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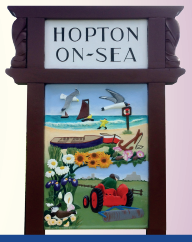

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The Parish Council wish to convey thanks to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for her dedication to the people of this Country and the Commonwealth.

Her sad death will leave a hole in our hearts and a special place in our thoughts.

Rest in Peace 1926 – 2022.

As a sign of respect, and in accordance with protocol, the Parish Council meeting scheduled to take place on Monday 12 September 2022 was postponed.

Cllr. **Chris Ward**, Chairman,
Hopton-on-Sea Parish Council.

ALSO IN THIS EDITION:

- **Halloween colouring competition**
- **Halloween party in the Village Hall**
- **Harvest Festival Service 2 October at the Church**
- **Scarecrow and Pumpkin Carving with Ghost Stories at the Ruins**

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More photos from the skateboarding/BMX/Scooter event can be seen at **www.hopton-on-seapc.info** Report inside.

Photos: Credit **Cllr John Tonks** and **Zandra Ward.**

Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr. **Chris Ward**, and Vice-Chair Cllr. **Jan Windsor-Luck** laid flowers at the cenotaph, St. Margaret's Church, Hopton, on the death of Her Majesty **Queen Elizabeth II**.

Floral tributes were also laid by residents and groups in the village.

The Hopton Yarn Bombers have also been hard at work creating the many knitted tributes you can see on post boxes and other areas around the village.

HOPTON ON-SEA village news
October 2022

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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).

FREE BAGS OF HELP

Keep Warm and Go Bags are available from Norfolk Libraries (including Gorleston). The bags are free and contain a hot water bottle, blanket, a hat and socks.

Other bags are also available free including toiletry packs and tricky period packs. These can all be picked up free of charge from your local library.

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.

Every Sunday at 11am Service at St. Margaret's Church.

PlayVan every Thursday at the church 9.15 - 11.15am.

Youth Club every Friday 7 - 9pm during term time.

October:

Sunday 2 October, Harvest Festival Service followed by lunch of Soup and Pud at St. Margaret's Church. Contact Irene for details. 01502 731066.

Halloween Colouring Competition coming in your Village News magazine.

Sunday 30 October, Scarecrow and Pumpkin Carving Competition. Ghost stories around the Ruins.

November:

Thursday 17 November. SNAP meeting.

December:

Hopton in Lights. Best decorated house/front garden or window display. More details to follow in future edition.

Christmas Carols around the Ruins with mini market 10 December. See inside.

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

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Skateboarding BMX / Scooter event

Photos from the Skateboarding/BMX/Scooter event - **inside front cover.**

"It was awesome fun", "fantastic day" and "the children loved it" were just some of the positive comments received following the free Skateboarding, BMX and Scooter event held at the Skatepark, Recreation Ground in Hopton on Saturday 20 August 2022.

The professionals from **King Ramps** put on a fantastic display and everyone was able to borrow skateboards, protectors and helmets for a day of tuition and fun. Many prizes were given out.

The Parish Council, in association with King Ramps, will be holding another bigger and better free event next year, so watch out for the date.

Fourteen Litter Pickers turned out for the village rubbish collection on Saturday 24th September 2022.
16 sacks of litter were collected.
Photo: Cllr. **John Tonks**

Seven litter pickers cleaned up Hopton beach on Sunday 25th September 2022.
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SAM2 REPORT 3RD TO 31ST AUGUST 2022

Were you travelling in excess of 30mph on Station Road?

The camera was on Station Road facing west monitoring the traffic coming into the village from Lowestoft Road. The highest speed recorded was 60+mph around midnight on the 11th August. Between 12th and 25th August the battery decided to stop working, a new one was purchased and installed on the 25th.

In this time 38,196 vehicles used Station Road of which 8.806 vehicles were travelling at over 30mph. With parked vehicles opposite the camera, plus cyclists and pedestrians, please keep your speed down.

WATCH YOUR SPEED. KEEP HOPTON A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE.

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

Next meeting dates: 10 October, 14 November, 12 December 2022, 9 January 2023,13 February, 13 March, 20 April.

Your Parish Cllrs are:-	
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There is a Parish Cllr vacancy at Hopton. If you would like more information and an application form please contact Julie.

