

# THE LOPHAMS' NEWS

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## Little Ouse Headwaters Project

A grand "Hunt for Local Treasures" is to be held on Sunday 26th August, which will take in all of the LOHP fen sites, together with places and objects of local interest, including our local Church. The hunt will start from Thelnetnam Village Hall between 11am and 2pm. Participants can enter as walkers, cyclists or by car. Entry for cars or family groups £5 and for individuals £2. There will be something for everyone including children with prizes to be won. Refreshments will be available all day. More information from our website [www.lohp.org.uk](http://www.lohp.org.uk) or from Reg Langston on 01379 898 009.

### North Lopham's Tony Cartwright

*Betty writes:* Betty Cartwright and her family thank everyone who helped with prayers, and in practical ways during the last two years while Tony was ill. We were comforted by all the letters and cards that we received, and that so many people came to say goodbye to him. Thank you, everyone.

### St. Andrew's School

As the Summer holiday finally arrives, everyone at St. Andrew's is looking forward to a much needed and well earned rest after a non-stop year of busyness.

**Sports afternoon** at the end of June followed the familiar format: Whole School Sports took place first. The children, divided into family and colour coded teams, competed in a carousel of eight activities to test a variety of PE skills. The encouragement of accompanying parents was a crucial factor in enabling teams to score maximum points! After a refreshment break, traditional races were run. After fun races for parents, rosettes were awarded to individual pupils, and the final result was declared - the Yellow team just won. This year, the fastest boy overall was Adam, and the fastest girl was Emily P; their times for running the length of the field will be entered in the school Records book.

The Partnership production of "Oliver" at Garboldisham Village Hall received rave reviews from many of those privileged to go and watch - 'worthy of London', 'amazing' and 'very professional for such young performers' were just some of the comments heard afterwards. Those with solo parts performed and sang wonderfully, very well supported by all the choir members and Michael Dann on his organ. Grateful thanks go to all who helped in any way. And a very special thank you to Penny Sheppard who held everything together and inspired everyone to give of their very best.

"It's a Knockout" and FOSTA Fair day proved to be a very happy and successful one. The teams did very well in some wildly different activities, and the competitions, side shows (especially the wet sponges), and raffle did brisk trade as did all those providing many kinds of refreshments. By the end of the day over £700 had been raised for funds, which will go towards playground equipment at St. Andrews school. Bressingham was the overall winner of the games by a whisker. We are extra grateful to Jon & Gill Rogers and everyone who helped them for a mammoth feat of organisation and to those who came along on the day, and ensured such a good result.

The children from across the Partnership had a **Picnic at High Lodge** to celebrate the last week of term, and enjoyed all the unusual equipment to the full. It was great to see how they were completely intermingled - the Y6 leavers look forward to moving on to High School together.

All at the school send sincere thanks to all those in the community who have supported them in any way during the last twelve months - this support is greatly appreciated.

### Village Hall

**Village Hall AGM** - The Annual Meeting was held at the Hall on 22nd June. It was well attended by Committee members, those representing our Parish Council, Breckland District Council Chairman William Nunn, and others. Apologies were received from Mr Malcolm Birchall (Chairman). The financial report was given by Mike Shipperlee, who spoke of a sound balance and event which had taken place at the Hall during the last year. George Nunn and Tom Baker spoke on behalf of the young people, of their wish to have a skateboard ramp at the Hall. It was agreed to discuss this at a future meeting. Neil Lawson was elected to become a Committee member.

### Lophams' Ladies

Members and friends very much enjoyed a Garden Meeting recently at Mr & Mrs Kath Hatton's home in South Lopham. A wood carving demonstration was given by Mr Hatton and refreshments enjoyed. Mrs Sarah Frizzel gave a vote of thanks. On Tuesday 7th August Tonya Attwood will speak about 'Ceramic Tiles' at the Hall at 7.30pm. Visitors welcome. Contact 01379 687337.

### Playgroup & Parent/Toddler

**North Lopham Playgroup** - A big thank you to all who helped with the Summer Fair. Over £200 was raised. The children enjoyed their mini sports day and lots of medals were won. Westill has spaces for September.

**North Lopham Parent, Baby & Toddler Group** - We meet every Thursday, 2-3.15pm in The Mess (in front of the school). Term time only. All welcome, dads as well. We are a small, friendly group. Lots of toys & equipment. Come along for a coffee & chat.

For more information please ring Julie on 01379 687769 or Cherilyn on 01379 688116.

### Redgrave and Lopham Fen

(All enquiries & Bookings - 01379 688333)

**Suffolk Wildlife Trust Photography Competition Exhibition:** Sat 18th - Sun 19th Aug, Thur 23rd - Mon 29th Aug, Sat 1st - Sun 2nd Sep, 10am-5pm. **Activity Days:** close encounters with wildlife for children 6-12 years. Tuesday 10am-2pm. £5. Booking essential. **31st July - Charlottes web, 7th August - Survival** when the going gets hot, **14th August - Dragons and Damsels. Sharing Nature:** For 4-8 year olds. Children £3, adults free. 10am - 12 noon. Booking essential. **Wed 1st Aug - Brilliant**



**Butterflies, Wed 8th Aug - Wind in the Willows. Art Workshop:** Hone your skills for ages 10-16. 10am-12 noon. £3. Booking essential. Mon 30th July. **Make a pin hole camera or sun print.** Thur 23rd and Fri 24th Aug, 10am - 4pm. £1. No need to book.

