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St Andrew's School

I cannot believe it is half term already! The past seven weeks have flown by with the children taking part in a variety of activities. We have visited All Saints for a whole school visit to see Ella Burfoot, the children's author. Children from years 3,4,5,6 have also competed in the cluster cross country event with some outstanding achievements. Well done to everyone!

Reception children are settling in well to their new learning environment and along with the Year 1 children have been signing different words as well as learning how to say different greetings from around the world. Year 2 and 3 had a visitor from Christian Aid who explained the work they do to help others. Banham Zoo have also visited

Next half term finds us visiting London for the day and gearing up for our Christmas activities and play – 'A Dancing Christmas Party'.

For information about St Andrew's, please contact the office on 01379 687253.

St Andrew's Pre School

Greetings from St Andrews pre school. We have enjoyed our harvest and autumn theme this half term, and discovered what happens to the wheat in the fields once harvested and what happens in the fields afterwards. We had a lovely visit to Derek and Dawn Eagle's farm, sitting on the red tractor a particular delight.

We took a box of produce to the church for the Harvest Festival and the children have explored the texture, smell and taste of some fruits and vegetables.

We have talked about hibernation and have made clay hedgehogs and cardboard box hedgehog houses full of autumn leaves to keep them warm.

We are looking forward to the half term holiday and come back on October 31st.

We have spaces available on all days; for further information call Jan Feaver on 07854091257

We currently have a **job vacancy**, closing date 31st October for a pre school assistant with a minimum qualification of a nationally recognised Level 3 in Child Care. The hours of work will be Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 8.15am-3.30pm. For an application form please call at the site or ring the above number.

Lophams' Village Hall

The Bonfire and Fireworks Event 2016 is actually on 5th November this year! The gates open at 6pm, and the fireworks will start about 7.30pm. As always there will be stalls with hot food and drinks, plus a Bar in the hall. We have managed to keep the ticket prices at £7 adult and £3 for a child under 16, and a family ticket (2 adults and 2+ children) at £20 so please book the date now and come along to enjoy a fantastic display!

Many, many thanks to all those bringing burnable garden "prunings" & wood during the October weekends between 10am to 2pm, for a nominal charge of £1 per load to offset the costs of the fireworks. The first two weekends have been very successful – it should be a huge fire. (The system continues to the end of the month; as always, please DO NOT bring any metal or plastic, or any other material that could cause Environmental Health officials to ban the bonfire)

The Lottery: It is great when there's 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 September were: first prize of £198 – K Hutton; second prizes of £49.50 – both by B Sarbutt, who generously donated the £99 to St Nicholas' Church. Thank you, Barry!. 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.

Super Sausage Saturday attracted a great deal of interest at the September Market, with lots of great bangers to sample. After a closely fought contest, the Golden Frying Pan was won by Jason Salisbury of Suffolk Farmhouse cheeses - & more!

Regular bookings:

Farmers' Markets are usually on the fourth Saturday from 9am till 12.30pm so the next is on 26th November. **NB** the Christmas Market is on **SUNDAY 18th Dec** (Details from Mike on 01379 687235)

Judo is on Mondays & Wednesdays - (Details from Howard on 1379 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 telephone number is 01379 873144

Bookings - to book the hall for private events, telephone 01379 687679, or go to the website.

Lophams' Ladies

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

At the October meeting, Kelly gave us a very interesting talk about all her experiences in The Diamond Trade, bringing brochures with photos of some amazing jewellery, using fabulous diamonds. A Bring & Buy stall did brisk trade.

In November, Annie Chapman will talk about the Pink Ladies and their fund raising efforts for Breast Cancer Awareness.

Gilbert & Sullivan and their comic operas will feature in the December meeting, at 2pm on 6th. **Please note the time!**

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. For further information please contact 01379 687833.

At our meeting in October Edward Martin gave an excellent presentation entitled "Lost Gardens of Suffolk". It was especially interesting to hear about the past glories of Redgrave Hall which is so local to us all.

Our next meeting will be on 3rd November when Janet Whiteside will talk about "Ideas for Christmas", while looking further forward, on 1st December we shall enjoy our Christmas Dinner.

This will be held in the restaurant at Wyvale Garden Centre, Bressingham 7.00pm for 7.30pm £15.00 per person and is sure to be a most enjoyable evening. Tickets can be obtained at our next meeting or by contacting Alan and Kate Briggs on 01953 681989.

News from North Lopham

North Lopham Parish Council will meet on Wednesday 9th November

A special THANK YOU:

I would like to thank everyone in both the Lophams for helping me get through this very difficult time, when Darren my partner of 10 years passed away.

Everyone in the villages has been so kind and supportive with their generosity and help. Without you all, we as a family would have found it very difficult.

There are far too many to thank individually so I thought we would send a note in the Lophams news.

Much love and appreciation from Caroline, Riley and Kye.

