

# THE LOPHAMS' NEWS

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## St Andrew's School

A very long and busy term is just ending. Many sporting events & fixtures have involved children of all ages. Sports Day came before the rains arrived, and saw the Green team in the lead at the end. Discovery Class had an exciting day out at Lopham & Redgrave Fen; the oldest children are at Hill Top, with their peers from Bressingham, for their last primary residential trip; they return on the day before we break up, with just time to put the finishing touches to the Leavers' Assembly. Our very best wishes go with Maddie, Deaglan, Martin, Lewis, Luke and William for their years at High School.

We also say goodbye to some staff members this week. Mrs Heads has decided to be a full time Mummy to Phoebe, so will not return in September; Mrs Ranson's maternity cover contract comes to an end. We thank them both for their services to St Andrew's. (Endeavour Class will welcome Miss Mitchell next term).

As the Partnership with Bressingham ends formally, Mrs Gooderham's role as Finance Manager also ends, and we thank her for all her expertise and support. Finance will be managed from All Saints Winfarthing next term, but we will still enjoy having Mrs Smith dealing with all the office administration over here.

St Andrew's was thrilled to be invited to provide Art Work for a display in South Lopham Telephone Kiosk as the first venture since the village purchased the kiosk from BT for £1, in order to turn it into a community facility. Do go and have a look at the Creation Art.

As the Partnership with Bressingham School formally ends, we at St Andrew's look back with affection on all the joint ventures we have undertaken and send very best wishes for Bressingham's future as a 'stand alone' school under Mr King.

In our own community, sincere thanks go to all those who support us in so many ways, helping in classrooms, taking children on trips, collecting vouchers, coming to events.... the list is very long, and we are all very grateful.

The biggest thank you goes to the loyal, hard-working staff, who all put in many more hours than most folk realise. To everyone, we wish a happy, relaxing and refreshing holiday!

## Lophams' Village Hall

The hall has been the venue of choice for some memorable occasions recently - family parties and a traditional country wedding. The high standard of decoration and the views from each window make it an attractive proposition. So any reader with a special occasion on the horizon is encouraged to come and look at what the Village Hall has to offer.

**The Lottery** - our opportunity to support the Village Hall and have a bit of fun too - drawn at 11.30am on Market days. The winners for June were: 1<sup>st</sup> R Miller (£180.00), 2<sup>nd</sup> G Horan and K Woods (£45.00 each). New members, and those who need to renew are urged to get in touch: 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 the website), or at the Farmers' Market and at Village Hall Events.

**Farmers' Markets** are on the fourth Saturday each month, 9am to 12.30pm, the next on August 27th. For details, call Mike on 01379 687235. **Judo** is on Mon & Wed - Details from Howard on 01379 688258.

**Dog Training** is held most Tues evenings, information from trainer Elaine (07845 776110)

**To book the hall for private functions**, please contact 01379 687679.

[www.lophamsvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.lophamsvillagehall.co.uk)

## Lophams' Ladies

Christine Clark gave us a very enjoyable evening in July when she came to share her experiences as a Dramatic Make-Up artist. From Lord of the Rings to Shakespeare; from Breakfast TV to the Opera, she gave us a glimpse of her busy life; demonstrating on some "willing" members.

On August 2nd we have a garden visit to the home of Robert and Madeleine McCaw. On September 3rd we have our annual

**Jumble, Bric-a Brac and Car Boot Sale** and once again we will be very grateful to receive items for sale or hear from any "Car Booters". On September 6th we have our visit to

**St Edmundsbury Cathedral** following on from our talk in May.

Sincere sympathy, from us all, to Sarah Frizzell & her family on the death of Michael, following a severe stroke. We will all miss his jolly presence at social events.

We meet in the Village Hall at 7.15pm for 7.30pm on the first Tuesday of the month. Visitors and new members welcome - Tel 01379 687679 / 687337 for details.

## FOSTA

It's been a fantastic year of fundraising by FOSTA, there have been beetle drives, bingo night, casino night, ladies pamper evening and summer fete. FOSTA has funded school trips, picnic benches and also an outdoor classroom. Already planned for after the summer break include 'festive treats and treatments' and a Christmas themed fete.

FOSTA has been asked to arrange the **Village Yard Sales** again this year. These will be held on **SUNDAY 25th September 2011 9-1pm**.