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If you are interested in joining the Parish Council, please get in touch with Julie or Chris.

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Another Great Afternoon at **The Bowls Club!**

It was Club finals day on Sunday 4th September.

Mike Nicholson beating Dave Dow in a very tight match, scores were equal at twenty one ends. With Mike winning the extra end!

In the doubles, another entertaining match. **David Barrett** and **Ron Lodge** overcame the challenge of **Roy Southgate** and **Mike Nicholson.**

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NEW FOR 2022

PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION

Bring your pumpkins to the ruins where they will be displayed for everyone to see for 2pm

SCARECROW COMPETION

Build your scarecrow in your front garden for all in the village to see

SCARECROW HUNT

We will hand out the clues that will start and finish at the ruins to include as many scarecrows as possible

GHOST STORIES

Held in the ruins and aimed towards the younger audience (children must be accompanied by an adult)

Year 2 Brainwaves week

(photo shown inside front cover)

Year 2 settled into their new class this week by looking at the brain and how it works. They dissected a brain and found out that it has five main functions: thinking, sleeping, controlling emotions, exercise and solving puzzles. We discovered that understanding comes from skills and knowledge combined and we enjoyed making some glasses to demonstrate this. The children loved finding out how to keep our brains healthy and how learning new things creates new connections within our brains.

We enjoyed a memorable week of learning to learn and have already grown in confidence ready for the exciting challenges ahead!

Mrs Moore

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.

A special message for **Caroline**, Hopton resident and hairdresser at The Worx on Station Road, from your family, friends and customers. You have battled through some tough times recently, and despite this, have continued working and putting your customers first. We are all so pleased you are now healthy and happy. A huge thank you to a wonderfully kind, caring and generous lady, from all of us. You're a star.

Wishing my Mum and Dad aka **Joan and Roger Segust** a wonderful 61st wedding anniversary on October 4th. Hope you have a lovely day from Debbie and Martin Xxx

Dear Hopton residents,

My name is **Callum Smith** and I am delighted to introduce myself as a member of the Hopton Parish Council. I have lived in the village for 7 years and over those years I have seen the truly wonderful things the community has achieved. I wish to be at the forefront of development and improvement of the village so taking the step into councillor is an exciting moment for me. As with all the members of the council, I will be available to contact regarding any matters you wish to discuss. I will endeavour to serve my community in the very best capacity I can and I hope I can make the wonderful village of Hopton and it's residents proud.

Cllr. Callum Smith.

HOPTON MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library visits Hopton once per month.

The location and times are as follows:

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4.40 - 5.00pm - Rogers Close

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Please note this information is subject to change or amendment both on a permanent and temporary basis. For all enquiries about this route please call **01603 222303**

There is also a free book exchange at the Village Hall.

The Honesty Book Exchange Point

The Honesty Book Exchange Point in the Village Hall is now back. Bring in a paperback you have read, browse the books on the trolley, and exchange your book for another one. This is a community initiative at no cost. The village hall is open daily. Please remember to sanitise your hands before exchanging a book. No hardback books please, just paperbacks.

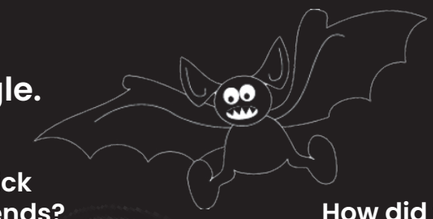
Colouring competition:

Colour the picture above, or one of your own choice, and e-mail it to **hoptonparishclerk@hotmail.com** or place in the red post box on the wall outside the village hall.

Please include your name and contact details (and age if under 18). Prizes to be won for the best colouring for children and adults (because adults like colouring too).

Entry closes **Monday 31 October 2022.** Good luck and enjoy!

Got to have a giggle.



Why didn't the mum let the little witch go trick or treating with her friends?
She was ex-spelled from school.

When do zombies finish trick or treating?
When they are dead tired.

Why shouldn't an angry witch take her broom trick or treating?
She might fly off the handle.

How do ghosts do their makeup before they go out trick or treating?
They use vanishing cream.

What do vampires take to get around on Halloween night?
A blood vessel.

