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St Andrew's School

St. Andrew's pupils, parents, staff and governors are fast approaching the end of the summer break and are looking forward to the new academic year! Following extremely successful Key Stage 2 results, St. Andrew's now welcomes nine new pupils and looks forward to delivering a new personalised school curriculum.

During the summer break the school kitchen servery has undergone a refurbishment, ensuring it is able to meet the demands for the new free school meals.

Throughout the summer holiday, Friends of St. Andrew's School and Pre School have been very active, enjoying trips to High Lodge, Bury St. Edmunds swimming and Castle Acre.

If you would like to know more about St. Andrew's please contact Louise Norgate Executive Headteacher for All Saints and St. Andrew's Federation in Partnership with Hapton, via the school office on 01379 687253.

St Andrew's Pre School

During the weeks leading up to the end of term, pre school children enjoyed opportunities to join the 'big' school, so that those joining Reception in September will feel at home when the great day arrives! We send very best wishes to them all. Any new residents with children approaching their 2nd birthday, or a bit older, are warmly invited to get in touch with the Pre school staff to arrange a visit, with a view to joining us. We have lots of equipment for use both indoors and out, and offer your child a safe way to make friends with those they may then grow up alongside.

We are running a mobile recycling initiative, so if you have an old mobile languishing in a drawer, let us take it off your hands and turn it into much needed pennies and pounds for the pre school.

Our sessions are on Mondays 8.45-11.45, and Wed/Thurs 8.45-3.15. Do note that all 3 year olds are entitled to 15 hours free sessions each week.

As always, we encourage prospective parents to drop in, view the setting and meet our team. Please note our contact number is 07854 091257.

Lophams' Village Hall

During the summer, builders have been hard at work, transforming the storage rooms in the hall, and moving the toilet for the less able to a new site at the rear of the foyer. We do apologise for the dust and any inconvenience for our regular users, but hope that the resulting improvements make this all worthwhile.

Diary Notice - **The Osiligi Troupe Of Maasai Warriors** - have been booked to perform at the hall on the afternoon of 11th October. The Troupe's music is incredible, mesmerising to hear and certainly fascinating to watch. This is an opportunity to experience and enjoy the diverse culture of the Maasai. Tickets are £6 adult and £4 children of school age, with a family ticket at £20 available to residents on request. Be sure to get yours in good time!

The Lottery is a fun way to support the hall development fund, with three chances each month of winning a prize. The July winners were: 1st prize £184.00 - M McCaw; 2nd prizes of £46.00 each - J Bernard and P Moralee. Copies of the full rules and entry forms are available from promoter, Eileen, tel; 01379 687608, from Village Hall Treasurer, Tim Colyer, tel; 01379 687718, from other Village Hall Committee members (see website for details), or at the Farmer's Market and at Village Hall Events.

Farmer's Markets are on the fourth Saturday each month, from 9am to 12.30pm. The September Market is on 27th. 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 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 687882 for more details.

Yoga with P: is taking a Summer break. Watch for details again in the Autumn.

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

At the August meeting we had a really informative talk about the work of Citizens' Advice. It is amazing to learn how wide is the range of problems their volunteers can help with. As a result of their work and research their national team is frequently called on to give advice to government departments.

On 2nd September, Christine Humphries title is '**Tears and Laughter - Family Tree Research**', which promises to be both informative and amusing. As always, visitors are welcome to come along to the Village Hall at 7.30pm. The charge is just £2, which includes refreshments.

Once again newcomers and visitors are always welcome - phone 01379 687337 for details.

Garden Club

On August 6th we paid a visit to Thorncroft Clematis Nursery at Reymerston. We were made very welcome and were given a guided tour of the greenhouses and shown how the plants are cared for and also how they are packed and posted for their, highly successful, mail order business. We then sat and enjoyed a welcome cup of tea or coffee and were able to purchase some beautiful clematis.

Our next meeting is on 3rd September when David Bolton will give a presentation entitled "Beauty in Norfolk", and looking further forward, we shall welcome Ian Limmer of Peter Beales Roses to our meeting on October 1st. Ian will, of course, talk to us about Roses.

We meet at Blooms of Bressingham Garden Centre on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm. Visitors and new members are always very welcome. Please telephone 01379 687833 for further details.

Lophams' Harvest Luncheon

Sunday 21st September in the Village Hall, 12.30 for a 1pm start. Ham, stuffed chicken and many salads will be followed by apple tart & ice cream. Soft drinks will be provided, but please bring your own alcohol & glasses if desired. Tickets are £8.50 from J Vere (01379 687679), C Huggins (687201) or PCC members. There will be a Raffle.

Bacon Exhibition Endowment Fund

This quite small Fund is available for those between 5 and 25 years who live or attend schools in Redgrave, Botesdale, Rickingham, Wortham, Burgate, Gislingham, Hinderclay, Blo Norton., South Lopham, and Bressingham.

Please apply by 30th September 2014, to The Clerk, Mrs R Powell, Fir Tree Cottage, Redgrave, Diss, IP22 1SD.

