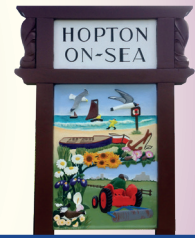


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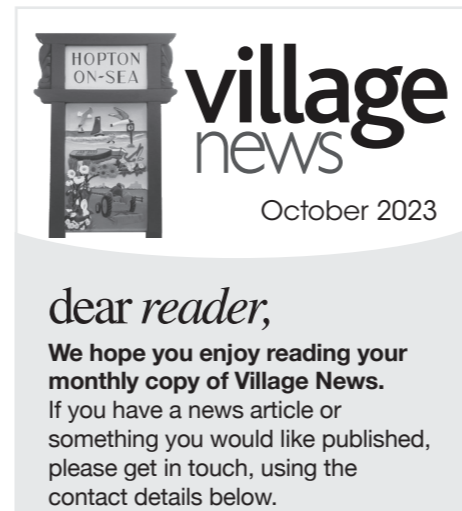
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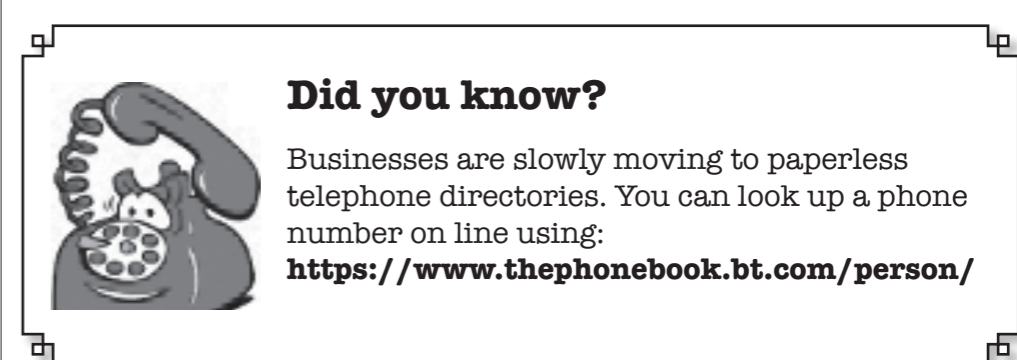
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**Sunday 21 October:** Craft Fayre at St. Margaret's Church, Halloween Special.

**Saturday 28 October:** Pumpkin and ghost stories around the Ruin/Millennium Garden.

**Saturday 28 October:** Scarecrow Competition.

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**Saturday 18 November:** Christmas Special Craft Fayre at St. Margaret's Church.

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## Raising Funds for a good cause

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The funds collected have been donated to 'The Buzby's Stroke Of Genius Campaign,' a local initiative dedicated to raising money for individuals, like Buzby, who require specialised equipment following a stroke earlier this year.

Stroke survivors often face unique challenges on their journey to recovery, and specialised equipment can make a significant difference in their lives. Buzby's campaign aims to ensure that individuals in the local community have access to the necessary tools and resources for a smoother

rehabilitation process.

The success of this fundraising effort has been nothing short of heartwarming. There are still wristbands available for purchase, with a minimum donation of £2.00. These wristbands also serve as a reminder.

Buzby has urged everyone to prioritise their health by "getting their blood pressure checked." This simple yet crucial step can be done conveniently at Hopton Pharmacy or by scheduling an appointment at Beaches Medical Centre. Regular blood pressure monitoring is essential for stroke prevention and overall well-being.

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Parish Council website:  
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Meeting dates 2023:  
 9 October, 13 November, 11 December.

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Please bring to Little Footprints on Thursday 28 September 9.15 to 11.15 or bring to Church before the service on Sunday 1 October at 10.30am.

## KEEPING PATHWAYS CLEAR HAS YOUR TREE OR HEDGE OVERGROWN A PATHWAY?

Could your boundary hedge or tree be overgrowing a public pathway?

Please check your boundaries and cut back hedging and tree branches to ensure safety and a clear pathway for everyone.

Thank you.

## Warren Road – the continuing saga

Below is an extract of the Minute of the Parish Council's meeting held 11.9.2023 which hopefully will explain why the Warren Road bridleway is such a problem when it comes to maintenance.

County Cllr. Annison advised that he is aware of the on-going issues surrounding the maintenance of Warren Road and that it would be in everyone's interest to see a safe route for walkers and cyclists along the Warren Road bridleway, through to Gorleston.

