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WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL OUR READERS A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR

St Andrew's School

St. Andrew's Primary is now into the season of Advent.

This week St. Andrew's looks forward to hosting a Christmas Partnership event. On Thursday pupils from All Saints will join St. Andrew's to watch a production of "Twas the night before Christmas".

St. Andrew's day celebrated a number of community events. Pupils donated items for the Pre-School Christmas Fair in return for being allowed to come to school dressed in blue clothing of their choice. Mrs Umfreville gave the school a gift of embroidered St. Andrew's tablecloths and napkins for future community lunches. While in the evening Friends of St. Andrew's held a quiz night. Although a frosty night, over 70 adults and children came along. Everyone thought that this was a great night, including members from the Lophams' Society and other villagers who attended. Thank you to everyone who donated raffle prizes, set up and cleared away. A special thank you to Mrs Hewitt and Mrs Levingbird for setting the quiz questions and to Mrs Rednall for being quiz master, Mrs Wright, Mrs Hensser, Mrs Armes, Mrs Nunn and Mrs Ramm for making the delicious food and cakes and Mrs Chapman and Mr Cox for donating items for auction.

St. Andrew's pupils are now busy preparing for forthcoming events. The school is looking forward to a Christmas production, Carol Service, Christmas lunch, parties and a trip to the Pantomime! The next community lunch is Thursday 17th January 2013 and can be booked via the school office. If you would like to know more about St. Andrew's, either visit the website: standrews.schoolpartnership.org or make an appointment to visit the school by phoning the office on 01379 687253.

Lophams' Ladies

Meeting in the Village Hall; 7.15pm for 7.30pm on the first Tuesday of the month.

Our thanks go to Angie and George and the staff at the King's Head who once again gave us a splendid Christmas Lunch.

On January 8th a member of the "First Responders" will be coming to talk and on February 5th we have a talk on "The Wicked Stage" by J. Kimber. Please note that **both January and February meetings will be in the afternoon; 2pm in the Village Hall.**

New members and visitors always welcome. Tel 01379 687337 for details.

Lophams' Village Hall

Christmas Farmer's Market: is on Saturday 22nd December, from 9 to 12.30pm, - because this year is one of the few when the fourth Saturday is before Christmas Eve, it will be a great chance to stock up on really fresh produce, away from the hassle of the shops! At this market, there will be the Bonanza Draw for our **Lottery** - a single extra prize, funded by a percentage from each of the draws during the year. Remember that this Lottery is our opportunity to support the Village Hall and have a bit of fun too; if you are not in it, you can't win it, so consider joining up, ready for next year's Bonanza! In November D Derrick won the 1st prize of £186.00; 2nd prizes of £46.50 each went to R Bassett and J Brown. New members, and those who need to renew are urged to get in touch: Copies of the full rules and entry forms are available from promoter, Eileen, tel; 01379 687608, from Village Hall Treasurer, Tim Colyer, tel; 01379 687718, from other Village Hall Committee members (see the website for details), or at the Farmers' Market and at Village Hall Events.

Farmer's Markets are on the fourth Saturday each month, from 9am till 12.30pm. The January Market is on 26th. For details, call Mike on 01379 687 235.

Judo is on Mondays & Wednesdays - (Details from Howard on 01379 688 258).

Dog Training is held most Tuesday evenings, our trainer Elaine (07845 776 110) will provide information.

Lopham Art Group: meets on Wednesday mornings from 9.30am. The cost is £20 each per month, and includes refreshments and a visit from an 'expert' once each month. Contact 01379 687718 for more details.

Yoga with P: is on Thursdays between 5.30pm and 8pm. Booking is essential, so contact pieternella.jarvie@gmail.com t: 01379 890955 m: 07932010720.

To book the hall for private functions, please contact 01379 687 679. To find out more about the hall generally, visit the website at www.lophamsvillagehall.co.uk.

Garden Club

On 5th December we enjoyed our Christmas Dinner provided by the staff at Blooms. We were served a delicious meal and then entertained by our speaker, Mr Jason Salisbury, who shared with us some of the ups and downs he and his family have experienced while setting up his highly successful business enterprise, Suffolk Farmhouse Cheeses, which is well known at our own Lophams' Farmers Market. His talk was both amusing and interesting and concluded a festive evening, which was much enjoyed by us all.