## North Lopham Parish Council

**Letchmere 'Opening'** - Almost 100 people enjoyed a sunny rain-free afternoon on July 8th for the official 'opening' of the restored pond area (Letchmere) in North Lopham. Parish Council Chairman, Brian Frith, thanked all who had helped with the project in any way and expressed a wish that the area would be used by the whole community. At very late notice, Bernice Malson, Lord of the Manor, was unable to attend because of transport problems, so 'the ribbon' was cut by Ed Stocker, the Norfolk County Council ecologist who has advised on the renovation project from the start. As stated in the last edition of Lophams News', the new noticeboard is for advertising events in North and South Lopham - events organisers are welcome to put up their own notices, but please keep the board tidy and do not cover up other notices. Please contact our Clerk, Mike Cox (01379 688355) if you have any query about the use of the board. We want to put on the noticeboard a list of 'useful names and numbers' for the village - contacts for clubs, organisations, public services etc. Please let Brian Frith know of any information about YOUR group for inclusion on this list - phone 01379 688042 or e-mail brf.nl@virgin.net

## North Lopham Methodist Chapel

The Chapel members plan to hold a Flower Festival over their Harvest Weekend - September 15th, 16th and 17th. They invite anyone from the village, or further afield, who would be willing to help them, to come to a meeting in the Chapel Schoolroom on Thursday 23rd August at 2pm, to arrange all the details. The money raised by the weekend will be used for the upkeep of the Chapel. Anyone who wants to help in any way, but cannot come to the meeting on 23rd, is asked to telephone 01379 688124. *The Chapel is one of the most important buildings in North Lopham - an unspoiled example of early Methodist style architecture. The present members are few in number, so they really do need the support of the whole community to make the celebration weekend a real success.*

Services for August at 10.45am.

- 5th August, Preacher Mrs Rosemary Adams of Harleston.
- 19th August, Preacher Rev Colin Telfer of Diss.

Everyone welcome.

## St. Nicholas' Church (North Lopham)

**Ryan Lewis & Friends** - Further to last month's note, we have managed to arrange two very special concerts this summer, both primarily to help the young people who have been so good to us. **Ryan Lewis in Concert** is on Saturday 28th July, at 7.30pm. There may be a few £5 tickets left on the door, so come and enjoy beautiful piano music and a group of songs. **The Return of The Super Six (or Seven)** is on Saturday 25th August, again at 7.30pm - a feast of music, both solo and ensemble, to suit many tastes, with a light supper too. Tickets will be on sale throughout the month, again at just £5.

**The Sponsored HYMN MARATHON** will be on Saturday 4th August, from 9am to 5pm, or thereabouts. There is still time to sponsor a hymn or the event. If Jennie hasn't already seen you, then come and sing along on the day. To date, there is no specific target for the number of hymns to be played but it would be wonderful to top the 525 mark!!!

**The Sponsored Cycle Ride** is on 8th September, with churches and chapels throughout much of the country open from 9am to welcome visitors to see their lovely interiors and be signed in. This will be the 25th Ride organised by the Norfolk Churches Trust, who will share the sponsorship money raised with the church for which people ride. It is always a great day out, and a good way to get fit. Sponsor forms are available in church or from PCC members. **Buggy Club** will have a summer break, and returns on 11th September. We wish all who are going away a happy and restful time, and hope to welcome visitors to this area at our services - a warm welcome is guaranteed.

## St. Andrew's Church (South Lopham)

The next **Coffee Morning** at St. Andrew's will be on Wednesday 15th August from 10am - midday. There will of course be plenty of homemade cakes for sale plus the chance to win a raffle prize. Do come along and support your church and community.

Everyone is welcome. The 18th July Coffee Morning made a total of £126 for church funds.

**Lophams' Harvest Supper** will be in October this year. The exact date is still to be confirmed, but will be advertised next month, or you can phone Monica Reeder on 01379 687273 for details. We are keenly waiting to hear if the **latest lottery application** has been successful - watch this space.

**Friends of South Lopham Church: The Annual Craft Fair** is on the 1st and 2nd September this year in St. Andrew's Church, 10am to 4pm each day. We hope to have a good selection of crafts as well as the cake stall, plant stall, raffle, and you will be able to relax and enjoy some lovely refreshments which will be served all day as always. The beautiful Norman tower will be open once again for those who love to go to the top and perhaps for those of you who haven't already done it! Do come along and support the 'Friends' and PCC who are desperately trying to raise money towards the many repairs needed to this wonderful building. The 'Friends' would also like to thank all those who supported and helped in so many ways at the Strawberry Tea when we managed to raise £379 in spite of the miserable weather - thanks to everyone.

## Services for August

### North Lopham South Lopham

#### 5th August

9.30am HC	-
11am Fam Serv	11am HC

#### 12th August

11am Ramble Serv	-
6.30pm Evensong	11am MS

#### 19th August

11am Fam Serv	9.30am HC
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#### 26th August

11am All age HC	6.30pm ES
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