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St Andrew's School

The end of the summer term and school year was jam packed with activity! Endeavour Class put on an amazing musical play - "Heroes of Greece", which had a complicated story line, tricky songs and movements to learn; and very clever dialogue too. Thanks to Miss Mitchell's leadership, with tremendous support from staff and volunteers who made props, costumes and set decorations, everything went really well. The oldest juniors enjoyed an exciting residential trip for the next three days and the Leavers' Celebration Service rounded off the term.

After the presentations of cups, certificates and prizes, there were Bibles and leaving gifts for Year 6 and surprises for two other leavers - Mrs Martin, who has supported Discovery Class, and Evie Excell, who is moving away. We send very best wishes to all those who are moving on, especially Joshua, Angel and Georgia at High School and hope they will be very happy in their new surroundings. We look forward to welcoming the new faces who will join us on 6th September.

Grateful thanks go to all those who have supported St Andrew's School in any way this year; it is great to be a school at the heart of its local Community.

North Lopham Parish Council

Please note last month's request to residents along The Street and The Green to keep pavements and footways clear for pedestrians and to all dog owners using the village lanes to clear up after their pets.

The health and safety of all those who use the pavements, footpaths and lanes are at risk if conditions don't improve, so the Council appeals, again, to dog owners & householders to play their part in keeping our village attractive and safe.

Lophams' Village Hall

Olympics 2012! Huge congratulations to Colin Oates and our own Kumo Judo Club, for putting Lopham so firmly on the map. We are very proud to have our own true Olympians based and trained in the Hall, and wish them continued success when Jonathan Drane goes to the Paralympics next month.

The **Diamond Jubilee Bench** has now been installed on the verandah - thanks to the team who gave their time and expertise.

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 July draw the 1st prize of £188.00 was won by S Blyth; 2nd prizes of £47.00 each were won by J Pursehouse and T Colyer. 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 25th August. 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.

Members enjoyed a delightful August evening at Alan & Kate Brigg's home; after a tour of the gardens round the house, designed and cared for by Kate with Alan mowing the lawns, we moved on to the allotment across the drive - actually more of a market garden & small holding, where they both spend a considerable amount of time! We were amazed by the size and variety of the produce, animal as well as vegetable, that is growing so well there. After delicious refreshments, which included home grown raspberries, we enjoyed a couple of fun quizzes before it was time to go home.

We have a series of special speakers during the Autumn: **Elizabeth Talbot** from T W Gaze will talk about antiques on Tuesday September 4th and value items brought in by members. This is an Open Evening, starting at 7.30pm; guests are warmly invited, for a modest £3 entry.

Our **Annual Car Boot, Bric-a-Brac & Jumble Sale** is on Saturday 1st September, in the Village Hall. Car boots, price £4, can set up from noon; the doors open at 1.30pm. Items for sale can be brought along in the morning from 10am, or we can collect in advance, if you telephone 01379 687337, or 687679.

Garden Club

Our eagerly awaited trip to Sandringham Flower Show took place on 25th July. We were blessed with beautiful weather, and with so much to see (and buy!). A good day was had by all.

On 1st August David Derrick spoke to us about "Bee Keeping and Products of the Hive". David gave a really interesting talk and everyone learned a lot about these fascinating insects.

We look forward to welcoming Bob Coutts, the Head Gardener at Somerleyton, to our meeting on 5th September. Bob will speak about "Gardening for the Autumn", and looking further forward; at our meeting on 3rd October Yvonne and David Leonard will give a presentation entitled "Autumn Bounty".

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.

A Harvest Luncheon will be held on Sunday 16th September, 1.00 for 1.15pm in a Marquee outside the Village Hall, by kind invitation of John & Marion Crisp. Tickets, price £8.50 will be on sale during August; please get yours by 8th September at the latest. The menu will be Ham, and Chicken thighs with stuffing and sausage, or a veggie option; various salads - potato, savoury rice, and green salad, plus tomatoes, cucumber, beetroot in jelly - followed by the traditional apple tarts & ice-cream. Fruit juice and hot drinks at the end will be included, but guests are asked to bring their own alcohol and glasses, if desired. From about 3 - 3.30. the Deneside Ramblers will come and play country style music. All those who wish to do so are warmly invited to stay for an informal **Music, Praise and Worship** service, in this rather 'different' setting.

North Lopham Methodist Chapel

Services for September

2nd September 10.30am
Preacher Mrs Mann of Wicklewood

30th September 2.30pm
Harvest Thanksgiving
Preacher Rev Trudgian of Diss

Sale of produce after the service with refreshments – proceeds to Chapel funds.
A warm welcome to all.

