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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).



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What a great party!

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks for joining us for Party in the Park, even though the weather conditions were challenging. Despite the weather, we had an enjoyable time together, and as always, your support made all the difference.

Thank you to all our sponsors: Visit Great Yarmouth, Hopton Pharmacy, RWR Renovations, and DB Builders. For the Volunteers who gave up their day to help

Thank You, along with every single one of you who comes along to support our fundraising nights at the village hall and all the local businesses who donated raffle prizes, without you, none of what we do is possible.

We look forward to seeing you at our future events this year and in 2025. Your continued support means everything to us.

Thank you once again!

Ian, Carole, Amber, Daniel, Abigail, Jack, Helen, Steve, Anne, Paula, Derren, Ant, & Jade

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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).

- 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



about armour, weapons and tactics to understand the power of the Roman army. We explored the Boudica and Roman gallery and discovered the similarities and differences between the objects both groups left behind. We explored Roman culture through objects, with an Icení who collects tax for the Romans. We also studied the Snettisham Treasure of Icení torcs with an archaeologist before being able to make our own.

Norwich Castle

Year 3 recently visited Norwich Castle for a 'Day with the Romans and Icení'. The class have been learning about the Romans and why they settled in Britain so it was brilliant to deepen their knowledge by getting first-hand experience with the people and artefacts from the time. Throughout the day, we met a Roman soldier and learnt

We had a fantastic day and represented Hopton beautifully!

Miss H Atkin
Class Teacher
Hopton Church of England Primary Academy

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- ### JULY to DECEMBER 2024
- Meet PC Mark Saggars 3 July 7pm – 8pm Hopton Church Ruin Coast Road
 - 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.

To find out what's on at Hopton Village Hall, view their website:
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Summer Activity Day

Tuesday 30 July 10am to 2pm Free event

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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

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

Your Parish Cllrs are:-

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Hopton-on-Sea Youth Club

The academic year is ending soon and we are pleased to report that it has been a good year. A big thank you to the old and new volunteers for your dedication and support, it has been vital to the running of the club and keeping the doors open. Also, a big thank you to the current members for their positive behaviour, we look forward to your return in September.

We have over 100 members enrolled, to manage this, those who have not attended the Youth Club this year will be removed from the register. This will also make way for the influx in September of new year 5's.

Last Friday for Youth Club will be 12th July, we will be closed for the

summer holidays from Friday 19th July until Friday 20th September, reopening Friday 27th September.

To enrol your child to start 27th September 2024, please pick up a form from the Village Hall any Friday 6:30pm till 9pm (until Friday 12th July), all completed forms to be submitted by 31st August. Alternately you can request a form via email hoptonyouthclub@outlook.com to be sent a copy. Completed forms can be returned by email, during Youth Club sessions at the Village Hall or posted in the Village Hall post box. If this date is missed the next membership enrolment will be for November 2024.

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.

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Hopton Harriers F.C report

Hello Residents and supporters of our Club. Firstly, thank you for all your ongoing support these past few years. Thank you to all our Club sponsors and our volunteers, as well as Hopton-on-Sea Parish Council.

I know during the season, at times, we can get very busy with parking, but we do encourage our own parents as well as visiting teams to park in a sensible and responsible manner. Unfortunately, not everyone uses common sense!

The Club has just finished its 4th season since being established in 2020. The Club is going from strength to strength, with over 125 players, around 50 per cent of those from within the village itself.

We currently have 10 teams, one of which is an all-girls team and also not forgetting our little Penguins sessions that run on Saturday morning for 2 to 5 year olds at 9.30am until 10.15am. We now have an adult pathway from youth football since joining a local adult team in the area. They do run separately to ourselves, but they now come under the Club name of Hopton and Hawthorn United, run by Stuart Holmes. Last seasons under 16s, when the season finished, went over to our adult team, now competing in the Lowestoft and District League.

