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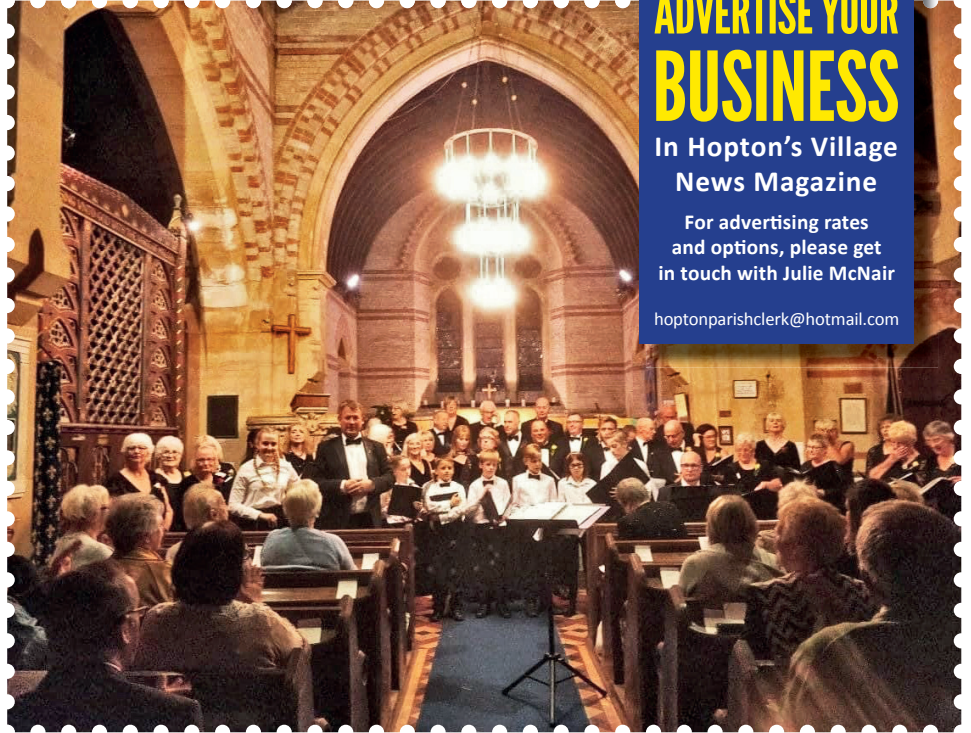
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## ALSO IN THIS EDITION:

- Photos from Party in the Park
- Escape to Paradise!
- School sports day
- Craft Fayres at St. Margaret's Church 10 and 24 August
- Youth Club news - enrolment for September 2024
- Parish Council Meeting 12 August, 7.30pm Village Hall. All welcome.

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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.

**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**Planning Application Withdrawn re:**  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.

Land South of Links Road and East of Lowestoft Road Hopton-On-Sea NR31 9AN

Notification received from GYBC Planning that the Application has been Withdrawn.

## 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.

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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).

- Autumn Bingo in the Village Hall Saturday 28 September.
- 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.

- AUGUST to DECEMBER 2024**
- Chorus of St. Cecilia Choir at St. Margaret's Church 30 August - see poster inside.
  - Craft Fayre at St. Margaret's Church 10 and 24 August, 14 and 28 September.
  - Quiz Night in the Village Hall Saturday 21 September.

To find out what's on at Hopton Village Hall, view their website:  
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## 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](http://www.hopton-on-seapc.info)

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

<b>Your Parish Cllrs are:-</b>	
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- Try to keep you house frontage litter-free.
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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

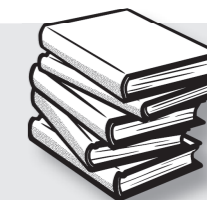
**fine of up to £1,000.**

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.



