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If you are new to Hopton, welcome! A copy of Village News will be delivered through your door every month. It should help you keep in touch with what's going on in Hopton. If you have any queries or we can help in any way please contact Julie, Clerk to the Council on 01502 730768 or pop into the Office at the Village Hall, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9.30am to 1.30pm. The Parish Council's website also has information at the click of a mouse.  
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Craft Fayre at St. Margaret's Church 13 July  
Craft Fayre at St. Margaret's Church 27 July

Craft Fayre at St. Margaret's Church 10 and 24 August, 14 and 28 September.

Autumn Bingo in the Village Hall  
Saturday 21st September

Craft Fayre at St. Margaret's Church 26 October and 23 November

Christmas Bingo in the Village Hall  
Saturday 30th November

### JUNE

D. Day commemoration 6 June at Ritson Lodge. Hosted by the Parish Council and Ritson Lodge.

Craft Fayre at St. Margaret's Church  
Saturday 8 June and 22 June.

Saturday 15 June. Party in the Park at the Recreation Ground. PC Mark Saggars will be at Party in the Park 11am – 6pm.

Summer Bingo in the Village Hall  
Saturday 22nd June

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Parish Council website:  
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# News from St. Margaret's Church

The Lite bites on the first Sunday in the month are going well. On 5th May, the Bishop Graham Usher came and joined us for lunch after leading the 11.00am service.

Steve Seigert is holding a Hanging Basket Sale on Saturday 1st June 9.30 til 12 in aid of Little Footprints All Age August Activity Day. There will be refreshments in the vestry during this session.

Members of St Margarets will be at Party in the Park on Saturday 15th June with children's crafts.

There will be no Little Footprints on Thursday 20th June. Little Footprints have vacancies for families with children aged 0-4. Come and join them on any Thursday morning 9-15-11-15. Volunteers are needed for Little Footprints to help us support families.

Don't forget that Penny is running the craft Fayre on June 8th and 22nd 10am to 2.30pm.

Penny's pantry will be in session too.

We would like to undertake some improvements to the rooms in St Margarets. If we had a group of Friends of St Margarets who possess skills like applying for grants and organising events we could create a venue fit for the future. If you have those skills and would like to be involved contact Irene Nickerson 01502 731066.

There is a service every Sunday at 11.00am except on the 5th Sunday in the month when it will be at St Benedicts Gunton in June, St Bartholomews Corton in September.

Hope to see you soon.  
Irene Nickerson Churchwarden



# YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Hopton on Sea Parish Council meetings take place on the dates listed below commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The Agenda is published on the Parish Council's website and on the three noticeboards in the parish. A public forum takes place during each monthly session where you can raise issues that are of concern to you.

Parish Council website:  
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### Meeting dates 2024:

10 June, 8 July, 12 August, 9 September, 14 October, 11 November, 9 December.

#### Your Parish Cllrs are:-

Jan Windsor-Luck, Chairman	07941145152
Sue Hacon, Vice-Chair	01493444271
Steve Ames	01502731759
Keith Bradley	07561266209
Yvonne Bradley	07879284973
Kevin Lee	07850555864
Pamela Oakes	07850584679
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John Tonks	07956873232

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*Thank you.*



## Hopton-on-Sea Youth Club

Congratulations to **Libby, Oliver** and **Siena Rose** for coming 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the monthly art and craft competition 'Design Your Own Emoji' they all won some tuck shop credit.

We are looking for a Treasurer. If you have any treasurer experience or good with numbers and would like to get involved, please get in touch.

### Youth Club would like to reiterate and clarify some rules

- Treat each other respectfully, bullying will not be tolerated
- Only food and drink bought from the Club tuck shop can be consumed. Any other form of food and drink will be confiscated and returned at the end of the night. This includes chewing gum. Any special dietary concerns should be discussed and agreed with a volunteer.
- Place rubbish in the bins provided.
- Report and help clear up any messes made.
- Items of value (phones/tablets/money/branded clothing) brought to the club are done so at the members own risk, the youth club is not responsible for any

loss or damage. We would recommend such items be left at home.

- I will sign out when leaving the Club. If I choose not to sign out, the Club will not be responsible for my safety. A call to the parent/carer of the member will be made. If a member decides to leave before 9pm also, once signed out you will not be able to re-enter or sign in again on that night.