The aim of our Club is to provide a safe, fun environment where we can develop all our players, regardless of age, race, gender, or ability. The Club has been working closely alongside Norfolk County FA and has just provided Pan Disability sessions for 6 to 11 year olds between 6pm to 7pm on a Monday evening. We will also be taking a Pan Disability team named Hopton Harriers Dolphine into the Pan Disability League in September, where we will compete with teams from Norwich, North and West Norfolk. Some parents were having to travel as far as Norwich to attend these sessions, with ourselves now being the only Club within the local area that are currently offering this provision.

On Friday 10th May we were contacted to see if we would host older disability session for 12 to 16 year olds, with us being the only Club within the whole of Norfolk approached at present by County FA. We have agreed and hopefully will be

starting these in the next few weeks. So keep a look out! Such is the amazing job our volunteers do. We have really impressed our local County FA.

Our Club has had another great season, and lots of children have enjoyed playing for their teams. Our Under 7 Orcas have just won the NSYL respect award in their age category. Three of our teams got to quarter finals of cups or shields, and our girls' teams, after a rebuild, had an amazing season in the Norwich Women's and Girls League, considering some of the girls hadn't played football before. They are also due to play Leicester City Girls in a touring tournament, May Bank Holiday, along with several of our other teams that have also entered the R and T Tours.

On Sunday 12th May, we held our end of season presentation where all our players received a trophy each, and there were some extra special recognitions too. This was held at Great Yarmouth Racecourse. Lots of children and their teams had photographs taken. A big thank you to Trevor Fuller, another local from within our village, who helped on the day.

The Club will always do its best to promote itself in a positive and correct way. We, as adults, are an example to the children at all times, and we must never forget that, after all, they are our future.

The Club clearly has its own identity that sets us apart from the rest and will continue to strive moving forwards at our own steady pace, with own ideas going into the future. The Club will strive to keep on providing in a positive way and following the Club's ethos.

Our Club still has some spaces in a few of the teams for next season. We are always looking for businesses to come on board and support us. Many sponsor kits etc. We always welcome new volunteers, from helping around the Club, assisting our grounds person or potential new coaches, we will support your learning. If you are looking for a new fresh challenge or want to be part of our great Club, please get in touch. Call **07791137373** or visit www.hoptonharriersfc.co.uk We also have a Facebook page.

Robert Fossett
Chairman
May 2024

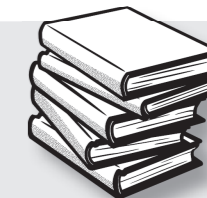


NEEDED - a person or two to help with the grass cutting at our St. Margaret's Church.

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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10 July, 7 August

4 September

2 October

30 October

27 November

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HOPTON-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minute of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10 June 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.

Also present: Julie McNair, Officer of the Council and four members of the public.

The Chairman pointed out housekeeping matters

1. To receive apologies for absence. Parish Cllrs. John Tonks and John Plaskett. County/Borough Cllr. Carl Anison and Borough Cllr. Katy Stenhouse.

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. In summary only:

- What is happening to the piece of land at the top end of the Lowestoft Road (north) past the last bungalow?
- Cyclepath A47 needs cutting back.
- Lowestoft Road (north), gets flooded in heavy rain, cycle path becomes unusable.
- Between pavement and road verge behind Noel Close. Who is responsible for strimming?
- Weeds in gutters. Suggest volunteers attend to this?
- Slope of Lowestoft Road, soakaways are grills that need lifting and cleaning out.
- Does Parish Council own the bus shelter on Lowestoft Road and if so, who maintains it?
- Footway by bus stop overgrown with vegetation. Weeds in the gutter. Hedges nearby overgrowing the pathway.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 two residents who raised the above matters did not want answers to their questions at the meeting. Therefore, the Parish Council will provide answers at the next meeting, or before if appropriate.

4. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting and

Annual Parish meeting held 13 May 2024. It was proposed by Cllr. Ames and seconded by Cllr. K. Bradley to approve the Minutes of 13 May 2024. Agreed by majority vote (due to Cllr. absence at last meeting).

