show casing their learning as part of the 'Our Norfolk, Our Adventures' work in Norfolk.

Other events planned for this forthcoming month include: participating in the small school netball and football league, participating in the Diss cluster rotary quiz, visit from the NSPCC and Open the Book and a reading cafe.

Following the success of the Bunny Drive at the end of last term, FOSTA are also organising fundraising activities for the children to enjoy which include a St. George's Day breakfast.

## St Andrew's Pre School

Greetings from St Andrews Pre School

Firstly we would like to say a huge thank you to Angie and George Estcourt at the Kings Head for a very kind and generous donation to our funds of £350 from their charity auction at Christmas. This money will be used to buy resources and toys to enhance the Children's experience at pre school, so thank you very much from all of us.

Our theme for this half term is nursery rhymes. We have already put Humpty together again, and we hope to visit a farm and see a real life Baa Baa black sheep. We hope to make a grandfather clock, a silver bells and cockle shells garden, and lots lots more.

We have a few spaces still available on all days and are open Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8.45a.m. to 3.15 p.m. For further details or to arrange a visit please contact Jan on 07854091257

## Lophams' Village Hall

**Please don't forget - The Village Hall AGM: on Tuesday 24th May at 7.30pm**

We hope this will be a more popular day than a Friday! We really do want to see lots more residents coming along to hear about the hall, and even be inspired to get involved - joining the Management team with new ideas, or our band of regular helpers. The hall is OURS - all residents of the Lophams; this is YOUR chance!

**BRIMBO** - British Motorbike Owners will hold a Classic Bike Meet with Auto Jumble, at the Hall on Sunday 8th May, from 10am to 4pm. Pitches are £10 on the day, or £8 if prebooked. Admission is £2, with free parking; Refreshments will be available.

For more information, contact Rodney on 01379 688297 or Mick on 01986 788708.

**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. Just 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 March were: first prize of £200 - M Baker; second prizes of £50 each -

M Tipple and Alison Wallis. The grand raffle prize went to Mr Nock.

## Regular Bookings

**Farmers' Market:** on the fourth Saturday from 9am till 12.30pm., so the May date will be 28th. (Details from Mike on 01379 687235)

**Judo:** 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

## Lophams' Ladies

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

At the AGM in April, Sarah Frizzell agreed to serve for one more year as chairperson - Thank you, Sarah! After the business, members enjoyed a couple of quizzes, and showed lots of knowledge about both flowers and garden birds. The May meeting is on 3rd, when our speaker will talk about NOOK - the new Hospice for children being planned as a replacement for Quidenham, which is greatly loved, but not up to modern health & safety standards and not able to provide all the specialist equipment the children desperately need. Visitors or potential new members are very welcome to come along and meet us.

**Advance notice** - The Annual Bric-a Brac, Books and Jumble Sale will be held on **Saturday 2nd July** at 1.30pm - so please think of us as the Spring Cleaning sort out gets under way!

For more information, please contact Sarah on 01379 687337.

## 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.

On 7th April we welcomed Joan and Alan Garnham from Waveney Trees to our meeting. Joan gave a very interesting and informative talk entitled "Garden Trees" and gave us much good advice on what to take into consideration when planting new trees as well as what can or can't be done to established trees.

We shall not have our usual meeting in May but are instead looking forward to a visit to Stody Lodge Gardens to see the wonderful Rhododendron and Azalea Gardens. This will be on Sunday 1st May, cost £16.00 per person which includes coach travel and entry to the gardens. Please telephone 01953 681989 for tickets and further information.

Looking further forward, at our meeting on 2nd June Gary Alderton will give a presentation on "Propagation".

## North Lopham Parish Council

**Defibrillator Training:** Tuesday 26th April 7.00pm at The King's Head for all those who have already signed up. A few more may possibly be accommodated but they must speak to Angie or the Parish Clerk first!

**Visitor Information Board:** The installation is now finished. This completes the telephone box project. All residents are grateful to Dave Hammond for leading the whole concept practically, and for doing much of the refurbishment work on the 'phone box himself.

Please remember the plea to clear up dog mess - especially round Cherry Tree Corner - and to cut back overhanging hedge material; (if the relevant branches are not used as nesting sites by the birds!) It would be good if this could be done before the Village Clean up on Saturday 15th May.

Volunteers are asked to meet at 09.30 at the Mere (pond); gloves and bags and grabbers will be provided.

Next meeting - is the **AGM on 11th May 2016**

**STOP PRESS:** News that Breckland is to contribute £4,000 towards the footpath at the North end of the village. As residents from 44 of the houses in North Lopham have given a magnificent £1,800 towards the cost, all the funds needed are now in place to enable the work to be done. More news later, but an immediate and heartfelt THANK YOU to all donors!

## St Nicholas' Church

On **Good Friday**, Team Vicar Revd Wendy led a meditation based on the hymn "When I survey the wondrous cross" - at the foot of a 14 foot high cross. Thanks to the hard work of many generous and talented people, the church was transformed with beautiful flowers for the All Age Communion service on **Easter Sunday**, led by our good friend, the Revd Chris Davidson. A goodly number of young people were fully involved throughout - especially enjoying the Easter Egg hunt, and the refreshments afterwards!