- As the car park is the property of the Village Hall, members are forbidden to 'play' in this area without agreed and approved supervision from the volunteers. We would also like to include that if non-members or members who have not signed in were 'hanging around' in the car park, that the Youth Club would report this to the necessary authorities to ensure the safety of all members that are attending the club and its volunteers.

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If you have any questions or would like to volunteer and help out on an evening, please call **Liz** on **07729 093748** or email [hoptonyouthclub@outlook.com](mailto:hoptonyouthclub@outlook.com), we look forward to hearing from you.

Facebook users, don't miss out on what is going on; please join the Hopton Youth Club Facebook group [www.facebook.com/groups/265693031523615](https://www.facebook.com/groups/265693031523615) and keep up to date with current events.

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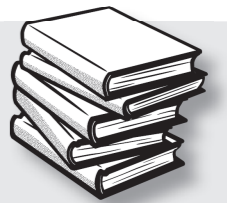


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From a contingent of six, THE CUTTING CREW is now down to two of us who are fit enough to use the grass cutting machinery. We are therefore looking for a person or two to give a hand for a couple of hours once a month.

The Probation Service (Unpaid Work Unit) visit every three weeks at present and a cut is badly needed between their visits.



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- 2.55 - 3.10pm - Rogers Close NR31 9RP

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- 12 June, 10 July
- 7 August, 4 September
- 2 October
- 30 October
- 27 November

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# HOPTON-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minute of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13 May 2024 commencing at 7.30pm at Hopton Village Hall, Station Road, Hopton-on-Sea NR31 9BE.

**Present:** Parish Cllrs: Jan Windsor-Luck (Chairman), Sue Hacon (Vice-Chairman), Steve Ames, Yvonne Bradley, Keith Bradley, John Tonks.

**Also present:** County/Borough Cllr. Carl Anison. Julie McNair, Officer of the Council and 7 members of the public.

The meeting commenced at 7.35pm. The Chairman pointed out housekeeping matters

## 1. To elect a Chairman.

It was proposed by Cllr. Hacon and seconded by Cllr. Y. Bradley that Cllr. Windsor-Luck be elected Chairman. This was unanimously agreed.

## 2. To receive the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Declaration was signed.

## 3. To elect a Vice-Chairman.

It was proposed by Cllr. Windsor-Luck and seconded by Cllr. K. Bradley that Cllr. Hacon be elected Vice-Chairman. This was unanimously agreed.

## 4. To receive the Vice-Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Declaration was signed.

## 5. To receive apologies for absence.

Received from Cllrs. Kevin Lee, Pam Oakes, John Plaskett.

## 6. To receive declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda and consider any requests for dispensation.

There were none.

## 7. To receive the Chairman's Annual Report.

Circulated and accepted as read. The report has been published in Village News magazine and is on the Parish Council's website at [www.hopton-on-seapc.info](http://www.hopton-on-seapc.info)

## 8. Public Forum.

The following matter was raised. In summary:

a) There needs to be support from Police and the Dog Wardens from GYBC Environmental Health in relation to out of control dogs. B. Cllr. Anison will take the matter forward.

## 9. To confirm the Minute of the Parish Council Meeting held 8 April 2024.

It was proposed by Cllr. Ames and seconded by Cllr. Tonks to approve the Minute. This was unanimously agreed.

## 10. To receive County and Borough Councillors' Reports.

County/Borough Cllr. Anison advised:-

a) The new speed signs outside the primary school have been delayed, but should be installed in the next 6 weeks.

b) Progress has been made in relation to the development north Lowestoft Road. Following a productive meeting with NCC and GYBC to discuss verged, NCC agreed to do the first cut on the right hand side heading north, and thereafter, NCC will pay GYBC to maintain that side and include in their regular cutting regime.

c) Next summer that section of road will be surface dressed. With regard to a gate across the end of the road, originally GYBC were in favour, however, NCC have said they will explore putting a gate across just north of the sub station to stop fly tipping. If everyone can agree on that action, payment will be met by County Cllr. Anison from his highways budget. The matter is still in discussion.

d) Cllr. Anison met with residents of Cliff Cottages, Warren Road, regarding complaints about overgrown hedging. It has been agreed that NCC will cut back hedges on both sides.

e) Yellow lines have been repainted on Warren Road. GYBC Parking Enforcement Officers have been asked to patrol the area.

