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Lophams' Village Hall

Advance News - Thursday 28th October. "Ruby and Her Horses" is an amazing slice of East Anglian social history, presented with songs, slides and gentle humour. Full details will be in the next News, but book the date NOW, to ensure a seat! **The Lottery** - our opportunity to support the Village Hall and have a bit of fun too - continues, with the draw at 11.30am on Market mornings. New members, and any who need to renew, are urged to get in touch. Copies of the full rules and entry forms from promoter Eileen (01379 687608), Village Hall Treasurer Tim Colyer (01379 687718), other Village Hall Committee members (see the website) or at the Farmers' Market or Village Hall Events. July winners were: 1st, B Cartwright (£154), 2nd, F Calton and P Carter (both £38.50).

Farmers' Markets continue on 4th Saturday each month (28th Aug, 25th Sep), 9am to 12.30pm. For details call Mike on 01379 687235. Through the summer months Car Booters are welcome, along the road edge of the playing field. **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 visit www.lophamsvillagehall.co.uk

Garden Club

Our outing in August was to Southwold, then to Henstead where the garden of a small semi-detached cottage revealed an acre full of exotic planting. Wooded walkways lead past waterfalls and streams, through bamboos and Gunneras, to a viewing pavilion where one could just sit and survey the scene. A shaded valley created by tons of rock covered in ferns with bananas and tree ferns overhanging brought you to a gingerbread style summerhouse where large portions of cake and tea were served. A garden started from scratch about eight years ago has become a haven in totally sheltered and tranquil surroundings. At our next meeting, on

Wednesday September 1st, we welcome David Boulton, a professional photographer, who will give an illustrated talk on "Gardens Great and Small". We meet in the restaurant area of Blooms Garden Centre, at 7.30pm. Visitors and new members are always welcome. Phone 01953 681989 for further information.

Lophams' Ladies

At our August meeting we listened with great interest to Sandra Holmes who showed us slides of her journey through the "Old Levant" or as she also called it, "her journey to Damascus". This area takes in the parts of Israel, the Palestinian Territories, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria. Sandra's interest in the various archeological sights that have been uncovered gave us insight into how much this area was influenced throughout the history of civilisation. The next meeting, on Tuesday September 7th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, will be a demonstration of sweet making by Mary Yuill. All visitors welcome. On **Saturday September 4th** we will be holding our **Jumble, Bric-a-Brac and Car Boot Sale**. Doors open at 1.30pm. Car Booters can set up from 12noon. Contributions can be collected and will be gratefully received. Phone either 01379 687337 or 687679 for collection or information of our meetings.

St. Andrew's School

The last week of the Summer term surpassed all expectations. "**Panto Pandemonium**" by the Juniors was an enormous success, with really excellent acting, singing and dancing, plus impressive costumes, set and props. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Heads, who produced such a good show, ably assisted by the other teachers and TAs, plus help with the staging and refreshments by parents and friends. Well done everybody!

At the Leavers Assembly we said goodbye to Year Six and wished them well for High School (and to two pupils who are moving

from the area, so will go to new schools). They shared their special memories with us, and gave the school a huge composting bin (looked a bit like a Dalek, with greetings messages all round). It was wonderful to see every member of Y6 receive a plaque commemorating representing the school at PE. They have been very good ambassadors for St Andrew's. Cups were presented to those who have made special contributions to school life. We also said goodbye to Mrs Marion Dawe, who has guided the Partnership through the last school year, and to some very well loved staff members. Mrs Mary Ebbs has been a greatly loved TA for a long time, and her help with Music has been valued by every single pupil. Mrs Christine Segovia has been at St Andrew's for fewer years but has made a huge contribution to the School Council, fund raising and special events, and has been an extra Mum to many anxious new children in Reception. We will still see Mrs Squirrel from time to time as she moves 'sideways' to Bressingham.

Other News

The Bacon Exhibition Endowment Fund - This is an educational fund available to those between 5 and 25 years, who live or attend school in the villages of Wortham, Rickinghall, Botesdale, Redgrave, Burgate, Gislingham, Hinderclay, Blo' Norton, South Lopham and Bressingham. If you wish to apply, please do so by the end of September 2010 to Mrs R Powell, 2 Fir Tree Cottage, Redgrave, Diss, Norfolk IP22 1SD.

World's Biggest Coffee Morning, on Friday 24th September, will be held in North Lopham Church, from 10am. Do come and help us raise funds for **McMillan Cancer Care**. Their nurses, research projects and constant efforts to ease suffering and to beat the disease are such a good cause. There will be a Bring & Buy stall and Raffle, in addition to Coffee & Cake.



Redgrave & Lopham Fen

(for bookings phone 01379 688333)

Youth Forum (ages 10-18): Wed 1st Sep, 8pm-10pm. **Photographic exhibition:** Sat 4th, Sun 5th Sep, 10am-5pm. **Botanical Illustration:** Wed 8th Sep, 10am-1pm. £14 (£50 for 4). **Wildlife Watch group (ages 6-12):** Sat 11th Sep, 10.30am-12.30pm. £1.50. **Quiz night:** Sat 11th Sep, 7.30pm. £5. **Art classes for beginners:** Mon 13th Sep, 10am-1pm. £7.50. **Book Sale:** Sat 18th, Sun 19th Sep 10am-5pm. **Wild About Art workshop:** Wed 22nd Sep, 10am-3pm. £20. **Autumn on the Fen:** Thur 23rd Sep, 10am-2pm. Free, over 18s only. **Photographic exhibition:** Sat 25th, Sun 26th Sep, 10am-5pm. **Activity day for the home educated (5-16 years):** Tue 28th Sep, 10.30am-2.30pm. £6. **Valley Fens Local group meeting:** Tue 28th Sep, 7.30-9.30pm. £2.

