

# THE LOPHAMS' NEWS

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The Lophams' News is delivered to every house in the two villages. Its aim is to inform us all of what is to happen, and has happened each month, covering all activities. News items are therefore welcomed from every organisation, club or committee, which are of general interest. We thank all our contributors, and those who give such willing & practical help each month. The Editor and publisher is Mr S Milbourne, and our distributors are; in South Lopham - Mr R Carter, Mr R Demoore, Mrs S Frizzell and Mr S Milbourne; and in North Lopham - Mr C Berry, Mrs R Cook, Mrs D Green, Mrs J Keylock, Mrs J Tate, Mrs J Vere and Mrs T Vernon.

### Lophams' Village Hall

Tickets for **An Evening with Winston**, the Singing Farmer, on Friday September 25th at 7.30pm, at just £6, are selling fast, so do get yours quickly to ensure you are not disappointed. Contact committee members or phone 01379 687515 / 687679 to book yours. Licensed Bar and Raffle.

The **hiring rates** for the Hall are being revised during the summer months. The new list will be published on the Village Hall website: [www.lophamsvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.lophamsvillagehall.co.uk)

The **Bonfire and Firework** event this year will be on Saturday 7th November, so do start collecting up prunings and burnable garden material, ready to bring to the Hall during the weekends in October - all details will be published in the next News.

**Judo** continues on Mondays & Wednesdays (details from Howard on 01379 688 258). **Dog Training** is on most Tuesday evenings. Trainer Elaine (07845 776110) will provide information. **Ballroom Dancing** sessions are being planned for the autumn, but tailored to the type of dancing participants choose, at the most popular available time. **Keep Fit** on Thursday's from 9.45am, with Ali Metcalfe. **To book the Hall** for private functions, please contact 01379 687679.

### Lophams Happy Circle

35 adults and 5 children had a lovely day out in Great Yarmouth on 13th August. The next outing will be to Wroxham/Wroxham Barns, our last one for this year. Anyone wishing to come along please forward your names to Avis on 01953 681789 or Daphne on 01379 687453.

### Lophams' Ladies

"**Moving Mum**" was both informative and amusing. Anne Topham gave us a wealth of good ideas for coping with emergencies involving older (and younger!) people. On

1st September, Anne Bennock will share her ideas for "**Cooking with Harvest Produce**", and eating some of the products, sure to be a popular part of the evening! Visitors are welcome to join us at 7.30pm.

The **Car Boot, Bric-a-Brac & Jumble Sale** is on 5th September from 1.30pm. Items can be brought to the Hall from 10am, or we can collect in advance - please contact 01379 687337 or 687679. The **Biggest Coffee Morning in the World** for McMillan Cancer Care, is on Friday 25th September. Our local event will be in St. Nicholas' Church, from 10am until 12 noon. Do come along and support this very worthwhile charity.

### Garden Club

In August a coach full of members and guests enjoyed a glorious day out at the beautiful gardens of Beth Chatto. On Wednesday September 2nd we return to Blooms Garden Centre for a talk on Clematis, given by John Gooch of Thorncroft Clematis Nurseries. On October 7th we have a talk on Bulbs with Chris Grey-Wilson. Both meetings start at 7.30pm and once again new members and guests are always welcome. For more information call 01953 681989.

### Bacon Exhibition Endowment Fund

This small Educational Fund is available once a year to those between 5 and 25 years old, who live or attend school in the villages of Redgrave, Botesdale, Rickinghall, Wortham, Burgate, Gislingham, Hinderclay, Blo' Norton, South Lopham and Bressingham. If you wish to apply, please do so by the end of September 2009 to: Mrs R Powell, 2 Fir Tree Cottage, Redgrave, Diss, IP22 1SD.

### St. Andrew's School

The Summer term ended unusually early, with the result that all the end of term activities were reported in the August Newsletter! The 'holiday' weeks give

teachers a chance to reflect on the year just completed and to make long term plans for the months ahead, with no more actual holiday than most others enjoy. For our caretaker, Denise Baker, there is a carefully planned routine of tasks, including the stripping and re-sealing of all the wooden floors and cleaning behind all the storage units - so not too much holiday for her either! The new term will see the new teaching team in place - Miss Barnes (C13), Mrs Squirrel & Mrs Paice (C12) and Miss Aidrie (C11), with teaching assistants Mrs Bushnell, Mrs Ebbs, Mrs Segovia, plus various sports trainers, and visiting teachers for foreign languages and instrument tuition. Office duties are shared by Mrs Gooderham and Mrs Smith. There will be new pupil faces too, in reception and both the junior classes. We look forward to meeting them all, and trust they will be very happy at St Andrew's.

**Residents** from either village who have a skill they would be prepared to share with the children, either as a 'one off', or over a period of weeks, would be warmly welcomed. To meet the staff and discuss, just phone 01379 687253 to arrange a convenient time.

**Community Lunches** - A great chance for people from any of our local communities to share lunchtime with the children are held on the third Tuesday (usually) of each month. It's easy to book - just contact Jennie on 01379 687679, then come to The Mess at 12 noon. The first will be on 22nd September, so names are needed by Friday 18th. 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** - We would love to have visitors from the community to spend time with the children. If you could spare half an hour to come in and read, or if you have an interest that you could share with the children that would be great. The Pre-school is a local village amenity which needs local village support. If you would like



to help, please ring the Pre-School manager at The Mess on 01379 687512 on weekdaymornings from 7th September.

