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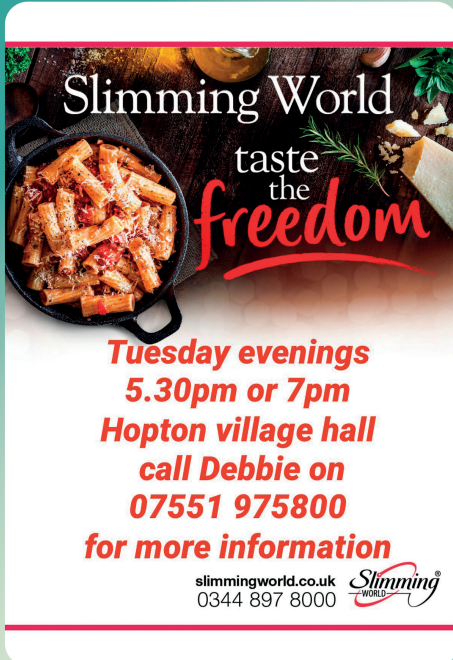
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Let's come together and make this a night to remember!

ALSO IN THIS EDITION:

- **Presentation cheque to the Cutting Crew**
- **Hopton's Lost Lioness Part 4**
- **Autumn Bingo in the Village Hall**
- **Look who is featured in Village People (back cover)**
- **Craft Fayre at St. Margaret's Church**
- **Annual Churches Sponsored Bike Ride 14 September**
- **Withdrawal of Planning Application re proposed development Links Road**

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Welcome to Hopton

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.

www.hopton-on-seapc.info

We look forward to seeing you at one of the many events being held throughout the year in the village. There is also a Hopton Residents Facebook page (managed by residents).

Planning Application Withdrawn

re: **Land south of Links Road/East of Lowestoft Road Hopton**

Update re Planning Application 06/21/0213/O Hybrid planning application seeking:

- (1) Full planning permission for construction of food retail store and associated infrastructure, electricity substation, drainage, two points of access from Links Road, parking and off-site highways works.
- (2) Outline planning permission for up to 240 dwellings, a 60-bed housing-with-care scheme, associated infrastructure, drainage, and open space; comprising full details of vehicular access to Links Road, with all other details of layout, scale, appearance and landscaping reserved for future determination.

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Notification received from GYBC Planning that the Application has been Withdrawn



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Hopton-on-Sea Bowls Club

Hopton-on-Sea Bowls Club (located behind St. Margaret's Church) have had a great season so far. We started the New Year with a sponsor buying all the team a new shirt, and one that we are proud to wear.

The Sunshine League – At the moment we are 4th in the 4th Division with just a few matches left to play. It's been a good

but hard season. We've been up against it with bad weather and sporting injuries.

Lothingland League – This is the first time we have been in this league for a number of years and are currently 7th. We have just 2 matches left to play, again weather and injuries have taken their toll. Being in the Lothingland League means club members can enter the Lothingland competitions.

Steve got to the quarter finals of the

mens 4 wood singles. Hayley got to the Semi Finals of th ladies 4 wood singles and Ray and David got to the final of the Men's Pairs, unfortunately they came runners up, receiving a medal. They did themselves, and the Club, proud. All players represented the Club well playing against some very strong players from other local clubs.

The weather hasn't been kind to us, with a number of matches re-arranged and events being postponed. We now have a gazebo so have been able to hold a few social events, fish & chip supper, a couple of bingo evenings with more events planned.

We organised a crash course in bowls over 3 Saturday mornings and had 4 participants. It was a successful course which we hope to run again at the beginning of next season so watch this space for more information! New members are always welcome.

Hayley

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Make some room in your diary to support a local event ...

Are you involved in organising a local event? Let us know and we can spread the word. Contact hoptonparishclerk@hotmail.com or phone 01502 730768 and speak to Julie. Copy deadline is 12th of each month for inclusion in the following monthly edition.

- ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH:**
Every Sunday at 11am Service
 - LITTLE FOOTPRINTS:.**
Every Thursday at the church 9.15 to 11.15am (term time only).
 - DROP IN AT THE CHURCH:**
Every Monday 10 to 12. All welcome.
 - YOUTH CLUB:**
Every Friday 7 - 9pm (during term time).
- All Souls Day Service (Remembrance) Sunday 13 October at 3pm.
 - Craft Fayre at St. Margaret's Church 26 October and 23 November.
 - Pumpkins and Ghost Stories in the Ruin Coast Road with Village Scarecrow Competition Saturday 26 October.
 - Christmas Bingo in the Village Hall Saturday 30th November .
 - Two choir concert at St. Margaret's Church Sunday 8th December at 2.30pm.