He advised that the majority of residents on Warren Road (unadopted end) are against any works to the bridleway. There are very complex legal issues. Most of the bridleway is in the ownership of Norfolk County Council (NCC), however, there is a small section that NCC say is not theirs, and they do not know who

owns it. NCC do not therefore believe they are responsible for the whole of the bridleway.

Cllr. Annison has spoken to Paul Sellick, NCC Highways Engineer on many occasions regarding the issues. He will invite Mr Sellick to a future Parish Council meeting so that a fuller explanation can be given as to the complex issues.

The Parish Council asked whether those large sections owned by NCC could be cut back so that the route is passable. Cllr. Annison will find out which parts of the bridleway are in NCC's ownership.

Meanwhile, the Parish Council continues to receive regular complaints about Warren Road.

If residents would like to log their complaints directly with NCC they

can phone Paul Sellick, Highway Engineer N4 on 0344 800 8020 or e-mail paul.sellick@norfolk.gov.uk or write to Mr Sellick at NCC Highways, County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, Norfolk NR1 2DH.

A huge thank you to Haven, who occasionally cut back the sides of the pathway and to resident Gary who has taken it upon himself to trim the area on several occasions. Much appreciated by all.

We hope that Mr Sellick, Highways Engineer, NCC, will attend a future Parish Council meeting to explain in more detail the complex legal issues and reasons why NCC do not maintain the bridleway or any part of it.

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(answers underneath)

1. Which Country played host to the Battle of Waterloo?
2. What was the Royal event in 1973?
3. How did David kill Goliath?
4. What was unusual about the Royal Mail 1st class stamp issued in October 1993?
5. Who traditionally wears the Fisherman's Ring?
6. Name all King Henry VIII's wives.
7. When was the Battle of Waterloo?
8. What year was Concordes 1st test flight?

1. Belgium
2. Princess Anne's wedding
3. A stone from a sling
4. It was self adhesive
5. The Pope
6. Catherine of Aragon, Anne Boyelyn, Jane Seymour, Anne of Cleves, Catherine Howard, Catherine Parr
7. 1815
8. 2 March 1969 (passenger 2111976)

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Slimming World 5.30pm to 7.30pm
- Wednesday** – Pilates 9.15am to 10.15am  
Phoenix Karate 4.45pm to 8.15pm
- Thursday** – Dance Academy 4pm to 4.45pm  
Yoga Sculpt 6pm 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
- Sunday** – Little Kickers 9am to 10am

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- Thursday** – Dance Academy 5pm to 7pm
- Friday** – Tai Chi 6pm to 7pm
- Saturday** – Mini Ballet 10am to 11am  
Dance Academy 11am to 12pm
- Sunday** – Spiritualist Church 6pm to 9pm

# HOPTON-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minute of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11 September 2023 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), Keith Bradley, Yvonne Bradley, Kevin Lee, Pam Oakes, John Plaskett, Jenny Spencer, John Tonks. County/Borough Cllr. Carl Annison.

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

The Chairman pointed out housekeeping matters.

**1. To receive apologies for absence.**

There were none.

**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.**

No matters were raised.

**4. To confirm the Minute of the Parish Council Meeting held 14 August 2023.**

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

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

County Cllr. Annison referred to Warren Road, item 13 below.

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

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

**b) Planning applications.**

06/23/0471/MM Prior approval for a proposed installation of a 22.5m monopole supporting 6no. antenna, reach maximum height of 23.14m and ancillary development at Hopton Holiday Village Warren Road Hopton. No objection by the planning committee.

06/23/0441/HH Retrospective conversion and replacement roof to conservatory incorporating a new balcony terrace to the first floor dormer window above at 98 Links Road Hopton-on-sea NR31 6JX. With the Planning Committee.  
6/22/1094/F Demolish existing fire damaged barn and erect a new outbuilding to be used as 3 no. storage units at Tollhouse Farm Land adjacent to Tollhouse Cottage Lowestoft Road Hopton on sea NR31 9AN. With the Planning Committee.

06/23/0556/CU Proposed Change of Use of existing garden room to Beauty Salon and all associated works at Tally Ho Hall Road Hopton-on-Sea Great Yarmouth NR31 9AX. With the Planning Committee.

