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Lophams' Ladies

Brian & Sue's garden at Low Common was the venue for the July meeting - a beautiful setting for a very happy social evening. On 3rd August we travel back in time to the Old Levant - but meet in the Village Hall! Ring 01379 687337 or 687679 for details. A Bric-a-Brac, Car Boot & Jumble Sale will be held at the Hall on Saturday 4th September, so contributions from your summer sorting out sessions will be gratefully received. We can collect, if you telephone the numbers above. On the day, car booters are welcome from 12.30pm, doors open at 1.30pm.

Lophams' Village Hall

The Lottery is now well into its second six months. Copies of the full rules and entry forms are available from promoter, Eileen (01379 687515), Village Hall Treasurer, Tim Colyer (01379 687718), Village Hall Committee members (see website), or at the Farmers' Market and Village Hall Events. The winners for June were: 1st - J Birchall (£154), 2nd - W Nunn and M Frizzell, who each received £38.50.

The Charity Fun Day raised over £970. Thanks from Elaine Brown to all who supported the event. **Farmers' Markets** continue on the 4th Saturday each month - the next is 28th August, 9am-12.30pm. For details call Mike on 01379 687235. Through the summer months Car Booters are welcome, along the road edge of the playing field. **Lophams' (Holy) Bingo** sessions are usually on the first Monday of the month, from 2 to 4pm (but 9th in August!) and anyone is welcome to come along for a social afternoon. **Judo** is Mondays & Wednesdays - details from Howard (01379 688258). **Dog Training** is most Tuesday evenings - details from trainer Elaine (07845 776 110). **To book the hall** for private functions please contact 01379 687679. www.lophamsvillagehall.co.uk

Garden Club

At our July meeting we welcomed back Mr Don Andrews who shared with us his expertise and knowledge of Dahlias. We now have a full coach to go to Southwold and Henstead Exotic Garden on August 4th. If you have missed buying a ticket call the number below in case we may have a cancellation. On Wednesday September 1st we have a talk and slide show entitled "Gardens Great and Small" which will be given by Mr David Boulton. Our meetings take place in the restaurant area of Blooms Garden Centre at 7.30pm. For more information phone 01953 681989.

South Lopham Village Society

The Society will be holding a barbeque on Saturday 21st August from 6pm at the Village Hall. Live music for dancing will be provided by The Caverners. There will be a licensed

bar and field games. Tickets £7 (including food), £3 children 12 and under. Tickets from 01379 640355 or on the door. A meeting has been arranged for Monday, 2nd August at 7.30pm at The King's Head to discuss converting the Society to The Lophams' Society. It is hoped that we have a good turn out, particularly from North Lopham.

Lophams' Ramblers

In July we had our annual trip to Southwold. We walked to Walberswick, where we had a super pub meal, and after lunch some of us took advantage of the little ferry, whilst the more hardy walked back across the bridge and along the quay, before meeting up to stroll back to Southwold for tea on the pier. It was a perfect day, warm with a light breeze. We all enjoy the friendship of the group as well as the exercise.

Happy Circle

Our last outing was to Wisbech Rose Fair, which we all enjoyed. The next outing, on Thursday 12th August, will be to Clacton & Chatto Gardens, which friends tell me are beautiful. To join us please ring Avis on 01953 681789 or Daphne on 01379 687453.

St. Andrew's School

The last weeks of the school year have included many exciting extras: **The Sports Afternoon** was held at the Lophams' Playing field, a wonderful venue on a very hot day. By the end, the Yellow team were clear winners of the sports cup, but the Green, Blue and Red teams all had excellent scores. At the end of the individual races, Molly Armes was declared 'fastest runner in the school'. Thank you to FOSTA members for very welcome refreshments.

The Juniors experienced a **'Play-in-a-day'**, finishing with a performance for the infants; we all had a fantastic day with Young Town Planners, building a town from 5,000 lego bricks; the infants have enjoyed playing in a wonderful Sensory House, with soft walls, and exciting sound & light effects; and the reception children for September came for a Teddy Bears' Picnic with Year 1. In the last

week, the oldest children will be performing Panto Pandemonium for parents and friends.

