

# THE LOPHAMS' NEWS

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## St Andrew's School

It has been a great start to the year at St. Andrew's. Children are enjoying their topic 'Passport around the World' and are learning lots about other countries.

Thanks to the support of the staff at St. Andrew's, the children have enjoyed a wide range of after school clubs. They have included sewing, dancing, cooking, creating artwork and playing board games.

Lots of children had a special Chinese New Year lunch and found out about Chinese traditions to mark the start of Chinese New Year.

In collective worship pupils have focused on Wisdom. Children have taken part in whole school worship at St. Nicholas church and have had a visit from Dr. Hunt who told an inspirational story about Derek Redmond. The 9th February saw children enjoy a Pancake breakfast hosted by Friends of St. Andrew's before beginning to create the start of Lent with a Lenten Tree.

Friends of St. Andrew's are also organising a disco and a non-school uniform day which all the children are looking forward too.

Although next half term will be a short it will be busy with children having the opportunity to take part in events and trips for national science and engineering week and trip to London by coach to watch the Lion King.

## St Andrew's Pre School

Greetings once again from St Andrew's Pre School. We are continuing with our animal theme after half term through to March. We have a visit from Banham Zoo to look forward to who are bringing some exciting creatures for us to look at including a snake and a giant land snail, some children from the reception class at the school will be joining us for that. We also have some Easter activities planned for later in March. We were very pleased to receive a generous and kind donation from North Lopham charities for which we are very grateful and the money has helped to fund the visit from Banham Zoo, so a big thank you from all of us.

We are open Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 8.45am - 3.15pm and currently have vacancies on all days. For further information call Jan Feaver on 07854091257

## Lophams' Village Hall

**Farmer's Markets** - The month of February sees the 15 year anniversary of the Lophams' Farmers' Market. As well as the normal raffle there will be a free draw for a bottle of champagne and also a special visit by Bernard Ashe from Honeybourne smallholding. Bernard will be visiting the market to sell and give advice on keeping Hybrid and Silky hens. He will have chicks available to purchase or order. So if you are contemplating having your own egg laying chickens this year, you know where to come for advice on how to get started.

Farmers' Markets are on the fourth Saturday each month; the Birthday event, is on 27th February from 9am till 12.30pm. (Details from Mike on 01379687235)

**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 January were: 1st prize of £198 - P Sturman; 2nd prizes of £49.50 - D Derrick and J & G Brown. 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. The January winner was Peter Moralee.

**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 £20 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

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

## Lophams' Ladies

We welcomed Roy Tricker to the February meeting, and thoroughly enjoyed his tales of some eccentric clergymen of East Anglia (and further afield) Some of their names were amazing, as were their actions and pronouncements. Oh for the days of one parish with one clergyman, who then had the freedom to pursue his own interests alongside his church work, thereby often indirectly benefitting the community too!

Instead of a meeting on 1st March we have a meal out, this year to the White Hart at Roydon at 7pm. Looking ahead, the AGM is on April 5th at 7 for 7.30pm. Visitors or potential new members are very welcome to come along and meet us in the Village Hall, then hear about our "Luxury" wishes!

For more information, please contact Sarah on 01379 687337

## Garden Club

Due to unforeseen circumstances, our scheduled speaker, David Bolton, was unable to attend our meeting on 4th February.

However we were very grateful to Andy Bailey who "stepped in" at the very last minute! Andy spoke to us about jobs we can be doing in our gardens despite the inclement weather and also suggested plants and shrubs to give our gardens colour or scent during the winter months.

Our next meeting will be on 3rd March when we shall hold a short Annual General Meeting followed by "Gardeners Question Time".

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.

Please telephone 01379 687833 for further details

## Lophams' Village Games Team

On January 31st a team of eight sportsmen/women represented our villages in the Active Norfolk indoor rounders competition at the UEA Sportspark in Norwich. Only seven teams across the county entered so we all played each other in a league format.

After winning the first two matches comfortably against Hethersett A and Briston-Melton Constable confidence was high but then we were beaten by eventual winners The Fornetics and narrowly lost to Downham Market in the fourth match. Now with only pride at stake we went out all guns blazing to smash Hainford-Stratton Strawless and Hethersett B to thumping defeats finishing in a very respectable 3rd place. As always a very enjoyable day with great sportsmanship, well done Mike, Amy, Josh, Gillian, Milly, Freddie, Jim and Sophie.

Many thanks to Lophams village hall for their continued sponsorship.

The next event will be a Netball Tournament on 24th April, interested?? Call Jim on 687330 or find us on facebook @ Lophams village games.