5. To receive County and Borough Councillors' Reports. None.

6. To consider the Clerk's reports.a) Correspondence. Listing as previously circulated.
b) Planning applications.

06/24/0401/TRE Proposed works to TPO trees 2 x Conifers. Removal of branches overhanging boundary wall at Hopton House Hall Road NR31 9BB. No objection by the Planning Committee.

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.

Location: Potters Leisure Resort Coast Road Hopton NR31 9BX

With the Planning Committee for consideration.

06/24/0134/TRE Update on proposed work to Oak Tree east side of Recreation Ground Hopton (TPO No. 9 2021). Consent given by GYBC to reduce the tree by 1 – 2 metres and cobra brace eastern stem to western stem. Removal of major deadwood.

Talking Elm Tree Services will carry out the work on 12 June 2024 on behalf of the Parish Council.

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

Seven payments and two direct debits totalling £2,925.51 from the business current account. It was proposed by Cllr. Oakes and seconded by Cllr. Lee to approve the bank reconciliation statement and list of payments. This was unanimously agreed.

d) Annual Report and Accounts submitted to external auditors PKF Littlejohn for approval.

The AGAR is expected to be returned around September 2024. Details have been published on the Parish Council's website.

7. To receive information and consider matters relating to the Millennium Garden/Ruin.
a) Anti-social behaviour.

PC Mark Saggars has been asked to increase patrols in the area.

b) Outcome of talks with Diocese.

Talks are continuing with the school and

Diocese concerning a separate metered supply from the school to the Millennium Garden. Cllr. Lee will also investigate the use of solar versus low wattage LED and the possibility of bats in the vicinity.

8. To receive information and consider matters relating to the Recreation Ground/Pavilion.
a) Defib monthly maintenance update.

Monthly maintenance carried out by Cllr. Y. Bradley.

b) Working Party.

Cllrs. Windsor-Luck, Hacon, Lee and Ames make up the Working Party. The Parish Council set a brief outline for discussion by the Working Party at their first meeting.

c) Strimming front of Recreation Ground.

Strimming has been carried out by the Parish Council's contract gardener. The overhanging tree branches have also been removed. The laurel bushes are growing really well, except for the last 7 which were dug up and replanted. These still have bud growth and leaves so it is likely they will survive. There is no sign of any toxic substance affecting them.

d) Stall at Party in the Park 15 June 2024.

Cllr. Lee suggested providing pots of strawberries and cream (including vegan cream), priced up at £2.50 per pot. All pots and cutlery will be totally recyclable. Assistance will be needed and Cllrs. Windsor-Luck, Hacon, Y. Bradley and K. Bradley volunteered. Food hygiene certificate and public liability insurance is in place.

If the weather is inclement, the alternative for the stall is a game or two. The day is about talking with residents and joining in the community spirit.

9. To receive and consider updates from previous Minutes.

a) Feedback from 80th anniversary of D. Day event held 6 June 2024.

The Parish Council thanked Cllr. Lee for organising the day with the school and Ritson Lodge. Lighting of the Peace Lantern at Hopton beach in the evening was a nice end to the day's events.

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

The Parish Council's bid to upgrade the play area has been successful. The preferred supplier, Creative Play, has discounted the price so it falls under the £25,000 threshold to comply with GYBC's procurement policy.

The existing swing frame is remaining, with one baby seat removed to accommodate a new flat seat. The existing multi play frame is being removed. A new multi play frame is to be installed, and a new timber adventure trail. A purchase order has been submitted by GYBC to Creative Play. Installation is predicted towards the end of July 2024.

The Parish Council will consider additional seating in the area at the next meeting.

10. To re-consider a Neighbourhood Plan for Hopton-on-Sea.

Paperwork has been circulated to all Parish Cllrs. A brief discussion took place.

External training is available on how to prepare a NP. It was proposed by Cllr. Windsor-Luck and seconded by Cllr. Ames to carry this item over to next month. This was unanimously agreed.