Really good SATs results are evidence of the hard work put in by pupils and staff throughout the year - almost 100% level 4 and above is a great achievement.

As the Leavers' Assembly approaches, we say goodbye and good luck to those who are moving on to new schools. We also say goodbye and thank you to Mrs Dawe, to Mrs Mary Ebbs a much loved teaching assistant, and to Mrs Karen Squirrel who is moving 'sideways' to teach at Bressingham. To all the staff and volunteers, plus all the parents and children, we say a heartfelt Thank You.

Redgrave & Lopham Fen

(for bookings phone 01379 688333)

Sharing Nature: Weds 4th, 11th, 18th. For 4-8 year olds, 10am-12pm, £4. **Activity Days:** Tues 3rd, 10th, 17th. For 8-12 year olds, 10.30am-2.30pm, £6. **The Great Outdoors - Story Strolls:** Sun 15th & Thur 26th, 10am-4pm, Adults £4, Children £2. **Birds Photography Exhibition:** Sat 7th, Sun 8th, 10am-5pm. **An Introduction to Wildflowers:** Thur 19th, 1.30-4pm, £10 (£8 conc). **Painting Workshop for Children (7-14):** Fri 20th, 10am-1pm. £7.50. **Suffolk Wildlife Photography Competition Exhibition:** Sat 28th-Mon 30th, £10am-5pm.

Other News

Strawberry Tea - The 'Friends' are pleased to report that we made £546.52 which included a generous donation of £250. There are so many people to thank, you for your support, all the helpers and last but not least Jackie and David Burroughes for allowing us the use of their lovely conservatory and garden, it was a most successful and pleasant time.

Adult learning - 'Interiors - A History in Objects' - A free 'Taster' session will be held at the Village Hall on August 19th, at



7.30pm. The full 10 week course is £36
Come along to find out more. Enquiries to
tutor Jonathan on (01953 681745).

North Lopham Parish Council

The meeting on 14th July was attended by
Community Police Officer, Paul Borman,
Robert McCaw, Chair of SLPC, Granville
Horan of SL Village Society and several
parishioners. **Highways** -After a recent NCC
inspection of village roads, the Council was
astonished to be told that areas of concern
were not dangerous and need not be
repaired. However, Barhale are shortly to
inspect various sunken areas attributed to
their work. **Safer Neighbourhoods Action
Panel (SNAP)** - A deputation from the village
made representations at the SNAP meeting
on 24th June at Attleborough about various
safety issues including speeding, lack of
footpaths and parking near the school. North
Lopham has consequently been made a
SNAP priority, enabling the police to
concentrate resources on this area at key
times - PC Borman said that over the past
week speed checks have resulted in
numerous warnings, seven fixed penalties
and one prosecution (56mph). Heavy lorries
have been stopped to check that they need
access, with the issue of one fixed penalty.
Parking near the school will be addressed by
a visit before the end of term and a leaflet
campaign to increase awareness. PC
Borman stressed the importance of reporting
all traffic related incidents, including 'near
misses' and incidents where property is
damaged without personal injury, within 24
hours so that an accurate picture of problem
areas can be built up before the situation is
reviewed at the next SNAP meeting on 26th
August and further action taken as deemed
necessary. **South Lopham Society** -
Granville Horan outlined the SLS history and
aims which include welcoming new residents
and running functions with a social emphasis
such as quizzes and barbecues. North
Lopham residents have supported past
events so will be invited to join the committee
and to help shape the future of the society.
Co-option of New Parish Councillor -
Lindsey Westbrook-Lay was co-opted to fill
the vacancy left by Brian Frith's retirement.
She agreed to serve as the new Chairperson.
The lack of affordable housing is an
ongoing concern, forcing young couples and
families out of the village. All attempts so far to
identify suitable land to develop have failed.
Dog fouling is a persistent and objectionable
problem in Primrose and Jubilee Lanes and
could be a public health issue. A request from
the floor was made that Clean it Up signs be
erected. Residents are urged to ensure that
hedges & overhanging trees are kept
trimmed.