There will be no meeting in January, but we will resume on 6th February 2013 when we will welcome Elizabeth Browne from the "Urbun Jungle".

We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at Blooms Garden Centre at 7.30pm, and visitors and new members are always very welcome. Please telephone 01379 687833 for more information.

Seasonal Events:

Most will take place after this issue goes to print, so we do hope that you enjoy celebrating in the village community - especially those readers who are new to North Lopham. It has been good to welcome new residents during 2012.

Do please come and join in the activities on offer, whether in church, the pub, or carol singing along The Street, weather permitting - the date will be posted on the Notice Board.

North Lopham Parish Council

The Parish Council hopes all readers enjoyed a happy festive season.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 9th January 2013.



St Nicholas' Church

The Festival Of Cribbs: The response to this exhibition was amazing, with people from far and near lending crib sets or artifacts, and coming along to view the display. Having Anglia TV in attendance was a great thrill, and ensured 'the message' went to a far wider audience than we could have dreamed of, especially as the weather was not kind, and prevented some keen viewers from setting out. It also meant that we have a growing list of people with treasures to loan for display next time.....

If you were among those who contributed, we say a huge **Thank You** - naming individuals is sure to leave someone out.

The Toy Service had a smaller attendance than in recent years, for many reasons, but that didn't mean fewer parcels to take to Thetford! The pile grows daily, and will be delivered well before the end of term, so that the most deprived families in Thetford are sure of some Christmas gifts. Special thanks to David and Thomas for their input to the service; we look forward to having young readers at the Family Carol Service.

Advent Carols As always, this service included some of the most beautiful music and well loved readings. Grateful thanks go to all those who took part - it is having such a team effort that makes a Carol service so worthwhile.

Benefice Changes: On 9th December, a goodly number of North Lopham people joined folk from the other parishes in the Upper Waveney Benefice for their last joint service, held at Bressingham, with the Bishop of Thetford as special guest.

From 30th December, the five churches will be joining in a Team Ministry with Diss, led by Canon Tony Billett. **A special Communion Service** for all SIX parishes will be held at Diss at 10.30am that day.

We will retain the normal pattern of services, with some very small changes to times - notably that Evensong will move to the slightly earlier 6pm slot. There will be a wider group of Priests and Readers coming to lead worship, but we will soon get to know them all; they will have much larger numbers of 'new' faces to remember!

Anyone needing to arrange a Baptism or Wedding, or to see a priest, needs to make contact with the Diss Parish Office - tel 01379 643 783. All the churchwardens will help put you in touch - their details are in the middle pages of Cock Crow.

The New Year is a good time to try something new. At St Nicholas' Church we plan to re-establish some of the occasions that mark the yearly cycle of farming.

Plough Sunday is the first of these, when the ploughs of a parish are blessed for the coming season on the land. The Revd Chris Davidson will lead a special service at 11am on 13th January which will conclude with a procession outside to bless ploughs both ancient and very modern. It would be great to have local farmers there with us.

The **Epiphany Carol Service** is at 6pm that day - come and share in special readings and carols marking the visit of the Wise Men to greet Jesus - more lovely music & readings.

We wish all readers a very happy and healthy New Year.

St Andrew's Church

Coffee Morning. Thank you to all who attended the Coffee Morning on Wednesday 28th November, which was very successful with a total of £191.63 raised for St. Andrew's Church.

The Church Wardens and PCC would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped to look after the Church in any way this past year, the Cleaners, Flower Arrangers, Grass Cutters, Hedge Cutters, Strimmers, and Carpentry a band too numerous to name but much appreciated.

We wish everyone a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Services for January

North Lopham	South Lopham
6th January	
9.30am HC	-
11am Fam S	-
13th January	
11am Plough Sunday HC	-
6.pm Epiph C	-
20th January	
11am Fam S	9.30am HC
22nd January	
11am Fam HC	6pm ES

Lophams' Bingo

The Bingo Girls - and Richard - enjoyed their Christmas lunch at the Kings Head, and now look forward to the next round of meetings, starting on 7th January at 2pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome, including younger folk as it is the last day of the holiday, so do come along for a social time, with lots of opportunity to chat and enjoy yourself.

Contributions for next issue by;

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