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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).

Christmas Posting Dates

Saturday 18 December for 2nd class and 2nd class signed for.

Tuesday 21 December for 1st class and 1st class signed for.

Thursday 23 December for special delivery guaranteed.

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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).

Wednesday 20 December: Santa and his Sleigh around Hopton in the evening, courtesy of the GY Lions Club.

Wednesday 20 December: Carol Service at St. Margaret's Church at 7pm.

Sunday 24 December: Crib Service at 5pm.

Sunday 24 December: Midnight Mass at 11.30pm.

2024:

Date for your diary. Saturday 15 June. Party in the Park at the Recreation Ground.

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:

www.hopton-on-seapc.info

DECEMBER:

Saturday 2 December: Ritson Lodge Care Home Christmas Fete 11am to 3pm.

Saturday 9 December: Carols around the Ruin/Millennium Garden.

Monday 11 December: Parish Council meeting 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All welcome.



There are a few dates that you might like to come and celebrate

or share with us at
St Margarets Church Hopton On Sea

Sunday 3rd December the first Sunday of Advent and also Lite Bite lunch.

Saturday 16th December Decorating the

church. The theme is travel related.

Wednesday 20th December
19.00 Carol Service

Sunday 24th December Crib Service 17.00

Sunday 24th December
11.30 Midnight Mass

Do come and join us, you will be welcome.
Irene (churchwarden)



Village People

Village People is a new interview series about the people who live and work in Hopton

Each month, we will ask a different Hoptonite the same six questions. 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. For our first edition, we are starting with Carole Wall. Many of you will know Carole and her husband Ian through Hopton Events, especially Party in the Park. A massive thanks to Carole for agreeing to be in the hot seat first!

Next month, we will feature someone different.....tune in to find out who!

Interested in being the subject of Village People? Email Cllr. Kevin Lee on klee.hospc@gmail.com

1. Describe yourself in five words.
Crazy, forgetful, caring, busy, happy

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

I come up with some crazy ideas, we have so much going on I forget so much stuff, Ian constantly has to remind me, I care about everyone

and everything and like to think I'm a friendly person.

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

Our day starts at the crack of dawn when Dave (the dog) decides it's time for us to get up and take him for his morning walk, before we set off for work. I work for a busy local lettings agent as a senior property manager. We both work for Hopton Families so they get to see all of our crazy antics inside and outside of work in the village, we hope we do them all proud. Ian works in the leisure industry as an activities coordinator. It's his job to come up with new fun activities for guests to do whilst on their holidays. We spend a lot of our own time researching ideas for events or organising one thing or another and we run several social media platforms for local groups and businesses so we are always on the go! We've been married for 33 years, Ian plays a vital role with everything we do there's no "I" in anything we do, it's total teamwork, from everything in the home to what we do outside for the village along with our 15 strong events committee team. We are also two of the organisers for Lowestoft Armed Forces Day, which we thoroughly enjoy putting on every year. This year's event being our best so far with 80's legends Buck Fizz being our headliners. 2024 will be organised by the council as they are helping us to put in a bid for the National Armed Forces Day for 2025 so fingers crossed for that.

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

The people. We've made some lovely friends since we have lived here.

5. What's important to you?

Making memories and helping people smile! People always ask why we do what we do? Our reason is my Dad,

who was ill for many years so life was about making memories we could look back on. By putting on all the events we do, we like to think we help others make memories too, and if we can help just one person smile then we have done what we set out to do. You never know what kind of day someone is having or what's going on in their lives.

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

I thought it would be funny to jump out in the dark on our daughter Amber whilst on a family holiday in Egypt! She jumped out of her skin and ended up running full force at me, slapping me round the face! I laughed so much I can't tell you what happened next



Santa and his Sleigh will be in Hopton on the evening of Wednesday 20 December 2023, courtesy of the Great Yarmouth Lions Club. You'll hear the sound of sleigh bells around the village streets so pop out and give them a cheer, a wave and a donation in their bucket if you are able. All money raised goes to local good causes.

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 2023:

11 December 2023.

Meeting dates 2024:

8 January, 12 February, 11 March, 8 April, 13 May Annual Parish Council Meeting/Annual Parish Meeting, 10 June, 8 July, 12 August, 9 September, 14 October, 11 November, 9 December.