## HOPTON MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library visits Hopton once per month.

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- 2.35 - 2.50pm - Old Church Road lay by NR31 9BZ
- 2.55 - 3.10pm - Rogers Close NR31 9RP

**NEXT VISITS (WEDNESDAYS):**

7 August

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## Hopton CE Primary Academy Sports day

At Hopton CE Primary Academy, we held our annual sports day on Tuesday 18th June. The day was full of fun and laughter as the children took on a carousel of activities and running races while they worked as part of a team to score points. The children showed a great "have a go" attitude and demonstrated wonderful sportsmanship throughout the day.



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# HOPTON-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minute of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8 July 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, Pam Oakes, John Plaskett, 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. Kevin Lee.

**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 and response to questions raised at the last meeting.** In summary only. Answers to questions raised at the last meeting:

a) What is happening to the piece of land at the top end of the Lowestoft Road (north) past the last bungalow?

C/B Cllr. Carl Annison has advised that the land at the top on the left will hopefully be the responsibility of the residents who live in the new bungalows, once the new management company has been set up by the residents, which is in hand.

The whole road should be surfaced dressed Summer 2025. Reference Parish Council Minute dated 13 May 2024, item 10.c).

b) Cyclepath A47 needs cutting back.

The Parish Council contacted GYBC 13.6.2024. Acknowledgement received. GYBC report they have strimmed, but it does not appear that way. The Parish Council sent a reminder 27.6.24 to ask for strimming of both cycle paths onto the A47.

c) Lowestoft Road (north), gets flooded in heavy rain, cycle path becomes unusable.

C/B Cllr. Carl Annison has advised that flooding in this area has been reported again.

d) Between pavement and road verge behind Noel Close. Who is responsible for strimming?

Reference Parish Council Minute dated 13 May 2024, item 10.b). NCC carried out the first trim. NCC will pay GYBC to maintain the right hand side heading north and include in their regular cutting regime. Grass cutting regime is every three weeks, depending on the weather. Last cut and trim was 26.6.24.

C/B Cllr. Carl Annison advised that the

verges are still at the discussion stage with GY Services to cut, but NCC are strimming the area currently which is not ideal.

e) Weeds in gutters. Suggest volunteers attend to this?

The Parish Council asked NCC when weed spraying is to be carried out as the village looks unkept. Request sent 11.6.2024 and acknowledged. NCC advise they carry out weed spraying to verges once a year in late spring or early summer, depending on the weather. No fixed date can be given. Looks as though weeds have now been sprayed.

f) Slope of Lowestoft Road, soakaways are grills that need lifting and cleaning out.

Matter referred to C/B. Cllr. Carl Annison.

g) Does Parish Council own the bus shelter on Lowestoft Road and if so, who maintains it?

The Parish Council owns the bus shelter and arranges cleaning three times a year at a cost of £50 (for two shelters). Shelters washed 15.6.2024. Previous maintenance work has been carried out by Parish Cllrs.

h) Footway by bus stop overgrown with vegetation. Weeds in the gutter. Nearby hedges overgrowing pathway.

Refer to e) above. Nearby hedges and trees are privately owned. Letters were hand delivered on 17.6.24 to relevant homeowners asking them to trim back hedges/brambles and trees. Hedge next to the bus stop was subsequently trimmed back by the owners 26.6.2024.

i) Old School House, Lowestoft Road has been a building site for at least 5 years. Debris and rubbish left at the front which sometimes encroaches the footpath.

A Parish Cllr. has visited the homeowner for a chat (17.6.24) and to ensure that nothing encroaches on the footpath. The development is being carried out in accordance with planning permission.

j) Land fronting Teulon Close, used by Anglian Water left in a poor condition. When works completed, it should have been dug out, new soil laid and seeded.

There is only a small amount of shingle left in the ground. Last year, C/B Cllr. Annison arranged for the area to be cleared, top soil added and seeded. It is unfortunate that the area is used as an overflow car park by the football teams and on event days at the Recreation Ground. The Parish Council could discuss the possibility of bollards surrounding the green area to prevent encroachment by vehicles, however, that would push the parking problem further up the Lowestoft Road.

k) Rec Ground frontage. This is the Parish Council's responsibility, but due to lack of maintenance it has been overgrown. Why were Laurel bushes planted? Hawthorn would have been better. What species are the Laurels? We do not want the Laurels screening the field for security reasons. My dog was ill after being near the Laurels.