**Momentous Anniversaries:** 21st April 2016 marks 90 years since the dedication & first peal on the bells in St Nicholas' Tower, following their re-hanging, as well as 90 years since the birth of Princess Elizabeth, now our Queen. Celebration peals have been rung whenever possible, to mark the Big "O" anniversaries; this time, a Quarter Peal will be rung - the number of ringers has dwindled somewhat.

A *traditional BCP Evensong* with sung canticles and responses on 23rd will mark both St George's Day and the Royal Birthday. The hymns will reflect English favourites and give everyone a good sing! The service will be followed by tea and cake. All are warmly invited.

At the recent Vestry meeting, Alan Briggs and Richard Vere were elected to serve a further term as churchwardens. At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Gill Partridge agreed to join the Church Council. We thank them all

### So to May:

An **ART EXHIBITION** will take place from 6th to 8th May in St Nicholas' Church. All residents of the Lophams are invited to the launch at 7pm on Friday 6th, when wine and nibbles will be served, and there is a first chance to affix a red dot to the painting(s) of your choice - Many will be by local talented artists. The exhibition continues through Saturday & Sunday, with refreshments available, and a special Raffle too. Make sure YOU come along! A very short Celebration Service will take place at 11am on the Sunday.

**Ascension Day** is on Thursday 5th May; a special service takes place at Diss Church at 7.30pm. Ten days later we reach 15th May, the feast of Pentecost - the birth-day of the Christian Church. We will celebrate with a Party Family Service at 11am, to which all are welcome. There will be balloons, cake and fun for all!

On Friday 20th May the South Norfolk Youth Symphonic Band (**SNYSB**) will entertain us with their unique Wind Band sound, & play music from films and shows, & pieces specifically for an "orchestra without strings". Admission is just £6 & refreshments will be served in the interval plus there will be a chance to see some of their more unusual instruments.

**Knitting The Bible:** The project is gathering pace!! It isn't too late to get involved - just 'phone 01379 687679 or e-mail [jennyvere@btinternet.com](mailto:jennyvere@btinternet.com) for details

## Friends of South Lopham Church

A date for your diary. A **Garden Party** to celebrate the Queen's Birthday on **June 11th 2016** at Flint Farm South Lopham. Everybody is very welcome!

## The Lophams' Society – Spring Quiz

Despite Friday the 15th of April being a wet and miserable evening more than 60 people joined us in the Village Hall when the Lophams' Society hosted it's first quiz night of 2016.

Chairman Roy Clark provided the questions ably assisted by Mike Cox at the scoreboard and after eight closely fought rounds it was the team on Table One who emerged victorious and took both the honours and the prizes.

Thanks go to all our regular supporters who we are always pleased to see and it was good to be able to welcome both newcomers and old friends back amongst our numbers.

Thanks also to all the committee members and helpers who prepared and served a tasty ploughman's supper in the interval and to Bill Bedford who kept everyone refreshed at the bar.

**Future Events:-** The next Lophams' Society event will be a Musical Evening on Saturday 9th July and the next Quiz will be on Friday 14th of October.



## Holy Bingo

Continues in the Village Hall, usually on the first Monday each month at 2pm, when new faces are always welcome to come and share in fun sessions, with plenty of time for a chat. We had a record crowd in April, so hope to see even more on 2nd May.

(Do telephone 01379 687679 for details or for help with transport.)



## St Andrew's Church

### Easter Service

We were very pleased that The Right Revd. David Gillett came to celebrate the Eucharist on Easter Sunday the 27th March at St. Andrew's Church, his visit was much appreciated by all in attendance.

### Coffee Morning.

Coming up 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, so please make a note in your diary.

If you haven't been before or are new to the area do come along.

## Redgrave & Lopham Fen, IP22 2HX

### Events May/June 2016

*Botanical Illustration*  
Saturday 21 May, 10am-3pm Learn a range of illustration techniques with the emphasis on botanical accuracy & seasonal plant material. With professional botanical artist Christine Grey-Wilson £25/£21.50

*Pond dipping family*  
afternoon Tuesday 31 May, 2pm-4pm £4 child, £2 adult Children must be accompanied by an adult  
Details & booking at [www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org](http://www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org) or 01473 890089

### Regular events

*Guided fen walks*  
Saturday 7 May 10.30am-1pm Enjoy the sights & sounds of the Fen with enthusiast and naturalist John Hill. £3 Meet at the Education Centre, no booking required.

*Wildlife Watch Group*  
Saturdays, 14 May, 11 June, 10.30am-12.30pm  
A club for 6-12 year olds, £2 Please contact [marcus.halmshaw@btinternet.com](mailto:marcus.halmshaw@btinternet.com) or call 01379 688333



## North Lopham Methodist Church

Methodist friends invite local residents to the monthly service in the church, with Coffee, on the fourth Wednesday each month.

Next dates - 27th April and 25th May

## Services for May

### North Lopham South Lopham

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	
9.30am HC		-
11am Fam S		-
	<b>8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
11am Fam S		-

	<b>15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
11am Pentecost		9.30am HC
Birthday S		

	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	
11am Fam S		9.30am M.S.

**Please note, 29<sup>th</sup> May** is a fifth Sunday - Holy Communion is in Diss, at 8am & 11a.m.

Contributions for next issue by;

**18<sup>th</sup> MAY**

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