**Permissions Granted by GYBC.** None.

**Planning Permissions Refused by GYBC.** None.

**c) Finance. To agree September 2023 invoices for payment and bank**

**reconciliation statement as at 31 August 2023.**

Eight payments and two direct debits from the business current account totalling £3,266.75. It was proposed by Cllr. Plaskett and seconded by Cllr. Tonks to approve the list of payments and bank reconciliation statement. This was unanimously agreed.

**d) Notice of Conclusion of Audit year ended 31 March 2023. To receive external auditor's report and certificate.**

The Notice has been published and the auditor's report/certificate is clear.

**7. To consider recommendations from the Policies and Finance Advisory Committee (working party) regarding finance.**

The recommendations have been circulated. It was proposed by Cllr. Tonks and seconded by Cllr. Plaskett to approve the recommendations. This was unanimously agreed.

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

**a) Report from GY Preservation Trust.** Darren Barker has advised that a structural engineer has been to the Ruin. A report is now being prepared, with costings for repairs. This should be received by the end of September. Matter carried forward to the October Agenda.

**b) Christmas Tree.**

The tree planted last year has died, despite watering every few days. The contract gardener has advised he will replace the tree free of charge, although it will be a smaller one. A suggestion was made to project a picture of a Christmas Tree onto the Ruin. Matter carried forward to the October Agenda.

**c) Sponsorship of the boat.**

The existing sponsors do not wish to renew. Sponsorship of the boat is available at £150 per annum. A small sponsor's plaque can be displayed in the boat. If any local business is interested, please contact the Clerk. The Chair has written to Potters to see if they might be interested. Other planters in the village are available for sponsorship at £50pa each. Matter carried forward to the October Agenda.

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

**a) Work carried out to Silver Birch tree west side, adjacent to Field View.**

An updated report has been received and due to continued bird activity, the work has been postponed further to the end of September.

**b) Location and layout of Laurel bushes to the front of the Recreation Ground.**

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. Tonks and seconded by Cllr. K. Bradley to plant a single row of Laurels i.e. 44ft length continuing from the existing Laurel planting along the front of the Recreation Ground going north. This was unanimously agreed.

It was suggested that a quotation be obtained from the contract gardener to remove one row of the existing Laurel bushes to leave a single row and re-plant those removed further along, making a total length covered of 66ft. Matter carried forward to the October Agenda.

**c) Two trees north side of Recreation Ground. Inspection report and quotation for works. Notice to insurance company.**

A quotation has been received from GY Services in the sum of £577.09 plus VAT to remove the two trees and ground them out. This is because the tree roots are causing a problem to the garden of a private property. Notice has been given to Aviva (BHIB) of a potential public liability claim although it is now understood that the homeowners will be dealing with the tree root encroachment in their garden. Two further quotes were requested but no response received. It was proposed by Cllr. Windsor-Luck and seconded by Cllr. K. Bradley to accept the quotation and proceed with the removal of the two trees. This was unanimously agreed.

**d) Feedback from the Skateboarding, BMX, Scooter event held Saturday 19 August 2023.**

The event was well attended with more families than in previous years. However, King Ramps arrived 2 hours late and did not have competition prizes with them. They also packed up early. King Ramps have offered a 50% reduction in the cost and have posted prizes to the recipients. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. Hacon and seconded by Cllr. Tonks to accept the 50% reduction in cost. This was unanimously agreed.

**e) Removal of seesaw by GY Services east play area. Quotes for replacement.**

GYBC advised that the seesaw was dangerous and not repairable. It was removed by them the next day. This matter discussed further under item 10.a) below.

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

**a) Project Bid status re Expenditure of Developer Contributions towards Open Space.**

Cllrs. Windsor-Luck and Hacon, along with the Clerk, have now met four play equipment providers. Quotes are awaited to remove the existing multi play and install a new one, to replace one swing seat with a flat seat and install a new piece of equipment, likely to be a low roundabout at St. Clare Court play area. The bid is for up to £25,000 of S106 developer's contribution which is being held by GYBC. Under GYBC's new policy, the Parish Council must bid for this money and supply quotations. The deadline for bids is 7 November 2023.

If a bid is successful, GYBC would take the matter forward and would also be responsible

for future maintenance of the play equipment. County/Borough Cllr. Annison has advised he will support the application.

In relation to item 9.e) above, GYBC reported that the seesaw in the east play area on the Recreation Ground was dangerous and not repairable, and it was removed by them the next day. It has been suggested that a replacement seesaw could be included in the project bid. However, having received one quotation to replace the seesaw (including site set-up, surfacing, installation and inspection) at £8,554.11 that would be a large chunk of the £25,000 available for Hopton. With more development in the village, and potentially additional S106 money, a further bid could be submitted to replace the seesaw next year. Matter carried forward to the October Agenda.

