

THE LOPHAMS' NEWS

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Suffolk Wildlife Trust's Plant Sale

at Redgrave and Lopham Fen on Sunday 18th April, 10am-4pm

20+ award winning and specialist nurseries, a dazzling display throughout the day! A real A-Z, this year's stands include everything to inspire the spring gardener; alpines, ferns, fuchsias, herbs, perennials, shrubs, fruit trees and carnivorous plants. Family trail 'weird and wonderful plants', gardeners raffle, café and gift shop, way marked walks, dogs welcome on a short lead. Entry: Adults £1, children free. For more information contact: Suffolk Wildlife Trust on 01379 688333 or email redgrave.education@suffolkwildlifetrust.org

Lophams' Ladies

An Open Meeting is planned for March 2nd, with Kevin Pilmer's famous "Slides of the Lophams & Local Area". All are invited to see what this part of the world looked like 80 to 100 year ago, when the A1066 was just a muddy track! Entrance is just £2, which includes refreshments. There will be a Raffle. The meeting begins at 7.30pm. For any extra information please contact 01379 687337 or 687679.

In February, Fay Dunkley shared with us many of her original drawings and patterns from a fascinating career in fashion - making as well as designing a massive range of items, from wedding finery to fancy dress and soft toys.

Lophams' Village Hall

Lottery News: The Lottery is our opportunity to support our Village Hall and have a bit of fun too! Prize winners for the first three months were:

January 2010: 1st Prize of £142.00 - Joe Bernard, 2nd Prizes of £35.50 each - Daphne Cole and Anne Frith.

December 2009: 1st Prize of £136.00 - Barry Sarbutt, 2nd Prizes of £34.00 each - Mr & Mrs Mike Tipple and Kay Wood.

November 2009: 1st Prize of £124.00 - Roy Doran, 2nd Prizes of £31.00 each - Tim Colyer and Amy Loomes.

As entries continue to sell, the prize fund grows and so do the prizes!! Copies of the full rules and entry forms are available now from promoter Eileen Jacob (tel: 01379 687515), 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.

The March **Farmers' Market** is on the 4th Saturday (27th) from 9am until 12.30pm. For details call Mike on 01379 687235.

Judo continues on Mondays and Wednesdays - details from Howard on 01379 688258. **Dog Training** is on most Tuesday evenings. Our trainer Elaine (07845 776110) will provide information.

To book the Hall for private functions, please contact 01379 687679 or to find out more about the Hall generally visit the website at www.lophamsvillagehall.co.uk

South Lopham Estates Charity

One of the objects of this local charity is to provide modest financial help (say up to £100) to residents of South Lopham, including their children, who have a particular need for such assistance. Anyone who thinks he or she may qualify, or would like to suggest another person, should get in touch with the Secretary, Sarah Frizzell, on 01379 687337.

St. Andrew's School

When the **Haiti** earthquake occurred we were very proud of the oldest children who asked immediately "How can we help?" A non uniform day, when the children gave a donation to come in everyday clothes, was quickly organised by the school council, and Mrs Dawe ran a competition to design a Haiti support poster during the week before the event. There were some wonderful entries for the competition, which was judged by Mrs Dawe's family, who know no

one at the school. Many congratulations to Kirsty, Lucy and Niamh who won the prizes for their class, and many thanks to the families who supported the effort so generously. With the income from a similar event at our partner school in Bressingham we were able to send over £418 to the disaster fund - a magnificent response!

Children and staff have battled on valiantly throughout the recent icy weeks, working hard, and keeping up with sports fixtures where possible and really do deserve a good half term break.

There are two special treats for March. A Partnership visit to see "**George's Marvellous Medicine**" at Lowestoft (sure to provide some inspiration for literacy, art and design), and then St Andrew's pupils will visit **Walsingham**, to experience the Palm Sunday to Easter journey in a very special setting. **Arts Week** for both Partnership schools will provide many curriculum enrichment opportunities and bring us almost to the end of term.

Community Lunches - There will not be a lunch in March as the Walsingham trip is on the third Tuesday. Nor will there be a church assembly that day, but we feel sure the children will learn a huge amount from their expedition.

Redgrave & Lopham Fen

(for bookings phone 01379 688333)

Delicious Cream Teas for Mothering Sunday, Sunday 14th March, 10am - 4pm, £3 per person.