## 11. To consider the Clerk's reports.

a) **Correspondence.** As previously circulated.

## b) Planning applications.

06/24/0134/TRE Proposed works to tree protected by Tree Preservation Order (ref. TPO No.9 2021) - T2 - English oak - Quercus robur - Height - 19m - Crown spread 16m - Bifurcates at 3m with decay pocket at old branch union with approximately 30% of heartwood decayed. Bulging in vicinity of decay, indicative of fungal pathogens within. Major deadwood throughout crown, previously crown raised.

Old tear-out wounds and snag ends throughout crown. Reduce tree by 1- 2m and cobra brace eastern stem to western stem. Remove major deadwood. Location: Recreation Ground East Side Lowestoft Road Hopton-on-Sea. No objection by the Parish Council.

06/24/0144/HH Proposed two-storey side and rear extension at 16 Geneva Gardens Hopton. No objection by the Parish Council.

06/24/0177/HH Side extension to provide utility area, shower room, bedroom and study area at mezzanine level at 42 Old Church Road Hopton. No objection by the Planning Committee.

## c) Finance. To agree May 2024 invoices for payment and bank reconciliation statement as at 30 April 2024.

Seven on-line payments and two direct debits from the business current account totalling £3,554.84. It was proposed by Cllr. Tonks and seconded by Cllr. K. Bradley to agree the bank reconciliation statement and list of payments for May. This was unanimously agreed.

## 12. To consider and approve the year end 31.3.2024 Report and Accounts as follows:- a) Section 1 Annual Governance Statement.

It was proposed by Cllr. Y. Bradley and seconded by Cllr. Windsor-Luck to approve section 1. This was unanimously agreed.

## b) Section 2 Accounting Statements.

It was proposed by Cllr. Hacon and seconded by Cllr. Tonks to approve section 2. This was unanimously agreed.

## c) Year End Bank Reconciliation.

It was proposed by Cllr. Hacon and seconded by Cllr. Tonks to approve the Year End Bank Reconciliation. This was unanimously agreed.

## d) Notice of Public Rights to Inspect.

It was proposed by Cllr. Y. Bradley and seconded by Cllr. Hacon to approve the dates for the Notice of Public Rights to Inspect. This was unanimously agreed.

## e) To appoint Ashley Nichol as Internal

## Auditor for 2024/25.

It was proposed by Cllr. Tonks and seconded by Cllr. Hacon to appoint Ashley Nichol as Internal Auditor for 2024/25. This was unanimously agreed.

## 13. To agree Parish Council meeting dates for 2024/25.

It was proposed by Cllr. Tonks and seconded by Cllr. K. Bradley to agree the meeting dates as listed and circulated. This was unanimously agreed. The dates are shown on the Parish Council's website at [www.hopton-on-seapc.info](http://www.hopton-on-seapc.info)

## 14. To receive information and consider Councillor training over the coming months.

Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. Hacon and seconded by Cllr. K. Bradley to approve Initial Cllr. Training course for Cllr. Ames, organised by Norfolk Parish Training & Support at a cost of £52.00, to be held on 22 May 2024. This was unanimously agreed. In relation to full Council training discussed at the last meeting, there were insufficient Cllrs. interested to make the training financially viable.

## 15. To receive and consider NCC's consultation to change the catchment area for Hopton CE Primary Academy from 1 September 2024.

Consultation papers have previously been circulated. The proposal is to move the school catchment area so that any future properties north of Valley Farm would come under Gorleston for schools and not Hopton. Some discussion took place. The new development at Links Road (south side) would likely house families, with a significant number of children. There could be insufficient capacity at Hopton CE Primary Academy to take that number of additional children. There would also be an increase in vehicles along Station/Coast Road. The southern boundary for Hopton is in the middle of fields (south of Longfulans) and this could be built on in future with the catchment area being the local school. The general feeling was in support of the proposed catchment area change.

## 16. To consider matters relating to the Millennium Garden.

a) Anti-social behaviour. More stones have been removed from the north wall of the ruin and glass has been thrown around. This will be taken to the next SNAP (Norfolk Constabulary) meeting and PC Mark Saggars advised. Repairs to the north wall will be carried out shortly.