**11. To consider an application for donation, with supporting documentation, from The Cutting Crew.**

All paperwork has been circulated to Cllrs. A member of The Cutting Crew (CC) attended the meeting and answered questions raised by Cllrs. in relation to the supporting paperwork supplied and associated matters.

In summary:

The Norfolk and Suffolk Probation Service attend the churchyard every two weeks on a Saturday, for a full day, to cut the grass, attend to weeding, clearing up and all other gardening related matters. They attend to the whole churchyard.

They have their own mower and strimmers but also use one or two mowers owned by the CC. The Probation Team do not make a charge for their service, although petrol for the mowers is supplied by the CC.

The CC attend the churchyard on a Tuesday and Friday morning each week between 10am and 12 midday to do some gardening. There are 5 members and unfortunately not all are in support of the funding application, nor do they all attend the churchyard each week, due to other commitments.

Some questions were raised regarding the bank account to be used, which has been re-named to facilitate the CC. However, the member attending advised that they work on a cash only basis, and there is only one signatory to the account/sign off. As the accounts have only just been taken over by this member, he had limited information regarding previous transactions. There are no audited accounts. The Rev Nigel Lacey has offered the Cutting Crew £500 to purchase a new petrol mower. The donation application refers to a new Toro petrol mower at £629 via GDC at St. Olaves. Ideally, they wish to purchase two petrol mowers to replace the ones that are wearing out. A discussion took place regarding the type of mowers that have been purchased in the past two years and why these are no longer fit for purpose after such a short time.

The Vicar has advised via e-mail that if the Cutting Crew stopped, the church would arrange for the churchyard to be maintained as it is their land and responsibility to do so. Additional discussion took place and in view of the above, it was proposed by Cllr. Hacon and seconded by Cllr. K. Bradley not to make

a donation at this time. This was agreed by majority vote (6 in favour, 1 abstention, 2 opposed).

**12. To receive a meeting report from the Parish Council Trustee Representatives of the VHMT (Village Hall Management Trust). The report was circulated. Accepted as read.**

**13. To consider the on-going issue of the Warren Road bridleway, which is the responsibility of Norfolk County Council to maintain.**

County Cllr. Annison advised that he is aware of the on-going issues surrounding the maintenance of Warren Road and that it would be in everyone's interest to see a safe route for walkers and cyclists along the Warren Road bridleway, through to Gorleston. He advised that the majority of residents on Warren Road (unadopted end) are against any works to the bridleway. There are very complex legal issues. Most of the bridleway is in the ownership of Norfolk County Council (NCC), however, there is a small section that NCC say is not theirs, and they do not know who owns it. NCC do not therefore believe they are responsible for the whole of the bridleway. Cllr. Annison has spoken to Paul Sellick, NCC Highways Engineer on many occasions regarding the issues. He will invite Mr Sellick to a future Parish Council meeting so that a fuller explanation can be given as to the complex issues.

The Parish Council asked whether those sections owned by NCC could be cut back so that the route is passable. Cllr. Annison will find out which parts of the bridleway are in NCC's ownership.

Meanwhile, the Parish Council continues to receive regular complaints about Warren Road. If residents would like to log their complaints directly with NCC they can phone Paul Sellick, Highway Engineer N4 on 0344 800 8020 or e-mail paul.sellick@norfolk.gov.uk or write to Mr Sellick at NCC Highways, County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, Norfolk NR1 2DH.

**14. To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of Hopton-on-Sea Parish Council. Monday 9 October 2023, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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

**E-Mail:** hoptonparishclerk@hotmail.com

**Tel:** 01502 730768 (message service)

**Website:** www.hopton-on-seapc.info

**Address:** Office at the Village Hall Station Road Hopton-on-Sea NR31 9BE.

Office open Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday 9.30am to 1.30pm (flexible).

## LITTLE FOOTPRINTS

### NEED Volunteers to help the group to continue being the huge success it has been since it started last year.

Since September 2022 through to July 2023 Little Footprints have welcomed approximately 87 families during the year to the group.

We are now in need of additional volunteers to help us provide a fun, safe and friendly environment for the families to join us.

Little Footprints @St Margaret's Church Hopton on Sea are open on a Thursday morning (term time) 9.15-11.15am.

