

# THE LOPHAMS' NEWS

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## Bonfire & Fireworks - 6th November

The gates will be open on the day from 6pm, when entries for the children's competition - a Guy Fawkes picture or model - can be brought into the Hall, and the fire will be lit in good time before the fireworks display at 7.30pm. **The charge is £6 for adults and £2 for children - not much for a fantastic display!** There will be pork rolls, soup & drinks, plus novelty items for the children to buy, so do come along for a fun filled evening for all the family. The field gates will be open at the weekends until 6th for all your autumn prunings and burnable contributions.



## Lophams' Village Hall

**The Lottery** - our opportunity to support the Village Hall and have a bit of fun too - is a year old this month. New members, and any who need to renew their numbers, 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 for details), or at the Farmers' Market and at Village Hall Events. September winners were: first - R. Bassett (£152), second - M. Baker and M. Birchall (£38 each). (N.B. The Christmas Bonanza Fund is growing well!).

## Lophams' Ladies

Our **Jumble Sale Bric-a-Brac** and Car Boot Sale, held on a fine day in early September, raised £196. Many thanks to all who supported this event.

At our September meeting we were tempted with Mary Yuill's homemade sweets, and in sharp contrast at our October meeting, Yvonne Leonard's illustrated talk warned us of all of the **Poisonous Plants** we have in our gardens and homes. Not only are they harmful to us, and more especially to children, but we have to be aware of the dangers to our pets too.

On November 2nd we welcome Malcolm Crowe who is going to talk on "**Table games past and present**" with a time for "Hands-On!" This is an open meeting with Bring and Buy and members are encouraged to invite a friend. Orders will also be taken for our Christmas Dinner which will be at lunchtime on December 7th at the Kings Head.

Our meetings are held in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. Visitors are always welcome. Tel 01379 687337 for details.

## Garden Club

In September professional photographer David Boulton gave us a delightful

presentation set to music entitled "**Gardens Great and Small**". At our October meeting we invited back Terry Rands to talk on "Hedging". Terry's wealth of experience and knowledge gained on his own smallholding gave us all some useful ideas.

On November 3rd we welcome Tim Fuller from local nursery "Plantsman's Preference" to talk on "**Good Companions**". Tickets for the Christmas Dinner, on December 1st, will be on sale priced £13. This will be held in the restaurant at Blooms Garden Centre which is where all our meetings are held. Visitors and new members always welcome. Meetings start at 7.30pm - phone 01953 681989 for further information.

## Little Ouse Headwaters Project

*Winners of - Living Wetlands Award 2006  
Suffolk Greenest Community Award - 2009  
Norfolk Biodiversity Partnership - Site Award 2010*

**Annual Talk & AGM** - Garboldisham Village Hall, Thursday December 9th. The annual talk this year will be given by Paul Read at 8pm - "**Old orchards in the Waveney and Little Ouse valleys**". Paul Read is an independent orchard expert and recognised as one of the leading authorities. He lives locally and has an intimate knowledge of orchard culture in this area. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our orchard history and why orchards make such an important contribution to our environment. Booking is not required. Non-members are welcome to attend either, our AGM and illustrated review of the current year's achievements, or to arrive at 8pm for the talk. Admission £2 which includes light refreshments. The talk will be preceded by a short AGM at 7.30pm. More Information from P. Coster (01379 688018) or at [www.lohp.org.uk](http://www.lohp.org.uk)

## St. Andrew's School

"Thank you" has really been the theme this half term! **The Harvest Festival** service was a very happy occasion, in the beautifully decorated church, with lots of parents and friends to share in some of the

singing. Thank you to all the children for their pictures, prayers and stories to help focus our thoughts on thanking God for his goodness and giving us the chance to give back good things to help other people. Some of the gifts were used to help old or lonely folk in the village; the rest have gone to St. Martin's Centre for homeless people in Norwich.

There is now a full programme of clubs at lunch-time or after school, for everything from lego and crafts to sport and music. Thank you to all the children and adults who help to run these activities. Some parents and friends gave up time to help at the **October Planting Day**. The biggest job was clearing out all the weeds & dead plants and pruning shrubs and bushes, before the new plants could be put in place. The school grounds certainly look a lot brighter already, and are sure to be a riot of colour in the Spring! Thank you to all who helped. Our netball and football teams have been in action recently. They were not victorious, but represented the school well and had fun. Well done to you all and thank you to supporters, trainers, and those who accompany them round the county!

**FOSTA** members have been busy during recent weeks - providing refreshments after the Harvest and planning the programme of fun and fund-raising events. The big event for November is a **Fun Casino Evening** at the Village Hall on Friday 26th. Your ticket money buys "fun" money to use at the various tables, and there are prizes for those who manage to increase their supply the most by the end of the evening!

**November's Community Lunch** will be held on Tuesday 16th at 12 noon. Friends from the local villages are invited to come along to enjoy a hot meal in the company of the children, when Class 3 pupils will be your hosts. The meal is £3.50, including fruit juice, and there will be a raffle, run by the children with tickets just 10p each. To book your place, please phone Jennie on 01379 687679 by Friday 12th November.



