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St Andrew's School

It is hard to believe that we are already in May; hopefully the sunny weather will now take hold so we can enjoy the school grounds, then the half term break. Year 6 have just completed their SATs tests; tests for the younger pupils are ongoing. Discovery class have an amazing new mud kitchen to develop their creativity and Year 6 represented the school very positively at a cluster quiz event. The flower arranging workshop with FOSTA was a great success and we are very grateful for that opportunity to enrich the experiences for our children.

The whole school thoroughly enjoyed a recent Circus Skills day, developing their balance and coordination skills using unicycles, feathers and juggling balls. The day inspired some fantastic art work and creative writing for our classroom displays.

Our collective worship theme this half term is Reverence and Respect and we are exploring different ways this can be shown. We were honoured to have Reverend Wendy with us at a special service to say "thank you" for all she has done for St Andrew's and the local community. It was lovely to hear the children sing a medley of songs. We are really looking forward to the federation day on Monday 21st May, when we will be learning all about Pentecost.

If you wish to make an appointment to visit or would like more information about our school, please contact Mrs McGarr on 01379 687253 or by email head@st-andrews-pri.norfolk.sch.uk We would love to hear from you!

St Andrew's Pre School

Greetings from the staff at St Andrews pre school

This first half of the term has flown by and we have been out and about in the nice sunny weather going for lovely walks around the village. We had an unexpected visit to the farm again and met Jessica and some of the other Dexter cows who were very friendly. We also saw the pigs and of course Daisy our favorite horse, and met a two week old puppy.4

Next half term we will be looking at people who help us and will be having a visit from the police in their squad car!!

We are an inclusive setting and welcome all families.

Our opening times are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday during term time, from 8.45am to 3.15pm. For further information please contact us on 07854091257

The Lophams' Society

On Saturday 30th June DixieMix "East Anglia's Hottest Dixieland Jazz Band" will make a return visit to the Lophams' Village Hall. At last year's event all those who attended agreed it was a great night and the band had everyone tapping their toes in time to some great music and this year promises to be the same. Music starts at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £8 per person which will include snacks and nibbles. There will also be a licenced bar open for those wishing to purchase drinks.

For further inquiries and to book tickets please telephone 01379 688408.

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.

We held our AGM on 3rd May, postponed from our cancelled March meeting. This was followed by a quiz and refreshments and it was very nice to welcome new members to our club.

Our next meeting is on 7th June when we shall welcome Guy Barker to give a presentation entitled "Early Summer", while looking further forward, on 5th July Ian Carstairs will give a talk about Swifts.

Please telephone 01379 687833 for any further information

Lophams' Ladies - meeting at the Village Hall on the first Tuesday of the month, at 7.15 for 7.30pm

At The AGM Carol Blackstone stood down as chair person; we were grateful for her input over the last year, and for new ways of doing things. Since that meeting, Sarah Frizzell has very kindly agreed to take up the reins again, so many thanks go to her.

In May, members were enthralled by the way Kathy Denten transformed one basic outfit for different historical periods, and for the various scenes in one production, as she shared her experiences as a stage costumier.

The intriguing title for the June talk is 'A Turkish Shirley Valentine'. Do come and join us, if you would also like to discover more! We charge just £2 per visitor and this includes refreshments.

The Annual Bric-a-Brac, Books and Jumble Sale is on **Saturday 16th June**, in the hall, from 1.30pm. As you do your Spring clear out, we would be very grateful for donations of goods for this event. We can collect, if you telephone Sarah Frizzell on 01379 687337, or Jennie Vere on 01379 687679

Holy Bingo

continues at the Village Hall on the first Monday each month, at 2pm.

After two Bank Holiday sessions, the next two are on June 4th & July 2nd For help with transport, telephone 01379 687679

North Lopham PC - AGM and meeting 9th May.

Present Councillors D Eagle, M McManus, W Nunn, J Tate, M Tipple, R Carley; Parish Clerk, J Crossley; NCC councillor, S Askew; BDC ward representative, M Chapman-Allen, 3 parishioners.

Election of Officers Chair: W Nunn elected; Vice-Chair: J Tate elected. Internal audit and data protection Lengthy explanation of the internal audit requirements and procedure followed by the same for the incoming data protection regulations and the changes required to comply. Failure to comply can result in severe financial penalties.

Trod extension clarification required about whether the telephone pole has to be moved at extra cost. 50% of funding (not including moving the pole if needed) is in place, NCCllr S Askew will help with the remainder through his personal budget. Thanks to him.

Dropped kerb has been completed, thanks again to NCCllr S Askew for financing this through his personal budget.

Parish Councillor Vacancy anyone who would like to serve on the parish council should contact the parish clerk, Julie Crossley, for details of how to apply.

Church Farm planning application still 15 houses but no decision taken yet. Breckland is likely to approve if 27% are affordable, developer wants nil affordable.

Speedwatch more volunteers are needed, if you would like to help, please contact the parish clerk for details.

DPD have been contacted about speeding vans.

Parish Plan approval for a householder survey to find out what parishioners want for the future of N Lopham was given.

Financial various payments approved.

Village hall PC will write to BDC supporting hall's funding application for playground equipment.

Planning Solly's Piece approved by Breckland, an objection has been lodged by NLPC to Meadow Lane.

AOB complaints about bird scarers starting at 5.30am have been received.

Next meeting 11th July, at 'The Mess' 7.30pm

St Nicholas Church

Methodist friends from the area continue to meet in church for an informal morning service followed by coffee & chat on the fourth Wednesday each month at 10.30am. The next is on 27th June.