- ### SEPTEMBER to DECEMBER
- Craft Fayre at St. Margaret's Church 14 and 28 September.
 - Churches Annual Sponsored Bike Ride Saturday 14 September.
 - Quiz Night in the Village Hall Saturday 21 September - see poster inside for details.
 - Autumn Bingo in the Village Hall Saturday 28 September - see poster inside for details.

To find out what's on at Hopton Village Hall, view their website:
www.hopton-on-seavh.info
or phone 01502 730768 and speak to Kye to book a party or event.

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

On the 30th July the church and grounds became a buzz with 127 people of all ages coming to join us for our 3rd Annual Activity Day. The free day included lunch which was provided from the generous support of those who brought plants and hanging baskets from Steve Steiger, also from a donation from Hopton in Need Trustees. The fabulous pizzas, chicken nuggets plus much more were all kindly supplied by Steve & Lisa at The White Horse Pub in Corton. The weather was lovely. We had a picnic style lunch outside. With many crafts available, the newspaper challenge, making bubbles, scavenger hunts, hungry caterpillar story, fair ground games plus much more kept everyone busy.

New for this year was the gazebo with Rev. Nigel and John organising the Take a Part activity with real tools! This proved to be very popular for all ages to look inside the donated old computer, vacuum cleaner, cd player and a clock.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped run the day plus of course the families who joined us.

Pam

By the time the magazine is published we will have had another brilliant concert from Matthew and the Chorus of St Cecilia. However, we now have another date on the calendar for a two choir concert on December 8th at 2.30 until about 5pm in the afternoon at St Margaret's Church. It will be a potpourri of Christmas music. Put the date in your

diary. More info to follow next month.

Although on the church calendar All Souls Day is November 2nd, Nigel is holding an All Souls day Service on Sunday 13th October at 3.0pm. This is a time to remember those who have died.

There is a craft fayre on 14th September, and the Lite Bite lunches will resume on the first Sunday in the month on Sunday September 1st.

Also in September is the church's Bike Ride when we need those who can ride bikes from church to church for sponsorship and those who cannot to steward the churches. This will take place on Saturday 14th September 2024.

Little Footprints will continue but only if some more volunteers come forward. The volunteers could be people with time and energy on their hands, it can be parents from the group or recently retired people in need of a project. Volunteering is a rewarding and worthwhile project.

If you have not yet stepped inside the church why not come to the Drop In on a Monday morning, A craft fayre or even a church service at 11.00am on a Sunday or the concert on Friday 30th August.

Look forward to seeing you at some point. You will always be welcome!

Irene



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:
www.hopton-on-seapc.info

Meeting dates 2024:
9 September, 14 October,
11 November, 9 December.

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Keith Bradley	07561266209
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Kevin Lee	07850555864
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Fund. I hope motorists take note of the signs and drive safely around the area.

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Extract of a letter from a resident.

It has been drawn to my attention that there has been a big increase in dog ownership in the village. Some owners still allow their dogs to foul, refusing to clear up afterwards. We are coming up for the school summer holidays and children could be walking straight into mess, picking up germs.

Name and address supplied.

From the Parish Council:

Dog fouling is on the increase in Hopton once again. There is a temptation for dog owners to allow their pets to foul and not clear up after them, or to clear up and then throw the bag in a hedge.

Great Yarmouth Borough Council's Environmental Ranger team would like to remind dog owners that the whole of Great Yarmouth borough,

including Hopton, is covered by a Public Space Protection Order - Dog Fouling. Failure to clear up after a dog has fouled can incur a

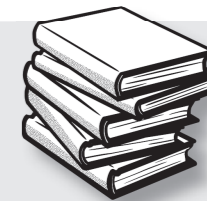
fine of up to £1,000.

Please carry a dog bag or other means to pick up your dog's mess and take it home with you, or put your bag in any public waste bin in the village.

The Environmental Health team can be contacted on **01493 846478**.

