

# THE LOPHAMS' NEWS

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## The Lophams' Village Hall

### **Bonfire & Firework Evening, Saturday 4th November**

Reaching a decision as to whether or not to hold a Bonfire evening this year has been very difficult owing to new waste disposal regulations introduced in May by the government. The compulsory disposal of bonfire ash is likely to add extra cost of six to eight hundred pounds to the event. The committee has decided to go ahead with the event but has been compelled to increase the admission to adults from the established six pounds to eight pounds. Accompanied children under fourteen will be admitted free. Burnable material may be left on the field, but no metal items please. The competition for children is 'A Picture of Bonfire Evening' - any material may be used. There are two classes - 7 years and under and 8 years and over.

### **Lophams' Toddler Group**

Lopham Toddler group meets every Thursday afternoon in "the Mess" at St. Andrew's School, North Lopham from 1.45pm until 3.15pm. We are a small but very friendly group and we have a wide range of toys for babies through to 4 year olds, so if you have a 0 to 4 year old do come along and join us on a Thursday afternoon for a coffee and a chat. For more information contact Gillian Rednall (687225).

### **Macmillan Cancer Support**

Village residents are asked to raise mugs for cancer care - Macmillan Cancer Support is urging people in Norfolk to join the World's Biggest Coffee Morning at home, work or school and help raise a much needed £7 million for people affected by cancer. To hold a coffee morning for Macmillan, register by calling 0845 602 1246 or visit [www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee](http://www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee). People can also support by making a donation to Macmillan Cancer Support by cheque, online or paying by debit and credit card on the above number.

### **South Lopham Parish Council**

The Parish Council met at Memories on Thursday September 14th with three members of the public present. The new bus shelter is now complete and hopefully it will provide a comfortable waiting area for passengers. There is an enclosed notice board to display council information and there are plans to provide a larger area to display other village notices. There are now road safety cameras on the A1066 and work will begin on the war memorial within the next few weeks. Much discussion was given to the proposed closure of footpaths on Lopham Fen. If you have an opinion on this, or any other matter, please contact the Parish Clerk, Lyn Llewellyn (687507).

### **Lophams' Ladies**

We would like to thank everyone who gave jumble for our recent sale. Those who entered a Car Boot Stall and everyone who supported the event. Part of the income raised is donated to a charity each year. The

September meeting was well attended. Mrs June Shepherd spoke about St. Nicholas Hospice at Bury St. Edmunds, which is mainly funded by voluntary contributions. An open meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd October, 7.30pm, at the Hall. "Just Down the Lane Old Chap" is a film showing war time memories of Fersfield, including interviews by local people, and is well worth viewing. Everyone is welcome. Admission is £2. Refreshments will be served. Contact 01379 687337.

### **Little Ouse Headwaters Project**

**Notice of AGM and Members Evening Speaker** - The AGM of the Little Ouse Project is to be held at Hinderclay Village Hall on Tuesday 28th November at 7.30pm, where car parking is available. A members evening follows at 8pm when a talk will be given by Professor Richard West entitled "The Frith and the Little Ouse and Waveney Valley Fens Origin & History". Light refreshments will be served. Admission is free to members and the public. More information from Dr Helen Smith, Secretary. Tel: 01379687680 or see [www.lohp.org.uk](http://www.lohp.org.uk)

### **Redgrave & Lopham Fen**

(All Enquiries & Bookings - 01379 688333)

**Owl Night - Friday 13th October, 6pm - 8pm.** Find out what an owl has for tea and how it is perfectly adapted to the night. Owl pellets, quizzes, games. £2.50 per person. Booking essential. **Lunchtime Lecture: The Landscape in Modern Art - Wednesday 17th October, 11am - 1pm.** Neil Annett describes the changing role of the landscape in art, from Impressionism to the present day. £4. Booking essential. **Activity Day: Woodpeckers - Tuesday 24th October, 10am - 12 noon.** For children 6-12 year olds. What they eat, where they sleep and how they avoid a headache. £3. Booking essential. **Sharing Nature: Hedgehogs - Wednesday 25th October, 10am - 12 noon.** Find out how hedgehogs get ready for the Winter and how we can help our prickly friends. For 4-8 year olds and their carers. £3. Booking essential.

