

THE LOPHAMS' NEWS

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St Andrew's School

Now that the SATs tests and all the other assessments are safely out of the way, everyone is looking forward to the special events that Summer brings. At the very end of June the Y5 and Y6 pupils go to Kingswood for their residential visit, alongside their peers from the other schools in the Federation. On 3rd July, parents and friends are warmly invited to attend the Sports Day at 10.00am, which will be followed by a picnic lunch for pupils. That week also includes a Sports Picnic for KS1 at Diss High School, and the start of familiarisation days for those moving to a new school. The Leavers' Service will be at South Lopham Church on Monday 23rd July at 2.00pm. Family members and local residents are warmly invited to join this event. A very busy term ends on the 24th. Everyone connected with St. Andrew's School send sincere thanks to all those who have provided support and encouragement during this school year, and wish them well for the holiday ahead. If you would like further information about St Andrew's CE VA Primary, or wish to make an appointment to visit, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 01379 687253 or by e-mail head@allsaints-diss.norfolk.sch.uk during term time. We would love to hear from you!

FOSTA: St. Andrew's Summer Fair, is on Saturday 14th July, 12 noon to 3.00pm at Lopham Village Hall, with shopping stalls, bouncy castle, pony rides, zorb balls, tractor and trailer rides, BBQ and beer tent, live music and North Lopham vs. South Lopham Tug of War at 2.00pm. Free entry. All welcome!

St Andrew's Pre School

We are now well into the second half of the summer term which seems to be going along at a pace! Our garden is doing well and we have already harvested some strawberries and radishes, the tomato plants are looking healthy and we have onions and potatoes doing well.

We have some planned visits to the reception class at the school for stories and activities helping with transition for our children who will be going to school in September. Nicola from the Children's Centre will also be in this week to read stories to the children. We have been practicing hard for our sports day, which will take place on Thursday 5th July. As part of our team of people who help us, we will be having a visit from the police in their patrol car this week.

We have made the role play area into a hospital for the last few weeks and the children have enjoyed dressing up as nurses and bandaging each other and taking temperatures and making temperature charts, making ambulances out of recycled items, and learning about 999 and how to get help.

We would like to thank everyone at the Kings Head pub very much for their very generous donation to our funds, with which we are going to buy new toys.

We are open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday during term time from 8.45am. to 3.15pm. and have spaces available for September. We are an inclusive setting and all families are welcome. For further information or to arrange a visit please contact Jan on 07854 091257

North Lopham News:

The Parish Council meets on Wednesday 11th July.

St Nicholas' Church: Methodist friends from the area continue to meet in church for an informal morning service followed by coffee and chat on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 10.30am. The next is on 25th July.

FRIDAY NIGHT IS SNYSB+ NIGHT in May was a wonderful event, with a large and appreciative audience tapping their feet along to some of the popular tunes of years ago, and enjoying the chance to hear lots of film and show-time music too, proving once again that Music is Fun. A great evening raised over £115 for the Band and a substantial amount for the church too!

Our Summer Coffee Morning, in and round the church is on Wednesday 4th July, from 10.00am till 12 noon. This is always a happy occasion, a time to chat to friends, sample delicious scones, and patronise the various stalls – Clothes; Bring and Buy, Plants, Books, etc., plus a Tombola and Raffle. Everyone is welcome; please telephone 01379 687679 if you need directions, or help with transport. We all look forward to welcoming a new young curate to the Team, with his Swedish fiancée Linnea; Samuel Thorp will be ordained at the Cathedral on 30th June, and there will be a welcome lunch in our Village Hall at 1.00pm on Sunday 1st July. All details are available from Jennie Vere and Church Wardens.

South Lopham News

The next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday 3rd July

Lophams' Ladies –

'A Turkish Shirley Valentine' was the title of the talk at the June meeting. Everyone was spellbound by the adventures experienced by Jenny Gibbs when she was persuaded by friends to set off alone, following a divorce; they enjoyed meeting her handsome partner, and looking at, and buying, the beautiful scarves she brought along. The July meeting will be a day visit to Gooderstone Water Gardens, not far from Oxburgh. Anyone wishing to join us needs to book with Sarah first, then be at the Village Hall by 11.00am on Tuesday 3rd July. Admission is £5.75; you can picnic, or visit the tea room. All details: 01379 687337.

The annual Bric-a-brac, books and jumblesale was a really successful occasion, thanks to all those who turned out piles of attractive goods, and to those who came along to buy. After expenses, we raised over £200 for funds!

Garden Club

We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in Lophams' Village Hall and visitors and new members are always very welcome. We welcomed Guy Barker to our meeting in June. Guy manages several private gardens in this area, one of which is Wilby Hall and he brought with him examples of the many flowers he likes to use in gardens to give lots of colour and fragrance at this time of year. Some of these were old favourites, but several were new to us and we were inspired to put them to good use in our own gardens. Our next meeting is on 5th July when Ian Carstairs will give a talk about Swifts, and looking further forward, on 2nd August we shall welcome Tania Harrington who will give a presentation entitled "Herbalicious". Please telephone 01379 687833 for any further information.

Holy Bingo continues throughout the summer, at 2.00pm on the first Monday each month, in the Village Hall. The Bingo is actually secondary to the chat and banter, so do consider coming along on 2nd July. If you need transport, just 'phone 01379 687679.

LOPHAMS SOCIETY

A last reminder for all those still thinking about coming along to the DIXIEMIX jazz evening at the Village Hall on Saturday 30th June. Although booking is not essential, an idea of expected numbers would be helpful for catering purposes as a buffet is included in the admission price of £8. Incidentally, as the village hall can only accommodate a certain number of people those leaving it to come along on the night may well be disappointed. So to insure that you are there, on what promises to be a really great evening of trad jazz, please telephone Roy Clark on 01379 688408 to reserve your place.

