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*We wish all our readers, contributors and those who prepare and distribute
The Lophams' News, a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year*

Lophams' Village Hall

Even though the **Bonfire and Firework** evening was postponed for a week because of torrential rain, a pleasing crowd came along to enjoy the superb firework display. Thank you to the 'team'. Rosemary was thrilled to have 22 entries for the children's bonfire night picture competition. Prizes were awarded to Phoebe, Molly and Lulu in the 'Over 7s', and to Theo, Joanna and Rory in the 'Under 7s'. Thank you to all who helped in any way.

Dog Training Classes are now held on Tuesday evenings. Details from registered trainer Elaine on 07845 776110. **Ballroom Dancing Sessions** at the Hall are on the 3rd Thursday each month (7-9pm) at £4. Contact Eileen on 01379 687515 to find out more. **Farmers' Markets** continue, but on Sunday 21st in December, from 9am to 12.30pm. New producers of local produce are always welcome. Just call Mike on 01379 687235 for details. **To book the Hall** for private functions, please phone 01379 687679.

Lophams' Happy Circle

The November meeting was a busy Bring & Buy, along with a game of Bingo. The next meeting will be a Christmas Meal at the South Lopham White Horse (12.30 for 1pm). If anybody would like to know anything about the Club please ring Avis on 01953 681789 or Daphne on 01379 687453.

Lophams' Ladies

Members recently enjoyed a visit to Bury St. Edmunds Theatre. A Social Evening is planned for December. Our monthly meetings are held at the Village Hall, with a varied programme of speakers and events. If anyone would like to know more please contact Mrs S Frizzell on 01379 687337.

Little Ouse Headwaters Project

AGM and Talk - This year the AGM will be at the Village Hall on Thursday 4th December at 7.30pm. Tim Pankhurst, a well known expert, will talk about "Fens, what they are and why they matter". Non-members, friends and family are all welcome. A

donation of £2 from non-members towards the cost of refreshments would be welcome.

St. Andrew's School

The last half term ended on a real "high" with the **Pink Day**, partly to remember Sharon Teteris and partly to raise funds for Breast Cancer research. Everyone found something pink to wear, and mums made pink goodies for a Cake Sale. FOSTA provided refreshments, which raised a wonderful £129.19 to share between the charity and the school. The children continued to think of others by bringing coins to stick all over Pudsey Bear outlines for **Children in Need**.

A new venture is a **Singing/Activity Club** after school. This is proving really popular, as it enables us to have time to enjoy all sorts of music activities. The members performed a new song for the grandparents, who came to a special morning in their honour. Class 2 recorder players showed off their skills at the same event.

December is always an exciting time. Class 1 are working on their **Nativity Play** and everyone is planning the **Carol Evening** at South Lopham Church - watch for local notices, then come along and join us. A Partnership trip to the pantomime at Yarmouth Hippodrome will be an amazing climax! As we come to the end of the year, we say a huge **Thank You** to everyone who helps the school in any way. A very Happy Christmas to you all.

The last **Community Lunch** of term is on Tuesday 16th December, at 12 noon, with a chance to see the Class 1 Play afterwards. As places are limited, please contact Jennie Vere (01379 687679) by 14th December if you would like to come to the lunch. Transport can be arranged if required.

South Lopham Village Society

Our first function on 18th October was a great success in promoting community relations in the village, with a hundred or so guests. The next will be a Christmas get-together at the Village Hall on Friday 19th December from 6pm. Entry is free and we hope it will be well

supported. Enquiries and suggestions to 01379 687593, 687490 or 640355.

Carol & Auction Event (Kings Head - Sunday 21st December)

It's great to have George and Angie installed at the Kings Head. For any who have not met them, do come to the Annual Carols & Auction event on the Sunday before Christmas by 1pm, to sing carols, have fun, and raise lots of money for charity. New items to sell can be taken along during the days before, or can be collected by one of the 'regulars'.

Redgrave & Lopham Fen (for bookings phone 01473 892430)

Christmas Crafts - Shaker Cards with a Yuletide Theme. Sun 7th Dec, 10am-4pm. £5 per person per 1½ hour session. All materials provided. **Christmas Cracker Making.** Sun 14th Dec, 10am-4pm. £5 per family per ¾ hour session. Bring your own gifts, other materials provided for a set of 6 crackers. **Robin Redbreast Activity Day.** Mon 22nd Dec. £3. For 6-12 year olds. **Photographic Exhibition.** Dec 13th-Jan 4th. **Guided Walks.** 28th Dec, 1st Jan. Adults £3, children £1.

North Lopham Parish Council

All members of the Council and 4 members of the public attended the meeting on 12th November. Sam Baker, the Anglian Water Team Manager for the sewerage scheme, gave a 'progress report'. The work to lay the main pipes under the roads is ahead of schedule and, subject to delays caused by unforeseen difficulties or bad weather, most of this should be finished by Christmas. However, the installation of the pumping stations, the upgrading of the treatment works at East Harling and the 'cross country' pipes will take some time yet, so the commissioning date is still being quoted as 'early summer'. All residents who have said they wish to connect will get a letter at that time informing them of the date from which



