

# THE LOPHAMS' NEWS

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## Bonfire & Fireworks Display Saturday 3rd November

Children are reminded to bring their competition entries, 'A Decorated Guy Fawkes Hat', to the Village Hall by 7pm please for judging. Thank you to everyone who has brought burnable material to the bonfire. Enquiries to 01379 687679.  
**Gates open at 6.30pm, fireworks display at 7.30pm. Admission: Adults £6, Children £1.**

### Remembrance Sunday

11th November 2007

Please support the local Poppy Appeal.

### St. Andrew's School

The first half term of the school year has set a cracking pace! The children have shared two very special days with their Bressingham friends - the second birthday of the Partnership was celebrated in style with a visit from Grassroots. In addition to watching them perform, the older children shared a workshop, learning more about African music and dance. **European Languages Day** enabled the children to find out about the culture and foods of other countries, as well as learning some foreign words and phrases.

The school choir and instrumentalists made a wonderful contribution to the **Upper Waveney Music Festival** in Diss High School at the beginning of October, alongside a large contingent from Roydon School as well as their Bressingham friends. It was the first time the three schools had worked together - but it is sure not to be the last! Parents and friends from across the five parishes enjoyed the occasion so much that they contributed £180 to the schools to support their music enterprises.

**New families to the area** with pre-school age children are invited to spend the morning of Wednesday 7th with us, to see the school and meet Mrs Gionis and Class 1.

Class 3 will join the local veterans, plus a colour party from the American Air Force for a **Remembrance Ceremony at the War Memorial** on Friday 9th. The **Church Assembly** on Tuesday 20th will share in celebrating the Diamond Wedding of HM the Queen and Prince Philip in appropriate style. On 30th November, **St Andrew's Day**, there are to be special celebrations to mark our own Silver anniversary - it is 25 years since the Church School at South Lopham and the County Primary School at North Lopham amalgamated to form St. Andrew's School!

**Shoe Box Appeal:** Please would all those with boxes make sure they are delivered to school or church by 25th November please to be sure of being collected. To hand your

parcel over personally phone 01379 687 679 to arrange a time. Thank you. Jenny Vere.

### Lophams' Happy Circle

There were 35 people at the Happy Circle Birthday Party. Once again The White Horse did us proud with an excellent meal. The 8th November meeting will be a Bring & Buy. If anybody wants to know anything about the Club please contact Daphne on 01379 687453 or Avis on 01953 681789.

### Lophams' Village Hall

**Bonfire Materials - The Village Hall Committee are concerned** about the deposit on the playing field of materials which are prohibited from being burnt due to their nature, or which are trade waste; examples include old electrical appliances, tyres, containers of oil, other prohibited materials and non-combustibles. There can be no justification for such items being dumped on the playing field by selfish and unreasonable persons with no concern for our local community. Such actions could jeopardise events for future years as the cost of disposing of this rubbish will fall upon the community. The Committee is cooperating with Environmental Health Officers and will lend support to the prosecution of offenders.

**Old Hat Concert Party** will be held on Saturday 17th November - country music as it used to be enjoyed. Tickets are £6, and there will be a bar. Enquiries to Eileen on 01379 687515, or committee members.

The next **Farmers' Market** will be on 24th November.

### Lophams' Ladies

Members would like to thank everyone who gave jumble or supported our Annual Jumble Sale. This went very well, with a good attendance on a fine day. Over £200 was raised. At the October meeting Mrs Jean Collins, accompanied by her son Barry, spoke of the parachute jump they made from Old Buckenham airfield. Her talk was accompanied by excellent pictures of

the event. Newmembers are very welcome. Contact Mrs S Frizzel on 01379 687337.

### Redgrave and Lopham Fen (All enquiries & Bookings - 01379 688333)

**Hedge laying, a traditional skill, Wednesday 14th November, 11am - 1pm:** Hedgerow origins and their history. How best to manage them and why. Speaker: Alison Marchant. £4. Optional lunch £3 extra. **The Polar Bear, Thursday 20th December, 10am - 12 noon:** For children aged 6 - 12 years. Enjoy a little magic of Christmas with a touch of snow and ice. £3. Booking essential.

### Little Ouse Headwaters Project

The Little Ouse Headwaters Project (LOHP) is pleased to announce that they have been successful in acquiring two parcels of land adjacent to the Little Ouse River at Thelnetham. The land comprises some 5.3 hectares and includes an existing Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). More details can be found at [www.lohp.org.uk](http://www.lohp.org.uk).

### South Lopham Estates Charity

The charity owns five plots of land sited around the village. Monies received from renting out this land is then distributed towards education and relief of the poor living within the village. One of the trustees wishes to retire in a year's time and the charity would welcome volunteers interested in filling the vacant seat. For further details, please contact the Secretary on 01379 687337.

### North Lopham Parish Council

Graham West, who has been a Parish Councillor for the last two years, has resigned from the Council. We thank Graham for his contribution in that time and, in particular, his help with the Letchmere Restoration Project. Notices have been displayed outlining the procedure for filling



the vacant seat on the Council. If there is insufficient demand for an election, the new member of the Council will be appointed by co-option. If you wish to be considered for co-option please contact our Clerk, Mike Cox on 01379 688355, no later than 12th November, so that we can consider the matter at the next meeting.

