

LOPHAMS NEWS JULY 2011

After many years of editing, publishing & printing the News - as a volunteer - Steve Milbourne has withdrawn from the role. Both villages owe Steve a huge debt of gratitude for giving both his time and expertise for so long.

Please accept this amateur issue for July as an interim effort; we urgently need someone to take on Steve's role. - Could **YOU** be that person? Meanwhile, copy can be e-mailed to jennyvere@btinternet.com by 18th July. Steve will forward any copy sent to him.

St Andrew's School

Now that all the SATs and other tests are out of the way, the children and staff are enjoying 'normal' teaching and learning, plus many extras - visits & visitors. Y6 go to familiarisation sessions at High School, and prospective reception children come to find out what 'big' school is all about. There was great excitement when an alien craft, possibly with (extra terrestrial) visitors on board, appeared on the playing field while our friends from All Saints, Winfarthing were with us one morning..... do ask the children what happened that day!

The Ladies Pamper Evening in May was a very happy and successful occasion, with lots of village support, which helped the FOSTA team raise over £400 for funds. Many thanks to everyone involved. St Andrew's Fayre was a huge success, despite the much needed rain arriving in torrents just as everything was getting going. The attendance from the local area was wonderful - a special mention must go to all the men who took part in a tremendous tug-of-war down the centre of a very slippery field. To FOSTA and all those who worked so hard, in advance, then on the afternoon, we give a great vote of thanks. After expenses, £539 was raised, a really marvellous effort.

The rest of the term will be very busy with all the traditional end of school year activities - Sports Day, a performance for families and friends, the Endeavour Class residential trip, and the Leavers' Celebration in the afternoon of 22nd July. Contact the school on 01379 687253 or e-mail head@st-andrews-pri.norfolk.sch.uk

Community lunches: The last lunch for this school year will be on Thursday 21st July at 12 noon; for just £3.50. Numbers are needed by the morning of Monday 18th; just telephone Jennie on 01379 687679 to book.

St Andrew's Pre School

The Mess, outside St Andrew's School is the venue for our small, community run group, working for the families of the Lophams, Blo Norton and surrounding area. Children are taken from 2 years up to school age and enjoy a varied programme of activities - learning through play. To learn more, call Tonya on 07962 219523 or e-mail attwood@btinternet.com

Lophams' Village Hall

Lottery - our opportunity to support the Village Hall and have a bit of fun too - is drawn at 11.30am on Market days. The winners for May were: D Somers first prize (£176.00), with A. Bush and A. Coffey winners of the second prizes (£44.00 each). The July draw will be the 21st - a 'key of the door' event. 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, tel; 01379 687608, from Village Hall Treasurer, Tim Colyer, tel; 01379 687718, from other Village Hall Committee members (see the website for details), at the Farmers' Market and at Village Hall Events. Farmers' Markets are on the fourth Saturday each month, from 9am till 12.30pm, so the next one will be on July 23rd. 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. To book the hall for private functions, please contact 01379 687679. To find out more about the hall generally, visit the web- site at www.lophamsvillagehall.co.uk .

Lopham Links needs you:

The community group formed to fundraise and develop a play and recreation area for the villages needs some young people to join the group. We are looking for a group of 12-16 year olds to join us to help fundraise and raise awareness about the recreation area. This area is for you too so we need your help, or the younger ones. 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. A LINKS FUNDRAISING CAR BOOT sale is planned for the 27th August, 9-1 alongside the Farmers' Market at the village hall. All proceeds are for the recreation area fund. Please come along and help raise

money for this area. Pitches are just £5.00. There will also be a community consultation on this day, please come along and look at proposed plans and the equipment we hope to have. Anyone willing to become involved in this project please contact Elaine.

Garden Club

Our visit to Gooderstone Water Gardens on 1st June was much enjoyed by all. On 6th July we shall welcome Graeme Proctor to talk on "Growing Apples" and on 6th August we are looking forward to another outing, this time to RHS Hyde Hall. Tickets are on sale now - tel 01953 681989 for more information.

Lophams' Ladies

At our June meeting Jackie Clark of the BTO spoke about 'Bird Ringing' . On July 5th we welcome any visitors to come to a talk and demonstration by Theatrical Make-Up Artist, Christine Clarke. Everyone is welcome. On August 2nd we have a garden visit to the home of Robert and Madeleine McCaw. Meetings are normally held in the Village Hall at 7.15pm for 7.30pm; on the first Tuesday of the month. Visitors & new members welcome. Tel 01379 687337 for details.

North Lopham Parish Council

Meeting on Wednesday 13th July in the Methodist Chapel at 7pm. All residents are welcome to come along and hear about the affairs of the village. N.B. Please would everyone try to ensure the comfort and safety of all those using the footpaths, by trimming trees and hedges and using the bins provided so that dog fouling is no longer such a problem. Thank you all.

South Lopham Telephone Kiosk

The telephone kiosk will begin it's new life as a community focus point in July when initially a series of monthly events will be run, first will be a display of art work by pupils from St Andrews School then a 'Swap Shop' in August and a 'Book Exchange' in September. Ideas for a future display or use for the kiosk will be welcomed by programme manager Pat Blanchet at patblanchet@btinternet.com or 01379 687970

North Lopham Methodist Chapel Services for July:

3rd at 10.30 - preacher Mrs S Johns of Thetford;

17th at 10.30 - Fellowship. A welcome to all!

St Nicholas' Church

Friday Night was SNYSB Night in May raised over £230 for the church and a collection raised £45 for SNYSB funds. Grateful thanks to all who participated or who came along. Rogation Sunday (29th May) was celebrated with a Pilgrimage Communion service, starting at North Lopham Church, ending with a Bring and Share lunch in Roydon Parish Room. Pentecost, the church birthday, was celebrated at a Family Birthday Service and a Songs of Praise. The Summer Coffee Morning at Brecklands, on June 29th was a happy, successful occasion raising over £530. Grateful thanks to hosts Jean & Chris and all who helped and/or supported this. Hymn Marathon: In response to requests there will be a Hymn Marathon in church on Saturday 30th July, from 8.45am till about 5.30pm. If you would like to support this effort, Jennie will call so that you can sponsor a particular hymn, or the event generally. On the day, the hard working local team will be on hand with refreshments if you would like to come along and listen, meet friends old and new, or even sing along during the afternoon. There is no specific target, but we got to 602 in 2009. Thank you in advance for any support you are able to give.

South Lopham Church

A Coffee Morning. will be held in church on 6th July from 10am to noon. Everyone is welcome. The Chancel door has been restored and looks magnificent. Our thanks go to Kevin Pilmer for undertaking this work and for his exceptional craftsmanship. Also we would like to thank Alan and Irene Howard for funding this restoration. The Chancel door will now be there for generations to see and admire.

Services for July

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10th 11am Fam S. 6.30pm E. S.

17th 11am Fam. S.

24th 11am Fam. H. C. 6.30pm E.S.

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