Your Parish Cllrs are:-

Jan Windsor-Luck, Chairman	07941145152
Keith Bradley	07561266209
Yvonne Bradley	07879284973
Sue Hacon, Vice-Chair	01493 444271
Kevin Lee	07850555864
Pamela Oakes	07850584679
John Plaskett	07836251345
John Tonks	07956 873232
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Your MP:

Brandon Lewis 01493 854550

There are Parish Cllr. **vacancies** that can be filled by co-option.

If any residents are interested in being co-opted to the Parish Council please contact Cllr. Jan Windsor-Luck in the first instance.

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difficult times. Our teams consist of 3 x Health coaches, 5 x social prescribers and 3 x care coordinators. As a health coach we predominately work alongside adults that would like weight management support, lifestyle advice (including diabetes, high cholesterol, high bp, smoking and alcohol support), want to increase physical activity, getting back into the community, support with low levels of mental health issues and we organise walk and talk groups and other various things.

Social prescribers support adults and families going through loneliness, social isolation, financial struggles, or any social/medical condition that seems to be impacting their life plus much more. To make a referral, the patients of above surgeries can just contact the surgery and request an appointment or we have an email they can contact which is: nwicb.sp.hwbc@nhs.net

My names Lauren, I am a health and wellbeing coach for Millwood and The Beaches Surgeries in Gorleston (covers Hopton) and Bradwell. We are looking for ways to promote our services to increase referrals to ultimately support people in

Are you celebrating an anniversary, birthday, birth of a new baby or to announce the death of a loved one?

Send your entry to hoptonparishclerk@hotmail.com

or drop your wording to the Office at the Village Hall by the 12th of the month, for inclusion in the following monthly edition.

As we are moving into colder weather, this is just a reminder of where the grit bins are located in Hopton.

1. Hall Road, off Lowestoft Road (near old Post Office).
2. Seaview Rise, next to 7 – 8 Manor Gardens.
3. Noel Close, junction Lowestoft Road.
4. Seafields Drive, junction Lowestoft Road.
5. Warren Road, junction Station Road/Coast Road, near Turnstone.

Please feel free to use the grit/salt bins for roads in your area (not private driveways) when the weather is icy. A request has been sent to NCC to replenish all the bins. They usually only fill half full each time.

NCC advise "GRIT BINS will be replenished on mass throughout the county once there has been a prolonged period of cold weather".

Gritting route by NCC:

A47 into Hopton, Station Road through to Coast Road (to the Suffolk border). No other roads in Hopton are gritted by NCC.

Caister Recycling Centre is located on Pump Lane NR30 5TE. It is open daily 9am to 4pm and open as usual on Bank Holidays but closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. The site also has a reuse shop where you can buy unwanted items for bargain prices. For more information go to: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/>

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- Meeting rooms for hire
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- Accessible toilet
- Baby weighing facilities

HOPTON IN LIGHTS 2023 House - Window - Charity Categories

Hopton On Sea Residents Events Committee

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**.

Could you be a volunteer dog warden in Hopton? The role is about raising awareness, providing advice and handing out dog poo bags if necessary. The Environmental Ranger team can provide full training. If you are interested please contact the Parish Council who will co-ordinate with GYBC. Please call 01502 730768 and speak to Julie or e-mail hoptonparishclerk@hotmail.com



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Saturday 2 December 2023

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Ritson Lodge Care Home

Lowestoft Road Hopton on Sea.



to my great grandson
Arthur who will be **four** on
December 12th with love
and hugs from GG.



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The mobile library visits
Hopton once per month.

