THE LOPHAMS' NEWS

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St Andrew's School

St. Andrew's pupils, parents, staff and governors have returned from half term and are enjoying a feast of activities.

Continuing their thematic learning from last half term, Victory children enjoyed a day at Norwich Castle museum learning about the Egyptians. This was then extended further with Victory and Endeavour classes experiencing Egyptian dancing. In the lower school Discovery have furthered their leaning about Dinosaurs are looking forward to Dino man visiting in June and then a trip to the Dinosaur Park in July.

Pupils have also been representing the school in a variety of sporting events. The netballers and footballers have completed their small school league matches and the year 5/6 took part in cluster Kwick Cricket. Year 5 and 6 have also just returned from their residential to Hilltops where they experienced orienteering, high ropes, swimming and cycling.

Children also represented St. Andrew's in the Chyme Concert in Diss. They performed in the choir, as part of a recorder ensemble and also as soloists.

Clubs this term include film, art and performing arts. Music lessons include guitars, piano, brass, violin and flute.

St Andrew's Pre School

During the weeks leading up to the end of term, pre-school children enjoy opportunities to join the 'big' school, so that those joining Reception in September will feel at home when the great day arrives! Any new residents with children approaching their 2nd birthday, or a bit older, are warmly invited to get in touch with the pre-school staff to arrange a visit, with a view to joining us next term. We have lots of equipment for use both indoors and out and offer your child a safe way to make friends, with those they may then grow up alongside.

We are running a mobile recycling initiative so if you have an old mobile, languishing in a drawer, let us take it off your hands and turn it into much needed pennies and pounds for the pre-school.

Our sessions are on Mondays 8.45-11.45, and Wed/Thurs 8.45-3.15. Do note that all 3 years olds are entitled to 15 hours free sessions each week.

As always, we encourage prospective parents to drop in, view the setting and meet our team. Please note our new contact number is 07854 091257.

Lophams' Ladies

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

At our June meeting, Sarah Rochfort brought along her Celtic Harp and played a selection of Welsh Irish and Scottish music. As well as telling us some of the history of this instrument, she also gave us the opportunity to "have a go" as she herself only took up playing the harp in her "retirement" years.

At our annual Jumble and Bric a Brac Sale we raised over £170 and thanks go to all who contributed in any way.

On July 1st we have an afternoon visit to **Fuller's Mill Garden** at West Stow, meeting in the Village Hall car park at 1pm to share lifts.

Looking ahead to August 5th, we have invited Peter Dudley to give a talk on the work of the **Citizen's Advice Bureau**.

Once again newcomers and visitors are always welcome - phone 01379 687337 for details.

Garden Club

On June 11th we enjoyed an evening visit to Furze House Gardens in Rushall. The owners, Phil and Chris Greenacre, warmly welcomed us and Chris explained that they started gardening at Furze House in 2008 when they retired from farming. They then showed us round the 2 acre site, which is full of informal island beds packed with perennials, shrubs and trees including unusual and rarely seen varieties. At the end of our visit we sat down to enjoy tea or coffee and some delicious cake and to marvel at the amount of work that Phil and Chris had achieved in only 6 years.

Our next meeting is on July 2nd when we will welcome Gabby Reid who will talk about "**Growing and Using Seasonal Flowers**".

Looking further forward, on August 6th we shall visit **Thorncroft Clematis Nursery.**

We meet at Blooms of Bressingham Garden Centre on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm. Visitors and new members are always very welcome. Please telephone 01379 687833 for further details.

Lophams' Village Hall

Even though there has not been a local Village Games Roadshow this spring, our Lophams' sportspeople have been in action on our behalf. We wish them all the very best as they aim to better their performances of the last two years!

A last reminder: The Village Hall AGM will be held on Friday **27th June**, in the hall at 7.30pm. As already mentioned, we would like to see **you** there, with ideas to share!

The Lottery is a fun way to support the hall development fund, with three chances each month of winning a prize. The May winners were: 1st prize £178.00 - J Vere; 2nd prizes of £44.50 - P Blanchet and J Pursehouse. 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 website for details), or at the Farmer's Market and at Village Hall Events.

Farmer's Markets are on the fourth Saturday each month, from 9am to 12.30pm. The July Market is on 26th. For details, call Mike on 01379 687235.

Judo is on Mondays & Wednesdays - (Details from Howard on 01379 688258).

Dog Training is held most Tuesday evenings, our trainer Elaine (07845 776110) 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 Jennifer on 01379 687882 for more details.

Yoga with P: is taking a Summer break; watch for details again in the Autumn.

To book the hall for private functions, please contact 01379 687679. To find out more about the hall generally, visit the website at www.lophamsvillagehall.co.uk .

The Lophams' Society

Join us on Saturday 19th July at 7.30pm when popular jazz quartet **Pork Pie Hat** will be at Lophams' Village Hall to entertain us with a **Summer Evening of Jazz**. Customers of Amandines Restaurant in Diss will be familiar with the band, as they sometimes play as a trio under the name of **Jazzamazoo**.

So come along and enjoy the music and atmosphere. Tickets are £8 per person, which includes an interval supper of cold meats, cheese and salad and the bar will be open all evening. Tickets are bookable in advance (which is advised) by telephoning 01379 688408 or 640355. Entry is from 6.30pm.

North Lopham Parish Council

The next meeting is on 9th July

As readers will know, the Breckland planning meeting on 9th June, which was to consider the **solar farm issue**, was postponed. Do please look out for a new date.

St Nicholas' Church

Pentecost, marking the Birthday of the Christian Church was celebrated with a birthday Service at 11am, at which all the children enjoyed balloons, cake and fun after the worship. Sadly, Bishop David Gillett was unwell so the Healing Service was cancelled. The home team led evensong.

