

# THE LOPHAMS' NEWS

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## North Lopham Yard Sales

Back by popular demand again this year are the "Lopham Yard Sales", on Sunday 10th May from 9am. So, have a clear out of all those things you haven't used for years and have a sale. For people that don't live in North Lopham, but would like to take part, pitches are available in the front playground at the school. The event is organised by FOSTA (Friends of St Andrews School) and we ask for a voluntary donation of 10% of your sales. For more information call 01379 688284 or 01379 687225.

### Lophams' Village Hall

**The Garden & Crafts Fair** is on Sunday 3rd May, from 11am, with stalls inside and out on the field (something for all interests and ages) plus musical entertainment and refreshments. There is plenty of space for extra stalls - just telephone Eileen on 01379 687515 for details and to book. Most importantly, tell your friends and come along on the day!!

**Mad & Merry Monarchs** is on Friday 15th May. A fantastic opportunity to see the talented theatre group Mad Dogs & Englishmen, without the need to travel to Bickling or any of their other venues. That is how good they are! The start is 7.30pm, and tickets are just £5, from Jennie (01379 687679) or committee members. There will be a Bar & Raffle (free squash for the school age members of the audience!).

Regular classes continue as usual. **The May Tea Dance** is on Sunday 24th from 2.30pm. **The Farmers' Market** plus Car Boot sale is on 23rd. To book the Hall for private functions please telephone 01379 687679. Congratulations to Colin Oates who is competing in the European Judo championships this month, then a team competition in Brazil (the Club has bought new mats with the money from the Kings' Head, and send thanks to all concerned).

### Garden Club

The May meeting will take place on Sunday 10th May, when a visit to Stody Lodge Rhododendron and Water Gardens has been arranged. The next meeting at Blooms Garden Centre will be on Wednesday 3rd June, when the topic will be Hanging Baskets. New members and visitors always welcome. Phone 01953 681989 for further information.

### Lophams Happy Circle

We met at the Village Hall on the 9th April for our Annual Tea Party. The beautiful food was provided by Mrs Brenda Hart of Hopton, with good entertainment by Jill of Cotton which had a lot of members singing to the tunes. Our next meeting will be to Bay

Tree Nurseries on 14th May. Anybody wishing to go, or who would like to join the Club, please contact Avis on 01953 681789 or Daphne on 01379 687453.

### South Lopham Village Society

On 3rd April the Society put on a very lively Quiz Night at the Village Hall which was attended by over 50 contestants. The entertainment included chilli and jacket potatoes, a paying bar and a raffle. A good time was had by all! Don't forget the Monday night dinners at the White Horse, held on the first Monday of each month (except in May when it will be on the 11th). Meals will be served between 6pm and 8pm at a price of £10 for two courses.

### Redgrave & Lopham Fen

*(for bookings phone 01379 688333)*

**Dawn Chorus Walk:** Sun 3rd May. Adults £7, children £5 (includes breakfast). **Find out about Volunteering:** Thur 7th May, 10am-12 noon. **Birds for Beginners:** Sun 10th May, 10am-4pm. **Kate's Art Class for beginners:** Mons 11th May, 8th Jun, 6th Jul, 10am-1pm. £7.50 per session. **Craft Workshop, Die-cut Decoupage Card:** Sun 17th May, 10.30am-12 noon or 1.30pm-3pm. £7.50 (all materials provided). **Botanical Illustration:** Weds 20th May, 17th Jun, 15th Jul, 10am-1pm. £12 per session.

### St Andrew's Pre-School

After a lovely break we are now ready for the summer term with hopefully some great weather. The children are always eager to play outside and enjoy the warm weather and sunshine so we are saving hard to develop the outside area of the Mess and put in place a much needed soft play surface. The Pre-school is a charity and runs on voluntary help and donations. If you would consider donating to this cause then we would love to hear from you. Just contact Wendy on 01379 687461.

Thank you to Angie and George of The King's Head, North Lopham, for their very

kind donation of a huge Easter egg that was raffled over the Easter holidays, and thank you to everyone who bought a ticket. All the children who attend the Pre-school will benefit from your kindness.

We still have a few places left for the summer term. If you would like to have a look round & speak to a member of staff we are open every morning, so feel free to pop in. If you are interested in helping the Playgroup in any way contact us at the Mess. We're always grateful for volunteers.

### St. Andrew's School

Creativity has been the focus of Assembly thoughts this half term, and there has been much of it in evidence around the school. A wonderful display of decorated boxes, with contents reflecting the interests of the individuals who made them during Artsweek, and models of both Air-Raid and Anderson shelters, made for the juniors' World War 2 project. Within the classrooms, creativity has been further shown in the preparation of all the props for the WW2 Concert Party held for members of the community on 21st March, plus the production of refreshments using wartime recipes. **The Concert Party** was a resounding success, receiving many compliments from all those lucky enough to come along - not just for the singing, but for the acting and dance moves too.

**The Partnership Concert** was a rousing success with over 200 friends and family in the audience at the Cornhall. The children from both schools showed the true spirit of partnership and musical talent in the way that they performed. Their costumes and passion for the songs made the evening. Many thanks go to the staff and helpers who worked so hard to bring everything together, and to the parents who organised the raffle and refreshments. **Captain Carrot's Healthy Eating Show**, and a **'Play In a Day'** gave the children exciting learning experiences within school. **The Holy Week Pilgrimage** gave them a memorable and