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- 2.15 - 2.30pm - Lowestoft Road
Opposite White Hart
NR31 9AH
- 2.35 - 2.50pm - Old Church Road
lay by NR31 9BZ
- 2.55 - 3.10pm - Rogers Close
NR31 9RP

NEXT VISITS (WEDNESDAYS):

- 29 November, 27 December**
- 24 January 2024, 21 February**
- 20 March, 17 April, 15 May**
- 12 June, 10 July**

Please note this information is subject
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What's On at Hopton Village Hall DEC 23



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Wednesday:	Pilates 9.15am to 10.15am Phoenix Karate 4.45pm to 8.15pm
Thursday:	Pickleball 11am to 12pm Badminton Club 12.30pm to 1.30pm Dance Academy 4pm to 4.45pm Yoga m to 7pm Zumba 7.15pm to 8.15pm
Friday:	Matti & Mimi Music Group 9am to 11.30am Dance Academy 3.30pm to 6.30pm Youth Club 6.30pm to 9.00pm
Saturday:	Dance Academy 8.30am to 3.30pm Pickleball 3pm to 5pm
Sunday:	Little Kickers 9am to 11am

Small hall

Tuesday:	Matti & Mimi Music Group 9am to 12.30pm Dance Academy 4pm to 6pm Spiritualist Church 7.15pm to 10pm
Wednesday:	Matti & Mimi Music Group 9am to 12pm Dance Academy 6.30pm to 8pm Phoenix Karate Adult beginners 7.30pm to 8.30pm
Thursday:	Dance Academy 5pm to 7pm Pilates 7pm to 8pm
Friday:	Fifit 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



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HOPTON-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minute of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13 November 2023 commencing at 7.30pm at Hopton Village Hall, Station Road, Hopton-on-Sea NR31 9BE.

Present: Parish Cllrs: Jan Windsor-Luck (Chairman), Yvonne Bradley, Keith Bradley, Sue Hacon (Vice-Chairman), Kevin Lee, Pam Oakes, John Plaskett, John Tonks.

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 and resignation.

Apologies received from County/Borough Cllr. Carl Annison and Borough Cllrs. Katy Stenhouse and Paul Wells.

Resignation received from Cllr. Jenny Spencer. An e-mail of thanks has been sent to Jenny for her hard work and dedication to the Council over the years.

The Notice of Vacancy was been published on noticeboards and website.

Ten residents/electorate of Hopton have written to GYBC requesting an election to fill the vacancy. GYBC advise that the likely cost of an election will be in the region of £3,850.00 which is payable by the Parish Council.

The Notice of Election will be published by Wednesday 15 November 2023 on noticeboards and website. If any adult residents are interested in putting themselves forward as a candidate to become a Parish Councillor, please contact Denise Wilby, Licensing and Electoral Services Manager at GYBC on 01493 846548. Completed nomination forms should be received by GYBC between Thursday 16 November and 4pm on Thursday 23 November 2023.

If the election is contested (i.e. more than one candidate) the poll will take place on Wednesday 20th December 2023. No poll cards will be issued to help save on costs.

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:

a) Thank you for removing the two small trees that were causing root issues.

4. To confirm the Minute of the Parish Council Meeting held 9 October 2023.

It was proposed by Cllr. Tonks and seconded by Cllr. K. Bradley to confirm the Minute. This was unanimously agreed.

5. To receive County and Borough

Councillors' Reports.

There were none.

6. To consider the Clerk's reports.

a) **Correspondence.** As listed and circulated.

b) Planning applications.

06/23/0416/HH Proposed single-storey side extension to east elevation at 14 Potters Drive Hopton on Sea Great Yarmouth NR31 9RW. Renewed application. No objection by the Planning Committee.

06/23/0588/HH Revised plan. Proposed Side & Rear Extensions, including new roof at Copperfield Sidegate Road Hopton-on-sea NR31 9AT.

A site visit took place. No objection by the Planning Committee.

Permissions Granted by GYBC:- None

Planning Permissions Refused by GYBC:

06/23/0556/CU Tally Ho Hall Road. Change of use existing garden room to beauty salon. Refused by GYBC on grounds only access is via private transport.

Other: None

c) Finance. To agree November 2023 invoices for payment and bank reconciliation statement as at 31 October 2023.

Eight payments and two direct debits from the business current account totalling £3,272.28 and one additional October payment of £81.60. It was proposed by Cllr. Oakes and seconded by Cllr. Hacon to approve the list of payments and bank reconciliation statement. This was unanimously agreed.

7. To receive information and consider matters relating to the budget/precept 2024/25.

a) Confirm the Minute of the Policies & Finance Advisory Committee meeting held 2 November 2023.

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

b) Meeting Town Hall Wednesday 15 November to discuss GYBC's proposal to withdraw the Parish Council's concurrent functions grant in the sum of £1,500.

