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St Andrew's School

St. Andrew's pupils and staff are now in their last term of this academic year. Discovery class are looking forward to their educational visit to Redgrave and Lopham Fen where they will focus on habitats. Reception are coming to the end of their Early Learning Journey and are preparing for their next steps to Key Stage 1. Year 1 have completed their phonics screening and year 2 their Key Stage 1 SATs.

Victory Class are now preparing to take part in cluster athletics at Diss High School. They are also looking forward to going to the Norfolk Show.

Endeavour have spent a hot day at Diss High School, taking part in a Kwick cricket tournament. They have also been to Horstead Residential Centre where they did archery, bush craft, enviro art and canoeing. When they were canoeing they had a splash fight with the teachers. Ethan Steward said, "it was really good fun".

The children are now working with FOSTA to organise another Saint Andrew's Got Talent night and preparing for sports day. They are also looking forward to the Summer Fair.

If you would like further information about St. Andrew's Primary, or wish to make an appointment to visit, please contact Executive Headteacher Mrs Norgate, 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

The Pre School children had great fun building their den for Den Day, in aid of Save The Children, and we were all thrilled to feature in the local paper report.

The next few weeks will be especially busy. We have Sports Day on 1st July, a BBQ on 12th July and a leaver's party on 20th July before the holidays begin.

We will miss our oldest children when they move on to "big" school, but look forward to meeting new younger ones.

Any new residents with children approaching their 2nd birthday, or a bit older, are warmly invited to get in touch to arrange a visit, with a view to joining us. We offer your child a safe way to make friends with those they may then grow up alongside and can also help them to get to know the "big" school too. Do note that **all** 3 year olds are entitled to 15 hours free sessions each week. Following our **Good OfSTED rating** we can now offer free funded places to eligible 2 year olds as well!

As always, just drop in, view the setting and meet our team. Please note our new contact number is 07854 091257.

Lophams' Village Hall

AGM: If you are reading this before Friday 26th June, please note the AGM is at 7.30pm, and all are welcome!

Dog walking is especially popular in the summer: An important reminder - The litterbin on the verandah should **not** be used as a poop-scoop receptacle; this poses a real health hazard. If possible a proper doggie bin will be provided on the field in the coming months.

The Lottery. The elusive 100 members target, with the first prize of £200, has been maintained since February. We hope this will continue; so do please get in touch if you would like to join as soon as a vacancy occurs. Telephone 01379 687718 for more information, contact Eileen (01379 687608) or any committee member. There are three chances each month of winning a prize, plus a Bonanza draw in December for those who have been "in" for at least three months. The Lottery winners for May were: **1st prize £200:** M & L Collier and **2nd prizes of £50 each:** M McCaw and P & S Marley.

In addition to the Lottery draw, there is a **monthly raffle** with one superb prize, which includes an item from every stall at the Farmer's Market, a wonderful array of goodies for the larder.

Farmers' Markets are usually the fourth Saturday each month, from 9am to 12.30pm, so the next one is on 25th July. (Details from 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 687282 for more details.

Yoga with P: we hope will return soon - Watch this space!

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

Meets on the first Tuesday of the month, usually in the Village Hall, at 7.30pm.

In June, Carol Kearns, a freelance illustrator, gave us a most inspiring and interesting talk on how she gave up her "Day Job" to spend three years at Norwich Art College studying for a degree. She related her time spent as the only mature student on her course; from negotiating her time through "Fresher's Week", to how she was able to show her love of plants and food in her artwork and develop the illustrator business she has today.

June was also our annual Jumble, Bric-a-Brac and Book Sale. We made £255, so a huge thank you to all who donated items, helped on the day and all who came and bought the many bargains! We also had three "Car Booters" who very bravely set up their stalls in the cold and rain.

On July 7th we meet in the Village Hall Car Park at 1.30 - 1.45pm to go down to Bressingham to visit Mervyn Lambert's garden.

On August 4th we meet in the Hall; 7.15pm for 7.30pm to hear Robert Maidstone give a talk on "Our Little Lodgers"!

New members and visitors always welcome, 'phone 01379 687337 for details.

Garden Club

On 4th June Martyn Davey gave a presentation on "Vegetable Growing". It was an amusing and informative evening and Martyn gave us lots of good advice that we can put to good use in our own allotments/vegetable gardens.

On 2nd July we shall welcome Graham Jenner who will give a presentation entitled "A Rose by any other Name", which will illustrate how plants have come to be known by their names.

We shall not have our usual meeting in August but instead are looking forward to paying a visit to Beth Chatto's Garden on Saturday 1st August. Tickets and more information are available by calling 01953 681989.