After a memorable Easter, **St George's Day** on Monday 23rd April was celebrated in style, with a sung Evensong, flags, English hymns and Reverend Wendy's message – at her very last service in the country parishes, followed by a light supper. We wish her and Neal well for their life in Thetford.

Ascension Day was celebrated with a special service in Diss Church. An interactive display in St Nicholas' Church, from then until Pentecost, is our share in the Archbishops' initiative 'Thy Kingdom Come' People have called in to say a prayer, join in an activity & tie a ribbon on the special white tree.

Pentecost – Sunday 20th May, is the day we remember as the birth - day of the Christian Church. The Family Birthday Service had balloons, cake and candles, then there was chance to fly kites outside.

FRIDAY NIGHT IS SNYSB+ NIGHT on 25th May Hope YOU will be there!

NB. On June 10th the Archdeacon of Norfolk will preach at a Team Service in Diss, at 10.45am, following visits to all the churches in the preceding week. There will not be a Family Service at North Lopham that day.

The **Summer Coffee Morning**, in and round the church will be on Wednesday 4th July, from 10am till 12 noon. This is always a happy occasion, a time to chat to friends, sample delicious scones, and patronise the various stalls – Clothes; Bring & Buy, Plants, Books, etc plus a Tombola & Raffle. Please telephone 01379 687679 if you need directions, or help with transport.

St Andrews Church

Flower Festival

On Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th June 2018, there will be a Flower Festival in the Church, please note the change of date. There will also be a plant stall, refreshments and the tower will be open. If anyone would be interested in doing a flower arrangement please contact our Churchwardens Jill on 01379 687216 or Marion on 01379 687953

Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came to the Coffee Morning on Saturday 5th May and helping to raise funds to support St. Andrew's Church

Lophams' Village Hall

The first **Lophams' Vintage Rally** is on Sunday 29th July. All details will be published on local posters, but be sure to put the date in your diary now! There will be cars, engines, motorbikes and much more, alongside traditional crafts and stalls, from 10am to 4pm. As always, refreshments will be available throughout the day.

Plans for the installation of gym equipment for younger users is still a priority - thanks go to those who have already contributed; please get in touch if you have ideas...A new container for movable goods is now in place, so sports equipment can be safely housed when not in use

Sadly, DOG FOULING on the field continues, despite many appeals to clear up after your pet! This is a health hazard, as well as unpleasant for those responsible for its removal, so offenders who are spotted can be prosecuted.

The **Village Hall Lottery**: The development fund has enabled many improvements to the hall over the last year - completing the kitchen area and adding new equipment; redecoration of the inside of the hall has been completed. Thank you all for your support which has allowed us to get these things done, however, there is always further work required and your on-going and greatly valued participation is still needed so, if you entered for six months, you may need to renew your entry by 13th June, to stay in with a chance and to continue to help the Village Hall. Contact Jayne Conquest on 01379 688183; Thanks again everyone! Lottery winners in April were: 1st Prize £200 – D Derrick; 2nd prizes £50 – A Mitchell and G Rednall. The basket of goodies was also won!

Farmers' Markets: take place every month, on the 4th Saturday, from 9am till 12.30pm, with a wide range of stalls to choose your locally produced goods. The next is on 23rd June; details from M Shipperlee on 01379 687235.

Judo is on Mondays & Wednesdays - (contact Howard on 01379 688258)

Lophams' Art Group: meets on Wednesday mornings, from 9.30am. The cost is £15 each per month, and includes refreshments and a visit from an 'expert' once each month. Contact Jennifer on 01379 687282 for details

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

To book the hall for private events, 'phone 01379 687679, or visit the website.

South Lopham Parish Council - AGM and regular meeting held on 17th May 2018

All members present plus Mr Askew, County Councillor (part of meeting) and Mr Phillips (R.P.O). Apologies from Mrs Phillips (Clerk) and Mrs Chapman Allen (District Council)

Officers: John Crisp was re-elected Chairman and Mrs Sarah Martin, Vice Chairman. The chairman thanked all councillors for their work and input at meetings, the Clerk and the financial officer for their work. County and District Councillors were thanked for their contribution.

Governance statements etc: these together with audit statements and certificate of exemption briefly summarised by Mr Phillips and signed.

Financials: usual monthly and end of year expenses approved plus donation of £250 for St Andrews Churchyard.

GDPR: Steve Reynolds explained in brief compliance and regulations in so far as they affect the Parish Council.

County Council: Mr Askew delivered a report and reminded councillors of ways in which he could assist particularly in regard to highways.

Planning: Sarah Martin outlined recent decisions and pending applications. Details on Breckland Council website.

Highways: Anne Shipperlee reported drainage works completed on Church Road bends. County aware of drain cover work needed on A1066 near Bridge Farm entrance. Potholes Blo Norton road need attention.

Footpaths: Rob Webb reported paths across cropped fields sprayed off. Path 12 off Brick Kiln Lane (cleaned earlier this year) grown up with nettles. Parish footpath leaflet in hand.

Works: Simon Puttock reported work on bench in Primrose Lane completed and back in place.

SAM 2: Steve Reynolds reports common speed 35 mph to 40 mph. Some very excessive speeds recorded on the A1066, data being collected.

Litter pick: Jim Pursehouse to arrange further litter pick in the autumn. Details to follow. Bring a friend.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 3rd July 7.30pm Valley Farm

Services for June

North Lopham South Lopham

3rd Jun

9.30am HC	9.30am Easter HC
11am Fam Ser	***

10th Jun

17th Jun

11am Fam S	9.30am HC
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24th Jun

11am Fam Ser	9.30am MS
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Contributions for next issue by;

18th June

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