

THE LOPHAMS' NEWS

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The Lophams' News is delivered to every house in the two villages. It's aim is to inform us all of what is to happen, and has happened each month, covering all activities. News items are therefore welcomed from every organisation, club or committee, which are of general interest. We thank all our contributors, and those who give such willing & practical help each month. The Editor and publisher is Mr S Milbourne, and our distributors are; in South Lopham - Mr R Carter, Mr R Demoore, Mrs S Frizzell and Mrs P Wyer; and in North Lopham - Mrs R Cook, Mrs D Green, Mrs J Keylock, Mrs S Ling, Mrs J Tate, Mrs J Vere and Mrs T Vernon.

Royal British Legion (Kenninghall, The Lophams' & District)

This year the total raised for the appeal so far is £1973.18, which is the highest total since I have been local organiser. I would like to thank all residents of North & South Lopham, Kenninghall, Blo' Norton and Fersfield for their generous contributions during my term as local organiser. During this time, the five villages have raised a total of £18,284.62. I would like to thank all collectors for their valuable time and effort. They are; in North Lopham - Mrs Vere, Mrs Tate, Mrs Cook, Mrs Cooper. In South Lopham - Mrs Sadgrove, Mrs Reeder (now retired), Mrs Logsdale, Mr Ebbage. In Blo' Norton - Mr Bristow. In Kenninghall - Mrs Frost, Mrs Fuller, Miss Tucker, Mrs Goddard. In Fersfield - Mrs Sumpter. May I also thank all the business who willingly displayed poppy boxes on their premises. This year will be my last year as local organiser. Mr Broughton of Kenninghall has agreed to take over in 2008. I ask all collectors to give him the loyal support you have given me during the last 10 years. (John Goddard)

Lophams' Ramblers

Now that more people from North Lopham than South Lopham walk with us, we have renamed our group Lophams' Ramblers! We continue to meet on the first Friday of the month, usually at South Lopham bus shelter unless otherwise stated. The walks are approximately 5 miles and we are back by 12.30pm. If you would like to join us, or would like more information, please telephone Jackie Brown on 01379 687260.

Lophams' Village Hall

A Dance recently held at the Hall was very well attended. Music, provided by "The Strollers", was popular, with 60's and 70's hits enjoyed. **The Farmers' Market** continues on the fourth Saturday of each month and is very well attended, with refreshments served. **Judo Classes** take place on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Contact 01379 688258. **Dog Training** is held on Thursday evening.

Contact Mr Harry Carter on 01379 687527. For Private Bookings please contact Mrs J Vere on 01379 687679.

St. Andrew's School

The last few days of the Autumn term maintained the excitement of the weeks just before. JONZO was the DJ for a fantastic Disco in school. All those who took part in the Carol Service in South Lopham Church impressed everyone in a packed building with their singing, their reading and their instrumental skills. Many thanks go to the parents who provided the delicious treats after the event! A new school tea towel, commissioned by FOSTA, has sold very well - there are still a few left if any reader would like one, available at £3.50 from the school office.

The school was recently awarded an Activemark - because 90% or more of the pupils have at least two hours high quality PE and sport each week. All years 3, 4 & 5 pupils go swimming each week this term. The amazing 5,645 Tesco sports vouchers collected for us (many thanks to all those who helped) will enable us to 'purchase' some exciting extras for dance & dramatic activities, plus equipment for field-based athletics. Class 3 have begun new activities led by the County music service, preparing for a concert with other schools in the area in March. Singing Club and the instrumentalists will join their friends from Bressingham for another Partnership concert. We have welcomed two new pupils this term. We hope George in Class 2 and Billy in Class 3 will be very happy at St. Andrew's.

Lophams' Ladies

Members began their 2008 programme with a talk by Bridget Hickey Williams, who gave an interesting and informative account of life on her smallholding. On Tuesday 5th February a garden theme will take place as Julian Flood speaks about 'Climbing Plants'. There will also be a Bring & Buy Stall. Visitors are very welcome. The meeting begins at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Contact Mrs Sarah Frizzell on 01379 687337.

Redgrave & Lopham Fen (for bookings phone 01379 688333)

Guided Walk: Sat 2nd Feb, 2pm. **Nest Box Day:** Sun 10th Feb, 10-4pm. **Art Workshop** for 10-16 year olds: Mon 11th Feb, 10am - 12 noon. **Activity Day** for 6-12 year olds: Tue 12th Feb, 10am - 12 noon. **Mud, Glorious Mud** for 4-8 year olds & their families: Wed 13th Feb, 10am - 12 noon. **Homeopathic Plants** and their uses lunchtime lecture: Wed 20th Feb, 11am - 12.30pm. The **Annual Plant Sale** is on Sunday 20th April from 10am-4pm.

North Lopham Parish Council

At the meeting on 9th January, 9 members of the public were present, mainly to voice their concerns over the development of Meadow Farm. The Chairman, Brian Frith, gave a summary of the various planning applications received to date and of the extensive correspondence with Breckland Council to try to ensure that all changes to the original plans are authorised and do not have a detrimental impact on surrounding properties, particularly those properties in Tanns Lane which border the site. Residents are reminded that copies of all plans submitted to Breckland Council are lodged with our Clerk, Mike Cox (01379 688355), and are available for viewing at reasonable times. It was agreed that a major agenda item for the March meeting (March 12th) would be to consider possible areas for development (or protection from development!) in preparation for our input to the Breckland Development Plan.

On Tuesday 26th February there will be a 'Film Show' entitled 'Disaster in the Skies over Lopham'. This will be the world premiere of the DVD presentation which has been put together by Geoff Ward and Bruce Martin telling the story of the disastrous air crash over the Lophams' in January 1945. Included is archive footage of the Snetterton base, photos of the scenes taken at the time and recently recorded interviews with eye-witnesses and relatives