11. To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of Hopton-on-Sea Parish Council. Monday 8 July 2024, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Confirmed.

The meeting closed at approximately 8.20pm.

Minute of Annual Parish Meeting held Monday 13 May 2024, commencing at 8.25pm in the Village Hall Station Road Hopton-on-Sea NR31 9BE.

The Annual Parish Meeting is an Electors meeting at which any matter of relevance to the parish may be discussed in open forum.

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 14 members of the public.

The Chairman pointed out housekeeping matters.

1. To elect a Chairman for the Annual Parish Meeting.

(If the Chairman of the Parish Council is present, he/she must preside).

Cllr. Jan Windsor-Luck presided.

2. To receive presentations/information from various groups, organisations and businesses in the Parish.

a) Presentation by Ian Wall, Chairman, Hopton Residents Events Committee.

Ian provided an overview from September 2018, through the Covid lockdowns, to the present day. This included the Facebook page that was a great marketing tool and there are now over 2,300 members. Events have ranged from quizzes, dancing on your doorstep, national thank you day, QPJ, etc. The Yarn Bombers were also set up and in

September 2022 Hopton Residents Events Committee was officially formed with a constitution and public liability insurance. Fifteen members make up the Committee and the aim is to organise 5 key events each year, to bring a smile to faces and make memories. The cost of these events is around £12,000 a year. Fundraising evenings are held, and donations from local businesses and other sources have been very generous. More volunteers are needed to help on event days, and to come onto the committee. To contact the Committee please e-mail hopton.residents@gmail.com

b) Presentation by Roger Aldous, Hopton Lawn Bowls Club.

The history of the club dates back to 1919 and is still going strong some 105 years later. An irrigation system was installed in 2023. The Club play in Sunshine League and Lothingland League. We all look smart as we have a sponsor for our shirts. There is a great social calendar in the winter for our 30 plus members, and a few social members. Anyone interested in joining please contact Roger on 01502 732093.

c) Presentation by Zandra Ward, Hopton Youth Club.

The Youth Club started around 15 years ago (it was originally a Parish Council initiative). It runs on a Friday evening term time only between 7 – 9 pm in the Village Hall. £2 entry per young person. Around 45 members attend each week, between the ages of 10 and 17 years. We organise board games, play table tennis, cookery, play station, arts and crafts, a tuck shop etc. Some members are taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh scheme. The Youth Club is a safe place for members to meet up, make new friends and have fun. We rely on donations and volunteers to run the club. More volunteers are needed, and in particular a Treasurer. If you can help please e-mail hoptonyouthclub@outlook.com

d) Presentation by Shirley Pearce, Hopton-on-Sea Relief in Need.

Hopton in Need receives income from a parcel of land given to the Parish in 1813. The Parish Council used to give out bags of coal purchased with income from the land. It is now a registered charity and provides help to individuals in the village who have fallen on hard times. Application is made to the Secretary of the Charity, and the Trustees meet a few times a year. A lot of the work is carried out via e-mail particularly if there is urgency when considering an application for help. The rental of the land doesn't generate a lot of money but the Trust has been able to assist many residents and organisations in the village over the years. Additional Trustees are needed. If you are interested please contact Marion (Secretary) e-mail hoptoninneedcharity@outlook.com

e) Written report from Michael Pearce, Chairman, Village Hall Management Trust (VHMT).

The brief report was read out by Cllr. Windsor-Luck. The VHMT thanked private

and regular users for providing varied classes for Hopton residents and the wider community. There is an ongoing issue regarding rental from the Surgery to use the car park. For the year end 2023, due to increases in all products, but mainly energy costs, there was a disappointing loss of over £10,000.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their presentations/report.

3. Any business raised by residents. None.

The meeting closed at approximately 8.50 pm.

Light refreshments were served.



