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Lophams' Village Hall

Bonfire and Fireworks Event - Saturday 7th November

Following last year's pattern, the playing field gates will be open for the receipt of garden prunings and wood to burn, each weekend from 10th October, between 10am and 2pm, or by appointment by phoning 01379 687679. We cannot accept any other rubbish, or Environmental Health could ban the bonfire!



Lophams' Village Hall (continued)

If this issue is in your letterbox by **Friday 25th September**, and you haven't booked for "**An Evening with Winston, the Singing Farmer**", you can phone 01379 687515 or 687679 to see if there are any tickets left! There will be a licensed Bar and a Raffle.

The **new hiring rates** for the Hall are displayed in the Village Hall and at www.lophamsvillagehall.co.uk

A **Lophams' Village Hall Lottery**, to provide funds to maintain and improve the Hall, is being launched this Autumn, with a minimum entry of £5 per month and regular draws at the Farmers' Market. Full details and entry forms are available at the Market and events, or via committee members (contact 687 515 or 687 718).

Farmers' Markets, on the 4th Saturday of the month, run from 9am to 12.30pm. The next one is on 24th October. For Market details call Mike on 01379 687235.

Judo continues on Mondays & Wednesdays (details from Howard on 01379 688258).

Dog Training is on most Tuesday evenings. Trainer Elaine (07845 776110) will provide information. **Keep Fit** is on Thursday's from 9.45am, followed by **Stretch & Tone** at 11am with Ali Metcalfe. **To book the Hall** for private functions please contact 01379 687679.

Redgrave & Lopham Fen

(for bookings phone 01379 688333)

Owl Night: Friday 9th October, 6-8pm. Find out what an owl has for tea. Owl pellets, quizzes and games. Children £3, Adults £1.50. Booking essential. **Apple Day:** Sunday 18th October, 10am-4pm. Bring an apple, quince, pear or plum for identification. Apple bobbing and other competitions. Adults £2, Children £1. **New Volunteers afternoon:** Wednesday 21st October, 2-4pm. Find out how you can help in our visitors centre or with our children's activities.

Lophams' Ladies

"Cooking with Harvest Produce" in September gave members lots of ideas, and some very tasty samples. The meeting on 6th October at 7.30pm is a special **OPEN event: Orchards & Fruits of the Waveney Valley** with Paul Read. He is willing to identify varieties of fruit from your garden, so we hope to see many extra faces. Admission is just £2, which includes refreshments with an apple theme. The Car Boot, Bric-a-Brac & Jumble Sale raised £123 net for funds - thank you to all those who donated items or helped on the day.

Garden Club

At our September meeting we were given an excellent and informative illustrated talk on Clematis by Peter Gooch of Thorncroft Nursery. At our meeting on **October 7th** we welcome Dr Chris Grey-Wilson, botanist and author, to give a talk on Bulbs. Meetings take place in the restaurant area of Blooms Garden Centre at 7.30pm. Visitors and new members welcome. Tel 01953 681989 for further information.

Lophams' Happy Circle

Our outing to Wroxham and Wroxham Barns was enjoyed by everyone. There were plenty of ice creams eaten as people enjoyed the sunshine, and lots of crafts to look at and purchase. The next meeting will be the 60th Birthday Party. Please ring Avis on 01953 681789 or Daphne on 01379 687453 if you would like to know more.

South Lopham Village Society

Forthcoming Events:

- **Quiz Night** at the Village Hall on Friday 13th November (start assembling your teams!).
- **Christmas Drop-in** (free of charge) on the evening of Friday 18th December. North Lopham residents are also welcome.
(more details of both in future editions)

On Monday 5th October, and subsequently on the first Monday of each month, **The White Horse** is recommencing the once monthly £10 two-course dinner menu for villagers. Could anyone wishing to take advantage of this offer please notify The White Horse on 01379 687252.

St. Andrew's School

As Mr East resigned to take up another post, Mrs Marion Dawe from the county head teacher service is supporting the school this term. The governors have already started the process of finding a new head teacher but in the meantime we are delighted to have her with us. Mrs Dawe has stated that she is very impressed to find confident, outgoing children who have told her a great deal about how and what they learn at school. We do hope the new teachers and reception children will be very happy at St. Andrew's.

This term promises to be very exciting for all the children and there are some key events planned, starting with **Harvest Festival** celebrated in South Lopham church on 25th September. We are also looking forward to an **Autumn Planting Day** when all the children will plant bulbs and other plants to keep our school looking attractive, and to enhance their learning in Science.

Community Lunches are open to people from any of our local communities to share lunchtime with the children. The next one will be on Tuesday 20th October. It's easy to book - just contact Jennie on 687679 - then come to The Mess at 12 noon. The cost is £3.50, payable on the day, and the children organise a raffle, with tickets just 10p each.

