

# THE LOPHAMS' NEWS

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## St Andrew's School

St. Andrew's pupils, parents, staff and governors are fast approaching the end of the summer break and are looking forward to the new academic year! Following extremely successful Key Stage 2 results, St. Andrew's now welcomes nine new pupils and looks forward to delivering a new personalised school curriculum.

During the summer break the school kitchen servery has undergone a refurbishment, ensuring it is able to meet the demands for the new free school meals.

Throughout the summer holiday, Friends of St. Andrew's School and Pre School have been very active, enjoying trips to High Lodge, Bury St. Edmunds swimming and Castle Acre.

If you would like to know more about St. Andrew's please contact Louise Norgate Executive Headteacher for All Saints and St. Andrew's Federation in Partnership with Hapton, via the school office on 01379 687253.

## St Andrew's Pre School

During the weeks leading up to the end of term, pre school children enjoyed opportunities to join the 'big' school, so that those joining Reception in September will feel at home when the great day arrives! We send very best wishes to them all. Any new residents with children approaching their 2nd birthday, or a bit older, are warmly invited to get in touch with the Pre school staff to arrange a visit, with a view to joining us. We have lots of equipment for use both indoors and out, and offer your child a safe way to make friends with those they may then grow up alongside.

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 year olds are entitled to 15 hours free sessions each week.

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

## Lophams' Village Hall

During the summer, builders have been hard at work, transforming the storage rooms in the hall, and moving the toilet for the less able to a new site at the rear of the foyer. We do apologise for the dust and any inconvenience for our regular users, but hope that the resulting improvements make this all worthwhile.

Diary Notice - **The Osiligi Troupe Of Maasai Warriors** - have been booked to perform at the hall on the afternoon of 11<sup>th</sup> October. The Troupe's music is incredible, mesmerising to hear and certainly fascinating to watch. This is an opportunity to experience and enjoy the diverse culture of the Maasai. Tickets are £6 adult and £4 children of school age, with a family ticket at £20 available to residents on request. Be sure to get yours in good time!

**The Lottery** is a fun way to support the hall development fund, with three chances each month of winning a prize. The July winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> prize £184.00 - M McCaw; 2<sup>nd</sup> prizes of £46.00 each - J Bernard and P Moralee. 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 September Market is on 27<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 Jennifer on 01379 687882 for more details.

**Yoga with P:** is taking a Summer break. Watch for details again in the Autumn.

**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

At the August meeting we had a really informative talk about the work of Citizens' Advice. It is amazing to learn how wide is the range of problems their volunteers can help with. As a result of their work and research their national team is frequently called on to give advice to government departments.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> September, Christine Humphries title is **'Tears and Laughter - Family Tree Research'**, which promises to be both informative and amusing. As always, visitors are welcome to come along to the Village Hall at 7.30pm. The charge is just £2, which includes refreshments.

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

## Garden Club

On August 6<sup>th</sup> we paid a visit to Thorncroft Clematis Nursery at Reymerston. We were made very welcome and were given a guided tour of the greenhouses and shown how the plants are cared for and also how they are packed and posted for their, highly successful, mail order business. We then sat and enjoyed a welcome cup of tea or coffee and were able to purchase some beautiful clematis.

Our next meeting is on 3<sup>rd</sup> September when David Bolton will give a presentation entitled "Beauty in Norfolk", and looking further forward, we shall welcome Ian Limmer of Peter Beales Roses to our meeting on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Ian will, of course, talk to us about Roses.

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.

## Lophams' Harvest Luncheon

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September in the Village Hall, 12.30 for a 1pm start. Ham, stuffed chicken and many salads will be followed by apple tart & ice cream. Soft drinks will be provided, but please bring your own alcohol & glasses if desired. Tickets are £8.50 from J Vere (01379 687679), C Huggins (687201) or PCC members. There will be a Raffle.

## Bacon Exhibition Endowment Fund

This quite small Fund is available for those between 5 and 25 years who live or attend schools in Redgrave, Botesdale, Rickingham, Wortham, Burgate, Gislingham, Hinderclay, Blo Norton., South Lopham, and Bressingham.

Please apply by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014, to The Clerk, Mrs R Powell, Fir Tree Cottage, Redgrave, Diss, IP22 1SD.

## St Nicholas' Church

The Summer holidays are almost over - it has been good to see visitors at some of our services. As Autumn approaches, thoughts turn to **Harvest Festivals** - South Lopham have theirs on 21<sup>st</sup> September, so there is no service in North that day. We hope you have read the item about the Harvest luncheon and will come and join us! The North Lopham **Harvest Thanksgiving** services will be on 12<sup>th</sup> October.

