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St Andrew's School

St. Andrew's pupils, parents, staff and governors are fast approaching the end of a busy half term. Much has been accomplished. Late September saw the school visit St. Nicholas Church to celebrate harvest. Year R, 1 and 2 sang, year 3 and 4 led the congregation in prayers and year 5 and 6 shared poetry. Early October the school celebrated book week! Everyone dressed up as a book character and Mrs Lewis organised a day with story-tellers Snail Tales. Last week the pupils enjoyed a multi-cultural day focusing on India, which climaxed with everyone enjoying a curry, which had been made during the day.

St. Andrew's looks forward to next half term. Events include a firework hair day, anti-bullying week, preparing for the Christmas Production, participation at cluster multi skills and the annual school carol service.

The next community lunch is be Wednesday 20th November at noon. If you can join us, please contact the school office on 01379 687253 and book a meal for £3 a head.

Lophams' Ladies

Meeting in the Village Hall; 7.15pm for 7.30pm on the first Tuesday of the month.

On October 1st we had a talk on Bhutan entitled "Thunder Dragon" accompanied by stunning slides. Chris Parfitt was an excellent speaker - most of his audience hopes that the modern media doesn't manage to spoil the freshness and innocence of the people of a beautiful country.

On November 5th, Gill Nicholls will entertain us with a "Music Evening", which will take the form of an "Old Time Music Hall" featuring songs from the 30's to the 60's. We do welcome any visitors to this meeting, as indeed visitors and new members are always welcome. We will have a Christmas lunch instead of meeting at the hall in December. Please phone 01379 687337 for further details.

St Andrew's PreSchool

The children have enjoyed lots of autumn fun in the sun this month - plus activities inside on the rainy days! We still have a few free spaces, so please remember we take children from age 2 (in nappies) up to school age. We are open throughout school term times, Mondays to Thursdays 08.45 - 11.45 and continue until 15.15 on Thursday each week. Call in for a visit and chat with our friendly staff or call Tonya direct on 07962 219523 / attwood145@btinternet.com.

Lophams' Village Hall

The big event for the autumn is the **Bonfire & Fireworks Evening** on 2nd November. Entrance is £7 for adults and £3 per school age child, with a family ticket at £20; a real bargain! Gates will open at 6pm, and there will be **live music** until the fireworks at about 7.30pm. As ever there will be hot food and hot & cold drinks, plus novelty items to buy. Grateful thanks to all those who have brought burnable material for the fire already. The field will be open at weekends from 10am - 2pm, right up to Bonfire Day, with a nominal charge of just £1 per load towards the cost of the event. As ever, PLEASE do not bring unsuitable material, which could cause Environmental Health to ban the bonfire.

The Farmer's Market continues on the fourth Saturday each month; Super Sausage Saturday was a great success. Customers enjoyed sampling the sausages of five stallholders & voted as best those of Jason Salisbury, using pork from his whey-fed pigs. Silver Fins, a new fish stall, was very popular; more new stalls are planned for coming months.

The Lottery is our chance to raise money for hall developments. If you aren't yet "in", do consider having a go. It's a fun way to support the hall, with three chances each month of winning a prize. The winners for September were: 1st Prize of £188.00 - B Unwins, and 2nd prizes of £47.00 each - S Dilloway and B Jilley. 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 till 12.30pm. The November Market is on 23rd. (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.

Lophams' 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 687882 for more details.

Yoga with P on Thursdays in the early evening. Booking is essential, tel 01379 890955 or 07932010720 or e-mail piaternella.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.

Garden Club

On 2nd October we were pleased to welcome Martyn Davey from Easton College who gave a presentation entitled "Preparations for Winter". Martyn gave us reminders of all sorts of jobs to be done in the garden and greenhouse at this time of year, from cleaning tools and mulching flowerbeds to planting crops to over-winter in the greenhouse.

Our next meeting is on 6th November when Ken Sammon from The Garden Enclosure at Banham will talk about "The Winter Garden".

We are looking forward to having our Christmas Dinner on 4th December and tickets are now on sale. Please telephone 01953 681989 for further information.

We hold our meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in the restaurant area of Blooms of Bressingham Garden Centre. Visitors and new members are always very welcome.

Samaritan's Purse - Shoebox Appeal

Many thanks to all those currently filling and decorating boxes. They can be brought to Southlands by 10th November, for collection & transport to their destination in good time before 'that' festive date in December. For more details, contact Jennie on 01379 687679.

Lophams' Bingo

Bingo continues on 4th November at 2pm in the Village Hall, with the usual mix of banter and chat. New faces will be very welcome to join us.

North Lopham Methodist Church

The informal Wednesday service, followed by Coffee and Sale is becoming established at 10.30am on the fourth Wednesday each month. Everyone is warmly invited to come along to this wonderful building on 23rd October and/or 27th November. In December, a Carols & Mincepies morning will be held on 11th at 10.30am - if you've not been before, come & join this one!

St Nicholas' Church

71 members of the Music Box Society of Great Britain came to the church on 28th September to investigate the organs there - the chamber organ with its integral barrel was the main focus of attention. They heard something of its history, listened to some of the tunes on the barrel, then had an opportunity to turn the handle themselves. They were also able to sample the delights of both the German two manual harmonium, with its own very distinctive sound, and a Polyphon, which has 39 fifteen-inch discs playing all kinds of tunes. The circles of newspaper between the discs were also of interest - one had clear pictures of the wedding of the then Duke of York, later to become King George VI.