The Parish Council arranges for the front of the Recreation Ground to be strimmed two or three times a year by the contract gardener at a cost of £150 per time. This cost includes clearing of rubbish, strimming and removal of garden waste. Reference Parish Council Minute dated 13 May 2024, item 17.b).

In relation to the planting of Laurels, see Parish Council Minutes of 12.4.2021, item 10, 13.12.21 item 7.e) and many other references since. The reasons for planting Laurels are that they provide good hedging, the leaves are mostly year round, they provide a good spread and will suppress weed growth once the hedge is established. The reason the Parish Council did not plant Hawthorn is that they have no leaves in the winter, just bare spikes.

The exact species of Laurel planted are Prunus Lauro Cerasus. Common Laurel, English Laurel, Cherry Laurel.

The contract gardener has confirmed that the Laurels have not been affected by any toxic substance.

The Parish Council at no time suggested the Laurels should be left to grow as a high screen. The tops will be trimmed to ensure this does not happen.

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A question was raised regarding the land on Hall Road, near the church/former post office corner.

This land is privately owned.

**4. To confirm the Minute of the Parish Council Meeting held 10 June 2024.**

It was proposed by Cllr. Ames and seconded by Cllr. K. Bradley to approve the Minute. Agreed by majority vote (due to Cllr. absence at last meeting).

**5. To receive County and Borough Councillors' Reports.**

C/B Cllr. Annison advised the situation regarding the Lowestoft Road (north) has changed in the last few days. GYBC no longer want to include the area in their cutting regime. The Highways Engineer for this area has moved on, and a new Engineer has yet to be appointed. As soon as the new Engineer is appointed, Cllr. Annison will make contact to progress matters as the situation is currently unsatisfactory.

Meanwhile, he will ask GYBC's "hit squad" if they are able to tackle the problem as a one off.

The new flashing signs outside Hopton CE Primary Academy have now been installed. This has been paid for using County Cllr. Annison's highways fund.

Cllr. Annison will write to National Highways regarding speeding vehicles approaching Hopton roundabout from both directions, to see whether yellow stripes across the road could be installed.

The road sweeper will be visiting Hopton soon, no fixed date has been set.

**6. To consider the Clerk's reports.**

**a) Correspondence.** Listing as previously circulated.

**b) Planning applications.**

06/24/0269/TRE Proposed works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order (ref TPO No. 2 1979) - Groups G3 and G4 - Proposal to fell multiple trees.

Potters Leisure Resort Coast Road Hopton NR31 9BX. No objection by the Planning Committee.

06/24/0281/HH White Mays Cliff Lane Hopton NR31 6JY

Erection of single storey side extension to provide new garage; Erection of two storey rear/side south-facing extension with balcony; Erection of front porch; Removal of hedge to Cliff Lane and replacement with low brick wall and planting. No objection by the Planning Committee.

06/24/0462/VCO Amendment to reserved matter No. 2 relating to 200 homes east side of Lowestoft Road - planning 06/17/0339/0 refers. No objection by the Planning Committee.

**Permissions Granted by GYBC:** None

**Planning Permissions Refused by GYBC:** None

**c) Finance. To agree July 2024 invoices for payment and bank reconciliation statement as at 30 June 2024.**

Seven payments and two direct debits totalling £5,193.50 from the business current account. It was proposed by Cllr. Hacon and seconded by Cllr. Plaskett to approve the bank reconciliation statement and list of payments. This was 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) Remedial Works to the wall.**

Works as previously outlined have been carried out.

**c) Pigeons in the Tower.**

Four dead pigeons were reported on the netting in the tower. Abate have been out to

assess the situation. They were unable to remove the dead pigeons at the time, but will return (at no cost) to remove them with the correct equipment. The legal grade netting for pigeons (50mm sq.) was used, but the pigeons may not be seeing it as they fly up into the tower. If this is the case, Abate will see if a smaller grade of netting can be used.

