

THE LOPHAMS' NEWS

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St Andrew's School

St. Andrew's pupils and staff have now begun their summer term.

This term the theme for our learning is water. In Endeavour class we have been learning about the water cycle and all its properties.

Prior to the Easter break we made Easter gardens for a competition organised by school council! They were displayed in St. Nicholas's church in North Lopham. In our school we learnt about the Australian Easter Bilby and pretended to be an Australian child and wrote a diary.

During the last week of the Easter term we also went to London. It was brilliant. It gave us a good idea of how busy it is in London and how many differences the city has with Diss.

If you would like further information about St. Andrew's Primary, or wish to make an appointment to visit, please contact Mrs Norgate, our head teacher, on 01379 687253 or by email head@st-andrews-pri.norfolk.sch.uk. We would love to hear from you!

St Andrew's Pre School

Everyone connected with Pre School sends sincere thanks to all those who supported the Easter activities and a big thank you to everyone who donated towards our Easter Raffle, we raised £43.

After looking at our Solar System last term, the children are now looking a little closer to home. They will be discussing our place in the world, our house and families and our village and community.

Any new residents with children approaching their 2nd birthday, or a bit older, are warmly invited to get in touch to arrange a visit, with a view to joining us. We offer your child a safe way to make friends with those they may then grow up alongside and can also help them to get to know the "big" school too. Do note that **all** 3 year olds are entitled to 15 hours free sessions each week. Following our **Good OfSTED rating** we can now offer free funded places to eligible 2 year olds as well!

As always, just drop in, view the setting and meet our team. Please note our new contact number is 07854 091257.

P.S. The mobile recycling initiative has now ended; we are very grateful to all those who passed their old mobile phones on to us.

Lophams' Village Hall

Election Day - 7th May 2015. The Village Hall is the local Polling Station for the Lophams - for both Parliamentary and District Council Elections. There is easy access for the disabled, using the ramp and central door.

The extra local event for May: **BRIMBO** - British Motor Bike Owners - **Classic Bike Meet & Auto Jumble** on Sunday 10th May from 10am to 4pm. Pitches are £10, or £8 if pre booked & Admission is just £2. Parking is free. Refreshments are available. There will be a trophy for the Best Classic Motorbike!

The Lottery. In February, we reached the elusive 100 members target, so the first prize was £200. We are keen to maintain this situation, so do please get in touch if you would like to join as soon as a vacancy occurs. Telephone 01379 687718 for more information, or contact Eileen (01379 687608) or any committee member. There are three chances each month of winning a prize, plus a Bonanza draw in December for those who have been "in" for at least three months. The Lottery winners for March were: 1st prize £200.00 M McCaw; 2nd prizes of £50.00 J Leeder and M Lanchester.

Farmers' Markets are usually the fourth Saturday each month, from 9am till 12.30pm, so the next one is on 23rd May. (Details from Mike on 01379 687235).

Judo is on Mondays & Wednesdays - (Details from Howard on 01379 688258)

Dog Training is held most Tuesday evenings, our trainer Elaine (07845 776110) will provide information.

Lopham Art Group: meets on Wednesday mornings, from 9.30am. The cost is £20 each per month, and includes refreshments and a visit from an 'expert' once each month. Contact Jennifer on 01379 687282 for more details.

Yoga with P: we hope will return soon - Watch this space!

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

Lophams' Ladies

Meeting in the Village Hall on the first Tuesday of the month; 7.15pm for 7.30pm - Visitors or new members always welcome.

In April we held our AGM at which our thanks went to our Chairman, Sarah Frizzell, for leading us through another enjoyable year. Sarah was duly elected to carry on as were all the other committee members. Our evening continued with a one-act play written by Lin Newstead and 'read' by some coerced members of the group!!

Our new programme starts with a visit to Morrisons on May 5th (6.30pm for car sharing).

On June 2nd Carol Kearns, a Freelance Illustrator will be talking to us.

Saturday June 13th is our annual Jumble Bric-a-Brac and Book Sale in the Village Hall at 1.30pm. Items can be collected or brought to the Hall on the Saturday morning.

For further details or any general enquiries please phone 01379 687337.

Garden Club

On 2nd April John Foster came and gave a presentation entitled "Early Perennials". John was joined by his wife, Brenda, and together they brought along a large variety of plants grown in their garden at Redisham. He explained their different growing habits and at the end of his talk we were able to purchase any that we wanted.

On May 7th instead of our usual meeting, we shall visit Blacksmiths Nursery in Dickleburgh and, looking further forward, on 4th June we shall welcome Martyn Davey to our meeting. Martyn will give a talk on "Vegetable Growing".

We meet at Lophams' Village Hall on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30pm. Visitors and new members are always very welcome.

Please telephone 01379 687833 for any further information.

The Lophams' Society

The Lophams' Society welcomed an almost capacity attendance at its Spring Quiz on the 27th March when almost 70 people arrived at the Village Hall to do justice to the questions set by joint quiz-masters Roy Clark and David Hammond.

The result, as usual, was a close run thing with Jim Pursehouse's team proving victorious at the end of the evening.

Many thanks to everyone who took part in the quiz and to the hardworking committee members behind the scenes who ensured that everyone was fed and refreshed throughout the evening.

The next quiz will be on the 9th October and, in order to avoid disappointment for what is always a popular event, tables will be available to be booked in advance from September onwards.

The next event organised by the Lophams' Society will be a Jazz Night on Saturday 18th July.

St Nicholas' Church.

