

# THE LOPHAMS' NEWS

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## St Andrew's School

St. Andrew's pupils, parents, staff and governors enjoyed their Easter break. This followed a very busy end of term.

During Mid-March many children from year 2 to year 6 enjoyed a coach trip to Drury Lane, London to see the West End Production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. This has inspired the children to put on their own production in the summer term.

Team spirit has definitely been evident in the football and netball team, who have continued to successfully win their matches in the small school league. They now look forward to the presentation evening later in the year.

The last week of term saw a feast of Easter activities enjoyed by pupils. There was an Easter Egg Hunt on the Monday, an Easter bake-off on the Thursday and an Easter Breakfast followed by a service in the church on the Friday.

St. Andrew's now looks forward to the forthcoming events, which include a trip to Banham Zoo as a result of persuasive writing by Victory Class, a residential at Hill Top for Endeavour Class and a Dinosaur project for Discovery.

## St Andrew's Pre School

The numbers on our pre-school roll are good, and we are currently planning to use some of the generous donation received recently to develop the outside area - with a veggie patch on the ground to the side that the school are letting us have. Thank you to everyone who supports us, including all those who bought tickets for the Easter Raffle. Do look out for posters advertising the Bingo evening, then come along and join in!

We are running a mobile recycling initiative, so if you have an old mobile languishing in a drawer, let us take it off your hands and turn it into much needed pennies and pounds for the pre-school.

Our sessions are on Mondays 8.45-11.45 and Wed/Thurs 8.45-3.15. Do note that all 3 years olds are entitled to 15 hours of free sessions each week.

As always, we encourage prospective parents to drop in, view the setting and meet our team. Please note our new contact number is 07854 091257.

## FoSTA

We are planning to hold our, ever popular, **Yard Sales**, again and following suggestions from those who took part last year are having them earlier this year. So put **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June** in your diary and think about joining us. We will be opening the school gates for those of you who would prefer to car boot and the preschool will host the refreshments. More info nearer the time.

## Lophams' Village Hall

**The Village Hall AGM** will be held on Friday **27<sup>th</sup> June**, in the hall at 7.30pm. (not as in Cock Crow, for various family reasons). It would be great to have at least one representative from each of the village organisations present, plus any new residents who would like to become involved with the hall and its activities. It is a resource for both Lophams' and new ideas are always welcome - especially if there is a willingness to put them into practice! There will be chance to view the kitchen refurbishment and new hatch doors.

**The Lottery** is a fun way to support the hall development fund, with three chances each month of winning a prize. March's winners were: first prize of £178 - M & L Collier, with second prizes of £44.50 going to A Jacob and K Wood. Copies of the full rules and entry forms are available from promoter, Eileen, tel; 01379 687608, from Village Hall Treasurer, Tim Colyer, tel; 01379 687718, from other Village Hall Committee members (see website for details), or at the Farmer's Market and at Village Hall Events.

**Farmer's Markets** are on the fourth Saturday each month, from 9am to 12.30pm. The May Market is on 24<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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 01379 687882 for more details.

**Yoga with P:** is on Thursdays in the early evening. Booking is essential, so contact [pieternella.jarvie@gmail.com](mailto:pieternella.jarvie@gmail.com) (01379 890955 or 07932010720).

**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 in the Village Hall; 7.15pm for 7.30pm.

At our AGM in April we all thanked Sarah Frizzell for her continued leadership as we enjoyed another year of meetings and welcomed some new faces to the group. We also were able to share 'Nostalgia Time' with several members displaying some very detailed Family Trees and some wonderful old and 'not' so old family photos.

On May 6<sup>th</sup> we have an evening outing to 'Cocoa Mama'; a chocolate shop in Eye. We plan to share cars so please contact Sarah on the number below if you would like to come. There will be a charge of £5 for this evening.

On June 3<sup>rd</sup> we have a talk and demonstration by harpist Sarah Rochfort.

On June 14<sup>th</sup> we have our annual **Jumble, Bric a Brac and Car Boot Sale** so please remember us when you are having a Spring Clean!!

Once again newcomers and visitors are always welcome - phone 01379 687337 for details.

## Garden Club

On April 2<sup>nd</sup> Guy Barker came and gave his presentation entitled "Harbingers of Spring". Guy told us about his early life and how he seemed to be "destined" to becoming a gardener, and also about the various places he is lucky enough to work. He brought with him examples of his favorite spring flowering plants and explained their growing requirements, giving us lots of information together with lots of amusement.

Our next meeting will be on May 7<sup>th</sup> when John Tate will give us lots of advice on "**Garden Ponds**".

We will not have our usual meeting in June, but will instead be making an evening visit to **Furze House Gardens** on June 11<sup>th</sup>. The cost of this visit will be £6.00 and we shall be making our own travel arrangements. Further information about this will be given at our May meeting.

We meet at Blooms of Bressingham Garden Centre on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm. Visitors and new members are always very welcome. Please telephone 01379 687833 for further details.

## St Nicholas' Church

**Social Scene** - two special dates this month

**Friday Night is SNYSB Night** is on May 23<sup>rd</sup> in St Nicholas' Church at 7.30pm. The annual visit by Mike Booty and the youngsters of the South Norfolk Youth Symphonic Band is one of the social highlights of the early summer, with a feast of music from films and West end shows, plus music written especially for wind bands (i.e. no strings, but a super percussion department!) If you haven't heard them before, do come along and be sure of a good evening. While refreshments are served in the interval there is a chance to meet the band, and see some of their more unusual instruments. Tickets are just £5, from Jennie Vere. (phone number 01379 687679)

**Ryan Lewis - A Concert in Memory** is on 30<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm. Ryan, whom many will remember from the days of the Super Six concerts, will be home from Malaysia so is planning a very special evening to raise funds for Pancreatic Cancer Research & Support, in memory of his father Clive (and others well known to us in North Lopham). This will be a wonderful evening, and a chance to raise awareness of one of the least publicised, but most devastating cancers known. Tickets at just £6, include wine, fruit juice and light refreshments & are available from Jennie & PCC members. There will be a Raffle too, so help us reach a record result, all for this cause.

