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St Andrew's School

St. Andrew's pupils have just returned from a two-week Easter break! Prior to Easter they enjoyed using the speed camera with PC Gary Szabo to speed trap drivers travelling through North Lopham. It gave the children a good understanding of why roads have speed restrictions, which must be adhered to for safety.

The term finished with a lively end of term Easter service. Many children received awards for homework, attendance or reading. It was great that the year 6s were able to reflect on their recent participation at the Diss Rotary Club quiz, providing inspiration to the younger pupils.

Thursday 18th April proved a memorable day. The children and governors were thrilled to be joined by two members of South Lopham community for lunch. The children enjoyed talking to them about their home villages. The next community lunch is Wednesday 22nd May at noon. Please phone the school office to book a place on 01379 687253; meals cost £3.50 a head. Lunch was followed by a busy afternoon, which climaxed with after school netball and football matches. Both the netball and football teams were supported and played well; the footballers excelled, scoring 9-1 against their opponents.

St Andrew's Pre School

Finally we can welcome the changes that spring brings. Warmer weather and longer days, green leaves and yellow daffodils - so fun outside for the children. But we will also have some other changes at Pre School. Sadly, Laura will be leaving us for pastures new. She will be greatly missed by the children and parents alike, but we wish her the greatest of luck and thank her for all her hard work.

Please do contact Tonya at the Pre School on 07962 219523 if you have any thoughts on the vacancy, would like to offer any practical help, or are interested in your child joining St Andrew's Pre School.

We welcome children from their second birthday (nappies welcome) and are open Mondays 08.45 - 11.45 and Wednesdays/Thursdays 08.45 - 15.15.

Lophams' Ladies

Meeting on the first Tuesday of the month in the Village Hall; 7.15pm for 7.30pm. New members and visitors always welcome.

At our April meeting, Janet Peachey brought along a very tasty selection of the chutneys and jams she produces through her "Peachey's Preserves" enterprise. Janet's enthusiasm, commitment and attention to detail was quite evident as she spoke of how her business had grown in eight years from a one-off stall at a Christmas market to supplying shops such as Jarrolds; winning food awards along the way.

On May 7th, David Hannant will talk about the "Friends of Chernobyl Children" and we will have a **Bring and Buy** stall at this meeting. On June 4th we have an afternoon visit to Jason and Katharine Salisbury's Farm and Shop (home of Suffolk Cheese).

Two other dates for the near future are a **cake stall** at the **Farmer's Market** on **May 25th** and this year our annual **Jumble Bric-a-Brac and Car Boot Sale** will be on Saturday **June 8th**. Do think of us when you Spring Clean. We can collect, if you contact 687337 or 687679.

Garden Club

At our meeting on 3rd April, Ric Staines gave a talk on "Vegetable Growing". Ric gave us lots of advice on soil preparation, rotation of crops and also answered any specific queries raised by individuals in the audience. His wealth of knowledge together with his enthusiasm gave us many ideas that we can put to good use in our own gardens.

Our next meeting is on May 1st when we shall welcome Ben Potterton who will give a presentation entitled "Backyard Chickens".

Looking further forward, we have two trips planned. The first is on June 5th when we shall enjoy an evening visit to Fullers Mill Gardens. The cost will be £6.00 for Garden Club members and £12.00 for non-members. Our second will be on Saturday 10th August when we will spend the day at the Cambridge Botanic Gardens. The charge for this trip will be £14.50. Tickets are now on sale for both trips - please contact 01953 681989 for further information.

Our meetings take place in the restaurant area of Blooms Garden Centre on the first Wednesday of each month starting at 7.30pm; visitors and new members are always very welcome.

Lophams' Village Hall

Cruel & Bloody Murder comes to the Hall on Friday 10th May!! Well Made Theatre Productions will present the story of a murder that took place in what is now Louie's Lane, Diss, in May 1829. Tickets, price £7 will be available on the door; so do take this opportunity to see the play before it tours the Waveney Valley towns & villages. Doors open at 7.15; the play begins at 7.45pm.

The car parking area has had a much-needed refurbishment recently, so there is once again a safer, pothole free, surface to drive and walk over. Thanks go to Paul Garwood for carrying out this work.

The Lottery is a fun way to support the hall development fund, with three chances each month of winning a prize and one more in the Bonanza draw in December. J Tate won March's 1st prize of £188.00; second prizes of £46.50 each went to G Osler and E Jacob. Anyone who needs to renew, or who wishes to join is invited to make contact: 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 till 12.30pm. The May Market is on 25th. 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 01379 687718 for more details.

Yoga with P: is a popular addition to the weekly programme. Sessions are on Thursdays, between 6pm and 8pm. Booking is essential, tel 01379 890955 or 07932 010720 or email pieternella.jarvie@gmail.com.

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.

Support St Nicholas' Hospice - Bury

Dance with 'Sounds Imperial' at Lyng Farm Barn, Garboldisham, on Saturday 1st June, 7.30pm until midnight. Admission by ticket only - price £20, which includes food. Bar, raffle and auction. For details, contact Catherine 01953 681543.

Friends of South Lopham Church

The Friends will be holding a Slide Show on Friday 31st May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Mr Kevin Pilmer will be showing slides of the Lophams' past. Coffee and cake will be served.

Tickets available on the door at £6.00. We look forward to seeing lots of you there.

Lophams' Bingo

The May session is on 6th - the early May Bank Holiday, so we hope for some extra faces to join the fun at 2pm.