Annual Meetings: At the recent meetings, churchwardens Alan Briggs and Richard Vere agreed to continue in office, as did the members of the Church Council. We thank them for all they do for the church; they in turn thank everyone in the community for the ongoing support, which is so greatly valued.

Social Scene:

Friday Night is SNYSB Night - 23rd May. The Band members, though very young at the moment, were in very good form for the annual visit to St Nicholas'. The audience was treated to a great range of music, including a 'Disco' item, which had some of the audience dancing in the aisle; one churchwarden showed off some Irish dancing steps in the second half! At the end Penny from Fenners conducted the whole of "swing the Mood" with great confidence.

A very happy evening raised £263 for our funds and £35 for SNYSB, who were also very pleased to sell 11 of their recent CD.

Ryan Lewis in Concert - 30th May. St Nicholas' Church was packed for the "Concert in Memory" - the choir stalls were used and extra chairs were set up in the tower and every available space. Over 125 people were treated to a wonderful programme of classical music ranging from Beethoven & Brahms to Faure & John Rutter. Ryan was joined by two of the "Super Six" of several years ago - Jimmy Sunderland on trumpet and Lucy Burbridge on flute, plus newcomer Sophie Bowes, with her beautiful Italian harp. Many thanks to all four.

With the help of an excellent raffle, the evening raised £1,243 directly; over £500 has been added from an online giving site. Anyone wishing to donate or learn more about the charity can visit www.pancreaticcanceraction.org.

Please do come to the **Summer Coffee Morning at Jean's:** All readers are warmly invited to Brecklands, 19 The Green, North Lopham on Wednesday 2nd July, from 10am to 12 noon for a Coffee Morning hosted by Jean & Chris Stringfield. There will be a Boutique, Plants, Raffle and Tombola plus plenty of time for coffee/tea and goodies to enjoy, while you catch up on the news with friends from near and further away. For further information, or help with transport, just phone 01379 687679.

North Lopham Methodist Church

Though the future of the Chapel is uncertain just now, the informal service on 4th Wednesday each month will continue, at 10.30 am, followed by a Coffee Morning from 11.am till 12 noon. There is one on 25th June; the next will be on 23rd July.

St Andrew's Church

Flower Festival on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th July 2014 10am - 4pm. **"God Created A Garden"**. Admission free. Refreshments, Wood Turning, Plant Stall and Tombola, everyone welcome. Please come along and enjoy the flowers.

A Miscellany of Music on Saturday 26th July 2014 at 7.30pm. **The Thursday Night Ladies Choir and Friends** and **Four Hands in Harmony** playing piano duets. Tickets £5.00 from PCC members. Tel. 01379 687361 or 01379 688313. Refreshments included. Raffle. All funds raised will go towards Cancer Research.

Lophams' Holy Bingo

It is always good to see new faces. Do join us at the Village Hall on 7th July, at 2pm for some lighthearted fun and banter. Please telephone 01379 687679 if you need help with transport.

Welcome to Deborah Hamilton-Grey

Deborah is our new curate and will be ordained in Norwich Cathedral on 5th July. She will be welcomed to the Team at the 10.30am service in Diss on 6th. Following that service, there will be a welcome Bring & Share picnic lunch at the Lophams' Village Hall to which **all** are welcome. Diss member's are bringing savouries and the other parishes are responsible for desserts. Please contact one of the churchwardens or Jennie Vere (on 01379 687679) for further details, or to offer help.

Events at Redgrave and Lopham Fen

Guided fen walks
Saturdays - 5 July, 2 Aug, 6 Sept, 10.30am - 1pm. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Fen with enthusiast and naturalist John Hill.. £3 Meet at the Education Centre, no booking required.

Wildlife Watch Group
Saturdays - 12 July, 9 Aug, 13 Sept, 10.30am – 12.30pm. A club for 6 – 12yr olds**,** £1
Contact Mike Wraight 01379 644508.

Summer holiday activities

Family events, £2.50 per person - Children must be accompanied by an adult. Booking essential 688333.
Tue 29 July, 2pm - 4pm - **Pond dipping.** Tue 5 Aug, 2pm - 4pm - **Minibeast safari**
Tue 12 Aug, 10am - 12noon – **Hedgehogs .** Wed 13 Aug, 10am - 12noon - **'Where the Wild Things Are'**
Tue 19 Aug, 10am – 12pm - **Reptiles and amphibians**. Wed 20 Aug 10am - 12noon - **Teddy bears' picnic**
Wednesday 27 August, 2pm - 4pm - **Treasure Hunt**

Activity days, £6 per child, £10 for 2 siblings - Booking essential 01379 688333.
Wednesday 30 July, 10am - 2pm - **Investigating invertebrates**
Wednesday 6 August, 10am - 2pm - **Bushcraft**

Art Exhibition Sat 23, Sun 24 & Mon 25 August, 10am - 4pm**.** Artwork by local artists inspired by nature. Free entry. Refreshments available.

Adult courses
Dragonfly & damselfly surveying Saturday 5 July, 10am – 3pm
Find out more about these creatures and their behaviour. £25/£21.50. Booking essential 01473 890089.

Botanical Illustration Saturday 26 July, 20 Sept, 10am – 3pm
Illustration techniques with the emphasis on botanical accuracy, using summer plants. With botanical illustrator, Christine Grey-Wilson. £25/£21.50. Booking essential 01473 890089.

Services for July

North Lopham	South Lopham
6th July	
9.30am HC	-
11am Fam S	-
13th July	
11am Fam S	-
4pm ES and Healing	-
20th July	
11am Fam S	9.30am HC
27th July	
No Fam S	4pm ES
10.30am in Diss with the Archdeacon	

Contributions for next issue by;

18th JULY

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