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St Andrew's School

St. Andrew's pupils, staff, governors and parents have returned refreshed after half term.

The end of the first week back, saw St. Andrew's hold its annual summer fete organised by FOSTA. Visitors were able to enjoy pony rides, zorb balls, fitnessactivities, inflatable slide and a range of stalls. Refreshments included BBQ, Pimms and afternoon tea with cakes and entertainment was supplied by the school guitar group and Busybodies Stage School dancers.

The children are now continuing to further their learning about past occupations in North Lopham through the topic 'Our Norfolk, Our Adventures'. They are planning to share their work with the wider community on Friday 15th July 2016.

Other learning opportunities taking place this term include Key Stage 1 sports picnic, years 3 and 4 athletics, years 5 and 6 rounders and upper Key Stage 2 residential to Hilltop.

If you would like to know more about St. Andrew's Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School please contact the school office on 01379 687253

St Andrew's Pre School

Greetings from everyone at St Andrews pre school.

This term seems to be galloping on at an alarming rate and it will soon be the end of term. We have enjoyed some warm weather and have been busy sorting out our garden area. Sports day is coming up in July and the children are practicing hard for the event and hoping for good weather.

We have eight children leaving us to go to school in September, and we will have a leavers' party on the last day of term to say goodbye.

Numbers are looking very good for September but we still have a few places left.

Opening times are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8.45am- 3.15pm during term time. If you would like further information about pre school or available places please contact Jan Feaver on 07854091257.

Lophams' Village Hall

Hall Improvements:

Now that the tiling of the kitchen is all complete, a dehumidifier will be fitted to help keep it in pristine condition, and the old cupboard doors on the window side will be replaced to match those under the hatch. The other fittings are being reviewed, to ensure everything is in tip top order, making the room a pleasure to work in.

The Lottery: It is great when there's a full complement of 100 members, with a corresponding monthly first prize of £200, so please get in touch if you would like to join as soon as a new vacancy occurs. Please ring 01379 687718 for more information or contact Eileen (01379 687608) or any committee member. There are three chances each month of winning a prize, plus a Bonanza draw in December. The winners in May were: first prize of £200: D & J Carr; second prizes of £50: T Young and J Keylock. In addition to the Lottery draw, there is a monthly raffle with one superb prize, which includes an item from every stall - a wonderful array of goodies for the larder. The May winner was Mrs Chapman.

Regular bookings:

Farmers' Markets are on the fourth Saturday from 9am till 12.30pm., so the July date will be 23rd. (Details from Mike on 01379 687235)

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

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 687282 for more details.

Dog Training: Most Thursday evenings with Rob Jessup; Rob's 'phone number is 01379 873144

Bookings - to book the hall for private events, telephone 01379 687679, or go to the website.

Lophams' Ladies

- meeting at the Village Hall on the first Tuesday each month, usually at 7pm for a 7.30 start.

Members enjoyed a delightful evening visit to Furze House Gardens at Rushall in June. David Morton will come to the meeting on July 5th with an illustrated talk about the Tower of London. (Members will remember his excellent talk about the development of Buckingham Palace)

The annual Car Boot, Bric - a - Brac; Books & Jumble Sale is on **Saturday 2nd July** in the Village Hall. The doors open at 1.30pm and admission is free: Please think of us as you do any Summer de-cluttering! We can collect, if necessary.

For more information, contact Sarah on 01379 687337, or 687679 for Jumble collection.

Garden Club

We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in Lophams' Village Hall and visitors and new members are always very welcome. Please telephone 01379 687833 for further details.

On 2nd June Gary Alderton gave a most interesting and informative demonstration on "Propagation". Gary talked about the many forms of propagation, answered our questions and gave us a lot of advice to put to good use in our own gardens.

We shall not have our usual meeting on 7th July but instead will spend the evening paying short visits to various club members gardens in North and South Lopham. It will be a chance to exchange ideas on growing both flowers and vegetables and we are all hoping for fine weather!!

Looking further forward, on 4th August we look forward to welcoming Rodney Tibbs to our meeting. Rodney will give a presentation entitled "Vegetables for Value".

News from North Lopham

North Lopham Parish Council Next Council meeting - 13th July 2016

PLEASE remember: "the PC would welcome residents to attend PC Meetings and these are advertised on the website and notice board. Parish council exists to problem solve and provide a better environment for the community, please come along from time to time to assist us and make the village a better place." J Crossley (clerk)

Church Farm House

"**Art in the Garden**" will take place at Church Farm House (opposite St. Nicholas Church) on Saturday and Sunday, July 30th and 31st, from 11-5 both days.

While you enjoy the garden you can visit with two outstanding textile artists, a well-known watercolorist and local jewellery maker. The artists will be working and showing the steps to their creations and will have a few items for sale.

Teas will be available. Admission is £3.

St Nicholas' Church

We are delighted to welcome two new members to the church family, at Baptisms on 19th June & 3rd July. In order to enable Revd. Maggie Swayze to get to a service in Roydon, the 9.30am Communion on 3rd will be a said service at 9.30am, and the Baptism will follow promptly at 10am.