We would like the volunteers to help 9-11.45am. This can be either weekly or fortnightly.

A DBS will be required.

If you would like more information please contact Pam Perry 07931 120524 or pamcper@btinternet.com





After being involved with us for many years, Jane since 2015 and Sylvia since the beginning of the Youth Club back in 2008, both Sylvia and Jane have made the decision to resign as volunteers and committee members. We will miss their invaluable help and support however, fully appreciate the decision they have made. We cannot thank them enough for everything they have done over the years.



### Treasurer Required

Our Treasurer Matt would also like to stand down from this responsibility, therefore if you have any treasurer experience or good with numbers and would like to get involved, please get in touch.

**Please can you help?** – So now more

than ever we are in desperate need for volunteers, even if you can only support once a month, be called upon for sickness or planned absence cover, we look forward to hearing from you. We will do everything we can to avoid any closures outside the school holidays. We are open on Friday evenings at the village hall during school term times.

We require volunteers to do any of the following:

- Help set-up from 6:30pm till 7pm before the members arrive (some heavy lifting may be involved)
- Help pack away from 8:45pm (some heavy lifting may be involved)
- Assist anytime between 7-9pm with the members ensuring
  - The rules are being obeyed (i.e. being a hall monitor)
  - 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

We are also looking for a volunteer who could pick up the items for the tuckshop, store them and be able to drop them at the Village Hall as required.

We welcome any parent/guardian of the current members who can support any of the above to get in touch, it would be very much appreciated.

With more volunteers we can remain open all term time, take some pressure off the regular volunteers and implement the requests from the members of additional activities/games they would like to take part in. We can never have enough volunteers so however small you feel your support

might be to us please get in touch.

We started back Friday 15th September, for enrolment to start 3rd November 2023 please pick up a form from the Village Hall when we are there Friday's 6:30pm till 9pm until 20th October (this can also be filled out at the time) or alternately email [hoptonyouthclub@outlook.com](mailto:hoptonyouthclub@outlook.com) to be sent a copy. All forms are to be completed and returned by Sunday 29th October. 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 January 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](mailto:hoptonyouthclub@outlook.com), we look forward to hearing from you.

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

**Facebook group:**  
[www.facebook.com/groups/265693031523615](https://www.facebook.com/groups/265693031523615)  
**and keep up to date with current events.**



## CRIMESTOPPERS

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

Please do not use this in an emergency. Always call 999 if a crime is in progress or life is in danger.

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

**Scam Alert - Fake messages from 'friends and family'**

We are warning residents to be aware of WhatsApp messages and emails where scammers attempt to impersonate people you know in order to steal money.

A Norfolk resident has reported receiving an email from a 'friend' requesting they pay an invoice.

The resident then contacted the friend directly who confirmed they had no knowledge of the email and had not sent it.

We have also seen reports of residents receiving WhatsApp messages from a 'family member' asking to send money. The messages often state that the family member is in trouble and needs the money urgently.

Our advice if you receive a message like this is always be suspicious, especially if a request for money is involved, and try and contact the person who the message claims to be from via another known number or method.

You can report messages received to us via the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on freephone 0808 223 1133

**Cold Calling Alert – Telephone cold calls regarding 'saving energy'**

We are warning residents about telephone cold calls regarding 'saving energy'.

This follows reports of people being offered a cut price deal over the phone, for example £50 of electricity meter top-up for a cash payment of just £25.

The cold callers may also ask questions about the residents' property before asking for personal information including the resident's age.

Our advice is always be very wary of any approach made in a telephone cold call, never give, or confirm any personal or financial details and do not agree to someone visiting your home if approached in this manner.

You can report suspicious cold calls received to us through our partners the **Citizens Advice** consumer helpline on freephone **0808 223 1133**

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**Hopton Bowls Club** have been enjoying one of their most successful seasons for some time. At the time of writing this update, The Bowls Club are currently sitting at the top of the local Sunshine League Division Four. We have welcomed new members throughout the season, some experienced bowlers. As

well as members who are just getting started and getting hooked on the game. In June we played our club competition, The Eric Johns Trophy. This trophy was presented to the club in memory of a former member, by his wife. This year the overall competition was won by a lady for the first time. During the winter months

the Club House is open on Wednesday and Friday for coffee, tea and a chat, members are there after 9:45am. If you are thinking about playing bowls next season, please come along and meet some of the members. They are great Ladies and Gents with a wealth of knowledge about the game of Bowls.



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