Playgrounds

Watsons Close play area has been temporarily closed for essential maintenance work by GYBC. On a more positive note, new play equipment will be installed at St. Clair Court play area week commencing 9 September 2024. This is as a result of your Parish Council's successful bid for funding to replace the worn out multi play and other equipment. The Parish Council is also looking at additional seating in the area.



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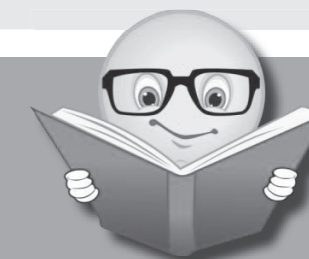
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27 November

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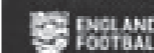
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HOPTON-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minute of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12 August 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, Kevin Lee, Pam Oakes, John Tonks.

Also present: County/Borough Cllr. Carl Annison. Julie McNair, Officer of the Council and two members of the public.

The Chairman pointed out housekeeping matters

1. To receive apologies for absence. Cllr. Plaskett.

2. To receive declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda and consider any requests for dispensation. There were none.

3. Public Forum. Nothing raised.

4. To confirm the Minute of the Parish Council Meeting held 8 July 2024. It was proposed by Cllr. Tonks and seconded by Cllr. Y. Bradley to approve the Minute. Agreed by majority vote (due to Cllr. absence at last meeting).

5. To receive County and Borough Councillors' Reports. County/Borough Cllr. Annison advised he has written to National Highways regarding the roundabout at Hopton as discussed at the last meeting. His suggestion of yellow strips across the road has been rejected by National Highways. They will continue to monitor that section of the A47.

Matters are still on-going regarding the issues on Lowestoft Road, north. A new Regional Manager has been appointed at NCC Highways and Cllr. Annison has asked for a meeting with him to discuss the outstanding matters.

Cllr. Annison has asked GYBC to arrange repairs to the Watsons Close play area as soon as possible (item 11 below refers).

6. To consider the Clerk's reports.

a) Correspondence. Listing as previously circulated.

b) Planning applications.

Application withdrawn - 06/21/0213/O Hybrid planning application seeking:

Full planning permission for construction of food retail store and associated infrastructure, electricity substation, drainage, two points of access from Links Road, parking and off-site highways works.

Outline planning permission for up to 240 dwellings, a 60-bed housing-with-care scheme, associated infrastructure, drainage, and open space; comprising full details of vehicular access to Links Road, with all other details of layout, scale, appearance and landscaping reserved for future determination.

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Permissions Granted by GYBC: None

Planning Permissions Refused by GYBC: None

c) Finance. To agree August 2024 invoices for payment and bank reconciliation statement as at 31 July 2024.

Six payments and two direct debits totalling £2454.79 from the business current account. It was proposed by Cllr. Lee and seconded by Cllr. Oakes to approve the list of payments. Unanimously agreed. It was proposed by Cllr. Lee and seconded by Cllr. Tonks to approve the bank reconciliation statement. Unanimously agreed.

7. To receive information and consider matters relating to the Millennium Garden/Ruin.

a) Outcome of talks with Diocese.

This is an on-going process.

b) Response from Abate.

The job is being re-done by Abate at no cost to the Parish Council. The scaffold will go up again right to the roof line where they suspect a fixing has popped out due to the age of the mortar, allowing birds to freely ingress. They will change over the base canopy net to a smaller grade netting to prevent any possibility of pigeons flying hard into the net and getting stuck. The work is likely to start end of August/early September.

The water box in the Millennium Garden has been damaged beyond repair and the water tap is being used by someone (other than Parish Councillors/Gardener). The Contract Gardener has offered to build and fit a new box at a cost of 2 hours work i.e. £34.00. As this is an urgent/emergency matter, the Responsible Finance Officer/Clerk has given approval to go ahead. It was proposed by Cllr. Ames and seconded by Cllr. Hacon to ratify the approval. Unanimously agreed.

8. To receive information and consider matters relating to the Recreation Ground/Pavilion.

a) Defib monthly maintenance update.

Monthly maintenance carried out by Cllr. Tonks who advised that the box needs to be wiped down more frequently.

b) Working Party progress.

A meeting with Hopton Harriers FC has taken place. The Working Party met again on 8 August to progress. The matter will come back on the Agenda for full Parish Council approval at a future date.

c) Car park barrier.