## 17. To consider matters relating to the Recreation Ground/Pavilion.

### a) Trading account, inspection of premises, fire safety.

Papers have previously been circulated to all Cllrs. The Chairman of Hopton Harriers FC has advised that fire safety equipment is being purchased and other matters are in hand in order to comply with fire safety regulations. Some discussion took place and it was proposed by Cllr. Ames and seconded by Cllr. Tonks to set up a small working party to meet with the Chairman of the football club in order to progress matters. This was unanimously agreed.

### b) Quotation to trim front of the Recreation Ground.

A quotation has been received from the contract gardener at £150.00. It was proposed by Cllr. Ames and seconded by Cllr. Hacon to agree the rate of £150.00 to trim and remove cuttings. This was unanimously agreed.

## 18. To receive updates from previous Minutes.

### a) First Draft Local Plan Consultation – comments sent to GYBC relating to Hopton.

Comments supplied by Cllrs. have been submitted to GYBC and acknowledged.

### b) Progress of plans for 80th anniversary of D. Day 6 June 2024.

There will be a morning assembly at the school. Cllrs. are invited. 12 children will attend Ritson Lodge and help serve 1940s style afternoon tea to residents. Cllr. Lee will provide a talk at the school and Ritson Lodge. The knitted tops are in hand. A lantern has been purchased for D. Day and other events.

### c) Feedback from Village Litter Pick held 27 April 2024.

Despite only a handful of participants, 12 bags of litter were collected from around the village. Thank you to the residents that helped.

## 19. To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of Hopton-on-Sea Parish Council. Monday 10 June 2024, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Confirmed.

The meeting closed at approximately 8.15pm.

The Annual Parish Meeting followed – separate minute.

These Minutes are in draft format and unconfirmed until approved at the next Parish Council meeting. The Clerk to the Parish Council can be contacted in the following ways:-

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## CHUCKLE CORNER ONE LINERS

Blunt pencils are really pointless.

6:30 is the best time on a clock, hands down.

Two wifi engineers got married, the reception was fantastic.

The man who invented Velcro has died. RIP.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

The rotation of Earth really makes my day.

Any good jokes, or bad ones, please submit to:

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# D-DAY 80

## 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY

D-Day was a huge turning point in World War Two (1939 to 1945). Before this, the Allied troops had no access to Western Europe.

The D-Day operation of June 6, 1944, brought together the land, air, and sea forces of the allied armies in what became known as the largest amphibious invasion in military history. The operation, given the codename OVERLORD, delivered five naval assault divisions to the beaches of Normandy, France.

After this victory, they had a way to send troops to fight back against the Germans and start to free countries like France and Belgium, which had been occupied by the Nazis. Ultimately, it allowed the Allies to take the war to Germany and defeat them in Berlin.

In remembrance of D-Day and all those that lost their lives in the war, peace lamps/lanterns and beacons will be lit across the Country representing the ultimate sacrifice made by brave men and women across the globe. The light from the flame represents the "light of peace" that emerged from the darkness of the war.

The Parish Council will be providing a talk at the school on the morning of 6 June, and at Ritson Lodge in the afternoon. A lantern will be lit, and a 1940s style tea served by school children to the residents of Ritson Lodge. Photos from the event will be published in the next edition of Village News.



**LOOK WHO IS TURNING 60 ON 25 JUNE!**



**Zandra** (Er indoors) and all the family would like to wish **Chris Ward** a very happy 60th (getting old) birthday on 25th June xx

The Parish Council would like to wish ex Parish Council Chairman **Chris Ward** a very happy 60th birthday on 25 June. Chris continues to volunteer his time moving the SAM2 camera and collecting data from it.

Thank you, have a wonderful day.



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## Saturday 27 April.

On a very raining /wet Saturday morning, **12** bags of rubbish were collected from around the village, so very well done all.



### Main hall

<b>Monday:</b>	Dance Academy 3.30pm to 7.30pm Badminton Club 7.30pm to 8.30pm
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Latin Rhythms 9.30am to 10.30am NHS Private Hire 11am to 1pm Slimming World 5.30pm to 7.30pm
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Pilates 9.15am to 10.15am Phoenix Karate 4.45pm to 8.15pm
<b>Thursday:</b>	Pickleball 10am to 12pm Badminton Club 12.30pm to 1.30pm Dance Academy 4pm to 4.45pm Yoga Sculpt 6pm to 7pm Zumba 7.15pm to 8.15pm
<b>Friday:</b>	Dance Academy 3.30pm to 6.30pm Youth Club 6.30pm to 9.00pm
<b>Saturday:</b>	Dance Academy 8.30am to 3.30pm
<b>Sunday:</b>	Childrens football group. 8.30am to 12.30pm