CHUCKLE CORNER ONE LINERS

1. My wife told me to stop impersonating a flamingo. I had to put my foot down.

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

3. I can't believe I got fired from the calendar factory. All I did was take a day off.

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

5. Never trust atoms; they make up everything.

6. I used to think I was indecisive. But now I'm not so sure.

7. Russian dolls are so full of themselves.

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

hoptonparishclerk@hotmail.com



Sponsorship of flower tubs

Thank you to **Hopton Pharmacy** for continuing to sponsor the two flower tubs at the entrance to the village and the wheelbarrow.

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

Safer Neighbourhood Team:

E-Mail: SNTGY@NORFOLK.PNN.POLICE.UK

Tel: 101 non urgent matters **Emergency Dial: 999**



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Main hall

- Monday:** 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:** Sweaty Mama 12.30pm to 2pm
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
- Tuesday:** 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 July 24

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

Events:
4th – Parliamentary Elections



MAIN HALL



SMALL HALL

D-DAY 80

On Thursday 6th June, the Hopton school family joined together with the Parish Council and residents from Ritson Lodge Care Home to remember the extraordinary efforts of Allied troops on D-Day.

The commemorative event, organised by Cllr. Kevin Lee of Hopton Parish Council, marked the 80th anniversary of D-Day and the beginning of the Battle of Normandy.

During Collective Worship, the pupils heard how on the beaches of Normandy, in the seas beyond and in the skies overhead, our Armed Forces carried out their duty with a humbling sense



Four brave soldiers from Hopton.... Sgt Harry Rackham, killed during the evacuation to Dunkirk May 1940, aged 36 Sgt John Orde Walter, killed in Normandy, 13th June 1944 (D Day +7). He was born at Hopton Manor and there is a memorial to him in St Margaret's Church Lance Corporal Gordon Francis Ball, Dorsetshire Regiment, killed in France 3rd August 1944 Private Frederick Pearson, Glasgow Highlanders, killed in Germany 14th February 1945.



The Kolihma Epitaph: "When you go home, Tell them of us and say, For your tomorrow, We gave our today".

Although there is no longer a beacon on the cliff top at Hopton, on the evening of 6th June, at 9.12pm, a Peace Lamp was lit at Hopton beach in memory of those who fought during the war. Thank you to Anglian Iron Works for making the lantern pole and donating it to the Parish Council.

of resolve and determination: values so characteristic of that remarkable wartime generation.

The pupils had the opportunity to visit a pop-up museum with artefacts from the era. They heard the individual stories of courage, resilience and solidarity from local residents of Hopton which could not fail to move each of us, to inspire us, and to remind us of what we owe to that great generation.

In the afternoon, Year 6 pupils visited the residents of Ritson Lodge Care home. They enjoyed a traditional afternoon tea and reflected on the beginning and end of the Second World War through music and performance.

To mark the occasion, the Parish Council kindly presented the school with a copy of Michael Morpurgo's latest book which on the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings, tells a new story about this milestone moment in British history.

Headteacher
Hopton Church of England Primary Academy

Cllr. Kevin Lee writes:

Hopton's war memorial lists eight names of army, navy and air force personnel who were lost in World War 2. Everybody from Hopton was affected, whether it be through rationing, war work, having to take shelter from bombing raids, giving evacuees a temporary home, or just digging for victory. There was a military camp in Hopton (near where Potters is now). First of all it was an army training base, and then it was a radar station and gun battery. It performed a vital role, particularly in the early days of the war. A number of soldiers were based in Hopton and they would have been a familiar sight in the village.



Hopton's Lost Lioness

Part 2: Mexico

Last month, we found out how Hopton's lost lioness found herself playing for England ladies, aged just 16 and how she was selected to take part in Copa '71 in Mexico. We rejoin the story as they are travelling...



The squad outside their hotel

The young squad travelled to Mexico in their travel uniform of white crimplene skirts, white blouses and checked blazers. There were 14 of them in total, which is nothing compared to today's squads of 25, and most were very young, with only two over the age of 20. Along with manager Harry Batt and his wife June, they were accompanied by Pat Dunn as chaperone and trainer. Pat was a qualified referee (which, of course, she had to fight for) and for a brief time was chair of the WFA. Eagle eyed readers will have by now noticed that sexism and misogyny features strongly in this story, so it should come as no surprise that Pat was asked to resign as Chair by the FA, so that she could be replaced by a man.....