St Nicholas' Church

Palm Sunday and **Easter** were very special, with some memorable services. All those who came to the Palm Sunday service received a palm cross, blessed earlier at Fersfield. At the Vestry meeting which followed the service, Alan Briggs and Richard Vere were re-elected as churchwardens for another year. Thank you to them both!

On **Good Friday**, Canon Tony Billett led a very meaningful hour at the foot of a fourteen-foot cross, erected in the chancel arch, in a church devoid of any other decoration. Later, the building was transformed to its beautiful best, by a whole team of people, ready for Easter Day, when a large congregation gathered for Easter Communion led by the Revd Chris Davidson. An Easter egg & bunny hunt afterwards was much enjoyed by the children present. The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** took place on

Wednesday 10th April, in St Andrew's School Hall. All those who came along enjoyed a chance to look around our village school. Before the close of business, PCC members were elected to serve a further term.

"**In Praise of Old Churches**" is the title of a talk by Roy Tricker, historian and raconteur, on Wednesday 15th May, in St Nicholas' Church at 7.30pm. He is well worth hearing - his enthusiasm is infectious - so do put the date in your diary and come along. Tickets, at just £5 include light refreshments and are available from PCC members, or on the door. For further information contact Jennie 01379 687679. See you there!

More dates for your diary: 14th June - **Friday Night is SNYSB Night** at North Lopham, at 7.30pm. Lots of music & fun with our young Band friends, once again. 22nd June - **Music at South Lopham Church** at 7.30pm - The Thursday Night Singers, Four Hands in Harmony and much more.

St Andrew's Church

Coffee Morning. Just a reminder, St. Andrew's coffee morning in the church is on Wednesday 22nd May, where there will be a cake stall, bring and buy, tombola and a raffle. Please come along and enjoy a coffee and a homemade scone.

Music Praise and Worship. On Sunday 14th April we welcomed the musicians and singers for the Music Praise and Worship service, led by Mr Tony Osler. The Service commenced with a chorus of Happy Birthday to You, as Monica celebrated a very special birthday and Peter a very nearly special birthday. Robert Reeder gave a reading, the Rev'd. Captain Michael Reeder led the prayers and the retired Bishop, the Rt. Rev'd. David Gillet, gave the address. After the service we all enjoyed birthday cake and refreshments and toasted Monica and Peter's special day.

The Lophams' Society

New neighbours meet and greet evening.

Have you moved to the Lophams' in the last couple of years?

Would you like to know more about The Lophams' Society?

If you answer yes to either of the above questions, then we would like to invite you to join us for drinks and nibbles at The White Horse public house in South Lopham on Monday 20th May between 7pm and 9pm. All new residents welcome. For further information please ring Granville Horan on 01379 640355.

Redgrave and Lopham Fen

Saturday 4th May, 10.30am - 1pm

Guided Fen Walk

Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Fen with enthusiast and naturalist John Hill. £3
Meet at the Education Centre, no booking required.

Saturday 11th May, 10.30am - 12.30pm

Wildlife Watch Group

A club for 6 - 12yr olds, £1. Contact Mike Wraight 01379 644508.

Sunday 12th May, 10am - 4pm

Spring Birds at the Fen

Spend a fascinating and informative day with local birder, Paul Holness, improving your observational skills and learning to recognise birds by sight and sound. For beginners/less experienced. £20/£17 concessions. Booking essential 01473 890089.

Monday 13th May, 10am - 1pm

Water voles

Learn about water voles, their ecology, status in Suffolk, simple surveying techniques and how to identify habitats, with Penny Hemphill. Aimed at beginners. £15/£12.50 concessions. Booking essential 01473 890089.

Saturday 18th May, 10am - 3pm

Botanical Illustration - all levels

Join professional botanical illustrator, Christine Grey-Wilson, on this relaxing and supportive workshop looking at a range of illustration techniques. The emphasis will be on botanical accuracy using seasonal spring flowers. £20 Booking essential 01473 890089.

Tuesday 28th May, 2pm - 4pm

Family Pond Dipping Afternoon

Pond dipping fun for everyone. Children must be accompanied by an adult. £2.50 per person. Booking essential 01379 688333.

North Lopham Parish Council

There was a good turn out from the village for the Annual Joint Meeting with South Lopham on April 12th. The Lophams' Society AGM came first, then Council News was shared, before reports from many of the Village Groups. It is amazing just how much goes on in these two small villages! Following the business, the Lophams' Society provided drinks and nibbles - thank you to their committee.

Thank you to all those who helped **A Village Clean Up** organised by Councillor Lesley Bird on 13th April, just as the sun returned with some power, blossom appeared on the trees and the daffodils dared to bloom again, so the village looks good. We do hope that all residents will keep their hedges & verges clear this summer and that dog owners ensure the paths & lanes are not fouled by their pets. There is currently a vacancy on the Parish Council. Anyone interested in this role should contact the Parish Clerk, Mike Cox, for more information.

The May Council meeting is on Wednesday 8th in The Mess, outside the school.

The Village Games Roadshow

Returns to Lopham on Sunday 19th May, from 2pm to 5pm. Everyone is welcome to come and try the games on offer - inside or out on the field. It's a great opportunity for a free taster session.

Services for May

North Lopham	South Lopham
	5th May
9.30am HC	-
11am Fam S	-
	12th May
11am Fam S	-
6.30pm ES	-
	19th May
11am Fam S	9.30am HC
	26th May
11am Fam S	6.30pm ES

Contributions for next issue by;

18th MAY

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