North Lopham Parish Council

Following the priority given to the **traffic problems** in the village after the SNAP meeting, the Police have maintained their vigilance, visiting from time to time to conduct speed checks, for which we are grateful. Residents are reminded of the need to report any accidents or near misses, especially any that could cause any kind of damage to property, even where there is no need to make a formal report, so that a comprehensive picture can be made to inform future action. As Autumn approaches, the Council asks all householders to keep the **footpaths** in front of their property free of debris that could be a problem to pedestrians, including keeping overhanging branches and brambles trimmed. As ever, please will all dog walkers ensure that they use the **poop scoop bins**, or take any dog mess home for disposal. The next meeting of the Council is on Wednesday 8th September in the Methodist Chapel. All residents are welcome.

South Lopham Parish Council

Vacancy for Clerk - We are sad to report that Lyn Llewellyn is retiring as Clerk at the end of this calendar year after five years of valuable service. Applications for the post, which carries modest remuneration, are invited. Anyone interested should make initial contact with the Chairman, Robert McCaw, on 01379 687776 or email robmad@btinternet.com.

Benefice Festival 2010

(16th and 17th October)

The second Benefice Festival will centre on a concert by the Merely Divas in Bressingham church on 16th October. The other churches in the benefice will be open over that weekend with North Lopham hosting an exhibition of linen making for which the village was once famous. It is also hoping to

display old coins found locally including a good number of Roman origin. There will be a craft fair at South Lopham church including quilting, patchwork, knitwear, jewellery, spinning, pottery, cards, plants, wood carving and wood turning and, if the weather is suitable, the church tower will be open to provide fantastic views over this beautiful area. Full details available soon.

North Lopham Methodist Chapel

The Supper & Raffle held in July raised £441. Many thanks to all who came.

Services for September are (Harvest celebrations on the Sunday);

- 12th September, Preacher Rev Stephen Oliver of Theford, continued on Monday 13th at 2.30pm conducted by Rev Brian Trudglam of Diss. Sale of produce after Service. All proceeds for Chapel upkeep.

Awarm welcome to all.

St. Nicholas' Church (North Lopham)

The Holiday Club was held every afternoon from 2nd to 6th August in the Mess, with follow up celebration in church on Sunday. Up to 23 youngsters gathered to play games, make craft items, make a noise and Have Fun - in abundance! Huge thanks to Kirsty, Katie, Revd Rob & Jan, for all their hard work.

The Norfolk Churches Trust Cycle Ride is on Saturday 11th September, 9am-5pm. A good opportunity to get fit while enjoying a ride round the local countryside, visiting beautiful church buildings, some of which are not usually open. Sponsor forms are available in the church.

Harvest season is 25th-26th September. **Harvest Supper** (Hog Roast, by popular request, then apple pie etc.) will be in the Village Hall on Saturday 25th at 7.30pm prompt. Tickets, still at only £8, will be available from PCC members throughout the month. Do get yours in good time. Services in St Nicholas' Church will be at 11am and 6.30pm on Sunday 26th. It would be wonderful to have a full church for both of these. **The Gift Day** will be on Monday 27th, from 2pm, when produce surplus to gift parcels will be available. Any gifts of flowers, foliage or produce to decorate the church, plus help with arranging everything, will be most gratefully received on the preceding Friday or Saturday.

PLAYING for PAKISTAN (raising money for the disaster fund) with **Ryan Lewis and new friends!** A group of young musicians from the local area will be *Playing for Pakistan* in St Nicholas' Church on 11th September, bringing an evening of

contemporary and classical music to the church in aid of the DEC's appeal for the flood victims. Tickets are just £5, including refreshments. To book, please ring 01379 687679 or 01379 687680.

St. Andrew's Church (South Lopham)

A memorial service for the late **Catherine Twidle**, former headmistress of St. Andrew's School and secretary to the PCC, will be held on **Tuesday 31st August** at 6.30pm at St. Andrew's Church. All welcome. We were delighted to welcome the **Rev'd Capt. Michael Reeder CA**, to St. Andrew's, who gave a heartwarming and uplifting service on the 15th August. An excellent **Sunday luncheon**, provided by Cynthia Huggins, was held for Mr & Mrs Alan Howard on behalf of the PCC and Friends of St. Andrew's in recognition of their overseeing of the restoration of the nave roof. At our recent **Coffee Morning** a total of £268.49 was raised for Church funds. Thank you to all who came and supported this event. Our next Coffee Morning will be on Wednesday 15th September from 10am to 12 noon. There will be a cake stall and bring and buy. **Our Harvest Festival** services will be on 12th September at 11am and 6.30pm. The Church will be decorated on Saturday the 11th September in the morning and we would be pleased to see anyone able to help decorate or donate produce. **The Harvest Supper** this year will be on Saturday 25th September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Tickets available from Monica Reeder on 01379 687273.

Services for September

North Lopham	South Lopham
5th September	
9.30am HC	-
11am Fam S	-
12th September	
<i>no services</i>	11am & 6.30pm
Harvest at S Lopham	Harvest
19th September	
11am Fam S	9.30am Group HC
26th September	
11am Fam HC	6.30pm Harv Praise

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