St. Andrew's Pre School

It's lovely to see the children happily settled in Pre School again - with some new faces



to get to know. Any new families to the area with children age 2½ to 4½ who would like to join the group would be very welcome. There is no longer a BT telephone line to The Mess, so please call our supervisor on her mobile, 07549154473, to arrange a visit. People from the community with a story to tell, or a skill to share, are invited to use the same number.

Lophams' Ramblers

We have just completed our 6th year of rambling in and around North and South Lopham. Most months there are about ten people and the walks rarely exceed six miles. Please contact Jackie Brown on 01379 687260 if you would like further information about this group.



North Lopham Parish Council

Five village representatives attended a ceremony at County Hall on 10th September to receive a plaque and gardening gift vouchers for the 2009 Green Open Spaces category of the **Pride in Norfolk Awards**. The presentation, by Anna Hill (BBC Radio 4 Farming Today), was one of about 10 awards made on the night for various categories in the competition. We're still hoping, as requested in last month's Lophams' News, that more volunteers will come forward to help with maintenance at Letchmere and other green areas in and around the village. Names to Mike Cox please (01379 688355).

At the **Parish Council meeting** on 9th September there was prolonged discussion of the feedback received from the 'Smiley Sam' speed monitoring equipment which had been in the village on three occasions in recent weeks. The clerk agreed to contact the operators to find what steps could be taken to assess the data and use it as a basis for further investigations. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 11th November.

Samaritan's Purse

Those who like to help children from deprived areas of Eastern Europe and

beyond are invited to decorate and pack shoe boxes of little gifts during the Autumn, ready for dispatch at the end of November. Leaflets with details are available from Jennie on 01379 687679.

North Lopham Methodist Chapel

Services for October at 10.45am are;

- 11th October;
Preacher Rev Edna Buggey of Diss.
- 25th October;
Preacher Rev Colin Telfer of Diss.

A very warm welcome to everyone.

St. Nicholas' Church (North Lopham)

The **Churches Trust Bike Ride**, on Saturday 12th September, was a chance to welcome cyclists from a wide area into the church, and for people from the village to enjoy a fun day out as they raised funds for the church and for the Norfolk Churches Trust. **Harvest Thanksgiving** will be reported next time.

A **Pet Service** is planned for Sunday 27th September at 2pm. All pets, large or small, with feathers or fins, woolly coats or fur, are invited - plus their owners too! **Harvest Music, Praise & Worship** takes place in St. Nicholas' Church on 11th October, with refreshments from 6pm, and the action beginning at 6.30pm. If you think "church" is old-fashioned, boring or stuffy, then come along and discover how different it can be! The young in heart of every age are invited. If a long time has passed since you last attended, this is a good time to **Come Back to Church** and be sure of a very warm welcome!

Starters & Sweets: Friday 16th October at Lophams' Village Hall. Have you ever wanted to try something new, but didn't want to order a large portion? Come to our Starters & Sweets evening for a chance to try lots of first courses and puddings - hot or cold, meaty or vegetarian, even some that are not too calorific! White wine, beer and fruit juice will be available free, or you can bring your own special alcohol and glasses. Tickets are £5, available from church members, or by contacting 01379 687679. There will be a raffle with a food theme.

Toilet Project: There will be an open meeting with the architect and all interested residents in the Church, on Thursday 1st October at 11am, to discuss the project in

detail. Please take this as your invitation to come along and make your views known.

Coming Events:

The **Ryan Lewis Concert** has been postponed to mid November, probably 14th, with Ryan and friends (from London and from East Harling), in church, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are just £6 (what a bargain), and the usual wine and light supper will be provided. Watch for posters with the details, then phone 01379 697679 to book.

Preview Invitations for the **Art Exhibition** from **20th to 22nd November** will be in Lophams' letter boxes by the end of October. Don't forget to put the date in the diary!

St. Andrew's Church (South Lopham)

Now we have our wonderful new roof on the nave and beautifully repaired clerestory windows, St. Andrew's is once again open for worship and visits. The next stage of renovation work will, we hope, be the West and East Windows and possibly even the porch. It is very early days so nothing will be happening for some time.

There will be no **Harvest Supper** this year but we hope to have a **Christmas Hog Roast** on 12th December at the Village Hall.

Services for October

North Lopham	South Lopham
4th October	
9.30am HC	-
11am Fam S	-
11th October	
6.30pm Harv Mus Pr & Worship	- 10am Group Comm
18th October	
11am Fam Serv	-
25th October	
11am Fam HC	6.30pm ES

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