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St Andrew's School

St. Andrew's pupils and staff are thrilled to back after their six-week break and are already enjoying the autumn term. After saying goodbye to last years year six pupils, St. Andrew's now welcomes four new reception pupils into Discovery class and a year 3 pupil in the new third class, Victory.

St. Andrew's now look forward to exciting opportunities in the term ahead. These include Harvest Festival, Book Week, European Languages Day, Anti-Bullying Week, a visit from the Bishop of Norwich, Christmas Production and a Christmas Service.

We also invite you to our monthly community lunches. There is one at noon on Thursday 18th October and another on Thursday 22nd October 2012. Lunches must be booked in advance at £3.50 a head via the school office or let Jennie Vere know.

If you would like further information about St. Andrew's Primary, or wish to bring your child to visit, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 01379 687253 or by e-mail head@st-andrews-pri.norfolk.sch.uk We would love to hear from you!

Lopham Preschool

It seems like such a long time ago we said a said goodbye to our school leavers celebrating their time at the preschool with a sports day and tea party at the end of July. We wish them all the best of luck in their new schools. It's been lovely to welcome and get to know our new starters this term and they are already getting busy with Autumn themed arts, crafts and activities. **Thank you** to everybody who supported and helped with the yard sale, we raised over £150 selling bacon butties on the day!

We have spaces available at Preschool; if you would like to look around and meet our team of Tonya (preschool manager) and her assistant Laura, please call in when we are open. Tonya can also be contacted regarding preschool on 0762 219523.

Yoga

Yoga is a great form of exercise, developing strength and flexibility. It can also help relieve stress and bring about a sense of well-being. Why not try it for yourself at The Lophams' Village Hall on Thursdays 7-8 pm.

Booking is essential. Before attending classes you will need to register, so please call / email: pieternella.jarvie@gmail.com tel: 01379 890955 mob: 07932010720.

Samaritan's Purse

Once again we plan to send a big pile of shoeboxes, decorated and packed with gifts, to children who would otherwise have no treats at all in Eastern Europe or further afield. If YOU would like to join in, boxes need to be brought to Southlands, N Lopham, by 12th November. For details, & a list of suitable items to use, please telephone Jennie Vere on 01379 687679. Thank you.

Lophams' Village Hall

Bonfire & Firework Event: Saturday 3rd November. After many years, our Local Firework team led by Peter & Andy, has 'retired'. We all send grateful thanks for the wonderful displays they have produced so many times. This year we are to have a recommended professional team to bring & set up the display, and feel sure you will enjoy the result. The gates to the playing field will be open on Saturdays & Sundays from 6th Oct, between 10am and 2pm for locals to bring along all their burnable garden rubbish and old wood for the giant fire. As in previous years, PLEASE do not bring other materials, which could be a threat to health & safety, and risk the banning of the fire by officers from Environmental Health. There will be a token charge this year of £1 per load, to offset firework costs.

The Lottery - our opportunity to support the Village Hall and have a bit of fun too - has a number of renewals due at the moment. Do sign up quickly, to avoid missing a monthly draw. In the August draw, L Inglis won the 1st prize of £184.00; 2nd prizes of £46.00 each were won by B Thorndyke and R Bell. 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 (01379 687608), from Village Hall Treasurer, Tim Colyer (01379 687718), from other Village Hall Committee members (see website for details), or at the Farmers' Market and at Village Hall Events.

Farmers' Markets are on the fourth Saturday each month, from 9am - 12.30pm. The next one is 27th October. 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 776 110) will provide information.

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.

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.

Lophams' Ladies

Meeting on the first Tuesday of the month 7.15pm for 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Visitors and new members always welcome.

The annual Jumble, Bric-a-Brac and Car Boot Sale at the beginning of September raised over a £100. Our thanks go to all who supported this event. At our September meeting Elizabeth Talbot; Senior Partner and Auctioneer at TW Gaze gave us, along with several visitors, a most interesting and informative evening. Casting her expert eye over a whole range of items brought along; she gave great insight into how design and craftsmanship have evolved over the past two hundred years.

On October 2nd we welcome Jason Salisbury from Suffolk Cheese (You will see him at the Farmer's Market) and on November 6th we look forward to hearing Jim Bacon our "Look East" Weatherman. These are both open meetings and we

North Lopham Charities

Any young people from the village who are experiencing problems with funding their education - special text books, transport, etc. are invited to apply for financial help from the village charity, by writing to the Chairman, Mr Mike Cox, at Linden House, The Street, North Lopham.

Garden Club

On 5th September Bob Coutts, the Head Gardener at Somerleyton, visited us to speak about "Gardening for the Autumn". We enjoyed a very informative evening and Bob gave us a lot of basic and down-to-earth advice about various jobs to be done at this time of year, including taking cuttings, planting up containers and pruning of fruit trees to name a few, all of which we can put to good use in our own gardens.

We look forward to welcoming Yvonne and David Leonard to our next meeting on 3rd October. Yvonne and David will speak about "Autumn Bounty", and looking further forward, on 7th November Matthew Tanton Brown will give a presentation entitled "Plants for a Dry Garden".

Our meetings take place in the restaurant area of Blooms Garden Centre on the first Wednesday of each month starting at 7.30pm and visitors and new members are always very welcome. For further information phone 01379 687833.

Lophams Ramblers: from Jackie Brown

In September 2003 when I started South Lopham Ramblers I was anxious that anyone would be interested so it was a pleasant surprise when fourteen keen walkers arrived. We now have about twenty five people in the group. Whenever possible we like to use footpaths or quiet lanes in and around the Lophams and have even ventured to other villages. Eventually more people were joining us from North Lopham hence the name change. In fact we now have several members who come from other villages so our success has expanded. In the New Year Ted Young has kindly agreed to take over from me as organiser, although I still hope to walk with the group. After January 2013 please contact Ted on 01379 687833 for information about the group or details of the 2013 programme.