Cllrs. Windsor-Luck and Hacon will be attending.

c) Details of the tax base for Hopton expected from GYBC mid December 2023.

The Policies & Finance Advisory Committee will meet again to discuss the budget/precept once GYBC has advised the tax base.

8. To consider matters relating to the Millennium Garden/Ruin.

a) Quotations from Abate Pest Management Services Ltd to remove the pigeon poo from the base of the Tower and generally clean as per GYPT report.

Two quotations have been received and discussed. It was proposed by Cllr. K. Bradley

and seconded by Cllr. Tonks to agree the quotation in the sum of £2,669.00 plus VAT, which includes scaffolding. This was unanimously agreed.

b) Quotation to re-point parts of the walls.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. K. Bradley and seconded by Cllr. Oakes to agree the quotation of £220.00 from Roger Chapman to re-point part of the walls in accordance with the report from Darren Barker, Conservation Manager, Great Yarmouth Preservation Trust.

c) Replacement Christmas Tee.

Various options were put forward. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. Hacon and seconded by Cllr. Plaskett to accept the offer of a free 3/4ft pot grown tree from the contract gardener, and to accept his quote to supply an 8ft tree, without roots, at a cost of £40, which would only last for the festive season. This was unanimously agreed. Cllrs. to take delivery of the 8ft tree and install.

9. To consider matters relating to the Recreation Ground/Pavilion.

a) Update remove brambles north side.

Brambles on the north side have been removed as previously agreed.

b) Quotation removal of one line of existing Laurels and re-plant at £68 (4 hours).

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. Plaskett and seconded by Cllr. Tonks to agree to the quotation at £68. One row of existing Laurels will be removed and re-planted in a single centre row heading northwards. This was unanimously agreed.

c) Update removal of two trees north side rear of Noel Close.

This work has now been carried out by GY Services Ltd as previously agreed.

d) Tree and brambles north side Randall Close.

A request has been received to cut back the tree and brambles overgrowing the fence. Following discussion, and distribution of photos of the area, it was proposed by Cllr. Windsor-Luck and seconded by Cllr. Plaskett to ask Graeme Watson, Arboricultural Officer, GYBC to carry out a review of trees on the Recreation Ground to establish ownership and condition. This was unanimously agreed.

e) Quotation to repair leak, south changing, back room.

The system has been isolated and an estimate for repair is awaited.

f) Quotation to re-install post to car park entrance.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. Tonks and seconded by Cllr. Lee to approve the quotation from Roger Chapman in the sum of £120.00. This was unanimously agreed.

g) Wave water and sewerage charges – actual reading.



Following submission of the actual reading, the revised bill is £631.32 which is £450 less than the estimated one.

h) E-On Account.

A new contract has been offered for 12 months. Details have previously been circulated. It was proposed by Cllr. Oakes and seconded by Cllr. Tonks to agree the new contract. This was unanimously agreed.

i) Amendments to Building Safety Act 2022.

Changes have been made to the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 which apply to the Pavilion Building. The Government has produced a fire risk assessment checklist. This should be carried out as soon as possible, in association with a Manager from Hopton Harriers FC. It was proposed by Cllr. K. Bradley and seconded by Cllr. Oakes to arrange a meeting with the football team manager to carry out the new assessment and comply with regulatory reform. This was unanimously agreed. Cllr. Lee volunteered to take this forward.

10. To receive and consider information from NCC Highways regarding Warren Road pathway.

Paul Sellick, NCC Highways Engineer, has provided further information regarding the pathway. Mr Sellick advised that it is not a registered bridleway. The land does not belong to NCC and even though it is being used as a pathway, as it is not their land, they would not maintain it. Much the same as NCC would not maintain a path across a park, even if the path was being used by the public. NCC maintain Warren Road up to Cliff Cottages but no further.

For the pathway to be adopted by NCC, it must be offered for adoption by the owners. The path must be of a standard to be adopted so that the local authority does not become liable at the start. Mr Sellick is investigating further with colleagues in relation to the GY Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan, February 2022, which refers to the feasibility of potential cycling routes alternative to the A47 at Hopton.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. Windsor-Luck and seconded by Cllr. Oakes to give authority to Cllr. Plaskett to set up a meeting with the Warren Road Residents Association. The Clerk will also attend. This was unanimously agreed.