We do hope Family Service members will be able to get to church by 10am to share in the occasion (& the refreshments afterwards!)

Bishop Alan's Walk - The Bishop of Thetford is to walk round the parishes in the Diss Team on Thursday 28th July, starting at South Lopham Church at 9.30, then following Primrose Lane to North Lopham Church soon after 10am, before going on the Fersfield, Bressingham for a lunch stop, Roydon and Diss by mid afternoon, People are welcome to join any or all of this informal walk, chatting to each other and the bishop.

Full details are available in the churches, or from PCC members, or Revd Wendy.

There are two special dates in the July social calendar:

A **Summer Coffee Morning** in & around the church will be held on Wednesday July 6th from 10am until 12. In addition to the usual delicious refreshments, raffle and tombola, there will be a Bring & Buy Stall, some plants and a Jigsaw Bring & Buy. We look forward to seeing YOU there. If you need transport, just phone 01379 687679.

CONCERT FOR NEPAL: Saturday 16th July, in Church at 7.30pm. Bryony Holdsworth, well known to many in the village (St Andrew's School, Diss High School and helper at the Kings Head) plans to go out to Nepal in August to help rebuild a school destroyed by the 2015 earthquake.

Our New Wave of talented young musicians will perform a concert of light classical music in the tradition of Ryan Lewis & his Friends (remember the Super Six?), so you can be assured of a great evening's entertainment. Tickets are just £5, to include a complimentary light supper, and there will be a Raffle.

Please help us to help Bryony to help Nepal!

Knitting The Bible:

Some figures, in their setting, will be shown at the Coffee Morning, so anyone still undecided about "having a go" can see first-hand what is involved, and possibly decide to join in!

Any queries? Phone 01379 687679 or email jennyvere@btinternet.com

Friends of South Lopham Church

The Friends would like to thank all those people involved in arranging and attending the Garden Party held at Flint Farm on Saturday 11th June to celebrate the Queen's Birthday.

They would also like to invite you to their Annual General Meeting to be held in St Andrews Church on Tuesday 2nd August at 7.00pm & look forward to seeing you there.

Redgrave & Lopham Fen, IP22 2HX - Events July/August 2016

Guided fen walks

Saturday 6 Aug 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.

Summer holiday activities

Family events, £4 child, £2 adult

Wednesday 27 July, 10am-12noon - Butterflies and moths

Wednesday 3 August, 2pm-4pm - Wild play

Wednesday 10 August, 10am-12noon - Treasure hunt

Wednesday 17 August, 2pm-4pm - Animal Olympics

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Activity days for 6-10 year olds

10am-2pm, £7 per child

Tuesday 26 July - Marvellous minibests.

Tuesday 2 August - Wild fun and games

Tuesday 9 August - Dens on the Fen

Tuesday 16 August - Hedgehogs

For unaccompanied children only

Young naturalists, £7 each

Thursday 4 August, 10am-2pm For unaccompanied 11-15 year olds

Wildlife skills & practical conservation work

All the above can be booked online at www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org

St Andrew's Church

Coffee Morning - A big "Thank You" to everyone who helped or came to our Coffee Morning at St Andrew's Church on Saturday 4th June, over £260 was made for the upkeep of our beautiful building.

Benefice Walk

You are cordially invited to join Bishop Alan on Thursday 28th July at 9.00am to walk from St Andrew's Church, South Lopham to St Mary's Church, Diss, via out team Churches at North Lopham, Fersfield, Bressingham (where we will pause for Lunch) then Roydon and finally arriving at St Mary's Church at about 3.30pm. There we will have a short Service of Holy Communion and afterwards a simple tea will be available for everyone.

Please bring your own packed lunch.

If you feel you can't walk the whole route don't despair as we are hoping to have a couple of people who will take you to whichever Church you wish to start walking from.

Holy Bingo

- continues in the Village Hall, usually on the first Monday each month at 2pm, when new faces are always welcome to come and share in fun sessions, with plenty of time for a chat.

Do telephone 01379 687679 for further details or for help with transport.

North Lopham Methodists

Methodist friends invite local residents to the monthly service in the church, with Coffee, at 10.30am on the fourth Wednesday each month.

Next dates - 27th July and 24th August.

The Lophams' Society

Regrettably due to a number of unforeseen circumstances the Musical Evening planned for the 9th July has had to be **CANCELLED**. Sincere apologies to all those people who were looking forward to joining us.

We now look forward to seeing everyone at our next event which will be the **Autumn Quiz** on the 14th October



Your article could be here!

Services for July

North Lopham South Lopham

9.30am HC 3rd July
10am Baptism -

11am Fam S 10th July -

11am Fam S 17th July
9.30am HC

24th July
11am Fam S 9.30am M.S.

On 31st a fifth Sunday, there is Communion at Diss Church at 8am & at 10.30am. Bishop Alan will be preaching at the 10.30am service.

Art Exhibition

Sat 27, Sun 28 & Mon 29 August
Artwork by local artists inspired by nature. 10 - 4pm Free entry
Refreshments available

Contributions for next issue by;

18th July

Please email Julie
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Thank You