Bats, Belfry and Botany evening, Wednesday 11th July

Meet at Redgrave Church at 8.00pm for a tour of the church with Bob followed by refreshments and time to wander around the churchyard. We will then meet with Lindsey from Norwich Bat Society who will introduce us to the emerging bats at about 9.30pm. The cost of this evening will be £5. No need to book.

Recycling bottles and glass

Just a reminder that there are recycling bins at the White Horse South Lopham and the Kings Head North Lopham. The money raised from these recycled bottles goes to the respective Parish Councils. Please try to use these bottle banks rather than your personal recycling bin.

South Lopham Estates Charity (Registered no. 221724)

Any South Lopham resident in need?

Part of the purpose of this charity is to give modest sums of money (say up to £100, but could be increased in appropriate cases) to residents of South Lopham who have a specific financial need.

We are particularly interested in helping young people with the expenses of education and training, including travel.

Other applications for consideration could include anyone suffering because of a bereavement or an unforeseen setback; or problems or expense because of illness in the family such as travel to a hospital or care home; or to assist any resident who has insufficient disposable income to enable him/her to enjoy the occasional treat; or any other cause which the Trustees consider deserving.

If you believe that you or someone in your family may qualify for such assistance please contact the secretary, Keeley Chapman, on 01379 687985 for further details and a simple application form for completion.

If you are aware of any other resident in specific financial need please let the secretary know so that we can approach that person to see if we can help.

Please be assured that all applications will be treated sympathetically and with complete confidentiality.

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St Andrews Church

Coffee Morning

On Saturday 21st July there will be a Coffee Morning in the Church from 10.00am to 12.00 noon. There will be a Cake Stall and raffle, we look forward to welcoming you.

New Curate

The new curate for Diss Team Ministry, Samuel Thorp, will be joining the service on Sunday 1st July 2018 at 10.45am in Diss, His future wife Linea will also be there. He will be ordained the day before on Saturday 30th June 2018 at Norwich Cathedral.

Lophams' Village Hall and Playing Field

Lophams' (first) Vintage Rally is our headline event this summer – on Sunday 29th July, from 10.00am to 5.00pm. All manner of classic/vintage engines and vehicles will be on show, plus much, much more – birds of prey; dogs; trade and craft stalls; food stalls & beverages. Admission is just £5 adult, £2 school-agers, under 5s free. Don't just come along, bring your friends too
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 ideas! A new container for movable goods is now in place, so sports equipment can be safely housed when not in use. Sadly, **DOG FOULING** on the field continues, despite many appeals to clear up after your pet! This is a health hazard, as well as unpleasant for those responsible for its removal, so offenders who are spotted can be prosecuted.

The 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 so if you entered for six months, you may need to renew your entry by 13th July, to stay in with a chance and to continue to help the Village Hall. Contact Jayne Conquest on 01379 688183; Thanks again everyone! Lottery winners in May were: 1st Prize £200 – P. Coster; 2nd Prizes £50 – J. Conquest and D. Blanchard. The basket of goodies was won by Peter Frizzell.

Farmers' Markets take place on the fourth Saturday each month, from 9.00am till 12.30pm, with a wide range of stalls to choose your locally produced goods. The next is on 28th July; 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.

Events at Redgrave and Lopham Fen, nr Bressingham, IP22 2HX

Regular Events

Wildlife Watch Group

Saturday 7th July, 10.30am-12.30pm (a club for 6-12 year olds, £3)
Contact marcus.halmshaw@btinternet.com or call 01379 688333

Time to paint

Friday 27th July, 31st August, 10.00am-2.00pm (£5 donation, includes tea and cake)
All welcome, no need to book. Contact 01379 688333

Guided Fen Walks

Saturday 4th August, 10.30am-1.00pm (£4. Meet at the Education Centre. No need to book).

JULY:

Weave a willow birdfeeder

Saturday 7th July, 2.00pm-5.00pm
With local basket maker Karen Lawrence (£25 inc. materials. **Please book**)

Summer holiday activities

Children's activities for 6-10 year olds, £7 per child, 10.00am-2.00pm

Tuesday 31st July: **Brilliant bugs**
Tuesday 7th August: **Awesome amphibians and remarkable reptiles**
Tuesday 14th August: **Hunting and hiding**
For unaccompanied children only (Booking essential)

Family activities, £4 child, £2 adult

Wednesday 1st August, 10.00am-12noon and 2.00pm-4.00pm: **Pond dipping**
Wednesday 8th August, 2.00pm-4.00pm: **The Lost Words**
Wednesday 15th August, 2.00pm-4.00pm: **Treasure hunt**
Children must be accompanied by an adult (Booking essential)

Young naturalists, £7 each 10.00am-2.00pm (Booking essential)

Wildlife identification skills for unaccompanied 11-15 years old
Thursday 2nd August: **Freshwater life**
Thursday 16th August: **Invertebrates**

For full details and to book, visit www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org or call 01473 890089

Services for July

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	8 th	
11.00am Fam S		*****
	15 th	
11.00am Fam S		9.30am HC
	22 nd	
11.00am Fam S		9.30am MS
	29 th	
A 5 th Sunday so only Services in Diss.		

Last but not least

A BIG thank you goes to Julie Cundick who has been the Editor for the last couple of years. Julie has decided to step down in order to spend more time with her family.

Contributions for next issue by;

18th July

Please email to
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