The Letchmere renovation project has been nominated for an award from CPRE (The Council to Protect Rural England). When the judges visited in September their main concern was to hear what was being done about the large number of ducks, but they were eventually persuaded that we were making all possible efforts to control them. The Award Ceremony is in early November and we have received an invitation to attend. Watch this space!

Four representatives of the Council recently attended a meeting about the Local Development Framework. It is expected that within the coming year there will be consultation on what development we, as a village, would like to see (over the next 20 years!). This will be a major item on the Parish Council agenda early in 2008. More details later.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Wednesday 14th November at 7.30pm in the Methodist Schoolroom. All are welcome to attend.

## South Lopham Parish Council

An army of volunteers and Parish Councillors collected an amazing 25 bags of rubbish from verges around the village on the Cleanup day on September 16th. Many thanks to all who helped - a job well done. A countryside access warden from NCC has surveyed footpaths in the area; she will be contacting landowners of paths that are inaccessible and will walk paths again in October. The condition of the verge in Blo Norton Road was again discussed at the September meeting and it was decided to resume cutting as it is not feasible to proceed with plans to keep it a conservation verge; overhanging branches will also be pruned.

Speeding traffic through the village is of ongoing concern; the council is in constant contact with NCC and it was felt that the new 30mph roundels on the A1066 were having some effect. South Lopham is on the waiting list for a visit from SAM, (Speed Awareness Message) an initiative launched by Norfolk Police which will provide a mobile unit giving a read out of drivers' speed as they pass through the 30 limit.

## North Lopham Methodist Chapel

Thanks to all who helped with the Flower

Festival, which was very successful. Proceeds amounted to £718. Services for November at 10.45am;

- 4th November,  
Preacher Mr C Wells of Garboldisham.
- 18th November,  
Preacher Mr M Wade of Thetford.

All are welcome. On 2nd December there will be a Carol Service at 2.30pm.

## St. Nicholas' Church (North Lopham)

**The Harvest weekend** was a real delight - the church looked beautiful, lots of people came to the services, and we were able to make up gift parcels and still have some non perishables to send to the Norwich Night Shelter. The Gift Day envelopes received to date have added over £660 to funds, for which we are really grateful. It was wonderful to share in the Upper Waveney Concert at Diss High School, and hear just how many and varied are the talents in our area. We owe the Rev Dakin a huge debt of gratitude for his unflagging enthusiasm in ensuring that the event went ahead and was so successful. Our own **Evensong of Praise** was a very happy occasion, with a lovely selection of hymns chosen - and fitting so well into the theme of the service.

**Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance:** It is our turn to host the Lophams' & Kenninghall Branch service this year, so we will welcome everyone to St. Nicholas' Church at 10.50am for 11am on Sunday 11th November. The wreaths will be taken to the War Memorial immediately afterwards.

**Stones & Roses Jewellery Party:** Jean (and Chris) Stringfield invite YOU to come and do some early Christmas shopping at Brecklands, North Lopham, on Tuesday 27th, from 3pm till late. There will be lots of the latest designs to admire and to try, plus a superb Raffle. It would be great to see lots of new faces - the bungalow will have suitable decorations outside so you can't miss it!

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

**The Harvest Services** were well attended as was the **Pet Service**, which included 4 dogs, 2 rabbits and 2 tortoises. An owl had also decided to attend but did not show itself until after the service. On Monday, as it did not seem too keen to leave, Dawn and Andrew with help from David Frost, managed to catch the owl and release it back to the wild.

Don't forget the **Coffee Morning** with mince pies, 10am - 12 midday in church on 28th November. Everyone is welcome and as

always, there will be home made cakes and a raffle.

## FOSTA Friends of South Lopham Church

**FOSTA are celebrating St. Andrew's Day** by holding a fish and chip supper and ceilidh on Friday November 30th at the Village Hall. Tickets are £5 per adult, £2 per child or £15 for a family ticket (under 3's are free). Tickets are available from Tracey Umfreville (687516) or Gillian Rednall (687225). Do come along, it will be a great night out!

On Friday 14th December, in South Lopham Church, the 'Friends' are holding a **Victorian Christmas Evening with Clive Paine**. He and his wife appear in costume dress to give seasonal readings, interspersed with slides. The evening starts at 7.30pm and ends at approximately 8.45pm when mulled wine and mince pies will be served. As always we look forward to seeing you at what promises to be a very festive evening. Tickets are £6 and are available from any committee member or by ringing Kath on 01379 687579 or Jackie on 01379 687260. If you would love to come and join in the festivities, but require transport, please do not hesitate to ask by ringing one of the above numbers.

The **Afternoon Tea and Bingo** was enjoyed by those who came and, although we were a few in number, it was a very enjoyable afternoon and the 'Friends' would like to say a big thank you for your support.

## Services for November

### North Lopham South Lopham

#### 4th November

9.30am HC	-
11am MS	11am HC

#### 11th November

10.50am RBL Rem	9.30am HC
6.30pm ES	-

#### 18th November

11am Fam Serv	9.30am HC
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#### 25th November

11am Fam Comm	6.30pm ES
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