## Redgrave & Lopham Fen

for bookings phone 01379 688333 or  
redgrave.centre@suffolkwildlifetrust.org

**Guided walk:** Sat 6th Nov, 10.30am-12.30pm. A gentle stroll with our volunteer guide, taking in the sights and sounds to be found on the Fen at this time of year. Suitable for all ages. Adults £3, children £1. Booking advisable. **Art exhibition:** Sat 6th-Sun 7th Nov, 10am-4pm. Work on display by Michael Coulter, Sheila Tilmouth, Carry Ackroyd, Brin Edwards, and Robert Gilmor to celebrate Suffolk's first ever 100% charity card range. Free entry.

**Art classes for beginners:** Mon 15th Nov, 10am-1pm. Explore different techniques in paint and pencil to help with observation with Kate Nockles. £7.50. Booking essential. **Botanical illustration:** Wed 24th Nov, 10am-1pm. Covering a range of illustration techniques with an emphasis on botanical accuracy with Christine Grey-Wilson. £14 (£50 for 4). Booking essential.

## North Lopham Parish Council

NLPC did not meet in October. **Please continue to report** any traffic problems or near misses to the Police on 0845 456 4567.

## Shoebboxes for children in Eastern Europe

If YOU are filling a shoebox with little gifts, you may like to know that the shoeboxes from our area will go to Belarus - the area worst affected by the Chernobyl disaster some 23 years ago, and where the after effects are still affecting the health, livelihood and prospects of all age groups.

Boxes need to be brought to St Nicholas' Church, or Southlands, North Lopham by 14th November to be sure of collection. For further details phone 01379 687679.

## Lophams' Harvest Supper

The, by now traditional, Hog Roast, courtesy of "Hogs at Home" was the main attraction for a large gathering of people from the Lophams' and beyond, but the two vegetarian alternatives created by Cynthia also received many compliments. With accompanying jacket potatoes, vegetables and "extras", and home made apple pies and ice cream afterwards, plus coffee and time to chat, the success of the evening was assured.

Grateful thanks go to all those who helped in any way with the cooking or preparations and clearing up, to those who made table centres or donated the large array of raffle prizes and to those who came along on the night.

## North Lopham Methodist Chapel

The Slide Show held last month was successful and raised over £200. Thanks to everyone who came.

*Services for November at 10.30am are;*

- 7th November;  
Preacher Mr Webber of Thetford.
- 21st November;  
Preacher Mr M Brown of Roydon.

*Preliminary notice:* The Carol Service will take place on 5th December. A warm welcome to all.

## St. Nicholas' Church (North Lopham)

**Harvest Thanksgiving** weekend was a lovely end to September. Many thanks must go to all the people who decorated the church so beautifully - the mix of Autumn colours glowed with welcome. There were good congregations for both celebration services, which were led by the Revd Rob Mellowship. It was good to have members of the Benefice Choir leading the music at Evensong, and singing a special Introit.

**The Upper Waveney Benefice Festival** on 16th & 17th was a resounding success! The heritage displays in St Nicholas' Church - of the Lopham Linen industry, with labelled examples & original artefacts, of the antique bibles, and of the collection of coins unearthed round the village - attracted a constant stream of visitors. Some had a go at weaving themselves, and a group of young people made a section of their own video film about the village and its history. Such was the interest that several came back for a second time, some bringing their own treasures to share with us! The refreshment & homemade stalls did brisk business, and the Tombola almost sold out twice. In all we raised over £330 in church to add to the Festival fund. The display at the Methodist Chapel attracted considerable interest; the building itself was a village treasure discovered for the first time by some of its visitors. Very many thanks go to all those who helped make the weekend a success, either by making goodies, providing display items (especially Paul with his coins), or by being there to talk to the visitors and ensure everyone felt welcome.

**The Merely Divas** concert at Bressingham Church was a real treat for a large audience, a wonderful oasis of sound at the centre of the weekend.

November brings **Remembrance** once again. The annual ceremony at the War memorial will be held at 11am on 11th, with

representatives of the RBL, local veterans, and residents joined by the oldest pupils from St Andrew's School. The local branch of the Royal British Legion will hold their Remembrance Service in church on Sunday 14th, with the silence observed at 11am. The names of the fallen will also be read at Evensong.

## St. Andrew's Church (South Lopham)

On October 16th and 17th there was a **Craft Fair** in the Church as part of the Benefice Festival. There were demonstrations from local people showing the art of Spinning, Patchwork, Quilting, Wood Turning and Card Making. There were also local homemade crafts on offer including Soap, Jewellery, Cards, Bags, Pottery, Cushions, Carved Wooden items and Textiles. There was also a plant stall and a beautiful display of quilts for the Project Linus. We were delighted to have two very sunny days for the Craft Fair and it was very well attended and most successful. Thank you to all who helped, and to all who came and enjoyed these local crafts.

On **St. Andrew's Day** the 30th November there will be a **Coffee Morning** in the Church from 10am to 12 noon, which will include a cake stall, bring and buy and Christmas items. We hope you will be able to come along for a Coffee, Scone and a chat.

## Services for November

North Lopham	South Lopham
<b>7th November</b>	
9.30am HC	-
11am Fam S	-
<b>14th November</b>	
10.50am RBLRem	-
6.30pm ES	-
<b>21st November</b>	
9.30am Group HC	-
<b>28th November</b>	
11am Fam HC (Advent S)	6.30pm ES -

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