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

**a) Defib monthly maintenance update.**

Monthly maintenance carried out by Cllr. K. Bradley.

**b) Working Party progress.**

Members of the Working Party have met. A meeting with Hopton Harriers FC has been organised. The matter will come back on the Agenda for full Parish Council approval at a future date.

**c) Feedback from stall at Party in the Park 15 June 2024.**

Unfortunately, the weather was very poor in the afternoon. A profit of £46.70 was made.

**9. To consider a "handy person" for odd jobs around the village.**

Following a brief discussion regarding an approved list of organisations/people for particular jobs, it was proposed by Cllr. Windsor-Luck and seconded by Cllr. Ames not to employ a handy person. This was unanimously agreed. Cllr. Oakes offered to supply a grease gun to Cllr. Tonks for use on the Recreation Ground barrier.

**10. To receive and consider updates from previous Minutes.**

**a) Expenditure of Developer's Contribution. Section 106 money bid to upgrade the play area at St. Clair Court.**

Work is due to commence week 9 September 2024 to upgrade the play area.

Some discussion took place regarding additional seating in the area. Quotations will be obtained for a recycled plastic bench.

**11. To re-consider on-line training "how to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan" provided by Norfolk Parish Training & Support, date yet to be provided. Cost £48.00.**

Cllr. Plaskett has been unable to attend the July training. NPT&S will be providing a further on-line course later in the year. It was proposed by Cllr. Hacon and seconded by Cllr. Plaskett that when the course date is known, and if Cllr. Plaskett is available, to book the training at a cost of £48.00. This was unanimously agreed.

**12. To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of Hopton-on-Sea Parish Council. Monday 12 August 2024, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

Confirmed.

The meeting closed at approximately 8.05pm.



## CHUCKLE CORNER ONE LINERS

• I was wondering why the frisbee kept getting bigger and bigger, but then it hit me.

• Most people are shocked when they find out how bad I am as an electrician.

• Light travels faster than sound, which is the reason that some people appear bright before you hear them speak.

• Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation toward the local swimming pool. I gave him a glass of water.

• I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. It's impossible to put down.

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

• It was an emotional wedding. Even the cake was in tiers.

• Two wifi engineers got married. The reception was fantastic.

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

[hoptonparishclerk@hotmail.com](mailto:hoptonparishclerk@hotmail.com)



# Sponsorship of flower tubs

If you have a local business and would like to sponsor one of the flower boxes on Anglian Way or Station Road, the wishing well on the Lowestoft Road or the boat in the Millennium Garden, please get in touch with the Parish Council. It's a great way to promote your business!



## How to contact Norfolk Constabulary



PLEASE REMEMBER IF AN INCIDENT IS ONGOING OR LIFE IS IN DANGER CALL 999 IMMEDIATELY

Safer Neighbourhood Team: **E-Mail:** SNTGY@NORFOLK.PNN.POLICE.UK

**Tel:** 101 For non-emergency or **REPORT IT** on [www.norfolk.police.uk](http://www.norfolk.police.uk)

**Emergency Dial:** 999 You can call to report a crime anonymously on 0800 555 111

Follow on Social Media **FACEBOOK:** Great Yarmouth Police **TWITTER:** @GYarmouthPolice

### 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 Parish Council meeting 12th 7.30pm all welcome
<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 August 24

[www.hopton-on-seaVH.info](http://www.hopton-on-seaVH.info)  
Bookings via website or phone  
01502 730768 and speak to Kye.

### Events:



MAIN HALL



SMALL HALL



### Dear Residents

I thought I would share some great news with you all.

Over the past 10 Years I have continued to represent the people of Hopton as one of your Borough Councillors in Local Government at GYBC.

That itself is a total honour and a huge responsibility.

But recently at the GYBC AGM, I have been elected to the position of Deputy Mayor of GYBC. This is a huge honour, and one that I am so proud of.

The role is certainly going to be busy supporting the Mayor, but a role I will undertake with honesty and integrity.

