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St Andrew's School

A hectic summer term ended in style, with a Leavers' Service in South Lopham Church. There were presentations to all those leaving – eleven from Y6 going on to High School and a Y5 going to Grammar School.

Headteacher Louise Norgate takes up a new post as Head of Dussindale, a really large Primary school to the East of Norwich. Mrs Norgate was given a picture of a tree, with thumb print leaves by every member of St Andrew's, after various end of term goodbye events with cards and gifts. We wish all our leavers success for the future.

Among the highlights of the last few weeks, the whole school was involved in Our Norfolk, Our Adventure – researching the history & geography of North Lopham, before presenting their findings in displays throughout the village. They spent a day at Bewilderwood, part funded by a sponsored silence organized by the school council, and took part in a Federation musical for the 100th anniversary of Roald Dahl, in which St Andrew's pupils had some impressive singing and acting roles.

During August, Endeavour Class provided a fascinating display about Sikhism at Blo Norton Church's Festival marking 90 years since the death of HH Frederick Duleep Singh.

Mrs Maxine MrGarr will be acting Executive Headteacher of the Federation when the new term begins. We wish her and all those starting school on September 5th, a happy and successful time here. For information about St Andrew's, please contact the school office on 01379 687253.

St Andrew's Pre School

Greetings from St Andrews Pre School.

After our summer break we will be business as usual starting Monday September 5th we have some new staff joining us, as we say goodbye to others who have gone on to pastures new.

We also welcome some new children who are starting with us and hope that they will be very happy at St Andrews.

We are open Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 8.45 am to 3.15 pm and currently have places available on all days. We take children from 2 years to school age and funded 3yr olds and eligible funded 2 yr olds. We received a rating of good at our last Ofsted inspection.

For further information please ring Jan Feaver on 07854091257

Lophams' Village Hall

The last few months have been fairly quiet locally.

The Hall Trustees do want to congratulate the sporting stars who use the building or field for their sports activities – all those in the Lophams' Team at the County Village Sports and came a very close second to the winners, and Colin Oates and Jonathan Drane who were selected for the GB Judo squads at the Olympics & Para-Olympics in Rio. Just getting there is amazing, so well done to them both.

The Lottery: It is great to have maintained a full complement of 100 members, with a corresponding monthly first prize of £200, so please get in touch if you would like to join as soon as a new vacancy occurs. Please ring 01379 687718 for more information or contact Eileen (01379 687608) or any committee member. There are three chances each month of winning a prize, plus a Bonanza draw in December. The winners in July were: first prize of £200 – D Derrick; second prizes of £50 – A Wallis and A Bird. In addition to the Lottery draw, there is a monthly raffle with one superb prize, which includes an item from every stall - a wonderful array of goodies for the larder. Carol, from Diss, won this in July.

Regular bookings:

Farmers' Markets: are on the fourth Saturday from 9am till 12.30pm, the September date will be 24th. (Details from Mike on 01379687235)

Judo: is on Mondays & Wednesdays - (Full details from Howard Oates on 01379 688 258)

Lopham 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 more details.

Dog Training: most Thursday evenings with Rob Jessup; Rob's 'phone number is 01379 873144 .

To book the hall for private events, telephone 01379 687679, or go to the Hall Website.

Lophams' Ladies

Meeting at the Village Hall on the first Tuesday each month, 7pm for 7.30.

Jean Wright came to the August meeting with stunning examples of her own gold-work for us to admire. She showed slides tracing the history of the craft over thousands of years, with equally wonderful designs and including examples of the various threads and techniques used.

On 6th September, Martin Tickler's talk will focus on House Martins – yes, there is a lot to learn about these summer visitors to our homes & gardens.

Visitors and new members are very welcome to come along. For more information about our friendly group, just contact Sarah on 01379 687337

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.

On 4th August we welcomed Rodney Tibbs to our meeting to give a presentation entitled "Vegetables for Value". Rodney gave us lots of information and tips on how to grow vegetables based on his many years of experience growing them in his own garden and his knowledge and enthusiasm made for a very enjoyable evening.

Our next meeting will be on 1st September when David Boulton will give a presentation "Mushrooms and Fungi" and looking further forward, on 6th October we shall welcome Edward Martin who will talk about "Lost Gardens of Suffolk".

Please telephone 01379 687833 for further details.

News from North Lopham

North Lopham Charities:

This Charity exists for the benefit of residents of North Lopham who face a financial need. For families, the costs of equipment when young people move from one stage in their education to the next can be quite frightening. If this is so for you, or you have other sudden need, – please do write to the Chairman, Mike Cox, at Linden House, The Street, North Lopham.

Every case is considered confidentially, on its own merits, as quickly as possible.

North Lopham Parish Council meets on Wednesday 12th September.

The Bacon Exhibition Endowment Fund:

This is an educational fund available to those between 5 and 25 years who live in or attend(ed) school in the villages of Wortham, Rickinghall, Botesdale, Redgrave, Burgate, Gislingham, Hinderclay, Blo' Norton, **South Lopham** and Bressingham.