The lower barrier has now been greased, thanks to C/B Cllr. Annison.

9. To consider increasing the production of Village News magazine from 1500 to 1650 copies to cover the whole of the new development, at an additional cost of £15 per month.

Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. Windsor-Luck and seconded by Cllr. Tonks to increase production by 150 copies at a cost of £15 per month for the August and September editions. The Policies & Finance Advisory Committee will be meeting in September to re-evaluate the situation and report back to full Council.

10. To receive and consider paperwork from NCC Parish Partnership Scheme 2025/26.

Paperwork has previously been circulated. The scheme is 50/50 funding. The criteria is limited. The deadline for applications is 6 December 2024. Some suggestions were discussed briefly, including the possibility of a second SAM2 camera, a hand-held speed camera (minimum 6 volunteers required) and speed humps along Station Road. This matter will be carried forward to the September Agenda.

11. Notice of temporary closure of Watsons Close play area for repairs by GYBC.

GYBC advise there has been an accident in the play area and it has been temporarily closed for repairs. It has now been closed for a month and GYBC advise that they have not been able to carry out the repair yet due to the engineer's workload and annual leave. The Parish Council will continue to chase GYBC for repairs at the earliest opportunity. See also County/Borough Cllr. Annison's report at item 5 above.

12. To receive and consider updates from previous Minutes.

a) Overgrown cycle paths Lowestoft Road to A47.

Reports sent to GYBC 13 June and chased 27 June, reported again 23 July 2024. No action has been taken to trim the cycle paths (Hall Road to A47 and Lowestoft Road, north, to A47). The matter has been referred to County/Borough Cllr. Annison to progress.

b) Overgrown tree branches near the bus stop Lowestoft Road.

Further investigation is needed as to ownership. Possibility of seeking advice from GYBC's Arboriculturist. Matter on-going.

c) New bench at St. Clair Court play area.

The preinstall survey for the new play equipment is due on 20 August, with installation to start on 9 September 2024.

Quotations for a recycled plastic bench and fixing into concrete previously distributed to all Cllrs. A bench with a back is thought preferable, in recycled plastic. The quote from Roger Chapman at £155 is to lay a large slab base on a layer of concrete.

It was proposed by Cllr. Tonks and seconded by Cllr. Oakes to agree a budget of up to £850 to include bench, fixings and ground work. Unanimously agreed.

The exact location of the bench to be discussed once the new play equipment has been installed. The existing bench to remain in situ.

13. To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of Hopton-on-Sea Parish Council. Monday 9 September 2024, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Confirmed.

The meeting closed at approximately 8pm.

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:-

E-Mail: hoptonparishclerk@hotmail.com

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- Nuts which are high in monounsaturated fats and omega-3 fatty acids, especially walnuts hazelnuts, pistachios and almonds.

- Whole grains such as quinoa, wheat, oats and brown rice; these have more fibre and nutrients than refined grains.

- Berries, including fruits like raspberries, strawberries and blueberries with high rich levels of antioxidants which fight inflammation.

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- Turmeric features often in curries. It has anti-inflammatory properties; the curcumin in it helps reduce swelling and inflammation in the body.

Recipe - Super Food Avocado Summer Salad on Toast

- Dice 1 large ripe avocado, 2 tomatoes, 2oz celery, 2oz cucumber, 12 stoned olives, 1 red pepper, 2oz chopped spring onions, 1 green pepper.

- Flavour with pepper, turmeric and curry powder. Combine with olive oil and vinegar to taste.

- Lightly toast a slice of bread or a bread roll or a muffin.

- Dress the prepared salad on toast. Decorate with slices of cooked beetroot.

- Finish with chopped chives, fresh herbs of choice. Serve with crisps or cheese straws.

Recipe - Indulgent Chocolate Cake with Ganache

100grams dark chocolate, 80ml hot milk, 150grams butter, 120grams sugar, 3 eggs, 120grams self raising flour, 30grams cocoa powder, ½ teaspoon of baking powder.

For the cake ganache. 100grams dark chocolate, 20grams butter. Melt together over hot water, mixing thoroughly.

Place the chocolate in a bowl with the hot milk to melt. In another bowl place the butter and sugar, stirring until dissolved. Gradually incorporate the eggs, mixing in well. Add the chocolate and milk mixture. Pour into a cake tin 20 x 8 x 7cm. Cover with parchment paper. Bake in the oven at 180 centigrade for 60 - 70 minutes. When cooked remove and set aside to cool. Pour over chocolate ganache.