11. To receive and consider information regarding the development Lowestoft Road north (bungalows) and the condition the site has been left in.

County/Borough Cllr. Annison has been in contact with the people who developed the site and some clearing has started. His concern is that the gates need placing across the highway just after the sub-station, and a bollard placed in the footway to stop vehicles tipping waste at the end of the road. There are sections of the footpath still incomplete. Cllr. Annison has asked whether NCC can do this work using monies from the Highway Bond.

12. To consider the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 duty on public authorities.

The Act placed a duty on public authorities to have regard to conserving biodiversity as part of their policy or decision making. This would include having regard to biodiversity when making purchases, managing land, woodlands, nature reserves, gardens, parks and public open space, community amenities, waste, pollution, energy, water, wood and plant products, roads, flood defences etc. The duty is reinforced under the Environmental Act 2021 and the government is asking councils to complete their first consideration of what action to take for biodiversity by 1 January 2024 and agree policies or objectives as soon as possible after that. This does not have to be too onerous; it is about encouraging councils to think about the natural environment as part of the decision-making process. For example, if a tree has fallen at the edge of a recreation space, could it be left to encourage an area of biodiversity?

Following Cllr. Lee's suggestion to include school pupils in the exercise, it was proposed by Cllr. Hacon and seconded by Cllr. Windsor-Luck to appoint Cllr. Lee to investigate and write a draft policy for the Council. Cllr. Lee accepted. This was unanimously agreed.

13. To consider options to make the 80th anniversary of D. Day 6 June 2024.

Some suggestions were put forward for a 1945 style tea party, possibly involving the school, youth club and residents of Ritson Lodge if interested. It was proposed by Cllr. Windsor-Luck and seconded by Cllr. Y. Bradley to set up a group to progress this idea. Cllrs. Hacon, Lee and resident Zandra Ward volunteered. This was unanimously agreed.

14. To receive and consider updates from previous Minutes.

a) Expenditure of developer Contributions towards Open Space. Project Bid submitted to GYBC and acknowledged.

The outcome should be known in January 2024.

b) Report from the Village Hall Management Trust meeting held 8.11.2023.

The report has previously been circulated.

c) Appointment of Cllr. to the Planning Committee.

A vacancy exists on the Planning Committee. It was proposed by Cllr. Hacon and seconded by Cllr. Plaskett to appoint Cllr. Windsor-Luck to the Planning Committee. This was unanimously agreed.

15. To pass a resolution: Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it is resolved that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and the press leave the meeting during consideration of items 16 below.

It was proposed by Cllr. Hacon and seconded by Cllr. Oakes to pass the resolution above. This was unanimously agreed. Resolution passed. Members of the public/press left the meeting.

16. To receive notification of National Salary Award 2022/23, to be backdated from 1 April 2023. To receive information and

consider staff annual leave.

The new National Salary Award has been approved, with effect from 1st April 2023. It was proposed by Cllr. Windsor-Luck and seconded by Cllr. Hacon to confirm the National Salary Award and Spinal Column Point pay increase, backdated to 1st April 2023. This was unanimously agreed.

Following discussion in relation to staff annual leave, it was proposed by Cllr. Hacon and seconded by Cllr. K. Bradley to pay up to 10 days annual leave at the end of each holiday year, if up to that amount of annual leave remains and has not been taken. This was unanimously agreed.

17. To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of Hopton-on-Sea Parish Council.

Confirmed Monday 11 December 2023, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at approx. 8.25pm.

These Minutes are in draft format and unconfirmed until approved at the next Parish Council meeting.

The Clerk to the Parish Council can be contacted in the following ways:-

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Final night of Youth Club for 2023 will be Friday 15th December and we will return Friday 12th January 2024, these dates are subject to volunteer turnout so please join the Hopton Youth Club Facebook group www.facebook.com/groups/265693031523615 to keep up to date with any date changes and current events.

We have had a very exciting and busy month with members getting creative in the ghost making competition, winning a value to use in the tuck shop. Well done to all members who took part, we were very impressed with the creativity and spookiness of all so much so that we decided to give prizes for the top 3 rather than just one.