## North Lopham Parish Council

The September meeting will be on Wednesday September 9th at 7.30pm in the Methodist Schoolroom. All members of the public are very welcome to attend. We have been informed that the village was 'runner-up' in the Green Open Spaces category for the 2009 **Pride in Norfolk Awards**. A small group has been invited to attend the presentation ceremony at Norfolk County Hall on September 10th. Our thanks go to all who have contributed in any way to making our village worthy of this award. We are looking for one or two more people to be 'on hand' to keep the area around the pond (**Letchmere**) in good condition. The main area of grass is cut by Breckland Council, but we need to keep an eye on the area between the fence and the water, and meet just a couple of times a year (Spring and Autumn), probably on a Saturday morning, to clear up. If you can offer to help, please contact our Clerk, Mike Cox on 01379 688355.

## South Lopham Parish Council

There will be a village **bulb planting and litter picking weekend** on October 3rd and 4th. On Saturday 3rd we plan to plant bulbs on The Green near the war memorial to provide a splash of colour in the Spring. Many hands make light work and volunteer 'planters' will be most welcome. Previous litter picks have harvested several bags of rubbish from our verges and paths, and on Sunday 4th October we hope to have another successful tidy up day. Equipment will be provided for all helpers so all we need is an army of volunteers! The meeting place on both days will be The White Horse car park at 10.30am. We hope to see you there!

## North Lopham Methodist Chapel

The Supper & Raffle held in July raised a grand total of £450. Thanks to everyone who helped. Services for September are;

- Sunday 13th September at 10.45am; Preacher Rev Colin Telfer of Diss. Harvest Festival celebration (*the Chapel will be open on Saturday 12th at 2pm for decorating. Any help will be appreciated*).
- Monday 14th September at 2.30pm; Speaker Mrs Palmer of Diss. Sale of goods after the service. All proceeds for Chapel funds.

- Sunday 27th September at 10.45am; Preacher Mrs M Gibbs of Thetford.

Awelcome to all.

## Lophams' Harvest Supper

**Please note:** Owing to huge pressure on the calendar, the Famous Hog Roast etc has been postponed until early December. The Seasonal Supper will be on Saturday 12th and all details will published nearer the time.

## St. Nicholas' Church (North Lopham)

The **Hymn Marathon** for the Fabric Fund was an amazing day. Thanks to the many people who sponsored the event, or particular hymns, and to all those who joined in on the day, especially the team who provided refreshments, led the singing and made all the visitors so welcome. The final tally of hymns was 602, the 600th being "Shine, Jesus, Shine" at 5.30pm, then the traditional "Great is Thy Faithfulness" and "The Day Thou gavest" to finish. The support has been overwhelming. It is hard to express how much it has been valued. To date, over £2100 has been collected!

The "Lopham's Got Talent" Holiday Club was a happy, noisy week, with well over 20 youngsters taking part. They had lots of games and competitions, made some very novel craft & painted items and shared fun indoors and out. The water fight on Thursday being the high spot! Their stage talents were revealed in a (very brief) presentation of the story of Jonah during the final service on the Sunday, at which 'Oscars' were presented to all the participants and 'Star' trophies to Beth and Fran, much valued helpers for the week.

The **Churches Trust Bike Ride**, on Saturday 12th September, gives those with a talent for riding a bike a chance to use their gift to raise funds for the church as they ride around churches & chapels in the area (those who can't ride can use their ability to walk round!). Sponsor forms are available in the church, or just ask any church member.

The star talent of **Ryan Lewis** at the piano is well known to many people in this part of the world, and he will share his gifts with us on Saturday 19th September, with a recital in church, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are just £6 - what a bargain - and the usual wine and light supper will be provided. Phone 01379 697679 to book.

The **Harvest Service** season will begin earlier than usual this year. The services at

North Lopham are on Sunday 20th at 11am and 6.30pm. We look forward to seeing YOU there. Produce or foliage, and help with decorating the church, will be most welcome on the previous Friday or Saturday. Our **Gift Day** will be on Monday 21st, when surplus produce gift parcels will be available.

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

The work on the nave roof and clerestory windows is now complete. Until the next phase of the refurbishment project, St Andrew's will soon be free of scaffolding and the whole building open once again for worship and visits.

Don't forget that **Holy Bingo** continues in the Village Hall on the first Monday of every month from 2-4pm. This year the sponsored cycle ride, in aid of the Norfolk Churches Trust and local churches, takes place on Saturday 12th September 9am-5pm. If you would like to take part please contact Monica Reeder on 01379 687273 for a sponsor form. **Harvest Festival** services at St Andrew's will be on Sunday 27th September at 11am and 6.30pm. If you have some free time on Saturday 26th please come and help decorate the church.

## Services for September

North Lopham	South Lopham
<b>6th September</b>	
9.30am HC	-
11am Fam S	-
<b>13th September</b>	
11am Fam S	-
6.30pm Evensong	-
<b>20th September</b>	
11am Harv Fam HC	2pm Pet S
6.30pm Harv Praise	-
<b>27th September</b>	
2pm Pet S	11am Harv MS
-	6.30pm Harv S

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