### **St. Andrew's School**

The painters finally completed the outside

painting of the school - and very smart it looks too - but this left Mrs Baker with a very short time in which to do all her jobs. We are very grateful to her for making the interior look its best to welcome everyone back, with gleaming floors and all the equipment back in its proper place. We have welcomed new pupils to all classes this term - and hope that Lucy, Harry, Isaac, Sophie and Joanna (Class 1), Kirsty and Molly (Class 2) and Fay (Class 3) will all enjoy their time at St Andrew's. We also welcomed Mrs Jarvis to teach Class 3, covering Miss Leitch's maternity leave. Miss Leitch came in to say goodbye to us all just after term started, and we were thrilled to learn of the safe arrival of Lola a few days later. We said "Congratulations" to Mrs Segovia (previously Mrs Farrow) on her wedding during the holiday, and enjoyed seeing the wonderful photographs. Lessons are in full swing again, with some exciting changes - The children have already begun to learn Spanish! Clubs have also started up. New suggestions are always welcome - just get in touch if you have a skill to share!! The first Partnership event of the year was a whole day visit from Grassroots, the group that includes Taku, our popular African visitor in the Spring. The juniors of both schools shared the morning session; the infants had their turn in the afternoon. When this issue is published, the School Harvest will have taken place, when the children shared songs, readings and prayers which focused our gratitude for all the gifts they enjoy and their concern for those less fortunate. Many thanks for all the vouchers saved for us. Any EDP tokens you have are needed by the end of the month. The new Tesco scheme has already started - this time for PE equipment!

**Help!!** - We are currently in need of a Clerk to take the minutes of two meetings per term - one for our own governors and one for a joint meeting with Bressingham governors. If you are interested, please telephone 01379 687 253 or 687 679 to find out more.

### **Lophams' Harvest Supper**

This is on Saturday 14th October, at 7.30pm prompt. Please get your tickets in good time



for this year's Harvest Supper, organised by the church members of North & South Lopham. By popular request, the main course will be a Mike Shipperlee special Hog Roast, with all the trimmings and vegetables, to be followed by the traditional home made apple tarts & ice cream. Juices and Coffee etc will be provided, but those wishing for something alcoholic are asked to bring their own supply and glasses. (For tickets, contact M Reeder, J Vere or PCC members).

## Royal British Legion

(Kenninghall, Lophams & District Branch)

The service of remembrance will be held at North Lopham War Memorial on **FRIDAY** 10th November 2006 at 11am. The branch standard will be paraded, a colour party from the American base at Mildenhall has been invited to attend, also the children from St. Andrew's school. We are holding the service of remembrance on the 10th November so that the children from St. Andrew's can attend. All are invited to attend. The branch standard will be paraded on Sunday 12th November at 11am at St. Mary's Kenninghall for a full service of remembrance. Poppy collectors are required in all areas, so if you have a couple of hours to spare please help us with this worthy cause. Please contact 01953 887 533. Will members please note that the branch AGM will be held late November, date to be announced. Will members please try to attend, as two or more committee members will be standing down this year. Without the positions being filled the branch may close. (*W. Jolly Hon Secretary*)

## North Lopham Parish Council

The Fun Day in aid of the Pond Restoration Fund, hosted by Rena and Terry at the King's Head, was a great success. To date, net proceeds of just over £760 have been added to The Fund. Thanks to all (far too many to list individually!) who helped in any way with stalls, raffle, barbecue, band, publicity etc., and, of course, to all who came and added to the proceeds. The weather was very kind and it seems that the 'Fun Day' really did live up to its name! **Mains Drainage** - Gary Parsons, of Anglian Water, addressed the Parish Council and a dozen members of the public at the Council Meeting on September 13th, giving more information about the mains drainage scheme. The scheme will be combined with a scheme for Kenninghall and investigations are being made to determine the most suitable site for the processing plant. He assured those present that this would normally be well away from houses, and would be designed, positioned and screened to minimise impact on the environment. He displayed a plan of the village showing the extent of the proposed scheme (broadly speaking, most areas within the 30mph limit) and described the outline timetable for implementation. Surveys begin in 2007, with completion late in 2009. Anglian Water will contact all householders when the plans are finalised to ask if they wish to connect to the sewer. If they do, a pipe will be laid to the property boundary at Anglian Water's expense. It will then be for the householder

