

# THE LOPHAMS' NEWS

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**St. Andrew's School:** St. Andrew's pupils and staff are fast approaching the end of a very busy Summer term. Reception and Year 1 have enjoyed an educational visit to Knettishall Heath where they learnt about the different plants and animals in woodlands and meadows. KS1 have also enjoyed a sports picnic at Diss High School, meanwhile Years 5 and 6 took part in a residential at Kingswood in Overstrand. During their visit the weather was perfect and the children enjoyed many adventurous activities together, especially being so close to the beautiful Norfolk coast. In addition to this, St. Andrew's held its well-attended sports morning followed by a picnic lunch. The weather was perfect and the children took part in many exciting events including throwing, multi-skills challenges, hockey slaloms and the renowned water race!

St. Andrew's is now focusing on its end of term festivities. Year 6 pupils are currently busy visiting their High Schools as part of their transition for September and the new intake of pupils in Reception for September have been meeting their class teacher and teaching assistant. The rest of the school have also enjoyed transition afternoons.

We are all looking forward to our end of year service on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 2.00pm at St. Andrew's Church, South Lopham. St. Andrew's governors, pupils and staff would like to wish you a wonderful summer.

If you wish to make an appointment to visit, please contact Mrs. McGarr on 01379 687253 or e-mail [head@allsaints-diss.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:head@allsaints-diss.norfolk.sch.uk). We would love to hear from you!

**FOSTA: St. Andrew's Summer Fair.** This was a great success at the Village Hall and playing field on a hot, sunny Saturday. Thanks to all who supported us; we will publish the final result as soon as possible.

**St. Andrew's Pre-School:** Greetings from all of us here. Just a few more days to the end of term as I write. Sports day was a sizzler but went very well with lots of friendly competition especially in the Dads race! We finish the term on Monday with our leavers party, we have five children moving on to school in September and we wish them well. Our garden is ready for harvesting so there will be onions and potatoes, and possibly some tomatoes for the children to take home. We have places available in September on all days, we are an inclusive setting and welcome all families. We operate on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during term time from 8.45am - 3.15pm. For further information or to arrange a visit please contact Jan Feaver (Manager) on 07854 091257

## The Lophams Society

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June was the perfect evening for listening and dancing to a programme of Trad Jazz music played by DixieMix at this year's summer musical event. Although this attracted a smaller, but no less appreciative, audience than last year, at the end of the evening everyone said what a great evening it had been and how much they had enjoyed it. So thanks to all those who came along from the Lophams and villages beyond to give us their support.

The next Lophams' Society event is the Autumn Quiz on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Tables of six players (max) are bookable in advance by phoning Roy Clark on 01379 688408.

## St. Andrews Church

**Flower Festival:** St. Andrew's Church PCC members would like to thank all the flower arrangers who took part in our recent Flower Festival, the Church looked so beautiful. Also we would like to thank all the helpers, cake makers and to Sarah for bringing all the plants and running the plant stall. Over £750 was raised towards the upkeep of our much loved Church.

**Diss Quilting Group Exhibition:** On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, Diss Quilting Group will hold an exhibition in the Church from 10.00am to 5.00pm. Refreshments will be served and the tower will be open.

**Lophams Ladies:** We meet on the first Tuesday each month in the Village Hall, 7.15pm for 7.30pm. Visitors are very welcome; admission is just £2. Please contact Sarah on 01379 687337 for further details. First an apology to Carol Hardstone, who retired as Chairman in April, and whose name was incorrectly recorded previously – how remains a mystery! Our thanks were, none-the-less, very sincere.

Gooderstone Water Gardens were the perfect venue for an outing on a baking hot July day. We found shady places to walk in, and saw real green grass! Andrew Goodall is the speaker on 7<sup>th</sup> August; he will share tips and hints on Gardening for Wildlife. On 4<sup>th</sup> September, Tony Diamond is making a welcome second visit, bringing an illustrated talk about Shakespeare, which is sure to be entertaining as well as informative. Do join us!

