

# THE LOPHAMS' NEWS

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## Ruby and Her Horses at Lophams' Village Hall

Ruby and Her Horses is coming to the Hall on Thursday 28th October, at 7.30pm. Tickets are £6 (£5 for children), available by phoning 01379 687679. *"If you get a chance to see these two entertainers grab the opportunity with both hands!"*  
- The EastAnglian Daily Times.

This is a true life narrative told by Neil Lanham from stories that were told to him by his Mother Ruby. In the show the audience will be drawn back to the period just before the First World War and then through the agricultural depression of the 1930s. It was, Ruby said, a time when, "if you hadn't got anything you were lucky because you hadn't got the worry of it. For sure as eggs are eggs you'd loose it". The narrative is supported by a PowerPoint presentation of Ruby's own photographs, digitally enhanced for the big screen, and each story is followed by an unaccompanied song from Andrew Stannard in his nutbrown East Suffolk voice. Everything you hear on the night will come straight out of the oral tradition, nothing having been taken from books.

### Lophams' Village Hall

**The Bonfire & Fireworks** event will be on 6th November. The field gates will be open at the weekend during October for all your autumn prunings and burnable contributions. Please note, that we can only accept material that meets the environmental guidelines (no plastic, paint, oil etc).

**The Lottery** - our opportunity to support the Village Hall and have a bit of fun too - is now nearly a year old. 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 (tel: 01379 687608), from Village Hall Treasurer, Tim Colyer (tel: 01379 687718), from other Village Hall Committee members (see the website for details), or at the Farmers' Market and at Village Hall Events. The winners for August were: 1st - D Colyer (£156); 2nd - G Brown and N Holdsworth (who each received £39).

**Farmers' Markets** continue on the 4th Saturday each month - the next one is 23rd October, from 9am-12.30pm. 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. 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](http://www.lophamsvillagehall.co.uk).

**Lophams' (Holy) Bingo** sessions continue in the Hall on the first Monday of the month, from 2-4pm. Anyone is welcome to come along for a social afternoon. It is always a very happy affair - not intended for serious bingo players! - YOU will be very welcome. If transport is a problem phone 01379 687679.

**Shoebboxes for children in Eastern Europe:** Anyone who would like to support

this good cause is invited to start filling a shoebox with little gifts, to be sent out at the end of November. For further details ring 01379 687679.

### South Lopham Village Society

The Society held a very successful **barbecue evening** on Saturday 21st August when about sixty people attended. Music was provided by "The Caverners", a popular singing duo who sang mostly 60s and 70s songs, which went down very well and attracted even the more elderly punters onto the dance floor! The next event is a **Quiz Night** to be held on **Friday 12th November** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. There will be tables of 6 people, but turn up anyway and you will be fitted in. Tickets are £6 each, which includes a hot meal, and there will be a licensed bar. Anyone interested should call Granville Horan on 01379 640355 or Paddy Miller on 01379 687490.

### St. Andrew's School

A bright and shiny school (thank you to Mrs Baker for all her hard work in the holidays!) gave a warm welcome to all the new faces at the beginning of the new term - to the new children in Reception, and further up the school, to Mrs Lewis who joined us to teach Class 1, and to Mrs Sue Sweet, our new County Headteacher. Mrs Sweet is known to some of the teachers already, from her earlier career in the area, and has brought sports teams to Lopham in the past, so says she already feels 'at home'. We hope all the other newcomers will soon feel 'at home' too and be very happy at St Andrew's.

The first major public event of the term was the Harvest Festival Service in St Nicholas' Church on Monday 27th September. The various school clubs, and FOSTA, are busy planning their programmes for the coming months, so do please watch for local notices

of events, sports fixtures etc.

**Community Lunches** begin again in October, on the third Tuesday each month during term time. Friends from the local villages are invited to come along on 19th at 12 noon, to enjoy a hot meal in the company of the children. 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 15th.

### Redgrave & Lopham Fen (for bookings phone 01379 688333)

**Wildlife Watch Group:** A club for 6 to 12yr olds, Sat 9th Oct, 10.30am-12.30pm. £1.50.  
**Apple Day:** Apple identification, fruit trees and garden plants for sale, crafts, stalls, tastings, Sun 10th Oct, 10am-4pm. Adults £3, children £2. **Art classes for beginners:** Mon 11th Oct, 10am-1pm. £7.50, booking essential. **Botanical Illustration:** Wed 20th Oct, 10am-1pm. £14 (£50 for 4), booking essential. **New Volunteers Afternoon:** Come along to find out how you can help. Wed 20th Oct, 2pm-4pm. **Awesome Autumn:** Activity day for 6-10 year olds with crafts and outdoor activities, Tue 26th Oct, 10.30am-12.30pm. £6/child (family rate £10 for 2 children), booking essential. **Bats and Lanterns:** Family evening with crafts and outdoor activities, Wed 27th Oct, 5pm-7pm, £4/child (family rate £7 for 2 children), booking essential. **Art Exhibition:** Sat 30th/Sun 31st Oct, 10am-4pm. Free entry.

### North Lopham Parish Council

At the September meeting several on-going initiatives were reported. **SNAP:** Though



the village is not quite so high profile, the police have maintained random speed check visits - since July 37 verbal warnings and 17 fixed penalty tickets have been issued. Residents are reminded that any near misses, exceptional speeding in either of the Lophams should be reported to the police, on 0845 456 4567. **Children's Play Area:** the hunt for a site continues. The Council are making enquiries about land behind the Methodist Chapel, for either this or allotments. **Pothole repairs:** Talks with Barhale and the County Council Highways continue. **Early morning noise:** Crown Milling declined an invitation to discuss reducing this. **Aerating/Filtering the village pond:** has been investigated, but alternative action may be appropriate. A pond clean up is proposed for the end of October, so please watch for signs asking for volunteers to help. Thank you.