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 of November - the 23rd. The December service will be earlier – Carols on the 14th

Samaritans' Purse – Shoebox Appeal. Many thanks to everyone who is already packing a decorated shoebox with stationery, toiletries and little treats to spread Christmas joy to children who would otherwise receive nothing - in Eastern Europe and beyond. If YOU want to help, please bring your box to Southlands, North Lopham by 12th November, so we can ensure they arrive in good time. Many thanks, from Jennie Vere.

Our effort for the **Biggest Coffee Morning** in the World for Macmillan Cancer Care raised just over £170 towards this very good cause. Many thanks to all those who were involved in any way

The **Harvest Thanksgiving**, led by the Revd Maggie Swayze was a very well supported occasion, in a wonderful decorated church. (Thank you to all those responsible) The dozen children who came to share the celebration had a great time afterwards, with two vintage tractors and a plough to investigate outside. Token parcels & gifts were distributed on the following days, then a box of tins & packets was taken to the Diss Food Bank; surplus fruit & vegetables was gratefully received by Fenners at Fersfield.

North Lophams' Knitted Bible Exhibition is our newest venture! If you receive The News in time, do pop in for a look, between 11am till 5pm each day till Saturday 29th then Sunday from 12.30 till 4pm. There will be a guide leaflet, refreshments, children's corner & a stall with gift items. How many stories will you recognise without looking in your guide!

November brings some very special dates

Remembrance 2016: Armistice Day is on Friday 11th November. The Annual Ceremony will be held at the War Memorial at 11 o'clock, with juniors from St Andrew's School alongside veterans, local residents and representatives of the American Air Force, who hope to bring a Colour Party again.

Remembrance Sunday is on 13th. There will be a special act of remembrance at the 11am Family Service, when the names of all those from the village who gave their lives in the two World Wars will be read.

Confirmation at St Nicholas' Church: Wednesday 23rd at 7pm. The Bishop of Thetford will confirm some very special residents in our Church. We would love to welcome people from the village and benefice to support Keith and Stephanie, Ian, Brennan and Marion as they take this important step on their Christian journey. As always, refreshments will follow!

St Andrew's Church

Remembrance Service

The Remembrance Service for South Lopham will take place on Sunday 13th November 2016 at the war memorial only. Please note this service will start at 10.00am.

Coffee Morning

There will be a Coffee Morning in St. Andrew's Church on Saturday 19th November with Cake Stall, Raffle, Bring and Buy and Tombola. Please come and join us we look forward to welcoming you.

Diss Quilting Group Weekend

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way or made cakes or produce, or came to view the beautiful quilts and enjoy the views from the top of tower, a very successful weekend and we are pleased to report £668 was raised for the upkeep of the Church.

The Lophams' Society

There was a great turnout at the Village Hall on the 14th October when 75 people turned up to take part in the Lophams' Society Autumn Quiz.

Once again chairman Roy Clark, this time acting as question master and scorer supplied a variety of interesting and entertaining questions which meant at the end of 8 closely fought rounds only a handful of points divided the teams and only one point separated the winners on table three from their nearest rivals on table 10.

The ploughmans' supper served in the interval went down well and the chairman expressed his thanks to those members of the committee who worked hard both in the kitchen and behind the bar to make sure the evening was a success.

The next Lophams' Society event is the **Christmas Get-Together** on the evening of Friday 16th December and is free to all residents of North and South Lopham.

Holy Bingo

- continues in the Village Hall on the first Monday each month at 2pm, when new faces are always welcome to come and share in fun sessions, with plenty of time for a chat. Coming dates are 7th November, and a Christmas gathering on 5th December.

(Do telephone 01379 687679 for further details or for help with transport.)

Little Ouse Headquarters Project

FUNGI FORAY

An exciting walk on Saturday 12th November with local expert Tony Leech, to forage for fungi on Broomscot Common. Meet at 1.15 for a 1.30pm start at Garboldisham Recreation Ground, Smallworth Road. Booking essential with beverly.blackburn@lohp.org.uk or 07747 691285. Donations welcome.

LOHP - Annual Talk, AGM and Members' Evening - 6th December

Join us for our annual winter bash, with another great talk in prospect, this year from Alan Walker of CEFAS, entitled: The European Eel - a Slippery Tail. Season Refreshments will follow and contributions of finger foods will be much appreciated. Members and friends all welcome - the evening is free but a non-members' contribution of £2 towards costs will be welcomed.

All welcome, for further details please see website: www.lohp.org.uk

WINTER WALK

Join us for our traditional New Year's walk on Monday 2nd January, to blow away the Christmas Cobwebs and learn something about the wildlife of the area. Meet at 10.15am for 10.30am start at Garboldisham Village Hall, IP22 2SE for a gentle amble lasting approximately 2.5hr, followed by homemade soup and a roll on our return. Well behaved dogs on a lead are welcome, but please note that there are 2 stiles to encounter. This walk will take place whatever the weather! This is a free walk but a donation to LOHP would be appreciated. Booking essential for food on 07747 691285 or beverly.blackburn@lohp.org.uk

Services for November

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Contributions for next issue by:

18th November

Please email Julie
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