South Lopham Parish Council

The following points arose out of the Parish

Council meeting held on 8th July. **1) Jim
Pursehouse** was co-opted on to the
Council to fill the vacancy created by the
retirement of Evelyn Logsdail. **2) The
Chairman** reported on the outcome of a
meeting with the Planning Department of
Breckland Council. There was a useful
exchange of views as to the planning
procedures, practices and difficulties. It is
hoped that the meeting will lead to closer
co-operation and consultation between
Breckland and the Parish Councils. **3)
Regarding the Local Development
Framework** the meeting was surprised to
learn of a proposal from Breckland Council
to delete the Settlement Boundary. A copy of
the proposal including a plan is displayed in
the bus shelter along with the draft minutes
of the meeting. Comments in writing to The
Clerk at Oxfootstone Granary, Brick Kiln
Lane, South Lopham, IP22 2JS (email:
mail@oxfoot.co.uk). **4)** Steps are being
taken to improve the visibility of the **30 mph
signs** on the A1066. **5)** There is a proposal
that the **South Lopham Village Society**
should become the Lophams Village
Society by including North Lopham.
Discussions are taking place. **6)** Progress is
continuing with the purchase of the
telephone kiosk at Primrose Lane and the
erection of a new notice board outside St.
Andrew's Church.

North Lopham Methodist Chapel

Services for August at 10.45am are;

- 1st August, Mr S Aspinall of Stanton.
- 15th August, Rev Edna Bugey of Diss.

A warm welcome to all.

St. Nicholas' Church (North Lopham)

Congratulations from all his friends and
admirers to **Ryan Lewis** on being awarded a
B Mus. with First Class honours. Condolences
to the family of **Albert Driver**, bell ringer
extraordinary, who died in July, age 96. Albert,
from Redgrave, rang our bells for well over 80
years (Full peals since 1926..., including many
marking royal occasions) and became a good
friend too. **Scarecrow Weekend** - Although
there were a few less scarecrows than last
time, they really were superb. The 'garden in a
wheelbarrow' winner was the Wizard of Oz
garden at Greenways! In the church there
were small scarecrows made by Class 2 at St
Andrew's School, plus with two boards of
pictures and stories from the infants in Class 1.
Richard Jones, regional officer for **Biblelands**,
was our guest at Evensong on 11th July. His
talk and presentation gave us some
heartrending pictures of life in the Middle East
today. **GO MAD** (Go Make A Difference) is the
title of this year's Holiday Club - to be held in
The Mess at St Andrew's School from Mon

2nd to Fri 6th August with a follow up service
in church on Sun 8th. All primary age children
are welcome to join in the fun, 2.30-5pm each
day. Older young people are invited as
helpers; toddlers are welcome too, if a Mum or
Dad can stay with them. NB: The Norfolk
Churches Trust Cycle Ride is on 11th
September. All cyclists are invited to join in -
there are sponsor forms in church.

St. Andrew's Church (South Lopham)

The PCC will be holding a **Coffee Morning**
at the church on Wednesday 18th August.
There will be a cake stall and a bring and
buy. At the evensong on the 27th June Mr
Alan Howard was presented with a Digital
Photo Frame following his recent retirement
from the PCC, for his service and dedication
to St. Andrew's Church over the many years
he has served on the PCC, also Mrs Irene
Howard was presented with a bouquet for
her assistance to Alan overseeing the
restoration of the nave roof. On Monday 5th
July The Rev'd Michael Reeder CA, was
ordained to the priesthood by The Right
Rev'd Cyril Ashton Bishop of Doncaster, in
Sheffield Cathedral. The Norfolk Churches
Trust annual sponsored cycle ride takes
place on Saturday 11th September, 9am to
5pm. Anyone wishing to take part to help
raise funds for St. Andrew's Church and the
trust can obtain sponsor forms from Monica
Reeder on 01379 687273.

Services for August

North Lopham South Lopham

1st August

9.30am HC -
11am Fam S -

8th August

4pm Hol Club -
6.30pm Evensong -

15th August

11am Fam S 9.30am Group HC

22nd August

11am Fam HC 6.30pm ES

(On 29th there will be a Group Communion at
10am in Fersfield or Bressingham)

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