**The Churches Sponsored Bike Ride** is on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>, from 9am to 5pm. All are invited to have a great day out, getting fit (?), visiting some of the most wonderful buildings and helping to raise funds for their upkeep. This year, for the very first time, driving between churches is allowed as well, but do, please, keep safe. There are sponsor forms & full details in each of the churches.

**Biggest Coffee Morning in the World.** Do join us on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September in North Lopham Church from 10am to noon, to raise funds for the wonderful work done by Macmillan Cancer Care, in research as well as providing support at the most difficult times of life. As usual, there will be a Stall & a Raffle in addition to time for coffee, biscuits & chat.

## North Lopham Methodist Church

A Thanksgiving Service for over 200 years of Methodist worship in North Lopham Chapel was attended by friends from the circuit and beyond, with a delicious tea afterwards. The future of the building is now in the hands of the circuit.

**Informal Methodist worship** and Coffee Mornings will now be held in St Nicholas Church at 10.30am on the **fourth Wednesday** of the month - 27<sup>th</sup> August and 24<sup>th</sup> September. We do hope these will be supported by local residents.

## North Lopham Parish Council

Next meeting 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 2014.

## St Andrew's Church

**Summer Concert.** On Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> July we welcomed The Thursday Night Ladies Choir and Four Hands in Harmony for a lovely Summers evening concert. Their previous concerts had raised money to have the organ cleaned and polished which has now been completed so we were delighted that Polina Sosnina was able to play the organ for us. The Choir treated us to a variety of songs including Bring me sunshine in a cup from "This Day", Moon River, and The Rythmn of Life. The very talented piano duet of Four Hands in Harmony concluded the evening with Rhapsody in Blue. Refreshments were served in the interval and there was a raffle. Thank you to Archie for organising the concert, also to the performers, Cynthia for the refreshments, all the helpers and to everyone who came to enjoy the music. All money raised will go to Cancer Research.

The **Harvest Festival Service** at St. Andrew's Church is on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 11.00am. **Decorating the Church** for this Service will take place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September in the morning, we welcome any help or produce.

The **Harvest Lunch** will be held in the Village Hall on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September after the Service in the Church. Tickets for the Lunch are available from the Church Wardens, please phone 01379 687273.

**Cycle Ride.** The Churches sponsored cycle ride is on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September. If you would like to take part and help raise money for the upkeep of our beautiful Church, sponsor forms are available from Monica and Peter on 01379 687273.

## Holy Bingo

It is always good to see new faces Do join us at the Village Hall on 1<sup>st</sup> September at 2pm for some light hearted fun and banter. Please telephone 01379 687679 if you need help with transport.

## Friends of South Lopham Church

The Friends are holding their **Annual General Meeting** in the Church on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 7.00pm.

The Friends help to maintain St Andrews Church and would welcome anyone interested in joining us to attend the Annual General Meeting or contact Evelyn Logsdail 01379 687281 or Marion Crisp 01379 687953. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Lophams' Society

On Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> of July The Lophams' Society invited popular jazz combo **Pork Pie Hat** to entertain us with a summer evening of jazz. With an almost capacity attendance, the village hall resonated with the smooth sounds of a collection of well-known jazz classics and, for once, we were blessed with a summer evening that lived up to it's name, allowing patrons to sit and enjoy the music, both in and outside the hall. Many thanks to all those who joined us to make this a most enjoyable evening. Thanks also to the committee for all their hard work in ensuring that the evening was a success and especially to those members involved in the preparation and serving of the interval supper. Thanks also to the bar staff who were kept busy supplying copious amounts of liquid refreshments to satisfy a very appreciative audience on a very warm night.

The next Lophams' Society event will be the **Autumn Quiz** on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September**. To reserve a table for this very popular event, please ring 01379 688408 or 640355.

## Bowls Club

Aged 19 - 99?  
Nothing on TV - again?  
Need a new interest this winter?  
Why not try indoor **shortmat** bowling?

East Harling Bowls Club is offering a series of **Free Informal Lessons** to anyone interested in this popular national/international sport which is easy to learn, friendly and sociable.

These 2-hour sessions will begin on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** from **6pm to 8pm** and will last for 4 weeks.

Bowls will be provided, but please wear soft, flat soled shoes (or just socks).

Please ring Pauline on 01953 717275 to reserve a place, or just turn up at the clubhouse in Church Road, East Harling (opposite the Church) on 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 6pm. We look forward to seeing you.

## Services for September

North Lopham	South Lopham
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**7<sup>th</sup> September**

9.30am HC	-
11am Fam S	-

**14<sup>th</sup> September**

11am Fam S	-
4pm ES	-

**21<sup>st</sup> September**

Harv at South	11am Harv Fest
no Fam S	

**28<sup>th</sup> September**

11am Fam S	4pm ES
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Contributions for next issue by;

**18<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

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