Art Classes for Beginners, Monday 15th March, 10am - 1pm: Explore different techniques in paint and pencil to help with observation with Kate Nockles. £7.50 per person. Booking essential.

Activity Day for Home Educated Young People, Tuesday 16th March, 10.30am - 2.30pm: Cuckoos and signs of spring for ages 5-16 years. £6 each. Booking essential.

Craft workshop, Sunday 21st March, 10.30 - 12 noon: Make your own notebook and a mini post-it-note holder (samples in visitor centre) with wire binding. £7.50 per person. Booking essential.

Botanical Illustration, Wednesday 24th March, 10am - 1pm: Covering a range of illustration techniques with an emphasis on botanical accuracy with Christine Grey-Wilson. £14 or £50 for 4 sessions. Booking essential.

Lent Lunches

The Bread & Cheese lunches on Tuesdays between 12 noon and 2pm in homes around the village continue throughout March, with all the funds raised being given to the Diocesan Lent Appeal for Education projects in Papua New Guinea. Please look out for local posters with details of the venues (2nd at Brecklands, 9th at Southlands, 16th at Allotments Farm and 23rd at Cambria Cottage).

North Lopham Parish Council

Local Development Framework: Breckland Council has proposed several minor changes to the North Lopham settlement boundary, mainly aimed at correcting historical irregularities and reducing the opportunity for inappropriate 'back-filling'. There will be a period of full public consultation in April / May, but "before and after" maps have been posted on the noticeboard at Letchmere.

As announced in the last edition of Lophams' News, the annual **Village Spring Clean** will take place on Saturday 6th March. Anyone able to assist (for safety reasons, no young or unaccompanied children, please) is asked to meet at the

pond (Letchmere) at 9am. Litter pickers, protective gloves, 'day-glo' jackets and bags will be available, but please bring your own if you have them. In the longer term, details have been announced of a scheme which could provide funding for equipment and a small honorarium for a village 'Litter Warden'. If you would like further details please contact our clerk Mike Cox (01379 688355) or come to the next Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 10th March at 7.30pm in the Methodist Schoolroom.

North Lopham Methodist Chapel

The **Sing-a-Long Coffe Morning** was well attended. Thanks to everyone who came. The collection amounted to £169.

Preachers for March at 10.45am are;

- 14th March;
Miss Hammond of Stanton.
- 28th March;
To be announced later.

A warm welcome to all.

St. Nicholas' Church (North Lopham)

Many people came to the five parish (Candlemas) Communion on 31st January, at which our Group Choir led the singing. Many congratulations to Danny, Tom, William and Mary who came to every Christmas "special" from the Toy Service to the Christingle in the afternoon of Candlemas, including the Carolling through the village!!

Grateful thanks to all those who supported the extra collections in our churches following the **Haiti** earthquake; many folk sent directly. We were pleased to send almost £400 from the benefice.

The Lent season Discussion Groups will now take place on Thursdays, at 7.30pm in Bressingham Chapel, not as previously advertised. These are very informal occasions when everyone's ideas are welcomed and respected.

The Women's World Day of Prayer service for our parishes will be at Roydon on

Friday 5th March at 2pm. All are welcome - men and women, older and younger too.

Mothering Sunday is on 14th March, so we will be able to celebrate family life, with special thoughts for mothers, at both 11am, All Age Worship, and 6.30pm Evensong. There will be posies for all the ladies, and for others in the village who cannot attend.

On Palm Sunday, 28th March, we hope to see many families at the Communion for All at 11am, when palm crosses will be blessed and carried in procession - outside, we hope!

St. Andrew's Church (South Lopham)

The **PCC** would like to thank Kevin Pilmer for replacing a rail to the pulpit which has made it much safer to use.

This year the **Family Service** will be held at St Andrew's at 11am on Easter Day, Sunday 4th April. If you would like to help us decorate the church for Easter please come along on Saturday 3rd April.

Services for March

North Lopham	South Lopham
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7th March

9.30am Group HC	-
11am Fam Serv	-

14th March

11am Mothering FS	-
6.30pm ES	-

21st March

11am Fam S	9.30am Group HC
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28th March

11am Fam HC	6.30pm ES
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(Palm Sunday)

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