St Nicholas' Church

Contributions towards the **Summer Coffee Morning** have continued to come in during recent weeks - the total is now approaching £640, which is fantastic! Renewed thanks to everyone who gave so generously.

The Holiday Craft Club for primary age youngsters, in The Mess on Monday mornings has been well supported. The theme has been loosely based on "The Creation" - Light & dark, and a world panorama to start; animals in a wide variety of media followed, both sessions guided by Team Briggs; then fish and The Sea with an chance to paint with a professional - Tony Osler helped everyone create a masterpiece! Music making will come next; we look forward to making instruments, then playing them with Howard and his amazing drum kit! Very many thanks go to all those who have helped on any way to ensure the children are happy and safe during the sessions.

The Norfolk Churches Trust **Sponsored Cycle Ride** is on Saturday 8th September. There are sponsor forms in the churches, so do join in, get fit(ter) and visit some of the lovely churches in the area, as you raise funds for the church and the Trust.

Lophams' Bingo

Bingo sessions continue on the first Monday in the month, at the Village Hall from 2pm to 3.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come along for a social time, with lots of opportunity to chat and enjoy yourself. It's good to have young players during school holidays. (Please note - serious bingo players could find the social aspect disconcerting; fun is the main objective!)

St Andrew's Church

Harvest Thanksgiving at St. Andrew's Church is on Sunday 23rd September with a Harvest Family Service at 11.00am and Harvest Evensong at 6.30pm.

The Church will be decorated for the Harvest Services on Saturday 22nd September in the morning, we would welcome any help with this, or donations of produce.

The Harvest Luncheon is on Sunday 16th September at 1.00pm at the Village Hall in a marquee kindly loaned by John and Marion Crisp. Tickets are available from Cynthia on 01379 687201 or Jennie on 01379 687679 at £8.50.

An informal Music Praise and Worship Service will take place in the Marquee later in the afternoon following the Harvest Luncheon.

The Norfolk Churches Trust Annual Sponsored Cycle Ride takes place on Saturday 8th September. If anyone would like to Cycle or walk to help raise money for the Church and the Trust please contact Peter on 01379 687273 for a sponsor form.

LOHP Creative Group

The Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts has teamed up with the Little Ouse Headwaters Project to form a new Creative Group to celebrate the environment, heritage and culture of the Little Ouse valley.

Organisers say anyone interested but still not involved can contact the open email lohpdandscva@gmail.com or ring Bee Farrell 07712 651213 or Mike Harding 07776 301958. Information is also available on the website: www.lohp.org.uk.

The next meetings are on:

Thursday 20th September 6.30pm-9.30pm - Introduction & taster session at Redgrave Activity Centre, IP22 1RL.

Saturday 29th September, 1pm-4pm – introduction to the sites starting at the Frith, IP22 2JN.

Sunday 7th October 1pm-4pm – study day & Arts planning session at the Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts, Norwich.

Suffolk Wildlife Trust

Valley Fens Local Group Talks

These all start at 7.30pm at the Redgrave and Lopham Fen Visitor Centre. £2 entry includes tea/coffee and biscuits - everyone is welcome, you don't need to be a member. Contact no: 01379 608313

Tuesday 25th September 2012

'More Trees, More Good' - a talk by John Fleetwood of the Woodland Trust.

Tuesday 30th October 2012

'A Wheatfen Year' - a talk by David Nobbs, warden of the Ted Ellis Reserve at Wheatfen

Tuesday 27th November 2012

A social evening with Quiz and seasonal refreshments

Feline Care Doggy Fun Day

When? Sunday 2nd September, 12pm to 4pm

Where? Poplar Farm, North Lopham IP22 2HP (on the A1066 between Diss and Thetford).

What? A fun day out for dogs and their humans in aid of Feline Care Cat Rescue.

Who? All puppies and dogs are welcome, provided they keep their humans on a lead at all times and are fully vaccinated.

What's there? 12pm to 2pm and 3pm to 4pm, fun agility demo and have-a-go agility; 2pm to 3pm fun dog show. £1 per class.

PLUS raffle, tombola, lots of stalls, refreshments, music and plenty more.

Warning: The famously yummy cakes and savouries always sell like hot cakes.

The small print: Entry just £1 per car, so load 'em up!

(Event generously sponsored by Paws 4Training.)

Autumn Open Day Sunday 16th September 12-3pm

Services for September

North Lopham South Lopham

2nd September

9.30am Group HC -
11am Fam S -

9th September

11am Fam Bapt S -
6.30pm ES -

16th September

11am Fam S - MPW-VH - 9.30am HC

23rd September

- 11am Harv Fam S
- 6.30pm Harv ES

30th September

10am Group Comm at Fersfield Church
**2.30pm Chapel Harvest

Contributions for next issue by;

18th SEPTEMBER

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