See next News for details.

FOSTA would like to thank everyone who has come along to FOSTA events and would like to extend a welcome to villagers to attend future events.

## Garden Club (meeting at Blooms)

from Pat Young

On 6th July we welcomed Graeme Proctor who gave a most informative talk entitled "Growing Apples - all you need to know".

We will not be having our usual meeting at Blooms Garden Centre for August, but are instead looking forward to another trip, this time to RHS Hyde Hall. This will take place on Saturday 6th August and tickets are now on sale, please telephone 01953 681989 for more information.

We usually meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the restaurant area of Blooms Garden Centre.

New members and visitors are always very welcome.

## The Lophams' Society

The Society held it's annual summer barbecue at the Village Hall on the evening of Sat 2nd July. Approx 90 people attended and had a good time.

The music was provided by "White Heat" who were in good form and even inspired a few punters to dance! Special mention should also be made of Bill Bedford, ably assisted by Mark Miller, for the excellent work on the barbecue with very palatable results!"

The Society is holding an **Autumn Quiz Night** at the Village Hall at 7.30pm Sat 15th October. These occasions have always been popular and great fun.

Further details to follow, but the evening will include, as usual, a meal and a paying bar.

**"Diamond Jubilee"** The Lophams' Society would like to see the two villages organise some form of celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee next June. In order to do so, the Society thinks it is necessary and desirable to involve all appropriate groups in the two villages. Accordingly, approaches are being made to such groups inviting representatives to a **preliminary meeting** at the Village Hall on **August 4th** at 7.30pm, when it can be determined whether there is support for the proposal and to discuss the precise form of the celebrations. Anyone else interested would of course be welcome to attend. For further information contact Granville Horan (Chairman) on 01379 640355 or Paddy Miller (Secretary) on 01379 687490.

**Lopham Links** is the group looking into developing a play and recreation area that will benefit North and South Lopham as well as surrounding villages. It is estimated that £60,000 needs to be raised to purchase and install the equipment and the group are in discussion with the village hall committee regarding the play area being on the village hall field. **Fundraising Car Boot** we need some funds... so have a clear out and come along to the village hall at the 27th August Farmers market. Pitches are £5.00, all proceeds to Lopham Links. **7th October 2011 - We've got talent** We're having a talent competition, so whatever your age, if you have a special talent please come along. This will be a great focus for young people over the holidays.. Encourage them to form a band, do magic tricks... the list is endless. This is open to people from both villages and surrounding areas. There will be fantastic prizes, hot food and a bar. **If you are interested** please contact Mr Somers, a Lopham parent, (at Diss High School) or Elaine Aldous on 01379 688342 or at lophamlinks@gmail.com

### Lophams Ramblers

On July 1st we had our annual away day to Southwold/Walberswick. We had an excellent walk, if somewhat longer than usual, with beautiful weather. We all enjoyed lunch at Southwold quay in either the café or the fish and chip restaurant. After lunch it was an easy walk back to the pier to collect cars and some also managed a cream tea on the pier.

### North Lopham Methodist Chapel

Services for August at 10.30am -  
 14<sup>th</sup> Aug, Mrs Sheila Jobes of Thetford  
 28<sup>th</sup> Aug, Rev Brian Trudgian of Diss.  
 A warm welcome to all!  
 Friday 5th August - A Supper & Raffle, 7pm for 7.15pm.  
 Names please, by Monday 1st August.  
 All proceeds for Chapel funds.

### South Lopham Parish Council

Meeting held 14th July: **1)** Tim Frizzell welcomed as a new co-opted member. **2)** Volunteer with good computer skills required to look after and update the Council's website. Most work consists of publishing the Agenda and Minutes of meetings. Anyone interested, please contact the Clerk, Lynn Perry, on 01379 688336 or lynn.perry1@btinternet.com. **3)** The Council is holding its **bi-annual litter-pick on Sunday, 30th October** meeting at the White Horse car park at 10.30 a.m. A lot of ground to cover so volunteers welcome. Those interested please notify Lynn Perry (above). **4)** Council also arranging to clean dirty road signs so it is hoped that you will see an improvement before long! **5)** Difficulties at The Lophams' News were noted. The Council recorded its thanks to Steve Milbourne for all his work on the News over many years. **6)** As you may have noticed, some artwork produced by pupils of St. Andrew's School is now displayed in the telephone kiosk; many thanks to them. Parishioners are encouraged to produce further work for display. Please contact Pat Blanchet on 01379 687970 or patblanchet@btinternet.com.