to engage a contractor to connect from this pipe to the household drainage system (at the householder's expense). Those who do not choose to connect from the outset will have to pay additional costs if they connect at a later date. Nearer the implementation date a booklet will be produced for all householders, but Mr Parsons left a copy of a similar booklet which has been produced for another scheme. If you wish to see a copy of the map showing the extent of the scheme or have queries which may be answered in this booklet, please contact Mike Cox (Clerk) 01379 688355, Brian Frith (Chair) 01379 688042 or Jan Tate (Vice-Chair) 01379 687505.

## North Lopham Methodist Chapel

The Supper & Auction held in August was very successful. 48 friends enjoyed the evening. A grand total of £415 was made. Services for October are at 10.45am on the 1st, 15th and 29th. A warm welcome to all.

## St. Nicholas' Church (North Lopham)

**The Sponsored Bicycle Ride** on Saturday 9th September was blessed with weather this time. The riders saw some wonderful buildings that are usually closed, got fitter (???) and raised money for the local church and Norfolk Churches Trust. Thanks go to all who sponsored them. **"Give God the Glory"** was a wonderful event on 17th September, with local musicians and people of all ages. Tony Osler introduced the programme, and Revd Rob gave the talk. The next one is at Roydon on 22nd October. Be There! There is a **Boat Trip** for all ages from the five parishes on Saturday 7th October, sailing from Horning. For more details, or to book, contact the Revd Philip Young on 01379 642180 or church members. It promises to be a fun day out. **Harvest Thanksgiving at St Nicholas'**, the last for the year is on 15th October. The services will be at 11am - All Age Communion - and 6.30pm - Festival Evensong with members of the 5-Parish Choir. Do come and join in. As ever, gifts of flowers, foliage or produce, and help with arranging it all, will be gratefully received, on the Saturday. **Gift Day is on 16th** - Gift envelopes can be brought to the Harvest services, or to Church on Monday afternoon from 2.30pm, when produce surplus to gift parcels will be available.

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

On Sunday 15th October the tower will be open to visitors from 10am - 3pm with help on hand to point out places of interest. With fine weather the view from the tower is brilliant, so do make a note of the date. Light refreshments will also be served. Revd Philip Young is organising a **Church Family day out to Horning** on Saturday October 7th. The trip starts from Roydon Church car park at 10am and includes a boat trip on the Southern Comfort. It is suggested that you take a picnic lunch and

children are encouraged to come, hopefully there will be time to play a few games on the village green before returning to Roydon for about 5pm. The price is £12 for adults, children half price and those under two go free. Booking forms are in church or contact Revd Philip on 01379 642180.

## Friends of South Lopham Church

The annual craft fair was a very successful weekend, even though at one stage we almost lost the marquee due to a fierce wind. This year several crafters demonstrated their skills which brought new visitors. As ever, the plant stall, cake stall and refreshments were very popular. The total profit for the event was £1,237 which of course all goes towards the church restoration funds. A big thank you to everyone who helped make this occasion so effective and enjoyable. The Friends have for sale a limited number of framed prints of the Cotman drawing of St Andrews. For further details about the pictures please telephone 01379 687260. By now you may have seen or heard that we are holding a Autumn Warner on 25th October at 12 noon - 2pm at the home of David and Cynthia Huggins, Maltings Farm, Blo Norton Road. On the menu is a bowl of homemade soup, roll, pudding and tea/coffee all for £5. Please contact Monica Reeder on 01379 687273 to arrange transport if you would love to come but are unable to get there. We look forward to seeing you and spending a very pleasant lunchtime.

## Services for October

North Lopham South Lopham

### 1st October

9.30am HC -  
11am Fam Serv 11am MS

### 8th October

(Harv at South) 11am Harv F  
- 6.30pm Harv F

### 15th October

11am Harv Comm (Harv at North)  
6.30pm Fest Evensong

### 22nd October

8.30am HC -  
11am Fam Serv 6.30pm ES

On 29th, the morning service is at Bressingham and the 6.30pm Evensong is at Roydon.

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