

# THE LOPHAMS' NEWS

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## St Andrew's School

St. Andrew's Primary School pupils have now returned from their half term break and are in their final half term of the academic year.

The school would like to thank all the children and their families who took part at the Chyme Concert in Diss on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May. The children were great ambassadors for the school and sang like little nightingales! There was much praise for how such small children could sing so well in parts.

St. Andrew's pupils very much enjoyed being part of the Lopham Jubilee celebrations. The lower school had worked very hard with talented parent Bethan Hensser to create a stunning collage of the queen to decorate South Lopham telephone kiosk. This created much media interest locally. During the weekend children also enjoyed taking part in the fete. Highlights included Mary Rice winning the princess competition and a number of children skillfully dancing round the Maypole. Families attending also enjoyed playing a range of games designed and made by the older children in the school. A favourite was how many of the queens jewels can you find in the custard!

St. Andrew's pupils are now busy preparing for forthcoming events. The school is looking forward to another partnership day at All Saints site, where they will be learning, amongst many things, circus skills with Steve Spud. Following this there is a whole school annual sports day planned, cycling proficiency for year 6, a visit to the Energy Busters Fair for School Council and the competition winner, a Problem Solving day for year 5 pupils and athletics event for year 5 & 6!

## St Andrew's Preschool

The children celebrated the Jubilee in style by having their own tea party, which they thoroughly enjoyed. They have also been having regular visits to the school helping to prepare next years reception children for the transition. Our brilliant new fence in the shape of a rocket, castle and a window has been built and is now awaiting painting.

Up and Coming Events - **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July Family Games and BBQ at the Kings Head, North Lopham 2pm – 6pm.** There will be family games, face painting, crazy golf, cake sale, BBQ and more. Everybody is welcome and it's a great chance for prospective children and parents to informally meet the Preschool management and committee team. **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July Open Afternoon** - Come along and see our brand new look Preschool and meet our friendly management and committee team. Take the chance to find out more about what we have to offer, and have a chat with children and parents who attend the preschool. There will be plenty of messy play opportunities and fun things to do. Children can make a free goody bag to take away some home made play dough. **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July Knettishall Heath Visit** - The children are eagerly awaiting a visit to Knettishall Heath. They will be doing activities such as pond dipping, nature walk and looking at bugs. We would like to welcome anyone from the Mother and Toddler Group to join us. **Summer Holiday Club** - Are you interested in your child attending Holiday Club in the summer? They must be between the ages of 2 - 8 years of age. Last year we ran on a Wednesday and Thursday 8.45am - 3.15pm. Please let Tonya know on the number below if you are interested.

We welcome children to our very friendly Preschool from their second birthday: children still in nappies are very welcome. Preschool opens on Mondays (8.45am - 11.45am) and Wednesdays and Thursdays (8.45am - 3.15pm) Prices vary according to session; government funding is available to all 3 year old children. Our home is situated in The Mess building at St Andrew's school, North Lopham, (the white building close to the road at the school). We have spaces available at Preschool; if you would like to look around and meet our team of Tonya (preschool manager) and her assistant Laura, please call in when we are open. Tonya can also be contacted regarding preschool on 07962 219523.

## FOSTA

We have purchased a PA and Amp for the school costing £530. This will help greatly with sports days, productions and church assemblies. We have also purchased leavers gifts for children going to Diss High School after the summer holidays. Best wishes to Angel Ramstead, Joshua Conquest and Georgia Little. Enjoy High School and keep in touch.

The **FOSTA Treasure Hunt on 14<sup>th</sup> July** starts at the Mess at 3pm. All welcome. This is a car-based treasure hunt, camera/camera phone needed. £5.00 per car. Family BBQ and fun day at the Mess, St Andrew's following the treasure hunt. **Annual Lopham Yard Sales 16<sup>th</sup> September.** Those who have a yard sale are asked to kindly donate 10% of profit to FOSTA. Lopham Pre school committee is providing the refreshments -Bacon rolls, tea, coffee and cake.

We are looking to purchase new cooking equipment and role-play / dressing up resources for St Andrew's to be available for use at the start of the September term. We would like to thank all parents, carers and villagers for their continued support.

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, our trainer Elaine (07845 776110) will provide information. **Art Classes** are held on Wednesdays, with tutor Susie Turner. (01379 687434). After this term, the class will continue as an Art Group on Wednesdays - Susie will put interested folk in touch with a new contact person. **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](http://www.lophamsvillagehall.co.uk).

## Lophams' Ladies

Meeting on the first Tuesday of the month; 7.15pm for 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

First of all thanks go to all who provided cakes or served tea at the Diamond Jubilee Celebration in June. Our thanks go to all who organised this happy event and Lophams' Ladies were just pleased to be able to provide refreshments throughout the afternoon.

On **July 3<sup>rd</sup>** we have arranged an afternoon in Bury St Edmunds for a guided tour of the **Abbey Gardens** by the Head Gardener. We will meet in the Village Hall car park at 1.00pm and share lifts into Bury. On the evening of August 7<sup>th</sup> we have an evening in the garden of Alan and Kate Briggs - Allotment Farm Thetford Road.