CHUCKLE CORNER ONE LINERS

- **A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.**

- **I got a new pair of gloves today, but they're both 'lefts,' which on the one hand is great, but on the other, it's just not right.**

- **I didn't think orthopedic shoes would help, but I stand corrected.**

- **I just got kicked out of a secret cooking society. I spilled the beans.**

- **What's a frog's favorite type of shoes? Open toad sandals.**

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

- **One of the cows didn't produce milk today. It was an udder failure.**

- **Adam & Eve were the first ones to ignore the Apple terms and conditions.**

- **Refusing to go to the gym is a form of resistance training.**

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

hoptonparishclerk@hotmail.com

Hopton-on-Sea Youth Club

We are very excited to welcome those currently enrolled to the Youth Club on Friday 27th September, doors open prompt at 7.00pm.

Members are to be reminded that:

- 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.

- 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.

- If mobile phones are brought to the club, they should only be used in an in case of emergency situation. Taking pictures and videos is prohibited, this is to safeguard all members and the volunteers.

- Respect and listen to the volunteers.

- Treat each other respectfully, bullying will not be tolerated.

- No use of bad language, not even amongst members.

- Look after the furniture, equipment and games so limited funds need to go on replacing or fixing them.

- Place rubbish in the bins provided.

- Report and help clear up any messes made.

- There is to be no running in the hall.

- Smoking, alcohol, drugs or anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated.

- Scooters, roller skates/blades or skateboards are not allowed on the premises.

- Doors open at 7pm, there is no entry into the Club prior to this time.

It should be noted that if the rules are broken, depending on the severity of the behaviour this could lead to a temporary or full ban from the club.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who give up their time to allow the club to open each week, we couldn't do it without you and you are very much appreciated. Also, a big thank you to the Village Hall and the Hopton Parish Council for the support and assistance over the last year.

Volunteers Required - We are looking for more volunteers so that we can remain open all term time, take some pressure off the regular volunteers and implement the requests from the members of additional activities/games they would like to take part in. We can never have enough volunteers so however small you feel your support might be to us please get in touch.

We require volunteers to do any of the following:

- Help set-up from 6:30 till 7pm before the members arrive

- Help pack away from 8:45pm

- Assist anytime between 7-9pm with the members ensuring

- The rules are being obeyed

- One to one play (i.e. having a game of table tennis with a member)

- Group play (i.e. refereeing a ball game, leading a cooking class)

- Help run the tuck shop

- Be talented and creative in arts and crafts, sports or music and share these talents with the members.

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**, we look forward to hearing from you.

Alternatively, pop in and see us, we are open on Friday evenings at the village hall during school term times from 6:30pm till just after 9pm.

Facebook users, don't miss out on what is going on; please join the Hopton Youth Club

Facebook group:
www.facebook.com/groups/265693031523615

and keep up to date with current events.

Hopton's Lost Lioness



Members of the squad and Harry's son today.

Main hall

Monday:	Baby Singing Group 9am to 11.45am Dance Academy 3.30pm to 7.30pm Badminton Club 7.30pm to 8.30pm
Tuesday:	Latin Rhythms 9.30am to 10.30am NHS Private Hire 11am to 1pm Slimming World 5.30pm to 7.30pm
Wednesday:	Pilates 9.15am to 10.15am Phoenix Karate 4.45pm to 8.15pm
Thursday:	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
Friday:	Dance Academy 3.30pm to 6.30pm Youth Club 6.30pm to 9.00pm
Saturday:	Dance Academy 8.30am to 3.30pm
Sunday:	Childrens football group. 8.30am to 12.30pm

Small hall

Monday:	You and Me Moments 9.30am to 3.30pm Yoga 6pm to 7pm Parish Council meeting 7.30pm 9 September
Tuesday:	Messy Play 10.45 to 11.15am Dance Academy 4pm to 6.15pm Warbling for Wellbeing 6.15pm to 7.15pm Spiritualist Church 7.15pm to 10pm
Wednesday:	Dance Academy 6.30pm to 7pm Phoenix Karate Adult beginners 7.30pm to 8.30pm
Thursday:	Dance Academy 5pm to 7pm Pilates 7pm to 8pm
Friday:	Fift Weight Class 9.45 to 10.45 Tai Chi 6pm to 7pm
Saturday:	Mini Ballet 10am to 11am Dance Academy 11am to 12pm
Sunday:	Spiritualist Church 6pm to 9pm

What's On at Hopton Village Hall Sept 24

www.hopton-on-seaVH.info
Bookings via website or phone
01502 730768 and speak to Kye.