We meet at Lophams' Village Hall on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30pm. Visitors and new members are always very welcome, please telephone 01379 687833 for more information.

Lophams' Society

Jazz lovers make a date for 8pm on Saturday 18th July at The Village Hall where, once again, popular jazz combo **Pork Pie Hat** will be filling the summer night with sounds.

Come along and enjoy the music, or take to the floor and dance.

Tickets are £7 on the door (or in advance to avoid disappointment).

Doors and the bar will be open from 7pm.

For further information telephone 01379 688408.

St Nicholas' Church.

May ended with a very busy weekend. **Friday Night is SNYSB Night** concert on Friday 22nd May gave us a chance to hear some new music as well as many old favourites. The Band was a bit smaller than in previous years, but had a lovely rounded sound, which was much enjoyed, especially the Ashoken Farewell played as a saxophone solo. The audience was able to clap along to tunes from the 1980s and there was real audience participation in the River Dance music.

The **Pentecost Birthday Service** was a real delight, with children joining in lighting candles, taking the collection and sharing in balloon games before the cake was cut and there was time for games round the building.

Healing Service. We were privileged to welcome Bishop David Gillett and his team to an Evensong service in June, where everyone enjoyed the chance to sing the familiar canticles as well as the hymns. Those who wished, shared in a time of prayer for their own special concerns.

The **Summer Coffee Morning** is on Thursday 9th July, from 10am until noon. This year, it will take place in and around the church building, with all the usual attractions in addition to the refreshments; raffle, tombola, plants, bring & buy (with an extra focus on Jigsaws this time. Bring ones you have enjoyed doing, and buy replacements for just 10p per 100 pieces, so £1 for a 1000 piece one, or 50p for 500 pieces etc.) For help with transport, just 'phone 01379 687679.

A **Hymn Marathon.** The very last one! Is on 8th August, starting at 8.30am and continuing until about 5.15 to 5.30pm. Refreshments will be available all day and, during the afternoon, visitors can sing along to their favourite hymns. It is 25 years since the first event, so we hope to end on a high. Perhaps a new record of tunes played?? Jennie is knocking on the door, inviting all residents to sponsor a favourite hymn (perhaps in memory of someone special). Thank you.

Redgrave and Lopham Fen

Guided Fen Walks

Saturdays - 4 July, 1 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.

Wildlife Watch Group

Saturday 11 July 10.30am – 12.30pm. A club for 6 – 12yr olds, £2. Contact marcus.halmshaw@btinternet.com or call 01379 688333.

Summer holiday activities

Family events, £2.50 per person.

Wednesday 29 July, 10am-12noon and 2pm-4pm - Pond dipping

Wednesday 5 August, 10am-12noon - Super furry animals

Wednesday 12 August, 2pm-4pm - Awesome arachnids

Wednesday 19 August, 2pm-4pm - Pictorial orienteering

Tuesday 25 August, 10am-2pm - Fabulous flowers

Wednesday 26 August, 2pm-4pm - Beetlemania

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Booking essential 01379 688333

Activity days, £6 per child

Tuesday 4 August, 10am-2pm - Wild art

Tuesday 11 August, 10am-2pm - Bio challenge

Tuesday 18 August, 10am-2pm - Wild fun and games

Unaccompanied children only

Booking essential 01379 688333.

Art Exhibition

Sat 29, Sun 30 & Mon 31 August, 10am - 4pm. Artwork by local artists inspired by nature.

Free entry. Refreshments available.

Adult courses

Botanical Illustration. Saturday 1 August 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.

North Lopham Methodist Church

Methodist friends now hold an informal service and coffee morning in Church on the fourth Wednesday each month and would welcome anyone from the village to join them at 10.30 am.

At the June gathering they said 'goodbye' to the Rev Brian Trudgian, prior to his departure for pastures new.

The July gathering is on 22nd.

Special Morning

A morning of flowers, coffee and cake held at the Village Hall, raised £1,500 for Cancer Research. The event, in memory of the late Gill Osler, was organised by all her friends in the village and the many clubs and groups she represented.

North Lopham Parish Council

The next meeting will be on July 8th.

All residents are welcome to come along to hear about progress with traffic calming measures and safety concerns, or the Neighbourhood Plan process.

Holy Bingo

Continues in the Village Hall throughout the summer, 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.

Services for July

North Lopham South Lopham

5th July

9.30am HC
11am Fam S

12th July

11am Fam S

19th July

11am Fam S 9.30am HC

26th July

11am Fam S 9.30am MS

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