It was great to have **Sylvia and Jane** back at Youth Club where they were presented with a card, flowers and a bottle by the members in a presentation to thank them so very much for their dedication and support to the youth club over the last 14 years, Sylvia and Jane both stepped down from being youth club volunteers and committee members this September.



Sylvia and Jane

Members made some yummy poppy cookies and a beautiful remembrance wreath that has been placed on the memorial cross in Hopton church for all to see.



It is also always wonderful to see keen members wanting to assist the volunteers and learn new skills.

For enrolment to start 12th January 2024, please pick up a form from the Village Hall when we are there Friday's 6:30pm till 9pm until 15th December this can also be filled out at the time or alternately email

hoptonyouthclub@outlook.com to be sent a copy. Completed forms can be returned during Youth Club times at the Village Hall, to the inbox or posted in the Village Hall post box. If this date is missed the next membership enrolment will be for February 2024.

All forms are to be completed and returned by Friday 15th December.

If you would like to volunteer and support the youth club even if it is just once a month, or emergency cover or to help set-up the equipment from 6:30pm before the members arrive, we would love to hear from you. We are also looking for a Treasurer therefore if you have any treasurer experience or good with numbers and would like to get involved, please get in touch.

*We wish all our members,
their families and the village
a very Merry Christmas
and peaceful New Year.*

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:
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and keep up to date with current events.

Hopton Celebrates Diversity

As a school family, Hopton C of E Primary Academy spend one week every half term exploring diversity through Unique Week. Their Equality Team collaborate with Miss Jo, Pastoral Lead and a member of the Diocese Racial Justice group, to plan a week which encourages the children to look beyond Hopton into the wider world around them. But this October they excelled themselves and their efforts are worthy of celebration.

At Hopton, they usually begin Anti-Bullying Week with Odd Socks Day, which provides an opportunity for staff and pupils to express themselves, celebrate their individuality and consider what makes us all unique. The children decided that this year, they wanted to take this further by supporting the charity Supershoes, who empower children fighting cancer in the UK.

Each pair of shoes is designed specifically for a particular child with a diagnosis of cancer, and hand-painted by a Super Artist to capture that child and all their favourite things: games, sports team, music, animals, colours, TV programmes. The end product is a pair of Supershoes as unique as the child or young person that wears them. They are a constant reminder to that child of who they are, beyond their illness, challenges and treatment. They make the child feel special and strong and help to restore their confidence. The children chose this charity because they know September's Superhero...

<https://www.supershoes.org.uk/stories/2023-09-28-super-finley/>

The children continued to amaze everyone with their unique ideas to celebrate World Mental Health Week. This year, instead of wearing yellow to mark the day, a small slip went home to every family inviting them to write a message of hope and happiness. These wonderful affirmations were displayed on our school fence to bring comfort and positivity to not only our school family but the wider community who have greatly enjoyed reading them.

As a school that prides itself on ensuring that diversity and full representation is a golden thread of their curriculum, they really do look forward to Black History Month so they can showcase the depth and breadth of their learning. This year they raised the bar even higher. Not only did they wear red on 20 October in support of "Show Racism the Red Card day" but they ended the month by setting up their own pop-up museum in the school hall. Each class created a Black History Month exhibition and families were invited to come and experience first-hand what their children have been learning and creating throughout October. This event was a huge success attended by many families.

At Hopton, it is their ambition to ensure that every pupil is able to make their own decisions and choices about the world around them. For them, pupil voice is central to all that they do and encourages children to become more inquisitive and engaged, putting them in the mindset to learn.

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Halloween

Halloween saw the village come together to take part in numerous fun events during the half term break, from hunting for Halloween Ducks to a Spooktalia Treasure Hunt, we saw entries for the Scarecrow Competition and Carved Pumpkins and Ghost Stories In The Ruin with the winners getting **£100** amazon voucher for **1st** prize and **£50**

voucher for **2nd**. Hopton On Sea Residents Events Committee are extremely grateful for the continued support of local businesses for sponsoring these events with thanks to **DB Builders - Tarrants Property Services - The White Hart & The Turnstone (JD Taverns) & Arc Cinema Great Yarmouth.**



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