After the long flight, and arriving in a different timezone, the squad struggled to comprehend what awaited them. Yvonne explains; "We were met at the airport by huge screaming crowds and

numerous reporters. One of the girls said that there must have been somebody famous on the plane that they were waiting for. It slowly dawned on us that we were the ones they'd come to see!"

After arriving, they had two weeks to acclimatise and prepare. Several of the squad appeared on Mexican TV to be interviewed about the tournament. They stayed in the same hotel as the men's team in the 1970 World Cup. "Each pair of us shared suites, not just a room," says Yvonne. The atmosphere for the men had been a bit difficult in 1970, after the late Bobby Moore was accused of stealing a bracelet from a shop, but the women were welcomed warmly and the Mexicans really took them to their hearts. Another member of the squad, Chris Lockwood remembers how the squad were really interested in the locals and took their time to find out about them and their lives. "We were down to earth, and they liked that. We were approachable. I remember them saying, 'You talk to us when you're signing autographs'. But to us it was only natural. We would like to know about them. But maybe some people wouldn't bother."

The hotel was besieged by fans and autograph hunters were a constant fixture at the training ground. Yvonne remembers the police escorts that were always necessary whenever they travelled anywhere "We had a police car front and back of the coach and crowds came out to wave at us." It must have been a huge amount to take in for the young squad.

There were six teams involved in Copa '71, all of whom were more experienced than the young amateurs of England. The teams were divided into two groups: Argentina, Mexico and England in Group 1 and Denmark (the reigning champions), Italy and France in Group 2.



An autograph hunter asks a member of the England squad to sign.

The team were due to play their matches at the Aztec Stadium, which had a capacity of 110,000 at the time and had hosted the men's World Cup final of 1970. In 1971, it was one of only two football stadiums in Mexico independent of FIFA control and therefore free to host the tournament.

The tournament begins....

The Tournament was sponsored by Martini & Rossi and Yvonne recalls that there were adverts everywhere. No expense was spared, with the company covering the costs of each team's

travel, accommodation and kits. This didn't, however, extend as far as paying the players. Xochitl, a stylised young woman in a football kit, was the official mascot of the tournament and appeared on branding and advertisements.

Bizarrely, the goalposts were painted with pink and white hoops and staff at the stadiums wore pink in a misguided attempt to try to appeal to girls and families. The stage was set for the opening ceremony and the first of the group games....

Next time: The tournament starts in earnest....



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. Last time, we focused on Hopton's lost lioness Yvonne Bradley and to continue the

footballing theme this month, we hear about QPR legend Ian Gillard. Ian had a long and illustrious career in football, playing 500 league games, mostly for the hoops, and he also got three England caps in the 1970s. He and his wife Rosie have recently moved into the village, so I'm sure you'll join me in welcoming them to Hopton.

By Kevin Lee

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

1. Describe yourself in five words.

Decrepit, overweight, exhausted, sad, reliable.

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

Because that's exactly how I feel. I've had a bad few months and left my mum behind.

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

My wife wakes me at 6.30 with a cup of tea, I get up, head to the kitchen

for another cup of tea, then a cup of coffee! After that, I take our dog to the park, sit on the bench and let her play.

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

The peace and quiet. There are no noisy aeroplanes (we used to live under the flight path for Heathrow). There are also less cars and life is generally calmer.

5. What's important to you?

Family and health

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

In 1975, I had no landline telephone and relied on my mate over the road. One afternoon, he came over and said "Get your bag packed quick, you've been called up for the England squad." I thought he was having me on, I didn't believe him. He said "I'm serious! Don Revie has just phoned me...."

So, off I went to the England hotel at Cockfosters and ended up getting my first cap!