Thank you to all those who supported the special services for Easter weekend. We were pleased to have the Revd Maggie Swayze leading the meditation at the foot of the 14ft cross on Good Friday, then returning for the Easter Communion service in a church transformed with so many beautiful flowers, and with Easter eggs waiting to be discovered afterwards. Special thanks to everyone who helped, in any way, with the decorations.

During the last couple of years the local members of the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts (NADFAS) have been carefully recording the details of all the furniture and artifacts in St Nicholas' Church. The resulting Record will be handed over to the Rector, Canon Tony Billett, at Evensong on 11<sup>th</sup> May, at 4pm. Do come and join us. There will be an opportunity to look at the records over tea afterwards.

## North Lopham Lent Lunches

The lunches on Tuesdays during Lent raised £320 for the diocesan Lent Appeal to raise funds to equip new pastors in Papua New Guinea. Many thanks to those who hosted a lunch, and to all who came along to support them.

## North Lopham Parish Council

**Solar Farms:** Many thanks to all those who attended and contributed to the lively discussions at the Public Meeting with representatives of AVIC - PCI and Richard Pike and made their feelings so clear.

**Village Clean up:** Many thanks to those who took part on 12<sup>th</sup> April.

The next meeting of the Council is on 14<sup>th</sup> May.

## Redgrave and Lopham Fen

Saturday 3 May, 10.30am – 1pm

### Guided fen walk

Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Fen with enthusiast and naturalist John Hill. £3 Meet at the Education Centre, no booking required.

Saturday 10 May, 10.30am – 12.30pm

### Wildlife Watch Group

A club for 6 – 12yr olds, £1  
Contact Mike Wraight 01379 644508.

Tuesday 27 May, 2pm – 4pm

### Flower power! family afternoon

Flower spotting, folklore and a flower butterfly feeder to make.

£2.50 per person

Booking essential 01379 688333.

Saturday 14 June, 10.30am – 12.30pm

### Wildlife Watch Group

A club for 6 – 12yr olds, £1  
Contact Mike Wraight 01379 644508.

Sunday 15 June, 10am – 3pm

### Jam Masterclass

Learn how quick and easy it is to make jam and preserves with local master preserver, Janet Peachey.

£25/£21.50

Booking essential 01473 890089.

## The Lophams' Society

The Lophams' Society hosted one of its most successful evenings on the 28<sup>th</sup> March when over 90 people turned up to take part in the Spring Quiz. At the end of a closely fought contest, only three points separated the top 3 teams. Honours eventually going to Table 5 with a score of 60 out of a possible 80 points. Thanks to Simon Dilloway for, once again, providing the questions (including a rather challenging round on 1970's albums) and to Mike Cox who took charge of the scoreboard. Thanks also to everyone who turned up to support us and to the committee members and helpers for all their hard work on the night, especially those in the kitchen and the bar. All proceeds from this quiz and future events; the next being a **Jazz Evening on the 19<sup>th</sup> July** will go towards funding the **Free Christmas drop-in event in December**.

At a recent meeting the Lophams' Society Committee discussed the possibility of holding an occasional **afternoon tea party** at the Village Hall for senior citizens. Such an event would give people the opportunity to **meet and chat with new and old friends** over a cup of tea and a slice of cake. It is envisaged that there would be no charge and there is even the possibility that transport could be arranged if necessary. It is difficult to judge if such events would be well received so **if you would value such an occasion**, or know somebody that may do so, please contact Roy Clark on 688408.

## North Lopham Methodist Church

The future of the Chapel is uncertain at the moment, but we hope to continue the informal service on 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday each month at 10.30 am, followed by a Coffee Morning from 11am until 12 noon. The next should be on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

## St Andrew's Church

There will be a **Coffee Morning** in the Church on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 10am – 12 noon with a Cake Stall, Raffle, Bring and Buy etc. Please come along enjoy a Coffee and a Scone.

Two dates for your diary;

A **Flower Festival** will be held in St. Andrew's Church on Saturday and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> July. If anyone would like to participate in any way, please contact Jill on 01379 687216.

The **Thursday Night Ladies Choir** and **Four Hands in Harmony** return for a concert in the Church on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July in aid of Cancer Research, more details in next issue.

The PCC would like to express their **most sincere thanks** to the people who have been helping to tidy the Churchyard in various ways, not to mention any names but we are extremely grateful.

## Lophams' Holy Bingo

It is always good to see new faces - especially when the first Monday is a Bank Holiday. Do join us at the Village Hall on 5<sup>th</sup> May, at 2pm for some lighthearted fun and banter. Please telephone 01379 687679 if you need help with transport.

## Services for May

North Lopham	South Lopham
	<b>4<sup>th</sup> May</b>
9.30am HC	-
11am Fam S	-
	<b>11<sup>th</sup> May</b>
11am Fam S	-
6pm ES and NADFAS	-
	<b>18<sup>th</sup> May</b>
11am Fam S	9.30am HC
	<b>25<sup>th</sup> May</b>
11am Fam S	4pm ES

Contributions for next issue by;

**18<sup>th</sup> MAY**

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