**Holy Bingo** continues throughout the summer at 2.00pm on the first Monday of each month in the Village Hall. The Bingo is actually secondary to the chat and banter, so do consider coming along on 6<sup>th</sup> August. Young visitors are very welcome in school holidays!! If you need transport, just 'phone 01379 687679.

**North Lopham Parish Council** took place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018 with 6 Councillors; the Clerk; 8 public, 2 representatives of Silverley Properties. **Apologies** from 1 Councillor.

**Co-option** Johanna Tuck agreed to be co-opted as a member of NLPC.

**Trod Extension:** No date, no design as yet. Loose surface of existing trod a potential hazard, sizeable stones get onto the carriageway.

**Parish Plan Insurance Cover:** PP committee members should be covered on NLPC insurance while engaged on official PP duties.

**Partnership Bid:** Ideas still needed for suitable projects for partnership funding. The funding for the VH play equipment has been approved.

**Missing Fingerposts** have been reported; action will be taken.

**Tanns Lane and Church Road Resurfacing:** Scheduled for this season.

**Clay Pigeon Shooting, Pig Smells and Flies:** An anonymous complaint about clay pigeon shooting was not progressed; not much NLPC can do about the last two, goes with the territory.

**Financial:** Various payments approved and items of income noted.

**Bottle Bank Income: £497.30 received please place your bottles in the bank not your bin, it saves you money!**

**Planning:** A presentation of proposed plans to develop the remaining field at Meadow Farm was made by Silverley Properties. This was a consultation about building 7-8 new houses, not a formal planning application. Emphasis was on a sympathetic design, resisting over-development, on providing a range of property sizes and prices and on ensuring proper drainage. Discussion followed mainly about the number, size, and disposition of the properties. Although there were unresolved disagreements about this, the general feeling seemed to be that if it has to be done and, under current planning conditions, it almost certainly will be in some form, then this developer's current approach is far preferable to many. Further consultations will take place before plans are formally submitted to BDC.

**Next meeting: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018.**

**Wi Fi for North Lopham and Surrounding Area:** It is hoped that the equipment will be installed in the church tower in the coming months. This will enable good internet access for those in the village who have difficulties at present, and will extend to properties within a three mile radius. To find out more, please contact [jennyvere@btinternet.com](mailto:jennyvere@btinternet.com) or phone 01379 687679.

**St Nicholas Church:** Methodist friends from the area continue to meet in church for an informal morning service followed by coffee and a chat on the fourth Wednesday each month at 10.30am. The next is on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

**The Summer Coffee Morning** in July was a very happy occasion, with time to chat to friends, sample delicious scones, and patronise the various stalls. Special thanks to Angie from the Kings Head, and Maureen who dealt with all the catering for us – a wonderful help! We raised nearly £350 for funds, a marvellous result.

**The Reverend Samuel Thorp:** It has been a thrill to welcome new curate Samuel, with his Swedish fiancée Linnea, to the Team this summer. He was ordained at the Cathedral on 30<sup>th</sup> June, then welcomed to the parishes with a special lunch in our Village Hall on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July. We hope they will be very happy in the Team. In October we look forward to the arrival of a new Team Vicar; The Reverend John Cruse, with his wife Janice, who will be coming here from Guildford. The Reverend John will replace the Reverend Wendy Evans. There will be more details in the next issue. The next few weeks should be a little 'quieter' in the church, as holidays and harvesting get under way. We do hope all those going away will travel safely and return refreshed. Any visitors to the area who see this Newsletter – we would love to welcome you into the church; to look around, to say a prayer, or just to have some quiet time. If you are with us for a service, that would be a bonus. We wish you rest and refreshment in this beautiful part of England.

**South Lopham Parish Council** The regular meeting of the Parish Council took place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July with four members and the Clerk in attendance.

**Planning:** It was reported that planning permission has been granted for work at Pearces Farm and at Piggyer Barn.

**Footpaths:** A grant application has been submitted for funding towards the production of a map of the village footpaths.