We always welcome new members and visitors - details phone 01379 687337.

## Garden Club

On June 6<sup>th</sup> we enjoyed a private visit to the Dell Gardens at Bressingham. It was a real privilege to have these beautiful gardens to ourselves and to be shown around by Andy Bailey who has worked at Bressingham for many years - a very knowledgeable and interesting guide.

On **July 4<sup>th</sup>** we will have a guided tour of **Redgrave and Lopham Fen**, searching for wild flowers along the way. We will meet at the Fen car park at 7pm.

There may still be tickets available for our visit to **Sandringham Flower Show on 25<sup>th</sup> July**, cost £15 per person. If you are interested, please telephone 01379 687833 for more information.

Looking further forward, on **August 4<sup>th</sup>** we welcome David Derrick who will talk about "Bee Keeping and Products of the Hive".

Our meetings take place in the restaurant area of Blooms Garden Centre on the first Wednesday of the month starting at 7.30pm. Visitors and new members are always very welcome.

## Lophams' Village Hall

**Many congratulations** to the sports personalities who are such fantastic ambassadors for the Lophams! The team, which won "Best in Breckland Village Games" on 17<sup>th</sup> June, goes on to the County finals in July. Louisa Keylock has been chosen as a Tribune Team member for the press operations at the aquatic centre for the Olympics, so will be part of the squad who facilitate the events in London and our Judo Club is awaiting the official announcement which should confirm that we have three members actually competing! The names to look out for are - Colin Oates and training partner David in the main competition, plus Jonathan Drane in the paralympic team. Very best wishes from us all go with them. **The Lottery** - our opportunity to support the Village Hall and have a bit of fun too - has a number of renewals due. Do sign up again promptly, to avoid missing a monthly draw. In the May draw; J Leeder won the 1<sup>st</sup> prize of £184; M Baker and P Sturman won 2<sup>nd</sup> prizes of £46 each. New members, and those who need to renew are urged to get in touch: Copies of the full rules and entry forms are available from promoter, Eileen (687608), Treasurer, Tim Colyer (687718), other Village Hall Committee members (see website), or at the Farmers' Market and at Village Hall Events. **Farmers' Markets** are on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday each month, from 9am -12.30pm. Next market 28<sup>th</sup> July. For

## Lophams' Village Society

Jubilee Celebrations – If anyone has any photographs they would like to share, please contact Granville Horan on 01379 640355 or email to [granvillehoran@hotmail.com](mailto:granvillehoran@hotmail.com).

## North Lopham Parish Council

The May meeting was held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> when Heather Potter was elected Chair and Jan Tate elected as Vice-Chair.

NCC will visit the village to assess the situation regarding drop kerb. **Planning:** applications at 40 The Street and 77 The Street have been approved. **Paths/Highways:** J Tate reported on hedges, flooding between N & S Lopham, dip in road outside 61 The Street, council rangers and speeding. Meadow Farm road repair unsatisfactory. Duck mess had been spread on Church corner resulting in a road accident attended by police and Council. Jubilee Lane – Mr West's field is a protected site and persons are asked to keep their dogs off of the field. NCC has now completed the tree planting at Harling crossroads. **Community Matters:** PC are due annual contribution from Breckland DC for bottle bank, this may be reduced this year due to admin costs. Dog fouling is still an issue on the lanes around the village. Please clean up after your dog and use the dog bins provided around the village. There is a rotten tree in the cemetery that needs to be removed. A year on, PC are happy with newsletter. The Little Ouse Headwaters Project is contributing £50 per four months for delivery of their newsletter, which can be offset against printing costs. PC received a letter from Mr Home regarding the property next to his, the Clerk will reply to Mr Home. **Next meeting** 11<sup>th</sup> July.

## St Nicholas' Church

**Our Jubilee Services** on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June were led by the Home Team. The children who shared in the afternoon service received souvenir Diamond Jubilee medallions afterwards; medallions are being delivered to those who couldn't attend; we hope they will be received before the end of June. The 6.30pm Evensong had a Royal feel, and hymns to match; a good sing was enjoyed by all!

**Ascension Day and Pentecost** - The Birthday of the Christian Church - were both celebrated as planned. While there is no Rector, we are very grateful to the retired clergy who come to take communion services - on the first Sunday each month and on the fourth Wednesday, both at 9.30am in St Nicholas' Church.

**Our Summer Coffee Morning** will be held at Brecklands, home of Jean & Chris Stringfield on Wednesday July 4<sup>th</sup> from 10am to noon. Please put the date in your diary now, then come along on the day. In addition to Coffee (or tea) and eats, there will be stalls - Bring & Buy, Home Made goodies etc., and Tombola, plus a Raffle and lots of time to catch up on all the news, so do please come along. If help with transport is needed, just telephone 01379 687679 to arrange a lift.