My role as one of your Borough Councillors continues the same, so please contact me as normal if you require my help on any issues.

Kind regards

**Clr Carl Anison**  
Borough / County Councillor  
Deputy Mayor  
GYBC



We had a great final night playing games, making and eating popcorn and candyfloss and eating ice cream cornets.

The Youth Club is currently closed for the summer holidays and plans to reopen **Friday 27th September**. Please join the Hopton Youth Club Facebook group to keep up to date with current opening times, events and closures.



[www.facebook.com/groups/265693031523615](https://www.facebook.com/groups/265693031523615)

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Membership is open to youngsters from Hopton, Corton and Blundeston who are going to Year 5 this September up to 17 years of age. Entrance fee is £2 per member. We are a non-profit club open on Friday evenings at the Village Hall during school term time, from 7pm until 9pm. There is also a tuck shop where members can purchase an assortment of soft drinks, crisps, chocolate bars and sweets (free tap water is also available).

Members have a chance to make new friends and build on their social skills. They have access to play computer games, table football, pool/snooker, table tennis, board games and an array of arts and craft activities. When the opportunity arises and volunteers are at a premium, assisted

activities take place such as cooking and making slime/playdough.

For enrolment to start 27th September please email [hoptonyouthclub@outlook.com](mailto:hoptonyouthclub@outlook.com) to be sent a copy. All forms are to be completed and returned by Saturday 31st August. Completed forms can be returned to the email inbox or posted in the Village Hall post box. If this date is missed the next membership enrolment will be for November 2024.

We run fully by the support of adult volunteers, who are covered by the current DBS regulations. With most having full time jobs and families of their own, commitment to the Youth Club can be demanding. Therefore, any adult wishing to support the club we would love to hear from you.

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](mailto: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:**  
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and keep up to date with current events.



# Hopton's Lost Lioness

## Part 3: Copa '71

**H**aving heard about how Yvonne found herself in Mexico as part of the England squad for Copa '71 last month, we rejoice the story as the tournament begins in earnest.

Yvonne explains "We'd had a couple of weeks to acclimatise and train before the tournament. The public response in Mexico was now at a fever pitch. When we went anywhere in the coach, we had to have a Police escort and fans lined the roads, throwing gifts at us."

The opening ceremony and first game at the Aztec Stadium between Mexico and Argentina attracted a crowd of 94,000 people. Mexico ran out 3-1 winners to the delight of the home fans. The next game, England v Argentina, also at the Aztec attracted a more modest crowd of approximately 25,000 but it was still very different to what the team were used to in England, where women's football had been deliberately stifled by the FA. There, they were lucky if they attracted more than a couple of dozen spectators and some of them had come only to be cruel and laugh at the women for having the temerity to play "a men's game."

The England Ladies Squad, Mexico 1971. Yvonne is at the top left.

The game against Argentina was an extremely physical one and England went 1-0 down early on. However, England were undeterred and 15 year old Paula Rayner scored after 22 minutes to pull it back to 1-1. The physical nature of their opponents started to take its toll on England. Another player, Trudy McCaffery recalls: "They were going to win at all costs, and it didn't matter if you got in the way. They were quite prepared to run over you rather than run around you."

England captain, Carol Wilson, 19 badly injured her foot but carried on playing. The game got so brutal that June Batt, Harry's wife, implored him to take the team off the pitch, but despite his obvious agitation, he couldn't do it. Argentina went on to win the game 4-1 but the cost was not just the defeat, there were a lot of injuries for the squad of 14 to contend with and the next game against Mexico was less than 24 hours away!

Yvonne didn't play in the first match, so she was fresh and ready for match day two against Mexico. Before they really had time to reflect on the previous game, the girls found themselves in the tunnel at the Aztec once more about to come out in front of a huge partisan crowd. There is no official attendance figure for the game, but estimates range from 90 - 95,000. Interestingly, the official record for a women's football match is 90,125 for the World Cup Final of 1999 in California. Incredibly, the Mexican crowd had been treated to pre-match entertainment of a motorcycle stunt display and a 30-minute match between singers and actresses (the actresses won 1-0).