Events:

21st - Hopton Residents, 23rd - Blood Donors, 28th Phoenix Karate Bingo



MAIN HALL



SMALL HALL

Part 4: Aftermath

In the previous chapter, we heard how the bruised and battered England Ladies, despite giving everything, had been knocked out of Copa '71. Two of their number were now in plaster and several were nursing nasty injuries. However, that wasn't the end of the story....

Yvonne explains "We had been such a hit with the Mexican people and press that they wanted us to stay on for the rest of the tournament, so we stayed for another two weeks, all paid for. We had become so popular with the Mexican people, that they still mobbed us wherever we went." By this time, Yvonne and seven of her teammates had visited the hospital. There were two of the squad in plaster, one with a broken foot and Yvonne with a leg fracture.



The 'signing' of Carol and Yvonne's plaster!

She explains "The Mexican team came to visit us in our hotel, they were lovely, there were no hard feelings at all and they lined up and signed our plasters!

The 'signing' of Carol and Yvonne's plaster!

There was a hastily arranged 5th and 6th place playoff game, but by this time, they were so short of fit players, England had to borrow several members of the Mexico squad just to field a team. Despite losing this match 3-2, one of the still fit English players, Janice Barton, scored two goals. Very few footballers in the world can say that they scored two goals in The Aztec Stadium.....

The final itself was played on the 5th September 1971 in front of somewhere between 110,000 and 112,500 fans. Denmark beat Mexico 3-0 and finally it was time to come home....

The England ladies arrived home at Gatwick to little in the way of a welcoming committee apart from a couple of photographers and the squad went their separate ways. There was some coverage in the British press, but it was rather predictable stuff, with the team described as "footballing beauties" and even a comment of "don't laugh, one day there might be a female Arsenal team...." In fact, the press and the wider establishment in general were more interested in their injuries, rather than their actual achievements with headlines such as "Soccer Girls Limp Home to a Rumpus" and "Football Mayhem as Women are Hurt." The MP for Luton even got involved and pledged that he would go forth and investigate the injuries.

The press was good enough to quote Harry Batt's belief that this was just the start and one day women's football would be as big as the men's game. Yvonne speaks very warmly of Harry "he was just brilliant, he knew how to connect with people and football-wise he was brilliant too."

Sadly the Women's Football Association did not share in this view and they decided that because Harry had had the temerity to take a team to Copa '71 and to, in their (incorrect) view pass it off as an official FA England team, he and his wife June should be blacklisted and banned from ever being involved in any form of football again. Yvonne says "Harry was banned for life, it broke him and he was never the same again." Not satisfied with just that, The Chiltern Ladies, the team that Harry and June founded, had to be broken up and what's more, if the WFA found out that any Chiltern Valley players were applying to register with other clubs, they were banned for three months - unless they could prove they didn't realise they had broken WFA rules by travelling to Mexico with the Batts. This level of vindictiveness seems extraordinary

today, especially as Harry and June were such visionaries. They saw where the womens game could go and they hoped that the fledgling English women's football community would be able to learn so much from their experiences in Mexico. Harry and June simply wouldn't be stopped by pontification, establishment hierarchy, red tape and hesitancy and much like many other great pioneers, they and many of their players paid the price for it.

Yvonne, like many of her teammates, returned to an ordinary life. She married Keith and brought up a family in Luton where they lived for many years before retiring to Hopton. Yvonne didn't even kick a football again for many years. Harry returned to the buses and died in obscurity in 1985, aged 78. On her own part, Yvonne says "I have no regrets, only that I wish I was a bit older so that I could take in how big it really was."

Epilogue

Over the years, there has been renewed interest in Copa '71, culminating in the fabulous documentary film of the same name (currently on iplayer and a brilliant watch) being released. In 2023, Harry & June Batt, and the British Independents (as they are now officially referred to) have been recognised for the pioneers they were with their own blue plaque, dedicated by, you guessed it, the FA.