### Small hall

<b>Monday:</b>	You and Me Moments 9.30am to 3.30pm Yoga 6pm to 7pm
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Dance Academy 4pm to 6.15pm Warbling for Wellbeing 6.15pm to 7.15pm Spiritualist Church 7.15pm to 10pm
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Dance Academy 6.30pm to 7pm Phoenix Karate Adult beginners 7.30pm to 8.30pm
<b>Thursday:</b>	Dance Academy 5pm to 7pm Pilates 7pm to 8pm
<b>Friday:</b>	Fifit Weight Class 9.45 to 10.45 Tai Chi 6pm to 7pm
<b>Saturday:</b>	Mini Ballet 10am to 11am Dance Academy 11am to 12pm
<b>Sunday:</b>	Spiritualist Church 6pm to 9pm

## What's On at Hopton Village Hall June 24

[www.hopton-on-seaVH.info](http://www.hopton-on-seaVH.info)

Bookings via website or phone 01502 730768 and speak to Kye.



MAIN HALL



SMALL HALL

## LOOKING AHEAD TO SUMMER PLANTS

June is a funny month. It's when spring gives way to summer. For those with green fingers, be they keen, average or the instant gardeners who rush to garden centres and are mesmerised by all that's on offer. June is the month when we should start to get the sunshine and hopefully warm and longer days. So even if you work during the day you can get an hour or two in garden after dinner. June is when the colours really begin to get going. Which brings me to colour schemes. Luckily all you Hopton residents are near the coast and so you don't suffer the much heavier frosts of more inland areas. That's not to say you get no frost but less and less intense. If you are looking to put some bright summer colour in your garden the list is endless. For a start blue and orange may not spring to mind but believe me it works well. so if you have an area of garden you

want to make a splash of summer colour, why not put a clump of Agapanthus next to a bigger patch of crocosmia. Both these plants work well together. Blue Agapanthus and orange Crocosmia (formerly known as Montbretia). Both give a long colour display and need a little water and feed but are hardy and do not need lots of maintenance.



Blue Agapanthus and orange Crocosmia planted in a new bed. As time goes by they will colonise the bed and in summer a spray of blue and orange.

Just clearing the brown leaves at end of autumn. Mixed among some hardy Salvias and you will have a splash of colour that isn't labour intensive. June is time to consider a

hardy Hibiscus. One of the Syracuse type are beautiful and will look quite Mediterranean. They are hardy and although in winter they shed leaves leaving a twiggy skeleton they will flower again the following summer. Finally, another star of the summer but can be planted now is Alstromeria (peruvian lillies) they are an investment as they multiply and are hardy. All of these plants are labour easy, few if any pests (other than neighbours helping themselves to the flowers). Water, a soluble feed and sunshine (British overcast days count as sunshine). If you have a seating area in the garden where you enjoy a cup of tea/ coffee or better still a glass of wine in the evening, you may want evening scent to complete that chill out session after a hard day. There are many scented plants to choose from but a Philladelphus (mock orange) has beautiful white flowers that last about two weeks and flower during late May to late June. The scent on a warm summer evening as dusk sets and that glass of wine, beer or cup of tea/ coffee is your tippie as you sit in garden and relax and forget the stress of the day. So turn off the TV and devices and sit in garden and enjoy.

Colin,  
Greengrass Landscape Gardening.



# Hopton's Lost Lioness

## Part 1: Introduction

In a quiet corner of Hopton, in a well appointed bungalow, with a beautifully kept garden, live Yvonne and Keith. They have been together for over 50 years and have known each other a lot longer, they moved to Hopton a few years back to enjoy the peace and quiet, the fabulous location and the many benefits of life in a village by the sea. They moved from Luton, where they brought up their family, Keith worked in vehicular engineering ("anything mechanical" he says, with a glint in his eye, he has an immaculate Triumph motorbike in the garage) and Yvonne worked a number of different cleaning jobs, fitting them in around the family. "There was always one of us at home with the children, we just made it work." she says. They both come across as humble people and very clearly they dote on each other.