Why did the skeleton run away?
Because a dog was after his bones.

How did the skeleton know it was going to rain on Halloween?
He felt it in his bones.

How did the zombie become great at trick or treating?
Dead-ication.

Why didn't anyone want to go trick or treating with Dracula?
Because he is a pain in the neck.

Where do ghosts like to trick or treat?
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Luckily the man came to service her boiler which is in the loft and he told her there was a hole in her roof. It looked like a tile had been removed and a finger had been stuck through the felt. Water had leaked in and it was wet on the boiler. The Boiler man repaired it for her. He said he had another customer who was quoted the same amounts and that they come from Lowestoft.

They were driving a small white van with writing on the side but the lady couldn't remember what it said. They were both white English, one in his 50's leaning on van, main man in his 30s.

How to spot a scam
Ask yourself the following questions. If you answer yes to any of them, there's a good chance it's a scam.

Have you been contacted out of the blue? Cold calls or unexpected emails or messages should raise suspicion, especially if you're asked to give personal or payment details. It's very unusual for legitimate organisations to contact you and ask for sensitive information if you're not expecting them to. If you're not 100% convinced about the identity of the caller, hang up and contact the company directly. Have you been asked to share personal details? Never share your personal details with anyone if you can't confirm they are who they say they are.

Phone scammers will often try and get valuable personal data from you, and they can use this to steal your money, or even to use your identity to use fraudulently.

Are the contact details vague? Scam websites often have vague contact details can be a PO box, premium rate number (starting '09') or a mobile number.

If anything goes wrong it's important you can contact those involved. This will be difficult if you don't have accurate contact information. Premium rate numbers are also a favoured trick for squeezing every penny they can out of you. Are you being asked to keep it secret? It's important you can discuss any agreements with your friends, family or advisors. Asking you to keep quiet is a way to keep you away from the advice and support you need in making a decision. Is the offer too good to be true? Scams will often promise high returns for very little financial commitment. They may even say that a deal is too good to miss. Use your common sense, if a deal is too good to be true, it inevitably is. Are you being pressured to make a decision? Fraudsters often try to hurry your decision making. Don't let anyone make you feel under pressure - it's OK to take a break and think things through if you're not sure. Sales staff should always give you time and space to make an informed decision, anyone who tries to rush you should not be trusted. Are there spelling and grammar mistakes? Emails or messages littered with spelling and grammar mistakes are a scam giveaway. Legitimate organisations will rarely, if ever, make spelling or grammatical mistakes in their emails to you because they've been put together by professionals and checked before they're sent.

REMEMBER ~~~~ YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT.

If it seems too good to be true then it usually is.

BE SCAMMER AWARE.

CRIMESTOPPERS

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

Want to know about Haven's Neighbour Consultation and their proposals for new static caravan pitches within their park?

The Parish Council has invited **Jonathan** and **Richard** to the monthly meeting on Monday 10 October, 7.30pm start in the Village Hall. They will be presenting an overview of the proposals and will happily answer any questions raised at that time.

The meeting is in the main hall, but please be aware that spaces may be limited.

An Agenda will be published on **4th October** on the Parish Council's website at **www.hopton-on-seapc.info** on the three notice boards and details on the Hopton Residents Facebook page.

We look forward to seeing you.

Cllr. **Chris Ward**, Chairman.

Sing-a-long at Christmas time

Carols around the Ruins, Mini Christmas Market, Childrens Merry Go Round, Mulled Wine, Mince Pies and Roasted Chestnuts.Special Guest Appearance.

10 December 2022, 3pm to 7.30pm
in the Millennium Garden/Ruins on Coast Road.

Organised by Hopton Residents Facebook Events Committee.

Autumn bingo

Once again the support from locals and Phoenix Karate members and their families was evident as they came together to fill the village hall for an Autumn bingo to raise money to support students travelling to Florence Italy, at the beginning of November, for the WUKF European Championships.

We would like to thank East Coast Cinema, Lowestoft, B&Q, and everyone who donated prizes. An amazing £985 was raised.

A Christmas Bingo will be held on **Saturday 26th November**. Anyone wishing to donate a prize can contact PKS Fundraising Chairman **Dave Wadhams** on 07918 689741.

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