Members of the squad and Harry's son today.

Oh yes, and finally, many years later one of the squad actually went on to be the founder of Arsenal Ladies Football Team.....don't laugh!

With many thanks to Yvonne and Keith Bradley for generously giving their time to share this remarkable story with me.



The Cutting Crew



The Cutting Crew have maintained St Margaret's churchyard for some eight years now. We would like to send very sincere and heartfelt thanks to the Hopton on Sea Relief in Need Charity committee. Mrs Shirley Pearce and Mrs Marion Hardisty, pictured, presenting the cheque for £400 to Tony Tungate.

Our total funds at the point of the donation was - 19p. Without their generous donation we were at the point of collapse. With this injection to our funds, it should see us through this year. We do not receive regular funding, therefore this generous donation is very much appreciated.

We are at present a team of five, and rely greatly on the help of the Community Services people who come one day every three weeks and do a first rate job. There is much to do throughout the year but especially in the grass cutting months which all costs, in the way of mowers, mower maintenance, petrol and much more.

It is only possible to continue the level of upkeep to our beautiful churchyard with the generous help from such support. The compliments that we receive from all those who visit makes it all worthwhile.

Many, many thanks for keeping us going.

Tony, Vic, Alan, John and Jill (The Cutting Crew).

Essential gardening checklist for September

1. Buy and plant spring bulbs.
2. Plant bulbs for colour at Christmas and Spring.
3. Deadhead roses.
4. Harvest sweetcorn and onions.
5. Rake lawn, aerate and apply autumn fertiliser.
6. Sow new lawns.

Village People



Village people is an interview series about the people who live and/or work in Hopton. Each month, I ask the same six questions and this month's plucky volunteer is Zandra Ward. Many thanks to Zandra for being such a good sport!

By Kevin Lee

Interested in taking part?
Email klee.hospc@gmail.com

Village People Questions

1. Describe yourself in five words.

Fun, crazy, reliable, caring, just me

2. Can you say a little about why you chose those words?

Fun... I like to enjoy myself alone or with others,

Crazy... as above but often just randomly and madly!

Reliable...I am organised and won't let others down

Caring... just comes naturally to me. I like to help others and be there for them

Just me...I am me and I won't have it any other way, as long as I am not upsetting anyone!

3. Tell me a bit about a typical day in your life.

A cuppa first thing while watching the morning news (unless its too depressing then I switch over).

I am married so enjoy time out and about with my husband either locally or venturing further afield. I have recently stopped work (I worked with children with additional needs for over 25 years) due to mobility issues so now swim, cycle, gym as much as I can to keep moving and build up strength. While the sun is shining you may see me plodding about in the garden or walking/ cycling locally. When the weather isn't so kind, I enjoy a bit of DIY, I like baking because I just love cake and I keep my brain active by doing jigsaw puzzles or puzzle books.

I volunteer at our village youth club, deliver the village news and attend the SNAP meetings on Hopton behalf (have done since moving from Kent and into the village over 8 years ago), and for fun...I just love a bit of karaoke!!!

4. What's your favourite thing about the village?

The community spirit and the fact we have a beautiful beach right on our doorstep.

5. What's important to you?

Family and friends! Between myself and husband, we have 6 children and 6 grandchildren. They love to spend time here as its 'like a holiday to them' and we spend a lot of time together making memories.

6. Tell me a funny/strange/unexpected story involving something that has happened to you?

Well, Well, Well...when I was a teenager (living in Kent) I used to do a paper round. One year there was a competition to find the best paper boy/ girl. I only went and won it for my area! I went to London for a weekend, stayed in a posh hotel, watched Robin Cousins skating (ok some of you may not have heard of him) and then met him and the cast backstage before having a really posh tea. The next day I went to 10 Downing Street, where the police let me through security to post an edition of the local paper through the door. The door looked massive, even though I was pretty tall for a teen! (I do have a picture but it is buried in my loft so you may see it in a later edition of the village news when I can access it)

During Easter/ covid times, I couldn't see my own grandchildren, so instead, I had some small chocolate eggs and cycled around the village for two and half hours, spotting any families in their gardens and dropping some chocolate eggs at the front (I posted on the residents facebook page to look out for me and parents confirming it was ok to leave chocolate of course).