**A Biomass Electricity Generation Plant** has been proposed for Kenninghall, but NLPC was not consulted. Representations from individuals or Council members were invited up to 17th September - but if you still wish to get in touch the application number is 3PL/2010/0656/F; the website is at [www.breckland.gov.uk](http://www.breckland.gov.uk)

**Internet Access** is difficult for some and still a mystery to others. Gareth Walters (tel: 01379 688058) has kindly offered to help residents with problems or learning. **Dog fouling** is still a problem in the village lanes - Please would dog owners use poop scoop bags & put them in the bins provided, or take them home. Thank you.

## South Lopham Parish Council

The following points arose out of the meeting held in September. **1) The telephone kiosk** at the junction of Primrose Lane and Church Road has now been acquired by the Parish Council which is considering various ideas for its use. Suggestions would be welcome - email [robmad@btinternet.com](mailto:robmad@btinternet.com) or phone 01379 687776. **2) A working party** is being organised to plant bulbs at various places around the village. Volunteers to assist would be most welcome. We are meeting in the White Horse car park on Saturday 9th October at 10am. Please bring along a suitable spade. **3) It was noted** that at various points in the village hedges and/or verges are overgrown and unsightly. It would be much appreciated if the owners of the adjacent properties could tidy up these areas. **4) The Council received** a report on the progress of the proposal by Breckland Council to delete the **Settlement Boundary** in the village. This would mean that only very limited categories of developments would be permitted, thereby inhibiting new building which might house young families, to the possible detriment of the future of St. Andrew's School. Although the formal

consultation period has ended, the whole approval process will grind on for a year or more. Therefore, it is probably worthwhile for any further comments or objections to be sent to the Planning Department at Breckland Council. **5) The Council thanked** its colleagues on North Lopham PC for their efforts with SNAP to ease traffic problems (see report from NLPC herein). Residents of South Lopham are also urged to report any accidents, near misses, speeding or unauthorised heavy vehicles to the police on 08456 4567. **6) The vacancy for Parish Clerk** remains unfilled. Anyone interested (who need not be a resident of South Lopham) should phone Robert McCaw on 01379 687776.

## North Lopham Methodist Chapel

*Services for October at 10.30am are;*

- 10th October, Rev Eileen Richie of Garboldisham.
- 24th October, Rev Brian Thudgfan of Diss.

Slides of North Lopham and surrounding areas by Kevin at 7pm on Wednesday 13th October. Tea and biscuits, admission £2. Proceeds for Chapel funds.

## St. Nicholas' Church (North Lopham)

"**Playing for Pakistan**" was a two hour feast of wonderful music on September 11th. Seven young performers from the fairly local area played and sang a delightful mix of classical music and songs. Apart from a harp solo by Lucy F., and a flute Tango solo by Lucy B., Ryan Lewis accompanied all the items, or played solos of his own - two by Beethoven and the third a modern piece dedicated to the memory of those who perished in the Chernobyl disaster. Two other friends joined the group for the final song - Fields of Gold - a wonderful finale to the concert. The proceeds of a raffle drawn at the end of the refreshment interval, plus donations as people left the church, were added to the ticket money, and enabled the event to raise well over £350 for the DEC Flood Relief Appeal, after meeting essential expenses. Grateful thanks to Alice Baillie for the initiative and to all the accomplished performers and supporters for such a good result.

October brings a very special weekend - **The Upper Waveney Benefice Festival** on 16th & 17th. Please note that St Nicholas' Church will house significant heritage displays of the Lopham Linen industry, with labelled examples, and original artefacts, and of a large collection of coins unearthed round the village, some from roman times and quite valuable. There will be

refreshments each day, plus an extensive stall with cakes & preserves. Any offers to bake a cake or donate a jar of jam or chutney will be very gratefully received (tel: 687679). Tickets for the **Merely Divas Concert** at Bressingham on 17th are available from Alan (01953 681989) or Jennie (01379 687679). The **Harvest Supper & Thanksgiving** services will be reported next time.

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

A service was held on Tuesday 31st August in memory of the late **Catherine Twidle** when we welcomed her family to celebrate her life and work in the village as headmistress of St. Andrew's School and secretary to the PCC. The Church looked so beautiful for the recent **Harvest Festival Services**. Thank you to all who decorated, or gave produce, it is very much appreciated. At our **Coffee Morning** on 15th September a total of £135.85 was raised for the church. Thank you to all who came and gave their support. A note for your pets diary, the **Pet Service** this year will be held on 3rd October at 4pm. All pets welcome. The **Benefice Festival** this year will be on 16th and 17th October. At St. Andrew's there will be a Craft Fair on both days, 10am-4pm. There will be no service on the Sunday, but there will be a thought for the day at 10.30am.

### Services for October

North Lopham	South Lopham
<b>3rd October</b>	
9.30am HC	-
11am Fam S	-
<b>10th October</b>	
11am FS	-
6.30pm Evensong	-
<b>17th October</b>	
11am Fest	-
Thought for day	9.30am HC
<b>24th October</b>	
11am Fam HC	6.30pm ES

(on 31st there will be a Group Communion for all in North Lopham Church at 10am)

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