

# THE LOPHAMS' NEWS

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## Friends of South Lopham Church

The Friends of South Lopham Church would like to remind you of two events in July. The first is the AGM which is on Tuesday 17th July in St. Andrew's church at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome. The next is the evening with Clive Paine (Historical Churches) on Friday 27th July, 7pm to 9pm. Mr Paine will take us around the outside of the church with a break for light refreshments before showing us around the inside. This should be a very informative and interesting evening as we do have a very beautiful and interesting church. Tickets cost £5.00. Please call 01379 687260 or 01379 687579 or just turn up on the day.

### St. Andrew's School

Now that all this year's tests are safely over, the children are enjoying the wider curriculum. Class 3 had wonderful time at Hill Top with their friends from Bressingham doing all manner of outdoor activities that are impossible at school, and will soon be dressing in Tudor garb for a re-creation day at Kentwell. Class 2's special day was at the Anglo Saxon village constructed at West Stow, while Class 1 will visit Duxford Airfield on 5th July. The whole school shared a marvellous day at Norwich Cathedral on 18th June, to see the new art exhibition as well as treasures of that great building. The infants followed the Noah's Ark (animal) trail, while the juniors found an amazing amount of Science alongside the artworks and history.

Everyone is working hard to ensure success of the Partnership production of 'Oliver' in Garboldisham Village Hall on 11th and 12th July. Some of year 6 from the Partnership shared in a Giant Sleepover in school - barbecue in the playground, games linked with energy saving, and watching a video before settling down - even sleeping eventually - in their sleeping bags in the school hall. After breakfast on the Sunday everyone took part in a two minute teeth brushing session, with the number of participants being fed in to a computer programme to discover whether the world record number of participants had been broken!

Congratulations are in order: to Mrs Knight, who has been appointed to teach the Y3 and Y4 children at Bressingham from September; to Jethro and Lily, who followed their success in the Area stage of the K'nex Challenge at the Park Hotel by winning

the Norfolk final at Hethel Engineering! (missing some Hill Top time to take part). Now they will compete in the Eastern Regional Challenge; and to Tracey Umfreville, newly elected parent governor of our school.

**The School Fete** will run alongside an Intervillage "It's a Knockout!" on Sunday 15th July, starting at 1pm, at the Village Hall and playing field, with the Lophams' holding off challenges from Bressingham and Kenninghall.

FOSTA members are working very hard to make this a really big event, with something for everyone to share. Please put the date in your diary and come to join in or watch the fun, as well as helping to raise lots of money for the School Playground Appeal. There will be non stop refreshments, a Tombola & Raffle, plus stalls & activities.

### Village Hall

**Farmers' Market** - The next market is on Saturday 28th July, 9am onwards.

**EXTEND** classes continue on Wednesdays, but starting at 9.45am. New members are always welcome - over 60s or younger people with impaired mobility.

For private bookings please contact Mrs Jennie Vere on 01379 687679.

### Lophams' Ladies

We would like to thank everyone who supported our Open Meeting on 5th June. Mr Vic Williamson spoke of his work as a mole catcher, and his meeting with Her Majesty the Queen on the Royal Sandringham Estate. He also

showed us a fine collection of tools and traps.

On Tuesday 3rd July we will attend a garden meeting in South Lopham. If anyone wishes to join Lophams' Ladies, or find out more, please contact Mrs Sarah Frizzell on 01379 687337.

### Redgrave and Lopham Fen

(All enquiries & Bookings - 01379 688333)

**Intermediate Art Course - Observational Strategies: Thursday 26th July, 10am - 1pm.** Tutor, Ivan Clark, artist and experienced tutor. This class is aimed at students wishing to concentrate on observational drawing. Suitable media; pastels, crayon, pencil, water colour or gouche. £6. Booking essential.

**Wild About the Fen: Sunday 22nd July, 10am - 5pm.** Themed guided walks, bird ringing, meet the raft spider, pond dipping and larger than life pond creature viewer. Top tips on helping wildlife. Adults £2, children £1. Light lunches and cream teas.