Lent Lunches, in homes round the village raised £346 towards the Diocesan Lent Project to help the suffering church in the Holy Land. Grateful thanks go to all those who hosted the lunches and to those who came along to support them.

The **Good Friday** Last Hour at the base of a 14-foot wooden cross, led by Richard Hewitt, from Fersfield, was greatly appreciated by all who attended.

The Church was dressed overall to look its Spring best in time for the **Easter Day** Communion service for all ages, at 11am, led by Bishop David Gillett. The children, and adults too, enjoyed chocolate treats & real eggs afterwards. We were thrilled to have some beautiful extra Easter gardens made by pupils at St Andrew's School as extra decorations in church this year.

In May, we come to Ascension Day - on Thursday 14th. There will be a special service in Diss.

Pentecost - the Birthday of the Church - is on Sunday 24th. There will be a celebration Family Birthday Service at 11am with balloons, birthday cake and extra fun. Do come and join us.

Social Scene: For various reasons the Starters & Sweets Evening has been postponed until later in the year.

Friday Night is SNYSB Night is always a highlight of the early summer. This year, the South Norfolk Youth Symphonic Band will be with us on **Friday 22nd May** at 7.30 pm to share their repertoire of music from Stage and Screen, plus items composed specially for wind bands. Do get your tickets in good time and come along for an enjoyable evening, with a chance to meet the youngsters and see their instruments during the refreshments interval. All details from Jennie Vere on 01379 687679.

Holy Bingo

Continues in the Village Hall, usually on the first Monday each month at 2pm, when new faces are always welcome to come and share in fun sessions, with plenty of time for a chat. Do come along and join us on 4th May.

Please contact 01379 687679 if you need help with transport.

The Lophams' Society AGM

The Lophams' Society AGM took place on 10th April as part of the Lophams' Village Annual meeting. The chairman of the Lophams' Society, Roy Clark, reported that 2014 had been a successful year and was hopeful that events for 2015 would continue to be supported by residents of the Lophams' and surrounding villages. He also reported that monies raised had been used to purchase and upgrade equipment used at the society's events.

There have been a number of changes to the 2015 committee as long-standing members Simon Dilloway, Stephanie Fleming and Cynthia Huggins have all decided to stand down. All three were thanked for their hard work and commitment over the years and we look forward to seeing them at future events where they will be able to take a more relaxed role. Fortunately we were able to welcome Pauline Packer on to the committee who has agreed to take on the post of secretary.

Events for 2015 have already been agreed and publicised, the next being the Jazz Night featuring a return visit by Pork Pie Hat on Saturday 18th July. This will be followed by the Autumn Quiz on 9th October. The Christmas Drop-in will take place as usual on 18th December but may change in format.

For further information on the Lophams' Society or to book tickets for the Jazz Night or the Autumn Quiz (always advisable) please ring 01379 688408.

North Lopham Methodist Church

Methodist friends now hold an informal service and coffee morning in Church on the fourth Wednesday each month and would welcome anyone from the village to join them at 10.30am.

The May gathering will be on 27th and June's will be on 24th.

St Andrew's Church

There will be a **Coffee Morning** in the Church on Saturday 16th May 10.00am - 12.00 noon Cake Stall, Raffle, Tombola and **bring and buy**, please come along and enjoy a Coffee and a Scone we look forward to welcoming you.

Friends of South Lopham Church

The Friends of South Lopham Church are holding a **Family Games Evening on Friday 8th May** at Lophams' Village Hall, 7.00pm. There will be a Beetle Drive, followed by baked potatoes and casserole and a family quiz.

Tickets will be £7.00 per person, £13.00 per couple and £20.00 for a family.

Any enquiries please ring Evelyn Logsdail on 01379 687281.

North Lopham Parish Council

Will meet on Wednesday 13th May at 7.30pm in The Mess at St Andrew's School. There will be a specific discussion regarding excess traffic speed and the volume of heavy goods vehicles that travel through North Lopham. **PLEASE** come along if this is an issue which seriously concerns you, so we can discuss what we can do as a Community. The Parish Council needs **YOUR** help!

Also, Please remember

1. The Village Clean Up on 16th May; volunteers to help will be welcome. Notices will be posted locally.

2. Glass recycling: please remember to put your glass bottles in the bin at the King's Head, proceeds keep the precept down!

Redgrave and Lopham Fen

Guided fen walk

2 May 10.30am - 1pm

Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Fen with enthusiast and naturalist John Hill.

£3 Meet at the Education Centre, no booking required.

Messing about by the water family afternoon

Tuesday 26 May, 2pm- 4pm, £2.50 per person

Watery activities, games and crafts
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Booking essential 01379 688333

Botanical Illustration

Saturday 30 May, 10am - 3pm

Join professional botanical artist, Christine Grey-Wilson, on this relaxing and supportive workshop looking at a range of illustration techniques.

£25/£21.50 Booking essential 01473 890089

Regular events

Wildlife Watch Group

Saturdays 9 May, 13 June 10.30am - 12.30pm

A club for 6 - 12yr olds, £2

Contact

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Services for May

North Lopham	South Lopham
	3rd May
9.30am HC 11am Fam S	-
	10th May
11am Fam S	-
	17th May
11am Fam S	9.30am HC
	24th May
11am Pentecost FS	9.30am MS
31st May is a fifth Sunday; there will be a Communion Service in Diss at 10.30am. MPW will be held at 4pm in Roydon	

Contributions for next issue by;

18th MAY

Please email to
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