If you wish to apply, please contact Mrs R Powell, 2 Fur Tree Cottage, Redgrave, Diss, IP22 1SD, by 14th October 2016.

St Nicholas' Church

North Lopham Methodists Methodist friends invite local residents to the monthly service in the church, with Coffee, at 10.30am on the fourth Wednesday each month. The next one is on 28th September.

Churches Trust Sponsored Bike Ride: Saturday 10th September, 9am to 5pm

This is a fun way to get fit, or to visit some lovely churches not usually open, and to raise money for the local church. Full details and sponsor forms are available at the back of our churches, or just speak to a church member, if you would like to take part.

Macmillan Coffee Morning – the Biggest in the World! Friday 30th September. We will be taking part at St Nicholas' Church from 10am to 12 noon, and would love to see any local residents who can join in. Come on your way to or from shopping, or take a break from the housework.... You can be sure of a warm welcome and chance to chat. There will be a Bring & Buy stall & Raffle.

For more details, or to arrange a lift, telephone 01379 687679

Harvest Festival: Advance Notices:

The Lophams' Harvest Lunch will be held in the Village Hall on Sunday 2nd October at 1pm. All residents of the villages are warmly invited. Full details and tickets will be available from PCC members during September, but do Book the Date now!

North Lopham's Harvest Service will be at 11am on Sunday 9th October. Again all details will be included in the next News. (We will join S Lopham on 18th September, so there will not be a service in North.)

Holy Bingo

Holy Bingo continues on Monday 5th September at 2pm in the Village Hall.

All are welcome to join us for a fun afternoon, with lots of time for a chat.

For help with transport, just telephone 01379 687679

St Andrew's Church

Harvest Thanksgiving Service.

This year the Harvest Thanksgiving Service at St. Andrew's Church will be Morning Prayer on Sunday 18th September at 11.00am. Decorating the Church for the Harvest service will take place on Saturday the 17th September in the morning. We welcome anyone wishing to help or with gifts of flowers or produce.

Quilting Exhibition Weekend

On Saturday and Sunday the 24th and 25th September St. Andrew's Church are delighted to host Diss Quilting Groups Exhibition. Refreshments will be served all weekend, there will be a Cake Stall, Plant Stall, Raffle and some of the quilts will also be for sale. The Church Tower will also be open from 11am to 4pm with some spectacular views from the top.

There will also be a **Coffee Morning** on Saturday 24th September 10.00am to 12.00noon

We hope you will be able to come and view these beautiful quilts in such a lovely setting.

Harvest Lunch.

The Harvest Lunch will take place on Sunday October 2nd at Lophams' Village Hall at 1.00pm. For more information and tickets please contact Jennie on 01379 687679 or Jill on 01379 687216

The Lophams' Society

It's almost time to dust off the thinking caps as the Lophams' Society will be holding it's **Autumn Quiz** on Friday 14th October.

As this is always a popular evening, tables (up to a maximum of 6 players) can be booked in advance to avoid disappointment.

Please telephone 01379 688408 for further information and booking.

Redgrave & Lopham Fen, IP22 2HX - Events Sept/Oct 2016

Wildlife Watch Group

Saturdays, 10 Sept, 8 Oct, 10.30am-12.30pm

A club for 6-12 year olds, £2

Contact marcus.halmshaw@btinternet.com or call 01379 688333

Guided fen walks

Saturdays, 3 Sept, 1 Oct, 10.30am-1pm

Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Fen with enthusiast and naturalist John Hill.

£4 adult, £2 child Meet at the Education Centre, no booking required.

Education Otherwise

Tuesday 4 Oct, 10.30am-2.30pm

Activity day for home-educated children aged under 10

Parents welcome

£7 per child, please book online at www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org

Apple Day & Autumn Plant Sale

Sunday 16 Oct, 10.30am-3pm

Apple ID, plants, crafts, free family games, refreshments, plus Kenninghall Morris

£3 adults, £2 children 01379 688333 redgrave.education@suffolkwildlifetrust.org

Adult courses

Botanical Illustration

Saturday 3 Sept, 29 Oct, 10am-3pm

Illustration techniques with the emphasis on botanical accuracy, using autumn plants, leaves and berries. With botanical illustrator, Christine Grey-Wilson £25/£21.50

Jam masterclass

Sunday 25 Sept, 10am-3pm

Learn how quick and easy it is to make different jams and preserves with local master preserver, Janet Peachey. £25 + £7 on the day

Weave a boat-shaped willow fruit basket

Saturday 1 Oct, 10am-1pm

With local basket maker Karen Lawrence.

£20 including materials. Book online at www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org

Services for September

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	4th Sept	*****
9.30am HC		
11am Fam S		
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	18th Sept	
No service HS at SL		11am Harvest
	25th Sept	
11am Fam S		11am M.S.

Contributions for next issue by:

18th September

Please email Julie
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Thank You