### North Lopham Parish Council

**Official 'opening' of the renovated pond area (Letchmere)** - There will be a short ceremony, starting at 2.30pm on Sunday July 8th, at 'Letchmere', to officially mark the completion of the renovation work that has taken place over the last year. Our 'Lord of the Manor', Bernice Malson - who unveiled our village sign many years ago - will do the honours. By then we hope to have



the notice board completed and the new benches installed. This event will give us the opportunity to say 'Thank You' to everyone who has helped with the project. Individual invitations have been sent to those who have been most directly involved but everyone from the village is invited to attend to celebrate the occasion.

There will be a display of photographs of the Letchmere in the past and of the changes which have taken place more recently. Do you have any old photos of the area? If so, please phone Brian Frith on 01379 688042 and arrangements will be made to make copies of them to add to the display. We hope that the new large noticeboard will be well used to publicise events in the Village.

Although there will be a canopy over the new noticeboard, users are advised to laminate notices or put them in clear plastic sleeves to stop them being damaged by damp and driving rain. Please note that the board is not for private notices - it is for village (North and South Lopham) organisations and activities only.

'Thank you' to the large number of householders who are keeping their hedges and trees well trimmed and the paths clear of debris. It really does make a difference, particularly for those with prams, pushchairs and wheelchairs and for those of a taller stature!

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday July 11th (7.30pm in the Methodist Schoolroom). All are welcome to attend, as usual. The agenda will be displayed on the notice boards a few days before the meeting.

## North Lopham Methodist Chapel

Services for June at 10.45am.

- 8th July, Preacher Mr Ron Coxford of Rickinghall.
- 22nd July, Fellowship.

A warm welcome to all. The Bun & Basket afternoon made £125 and was enjoyed by all.

## St. Nicholas' Church (North Lopham)

**Pentecost** - The Birthday of the Church on 27th May was a very special day. Fay and Florence took their First Communion, following the Confirmation a week earlier, and then distributed the bread & wine to everybody else. The children have all played an important part in all our recent 'All-age' services.

On 3rd June we remembered with gratitude the life of **Tony Cartwright** - a valued church member, a contributor to many other local clubs, and an invaluable help to many groups who needed a professional eye to look over their financial affairs. We send heartfelt sympathy to Betty and the family.

Our Social Season had a wonderful start - At **Friday Night is SNYSB Night** on 1st, the members of the South Norfolk Symphonic Band really did live up to their motto, "Music is Fun". A church full of people enjoyed listening to popular tunes, music from blockbuster films and West End shows and a chance to see some of their more spectacular instruments at close hand. The evening raised over £260 for the church, and people were inspired to donate £43 to the travel fund for a SYNSB trip to the Far East in 2008.

**The Annual Coffee Morning** at Gables Farm was yet another record breaker - beautiful weather, lots of happy faces and an excellent result - over £509 raised. Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way - Bringing & Buying, donating prizes, or with background help; and special thanks to Josie, our hostess.

A **Sponsored Hymn Marathon** will be on Saturday 4th August, from 9am to 5pm, or thereabouts. It would be wonderful if YOU would like to sponsor a hymn in someone's memory, or the event, then come and sing along on the day. The church team will be on hand with refreshments and hymn books, and there will be a very warm welcome, whether you can stay for hours or just minutes. Jennie will try to visit every house during July!! (P.S. Ryan is home for a while, before taking up a top Music Scholarship at Toronto University, so we hope to hold a concert on August

18th... please book the date now!).

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

The climax of the Bishop's recent visit was at St. Andrew's Church to lead the confirmation service for church members from the whole of the Upper Waveney Benefice. This year seven young people and four adults were confirmed. The 'Teddy Bear's Picnic' on 3rd June was a great success. Carefully harnessed Teddies abseiled down the tower to the accompaniment of appropriate music played by Jennie Vere. There was a Teddy Bear Olympics and a parade of the best dressed bear. The event was well attended and was a very enjoyable afternoon.

Don't forget the coffee mornings on 18th July and 15th August, 10.30am at St. Andrew's. As always, there will be home made cakes and preserves, plus a raffle.

## Services for July

### North Lopham South Lopham

#### 1st July

9.30am HC	-
11am Fam Serv	11am HC

#### 8th July

11am Fam Serv	
6.30pm Evensong	11am MS

#### 15th July

11am Fam Serv	9.30am HC
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#### 22nd July

11am Fam Comm	Deanery S of Praise
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