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The Little Ouse Headwaters Project

The new lands acquired by the LOHP and known as **Parkers Piece & Bleywycks Bank**, Theltenham, Suffolk, will be officially opened on **Friday 7th May at 3pm**. This will also incorporate the opening of the new footbridge over the Little Ouse, further linking Norfolk & Suffolk. The official opening will be performed by the Right Reverend Nigel Stock, Bishop of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich, and the Right Reverend Graham James, Bishop of Norwich. Invitations to the official ceremony have been issued to sponsors, members of the LOHP and supporters. To celebrate the opening of these sites the LOHP will be serving drinks and conducting guided walks at 6.30pm in the same evening and this event will be open to all.

Lophams' Ladies

At the AGM in April, Kate Briggs was welcomed as a new Committee member and Sarah Frizzell was re-elected to the Chair. After the business a Members' Session - poetry, stories and music - was most enjoyable. On May 4th, the subject is DNA, its intricacies and its potential, forensic as well as medical. Visitors, both men and women, are welcome to join us - for details ring 01379 687337 or 687679. The charge is £2, to include refreshments, and there will be a Bring & Buy stall.

Lophams' Happy Circle

We held our April meeting in the Village Hall, and listened to Mr Hubbard from Pulham who entertained us to some Golden Oldies on his organ. Some of our members were singing along, while some were tapping their feet. This was followed by Tea, which was a beautiful spread made by Mrs B Hart of Hopton. Thursday 13th May will be our first outing of the year, which will be to Fakenham Market and Wells. Anyone wishing to know more please ring Daphne on 01379 687453 or Avis on 01953 681789.

Lophams' Village Hall

Official Notice: Friday 21st May 2010 at 7.30pm. Annual Village Hall Trustees Open Meeting: All villagers from both Lophams are welcome to come to hear the reports on the past year's activities and to make representations to the Trustees.

Lottery News: The Lottery is our opportunity to support our Village Hall and have a bit of fun too! As entries continue to sell, the prize fund grows and so do the prizes. First prize in March, won by E Jacob, was £160, with £40 each for Suffolk Farmhouse Cheeses & A Loomes. N.B. those who entered for 6 months at the Lottery start need to renew their entry by May 8th to stay in with a chance! Copies of the full rules and entry forms are available now from promoter Eileen Jacob (01379 687515), from Village Hall Treasurer Tim Colyer (01379 687718), from other Village

Hall Committee members (see the website for details), at the Farmers' Market and at Village Hall Events.

The May Farmers' Market is on the 22nd, from 9am till 12.30pm. For details, call Mike on 01379 687235. **Judo** continues on Mondays & Wednesdays (details from Howard on 01379 688258). **Dog Training** is on most Tuesday evenings. 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

St. Andrew's School

The children all enjoyed the **Arts Week** in March - and produced some delightful work, especially the watercolours, to decorate the school. They were enthralled by Story Teller Hugh Lupton (featured in the EDP on 17th April) and the opportunity to perform stories. Their friendships with children from Bressingham grew as they worked together.

The children took part in several **sporting events** near the end of term, always gaining praise for their sporting attitude and team spirit. They always do well in competitions, finishing in the top half, usually against much larger schools. Congratulations to Lucy B, who won in her age group at the Cross Country event. Many thanks to parents who transport their children on these occasions. The aroma of **Hot Cross Buns** welcomed parents to school for the Easter end of term service. The buns featured in the programme too, so were the obvious choice for the refreshments afterwards! Thank you to FOSTA members for serving these.

Community Lunches return on Tuesday 18th May at 12 noon. Guests from both villages and Blo Norton are all welcome. Just contact Jennie on 01379 687679 by Friday 14th to book, then come along for a hot meal served by hosts from Class 3, who always give everyone a very warm welcome. The charge is £3.50, and there is a raffle, organised by the children, with tickets just 10p each.

FOSTA (Friends of St Andrews School) -

Thank you to everyone who came to our recent Bingo evening. £150 was raised for funds. Our next fundraising evening will be a Beetle Drive at the school on May 21st. Over the past few FOSTA have raised money by selling **plants from a Norfolk nursery** (bedding plants to ready made hanging baskets). If you are interested in buying plants please look at the website on www.cdbell.co.uk. If FOSTA place an order we receive a massive 30% of the value of the order. To place orders or for more information contact Gillian Rednall on 01379 687225 by the 7th May please. All individual orders need to be submitted to the plant nursery by FOSTA, and we will deliver the plants to your house. Due to popular demand we hope to be holding the **Yard Sale Day** during June. Date to be confirmed soon, so start collecting all the things you don't use any more to have a sale.

South Lopham Village Society

The Society is holding a **Quiz Night** at the Village Hall on Friday 14th May at 7.30pm. The ticket price of £6 per head includes a chilli and baked potato dinner and there will be a bar. The tables will consist of 6 people. If you would like to attend, tickets can be obtained from the Secretary, Paddy Miller, on 01379 687490. If you are not able to assemble a table, don't worry, the Society will accommodate you. Our previous Quiz Nights have been very successful and the Society very much hopes to attract a good attendance again.

Redgrave & Lopham Fen

(for bookings phone 01379 688333)

Wildlife Art Exhibition: Sat 1st-Mon 3rd and Sat 8th-Sun 9th May, 10am-5pm. Suggested donation £1. **Dawn Chorus Walk:** Sun 2nd May, 4.30am-7am. Adult £7, Child £5 (incl. breakfast). Booking essential. **Birds for Beginners:** Sun 16th May, 10am-4pm. £20, Conc. £17. Booking essential. **Art Classes**



for Beginners: Mon 17th May, 10am-1pm. £7.50. Booking essential. **Wildlife of Suffolk Photography Exhibition:** Sat/Sun 22nd/23rd and Sat/Sun 29th/31st May, 10am-5pm. Suggested donation £1.