**Highways:** Speeding traffic in the village is always a topic of discussion and hopefully the new SAM II speed signs are having a positive effect. The council are looking into the possibility of setting up a community speed watch programme and would be interested to hear from volunteers willing to help with this. Concern was expressed about overgrown trees and hedges in several parts of the village. Vegetation encroaching onto the highway can result in the breakdown of the road surface on the opposite side where vehicles are forced to avoid the obstruction and restricted visibility can be a traffic hazard. Residents are asked to consider this and to please take the appropriate action where necessary.

**Next meeting: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018.** The meetings are open for anyone to attend and suggestions of items for discussion are welcome.

### Redgrave and Lopham Fen, nr. Bressingham IP22 2HX

#### 'Inspired by nature' Art Exhibition

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> and Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August, 10.00am - 4.00pm  
Artwork by local artists on display and for sale.  
Free entry. Refreshments available.

There are also series of adult, children and family events held here each month including Time to Paint, Fen Walks, Wildlife Photography, Activity Days, Summer holiday activities and much, much more. For full details and to book visit [www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org](http://www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org) or call 01473 890089.

### Knettishall Fair: Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August 11.00am – 4.00pm

A summer celebration of local wildlife and heritage. Drop by for stalls, local craft demonstrations and refreshments. £1 per car. Find out more and to book sessions visit [www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org](http://www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org) or call Samantha Norris on 07717 156601 or e-mail [samantha.norris@suffolkwildlifetrust.org](mailto:samantha.norris@suffolkwildlifetrust.org)

### Lophams Village Hall and Playing Field

**Lophams' Vintage Rally** is our headline event this Summer – on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July. We hope you will come along, bring your friends too! **A football goal** has been erected, in time for the school holidays; we hope families will come along to use it! A new container for movable goods is now in place, so sports equipment can be safely housed when not in use. Installing gym equipment for younger users is still a priority - thanks go to those who have already contributed; please get in touch if you have any ideas. We look forward to welcoming Botolph's Bowmen to the field for their Archery Club meetings in the near future.

**Advance Notice:** The **Osiligi Maasai Warriors** have been booked for an evening of unmissable entertainment on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm, for what may be their very last performance in England. Full details will be advertised locally, but do **BOOK** now so that you won't be disappointed.

**Village Hall Lottery:** The development fund has enabled many improvements to the Hall over the last year - completing the kitchen area and adding new equipment; redecoration of the inside of the Hall has been completed. Thank you all for your support which has allowed us to get these things done, however, there is always further work required and your on-going and greatly valued participation is still needed. If you entered the lottery for six months, you may need to renew your entry by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August to stay in with a chance to win and to continue to help the Village Hall. Contact Jayne Conquest on 01379 688183; thanks again everyone! Lottery winners in June were: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £200 – J. Allison; 2<sup>nd</sup> prizes £50 – C. Watson and A. Bush. The £40 basket of goodies was won too.

**Farmers' Market** takes place on the fourth Saturday each month, from 9.00am until 12.30pm, with a wide range of stalls to choose your locally produced goods. The next is on 25<sup>th</sup> August; details from M. Shipperlee on 01379 687235.

**Judo** is on Mondays and Wednesdays - (contact Howard on 01379 688258).

**Lophams' Art Group** meets on Wednesday mornings, from 9.30am. The cost is £15 each per month, and includes refreshments and a visit from an 'expert' once each month. Contact Jennifer on 01379 687282 for details.

**Dog Training:** Most Thursday evenings with Rob Jessup; Rob's telephone number is 01379 873144.

To book the Hall for private events, phone 01379 687679, or visit the website.

### Services for August

North Lopham	South Lopham
	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Aug.</b>
9.30am HC	
11.00am Fam S	*****
	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Aug.</b>
11.00am Fam S	*****
	<b>19<sup>th</sup> Aug.</b>
11.00am Fam S	9.30am HC
	<b>26<sup>th</sup> Aug.</b>
11.00am Fam S	9.30am MS

Contributions for next issue by;

**18<sup>th</sup> August**

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