### St Andrew's Church

The Coffee Morning on Wednesday 6th July in the Church raised a total of £160. Our thanks go to all who came to support the Church.

**The Friends of South Lopham Church** are happy to report that the East and West Windows are now fully repaired and looking good. This is mainly down to all our supporters over the years that have been very generous and supportive. This year's **AGM** is to be held in the church on Monday 12th September 2011 at 7.30pm when, unfortunately it could well be the last meeting as the committee is to resign. There has been no lack of support for events, but we desperately need new people to help run these occasions and new people to join the committee. May we thank you all again for your support as without it, it wouldn't have been possible to pay for some of the repairs to our beautiful church.

### St Nicholas' Church

**Pentecost**, the birthday of the church, was celebrated at a Family Birthday Service at 11am, and a Songs of Praise with members of the benefice choir in the evening. We are very grateful to all those who took part in either of these special events.

"**Pirates of the Upper Waveney**" is the theme of this year's children's Holiday Club, at the Mess, from 1st to 5th August between 2.30 and 5pm. There will be fun & games, crafts aplenty, and party on the Friday afternoon. All primary children are welcome, plus younger children if their parents can stay with them.

In August there will be **Songs of Praise** in place of Evensong on 14th - an opportunity to have a good sing of as many favourites as can be fitted in. Do come and join in!

### Services for August

North Lopham	South Lopham
<b>7<sup>th</sup> August</b>	
9.30am HC	-
11am Fam S	-
<b>14<sup>th</sup> August</b>	
11am Fam S	-
6.30pm S of P	-
<b>21<sup>st</sup> August</b>	
11am Fam S	9.30am H C
<b>28<sup>th</sup> August</b>	
11am Fam H Com	6.30pm E.S.

### North Lopham Parish Council

Meeting 13th July; chaired by Councillor Tate, attended by all Councillors and 3 members of the public. **Grass cutting** in Back Lane: RGM, who currently cut the grass at the burial ground and Primrose Lane, are to be contacted about cutting Back Lane too. **Parish Newsletter:** Steve Milbourne, who has produced and printed Lophams' News for around 15 years, is unable to carry on. Jennie Vere produced a temporary edition at very short notice, thanks to her, and Lee Baker has offered to take over the production from the next issue though printing will have to be outsourced. Overall cost will inevitably increase. Appreciation for Steve's long service was expressed. The audit has been satisfactorily completed, thanks to Chris Stringfield. **Roads and Footpaths:** Serco has trimmed the verges. Complaints have been received about brambles and overgrown hedges encroaching on the footpaths along The Street and The Green. Residents are reminded that it is their responsibility to trim their hedges. Thanks to Mike McManus and Mr. Peter Cooke for cutting the weeds at Letchmere and to Gerald and Heather Potter for their work on Jubilee Lane. **Harling Crossroads:** no progress yet. **Church Road:** a new drain has been installed. **Biomass facility:** Next planning meeting deferred to at least September by Breckland Council. For the next meeting: Overhead power lines in the village need to be inspected for damage by trees, EDF to be contacted. **Trees at Letchmere** need professional cutting, competitive quotations to be obtained. **Affordable housing for local people:** further consideration to be given to this matter.

**The Social Scene:** The Summer **Coffee Morning** was held at Brecklands, home of Jean & Chris Stringfield, on June 29th. In keeping with tradition, we were blessed with wonderful sunshine!

Grateful thanks must go to all those who provided prizes, items to sell and delicious scones, jam & cream, as well as to everyone who worked so hard from the setting up till clearing away afterwards, and to those who came and supported the event. To date over £520 has been added to funds.

The **2011 Hymn Marathon** is booked for 30th July, in Church from 8.45am to 5.20pm - extra time needed in order to match the magic 600+ hymns reached in 2009!

Contributions for next issue by;

**18<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

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### Editor's Note

I hope you like the new format of your Lophams' News. All comments are welcome at our new email address.

Lee