A Teddy Bears' Picnic for children who have been baptised in the village church was held on 29th - a chance for families to get to know each other while the children played and shared a picnic tea, before joining in an impromptu sing song.

The Harvest Thanksgiving was on October 13th - with a Home Team all age service at 11am, and Festival Evensong with Canon Tony Billett at 4pm. The 12 children at the morning service were all fully involved - lighting candles, bringing up items linked to many kinds of Harvest, and taking the collection. Both, well-attended services, were followed by refreshments and a chance to chat. Grateful thanks go to everyone who helped in any way to make the church look its festive best.

November means **Remembrance**. There will be a special ceremony during the Evening Service at 4pm in St Nicholas' Church on Remembrance Sunday, and the annual Ceremony at the War Memorial at 11am on Monday 11th, with veterans, RBL standard bearer & juniors from St Andrew's School.

The third **Crib Festival** with a special focus on the Journeys involved in the Nativity story, will be held in Church from Wednesday 27th November till Sunday 1st December. We have promises of Cribbs of many kinds, from many places, but will always have room for more, so if you have a set you would be willing to lend, please 'phone 01379 687679. The Festival will be open from 11 till 5 each day, until Advent Sunday, when there will be a Festival Communion for all at 11am, and the blessing of the POSADA figures - Mary, Joseph and the donkey - who will travel round the village, seeking a night's rest with willing hosts... until they return to church on Christmas Eve. There will be refreshments and seasonal items on sale throughout the festival, but no other charges - we just hope people will come to share the real meaning of Christmas.

Suffolk Wildlife Trust Talks

Everyone is welcome to these talks which take place at the Redgrave and Lopham Fen Education Centre, £2 including refreshments. Further info 01379 608313

Tuesday 29th October 7.30pm - a talk on "Raptor Conservation" this should feature some actual birds coming along!

Tuesday 26th November 7.30pm - a talk by Nick Gibbons "The Cameroon"

The Lophams' Society

There was a great turnout for the Lophams' Society's Autumn Quiz held at the Village Hall on the 11th October. The event attracted an almost capacity number of quizzers and it was good to welcome, not only our regular supporters, but many new faces who we hope will join us for future events. St Andrew's School was well represented by the winning team who took a healthy lead in, what was otherwise, a closely fought contest. Thanks are due to Simon Dilloway for providing the questions and keeping order and Steve Reynolds for keeping the scores. Thanks also go to the committee members and helpers who provided and served the interval supper and the bar staff that kept everyone refreshed throughout what was a most enjoyable evening. The proceeds of this event will go towards funding the Lophams' Society Christmas Drop-in, which will be held at the village hall on the 13th December.

Redgrave and Lopham Fen

Saturday 9 November 10.30am – 12.30pm. **Wildlife Watch Group**. A club for 6 – 12yr olds, £1. Contact Mike Wraight 01379 644508.

Thursday 14 November, 10am – 12noon. **Polymer Clay Jewellery Making**. Learn how to make a flower pendant and patterned beads with local expert Sue Heaser. £10 per person, including materials. Please book - 01379 688333.

Friday 29 November, 10am – 3pm. **Christmas Wreath Making**. Make a wreath or table decoration with natural materials under the specialist guidance of Mary Yuill. £10 per person, per hourly session, including materials. Please book - 01379 688333.

Sunday 1 December, 10am – 4pm. **Printmaking**. Join Sheila Tilmouth, local printmaker on this fascinating workshop. Learn monoprint techniques and make prints from found plants and leaves using a press. £35, plus £5 charge for materials on the day. Booking essential 01473 890089.

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St Andrew's Church

The Remembrance Service this year will be at St. Andrew's Church on Sunday 10th November commencing at 10.50am.

Coffee Morning. There will be a Coffee Morning in the Church on Saturday 23rd November 10 am to 12 noon with bring and buy, cake stall, tombola and a raffle, we hope to see you there.

The Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Relief

On Friday 27th September was a very happy occasion and raised £132 for this worthy cause. Many thanks to all who took part.

North Lopham Parish Council

Next meeting will be on 13th November 2013 at 7.30pm in the 'Mess'.

Please note that the new parish Clerk is **Julie Crossley**, telephone 01379 688298. Mike Cox will continue to administer the parish cemetery on behalf of the council.

Art & Crafts Exhibition

Lophams' Art Group is holding its first **Christmas Art and Crafts Show at Lophams' Village Hall** on Friday 15th November, 6.00pm – 9.00pm and 16th November, 10.00am - 4.00pm. A selection of artwork and quality locally crafted items including china hampers, ceramics, painted furniture, coffee table footstools, patchwork, turned wood items and more will be on sale. Refreshments will be available and admission is free but donations in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support would be gratefully received. Further details from Jennifer Carr 01379 687882.

Services for November

North Lopham	South Lopham
	3rd November
9.30am HC	-
11am Fam S	-
	10th November
11am Fam S	10.50am Rememb
4pm ES + Rem	-
	17th November
11am Fam S	9.30am HC
	24th November
11am Fam S	4pm ES
	1st December
11am Advent HC	-

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