**Please note** that the 29<sup>th</sup> July is a fifth Sunday, so there will be just one service in the five parishes - a group Communion at Bressingham, at 10am.

## Champions!

Lopham have won the Breckland Village Games, held at Watton Leisure Centre on June 17<sup>th</sup> 2012. A fantastic team effort winning the athletics, rounders, archery, climbing wall and senior table tennis, and also competing in darts, football, tennis, badminton, fitness triathlon and carpet bowls.

The Heroes of our village include the following families: Carter, Conquest, Cox, Hensser, Johnston, Levingbird, Pursehouse, Rice, Shipperlee, Somers and Sturman.

We will now go forward to represent Breckland in the County Final at the UEA Sportspark on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July. Due to the way the final is set up we will need more competitors, so any keen sportsmen and women who live in the Lophams who would like to join our team for the final will be most welcome. For more information please call Jim on 01379 687330.

## Jubilee Celebrations at the Lophams

The bitterly cold wind did not deter a good attendance at this event, or spoil the success of the day. At least we were spared the rain! The activities included fancy dress competitions for the children, a Punch and Judy show, a children's tea party and maypole dancing. Jonathan Wheeler brought along his splendid traction engine (which provided some welcome warmth!) and Mr and Mrs Bowes of Supreme Carriages of Blo' Norton provided a very smart twin-horse carriage which ferried many children around the field. Inside the Village Hall, Tom Brown provided an interesting and informative demonstration showing children the principles of mechanics using various self-made models. The busiest places were the tea tent organised by the Lopham Ladies and the "Jubilee Arms" run by George from the Kings Head! There were many other stalls and attractions. Bill Bedford, who did a roaring trade, managed the barbeque and there was an ice cream van, a fish and chip trailer and Keith Rackham's wonderful homemade candyfloss! Live music was provided early on by Captain Kirk's Mandolin Band followed later by The Waveney Four. One of the highlights of the afternoon was the tug-of-war between teams from the Kings Head and the White Horse Pubs. After a hard struggle the Kings Head triumphed. The following fancy dress prizes were awarded:- Queen, Mary Rice; Princess, Nieve Summers; and King, Mason Potter. For the best Jubilee Theme:- Jack and George Pavitt. Portrait Competition for children over nine:- first prize Morgan Roberts, second Wilson Potter and third Lexi Wallace. For under nines:- first prize Morgan Wallace, second Evie Hensser and third Erin Aldous. For adults:- first prize Debbie Cox, second Donna Potter and third Max Hensser. Many thanks to Susie Turner for judging. The day concluded with a dance in the Village Hall. The music was provided by Mick the Baker and his Band and very good they were too! It was a very lively evening, which was enjoyed by all.

Thanks are due to the Lophams Jubilee Committee for all their hard work in organising the event. Perhaps worthy of special mention are Granville Horan (Chairman), Peter Coster and Steph Fleming. St. Andrew's School also contributed much to the day (including the Queen in the South Lopham telephone kiosk!) for which particular thanks are due to Head Teacher Louise Norgate and Jennie Vere. This is not to undervalue the contributions made by so many others.

## North Lopham Methodist Chapel

Services for July

8<sup>th</sup> July 10.30am  
L.A.

22<sup>nd</sup> July 10.30am  
Preacher Rev. Brian Trudgian of Diss

A warm welcome to all.

## St Andrew's Church

It was a lovely warm sunny evening on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May when we were treated to A Summer Miscellany by the Thursday Night Ladies Choir from Thetford directed by Mary Rolton. The Piano duets by the very talented Pip Jepson and Trish Halliwell were a delight as were the performances by Flautist Alan Howard, soloist Katie Howard, and the Choir who performed favourites including The Rhythm of Life, the evening came to a conclusion with Rhapsody in Blue, with such impressive acoustics in the Church it all helped to make this a really special evening. Refreshments were served in the interval and our thanks go Cynthia for her help with this and with the raffle we are pleased to say that £650.00 was raised for the Church Organ Cleaning Fund. Our thanks also go to Archie for arranging this and to the Choir, the performers and to everyone who came to support this event.

There will be a **Coffee Morning** in the Church on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July** 10.00am to 12 noon. There will be a Cake Stall, Bring and Buy and a Raffle, please come along for a Coffee and a chat.

## Lophams' Bingo

Bingo sessions continue on the first Monday in the month, at the Village Hall from 2pm to 3.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come along for a social time, with lots of opportunity to chat and enjoy yourself. (Please note - serious bingo players could find the social aspect disconcerting; Fun is the main objective!)

## Services for July

North Lopham	South Lopham
	<b>1<sup>st</sup> July</b>
9.30am Group HC	-
11am Fam S	-
	<b>8<sup>th</sup> July</b>
11am Fam S	-
6.30pm ES	-
	<b>15<sup>th</sup> July</b>
11am Fam S	9.30am HC
	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>
11am Fam S	6.30pm ES

Contributions for next issue by;

**18<sup>th</sup> JULY**

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