Finally, Yvonne and the others found themselves walking out to this crowd in the baking sunshine without an inch of shade and then the match was underway.

Mexico's star player Alicia "La Pele" Vargas drove

her Mexico team on, and within 3 minutes, they were 1-0 up. However, despite their injuries, England rallied and kept the score to 1-0 at half-time. Yvonne remembers "A lot of people said the Mexicans were dirty too, they weren't, they were just really fast."



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England held their own in the second half but eventually went a second goal down. Mexico scored two more without reply. Meanwhile, the England players were dropping like flies.

One England player's account of the match reads "Mexico 4 - Us 1 broken leg, 1 broken foot, 3 strained ligaments, 1 cartilage, 1 badly bruised shoulder & various other bruises, cuts, bumps and knocks."

It was Yvonne who had broken her leg, while Carol Wilson discovered she had broken a small bone in her foot the day before. In total, eight English girls were treated in hospital. Most of the team needed oxygen after the game.

"It's too much for the girls to play two games in less than 24 hours," Harry Batt complained. "You don't even see this in men's football." However, the brutal truth was England were knocked out of the tournament.

Yvonne takes up the story "I had carried on playing with the fracture, but after the game I was examined and told I was OK. Later, I was coming down in the lift in the hotel and I saw some of the girls on the way to the hospital. Harry asked if I was OK and I said not really, so he said 'you'd better come with us'."

**Next time:** The tournament concludes and the England ladies fly home.

## 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, I ask the same six questions. Having focused on a number of very interesting locals over the previous months, all of whom are far more interesting than me, I have succumbed to a request to be the feature of my own article. So, somewhat 'hoisted by my own petard,' here goes....**

**By Kevin Lee**

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

Village People Questions

### 1. Describe yourself in five words.

Genuine, compassionate, complicated, stubborn, campaigner.

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

Genuine, because I believe in people and honestly want to do my best by them. Compassionate because I think it's important that we care for and support each other, especially those who are most vulnerable or don't have a voice. Complicated because it's taken me fifty years to work out what makes me tick and to know the strengths and weaknesses of my character. Stubborn because if I'm told something can't be achieved or won't work and I think it can, I refuse to accept it or change my mind. Campaigner because I'm outspoken, I like to challenge the status quo and I have a strong sense of right and wrong.

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

I'm a former headteacher and I now have a business that works with school staff, especially leaders, on wellbeing for the adults in a school. It's based on the idea that the most precious people in a school are the children, so the most important resource are the staff. Most days, I'll either be working remotely or in schools. If I'm not working, my wife and I enjoy birdwatching and supporting Ipswich Town. At some point every day, I'll have some largely obscure and loud music on my headphones and I'll also play my drums (also through headphones) for about an hour. It's my alternative to going to the gym. I'm a member of the Parish Council, so I try to devote some time most weeks to that too.

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

The people and the proximity to the sea. We've lived in Hopton since 2015 and have loved every minute of it. The people are so friendly and we've made some great friends. We both love the sea and never tire of simply looking at it and enjoying the sights and sounds.

### 5. What's important to you? (This is a question about what really makes you tick)

Having a positive impact on other people's lives. To me, that is our prime purpose.

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

Back in the 1990's we were in Paris on the Metro. I was proudly wearing a new hand-knitted aran jumper. The train was packed and, unbeknown to me, a loop of wool from the arm of the jumper got caught in the zip of a man's rucksack. We got off the train but my arm remained attached and the man thought I was trying to steal the rucksack. This was topped off by the fact that the old-style doors had slammed shut, trapping my arm. The train started to move along the platform and I found myself running towards a tunnel whilst I and the man, who had now worked out what was actually going on, tried to free me. It must have looked like something from a Charlie Chaplin film, but luckily, just before the tunnel I managed to free myself. I haven't run as fast since, but I've still got the (repaired) jumper.