North Lopham Parish Council

The **Annual Parish Open Meeting** will start at 7pm on Wednesday **12th May** in the Methodist Schoolroom. We will have reports from many village groups and from our District and County Councillor William Nunn, and there will be plenty of opportunity for members of the public to ask questions and make comments and suggestions regarding all aspects of our village. The Open Meeting will be followed by the AGM, at which Officers will be elected for the coming year and the accounts for 2009/2010 will be presented prior to audit. All members of the public are very welcome to attend; we usually have about 20 members of the public present for the Open Meeting, so you won't be alone!

South Lopham Parish Council

Forty residents attended the **Annual Village Meeting** at the Village Hall in April. Parish Council Chairman Peter Coster presented his report - his last, as he will be standing down at the AGM on May 13th. He thanked all the councillors for their involvement throughout the year and gave a brief summary of their work. Representatives from eight village organisations gave a brief outline of their activities over the past year and District and County Councillor William Nunn spoke about key issues in Local and central government which would affect village residents.

There followed a lively discussion on how best to use the £1000 bequest from the previous Lord of the Manor. Four proposals were put to the meeting: to buy and plant more bulbs to further enhance the appearance of the village; to provide a new notice board outside the Church; to purchase the red telephone kiosk; to erect a flagpole on The Green. Mr Nunn advised the meeting that a grant for bulbs would be available under the Pride in Breckland scheme and those present agreed that the phone kiosk purchase at a cost of £1 should go ahead. After much debate it was decided that the flagpole was not a desirable way to use the money but that a notice board outside the Church would be of value to all. There was a strong feeling that consideration should be given to providing a play area for the children of the village. After much discussion on location of and need for such a facility, it was agreed that the Parish Council would support in principle any initiative to investigate the feasibility of a playground and it was suggested that approaches be made to the Village Hall Committee at its AGM. The Chairman closed the meeting by appealing

for residents to consider becoming a councillor and reminding everyone that the Parish **Council AGM is on May 13th** at Pansthorpe B&B.

Lent Lunches

Those who came enjoyed this way of raising funds for the Diocesan Lent Appeal for Education projects in Papua New Guinea. With the addition of the collection at the Easter morning breakfast, £358.03 has been sent to the appeal. Thank you all.

North Lopham Methodist Chapel

We will be celebrating **200 years** in the present chapel on **Saturday 8th May** (chapel open from 2pm to 9pm). Exhibitions and refreshment from 7pm, with Diss Salvation Army Band entertaining. On Sunday 9th May the chapel will be open from 2pm, with a 3pm Service of Celebration led by Revd. Robin Searles. The service will be followed by Tea. All friends welcome.

Preachers for May at 10.45am are;

- 23rd May: Mr Aspinall of Stanton.

A welcome to all.

Church Annual Meetings

At the Vestry Meetings on 18th April the churchwardens of each parish were elected to serve a further year in office - David Huggins & Peter Reeder at South Lopham; Jean Stringfield and Richard Vere at North Lopham. We thank them all.

St. Nicholas' Church (North Lopham)

We are very grateful to all those who cleaned and decorated the church so beautifully for the **Easter** season. The Bonfire outside and First Light service inside were a wonderful introduction to Easter proper. Thanks go to Judy & Laurie for hosting the breakfast afterwards. The **Music Praise & Worship Service** on Low Sunday was well attended. Grateful thanks to all the musicians & to Graham and Becky Turrell. There will be another MPW service on 9th May, with very special speaker, The Ven David Hayden, Archdeacon of Norfolk.

Friday Night is SNYSB Night is at 7.30pm on 28th May, in St Nicholas' Church, when the members of the South Norfolk Youth Symphonic Band will entertain us with a wonderful variety of tunes, including music from films and West End shows, as well as items written specially for wind bands. There will be an interval for refreshments

and a chance to meet the musicians. The inclusive tickets will be just £5, available from PCC members. **Josie's Famous Coffee Morning** at Gables Farm is on Wednesday 2nd June from 10am.

St. Andrew's Church (South Lopham)

This year the **Easter Sunday Family Service** was held at St. Andrew's Church, which had been tastefully decorated for the occasion. The service, which was well attended, was led by Richard Vere with the Easter talk given by Jennie Vere. After the service the congregation enjoyed Easter Eggs and light refreshments. There is now a rota in place for the team of flower arrangers, who have also benefited from lessons in the art from Cynthia Huggins. The PCC would like to thank Gill Mutimer and members of the Banham Community Outreach Church who recently helped tidy the churchyard.

The **Friends of South Lopham Church** would like to invite you to a demonstration of Sugarcraft by Claire of Diss on Thursday 27th May in the Village Hall at 7pm for 7.30pm. The price of a ticket is £5, which includes a glass of wine and nibbles on arrival, finishing with a coffee whilst the raffle is drawn. This promises to be a very interesting evening and we look forward to seeing you. Also, we would like to give you prior warning of our Strawberry Tea which is in June. Thanks to David and Jackie Burroughs this will be at The Hall, South Lopham this year. Watch out for further details.

Services for May

North Lopham	South Lopham
2nd May	
9.30am HC	-
11am FS	-
9th May	
11am FS	-
6.30pm MP&W	-
16th May	
11am Fam S	9.30am Group HC
23rd May	
11am Fam HC	6.30pm ES

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