Yvonne however has a bit of a secret, one which Keith is only too aware of and of which he is extremely proud. Yvonne, you see, was an International footballer, back before the FA had even accepted that women could play football. Not only that, but she played in one of the biggest women's tournaments of all time, in front of 95,000 enthusiastic fans at one of the greatest stadiums in the world. Yvonne represented her country at Copa '71 in Mexico. It's a remarkable story and one which I feel privileged to share.



Yvonne and Keith today with memorabilia.

## The Football Background

Women's football started in the UK in the late Victorian period (the first recorded match was in

1881 in Scotland) and continued up until 1921. Rather predictably and very sadly, it received a lot of opposition, even derision in some quarters. Women's games were often met with violent pitch invasions in protest of the fact that women had the temerity to play a man's game and some doctors (men of course) stated that women's bodies weren't suited to the game. Funnily enough, despite this, it increased both in popularity and acceptance during the first world war, when men's teams didn't play, and, again rather predictably, once the war was over, opposition rose again and obstacles were put in the way. In fact, the FA, in their wisdom, decided to ban the women's game and they didn't lift that official ban until 50 years later. They stated "The game of football is quite unsuitable for females and ought to be discouraged." The ban had a devastating effect, including the denying of infrastructure and facilities. Even when the ban was lifted, there were still huge obstacles and it wasn't until 2018 that England had a fully professional women's league.

Amidst all of this, enter Harry Batt, a bus driver from Luton. By all accounts, he was a remarkable character, spoke six languages and fought against the fascists in the Spanish Civil War, where he was shot and wounded. Harry believed in women's football and was brave enough to stand up to the FA and defy the ban. Along with his wife June, Harry formed Chiltern Ladies.

He coached the team brilliantly, to a very high standard, and had the temerity to form an unofficial England team (The England Independents) and take them to the unofficial Women's European

Championships of 1969 and the 1970 World Cup in Italy, putting him on collision course with some other members of the Womens Football Association (WFA). Harry and some

other women's football pioneers had formed the WFA and the women's ban in England was in the process of being finally lifted in 1970, but Copa '71 in Mexico was on the horizon and Harry didn't want to wait. Whilst the previous tournament in Italy was on a relatively large scale, it was nothing compared to what was to come in 1971 when our story emerges. Harry's



Chiltern Ladies, with Harry Batt.

unofficial England team, made up of very young, but talented women had qualified in their own right to be one of six teams in the finals and the people of Mexico were waiting excitedly to welcome them. The WFA however, were angry, as they were in the early stages of putting an England team together too and FIFA and the WFA inadvertently made the tournament an even bigger deal by trying to ban it.

Yvonne takes up the story: "It all started for me at about the age of 14. I was playing for Stopsley Scorpions. Harry Batt, the manager of Chiltern Ladies and the unofficial England team, saw me play, went round to our house and asked my mum about me going to Mexico. We had to qualify, which we had done, travelling to Sardinia for matches amongst other places. I didn't want to go at first, I was really shy, but my mum said "you're going" She knew what an amazing opportunity it was. I was out of my comfort zone a bit, but she was right"

Next month: The team arrive in Mexico.

## Village People

**Village people is an interview series about the people who live and work in Hopton. The questions cover a bit about what they do, why they do it, the things that are important to them and hopefully, a bit of humour too. Each month, we ask the same six questions.**

**Last month's article contained a printing error, which had a few people scratching their heads, so this month, we're reprinting the responses of Yvonne Bradley, Hopton's lost lioness.**

Interested in taking part?  
Email [klee.hospoc@gmail.com](mailto:klee.hospoc@gmail.com)

**1. Describe yourself in five words.**  
Trustworthy, reliable, active, happy, quiet.

**2. Can you say a little about why you chose those words?**  
I think they describe me well. We enjoy cycling and walking and love peace and quiet. We used to live by Luton Airport and close to the M1, so Hopton is completely different!

**3. Tell me a bit about a typical day in your life.**  
Housework, going walking, catching up with family and preparing and cooking meals. I particularly like pasta, I'm not fussy about what type, I like it all!

**4. What's your favourite thing about the village?**  
Location to both sea, countryside and quietness.

**5. What's important to you?**  
Family and happiness.

**6. Tell me a funny/strange/unexpected story involving something that has happened to you?**  
Being chosen to play for England Ladies in Copa '71 in Mexico. It was an amazing experience but the FA didn't like us competing as we weren't an official FA team. When we got back, we were banned from playing for anything from 3 months to a year and a lot of us gave up as a result.