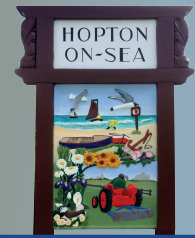


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If you are new to Hopton, welcome! A copy of Village News will be delivered through your door every month. It should help you keep in touch with what's going on in Hopton. If you have any queries or we can help in any way please contact Julie, Clerk to the Council on 01502 730768 or pop into the Office at the Village Hall, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9.30am to 1.30pm. The Parish Council's website also has information at the click of a mouse.

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Every Sunday at 11am Service

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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).

MARCH:
Saturday 9th: Craft Fayre at St. Margaret's Church

Monday 11th: Parish Council meeting 7.30pm Village Hall. All welcome.

Saturday 16th: Greatest Showman Sing Along at Hopton Village Hall

Friday 22nd: Ritson Ramblers - all welcome to join in starting at Ritson Lodge

Saturday 23rd: Easter Bingo in the Village Hall

JUNE:
D. Day celebration June. Details to follow.

Saturday 15th: Party in the Park at the Recreation Ground.

Saturday 22nd: Summer Bingo in the Village Hall

JULY:
Saturday 13th: Craft Fayre at St. Margaret's Church

Saturday 27th: Craft Fayre at St. Margaret's Church

AUGUST:
Saturday 10th & 24th: Craft Fayre at St. Margaret's Church

SEPTEMBER:
Saturday 14th & 28th: Craft Fayre at St. Margaret's Church

Saturday 21st: Autumn Bingo in the Village Hall

OCTOBER:
Saturday 26th: Craft Fayre at St. Margaret's Church

NOVEMBER:
Saturday 23rd: Craft Fayre at St. Margaret's Church

Saturday 30th: Christmas Bingo in the Village Hall

To find out what's on at Hopton Village Hall, view their website:
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or phone **01502 730768** and speak to Kye to book a party or event.

Parish Council website:
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We need someone with keyboard skills to play the organ and or the piano for the 11 O'clock service on Sundays at St. Margaret's Church Hopton. If interested please contact Irene Nickerson on **01502 731066** or Revd Nigel Lacey on **01502 464799**.

During Sundays in Lent there will be soup, a roll and tea/coffee and biscuits for a donation. All are welcome. There will not be Lite Bites during Lent. Donations from Lent lunches go towards a selected charity. Lite bites will return after Easter hopefully.

Little Footprints cannot run at the moment because the lead person, Pam has been in hospital and will need time to recuperate. There is a team of volunteers but no one at this point in time who can open without Pam's leadership.

In fact, one person out of the church team means at the moment we are running full pelt to keep services and all the other activities that we are involved with running. We would welcome anyone who is interested, to come and join us and be involved. We would like to apply for grants and get church facilities improved.

If there are any organists who would like to practice the organ we would be pleased to welcome them because the organ needs to be played regularly to keep it in good condition. If there is someone who would like to arrange flowers in memory of someone or for Easter they too would be welcome. If there are people who would like to be involved in any way at all we will be pleased to see them. You never know what you can achieve until you try. Join us on Easter day at 11.00 if not before.

Irene Nickerson, Churchwarden 01502 731066

Rev. Nigel Lacey 01502 464799

Craft Fayres are being held in the Church/Vestry on the following Saturdays:

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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:
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Meeting dates 2024:

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.

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

- Hall Road, off Lowestoft Road (near old Post Office).
- Seaview Rise, next to 7 – 8 Manor Gardens.
- Noel Close, junction Lowestoft Road.
- Seafields Drive, junction Lowestoft Road.
- 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".

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We reported last year that the Parish Council's bid for Section 106 money (developer's contribution) to upgrade St. Clair Court play area off Julian Way was submitted to the Borough Council for consideration in November 2023. We expected to hear from GYBC by the end of January 2024. However, we have now been advised that there is a delay in reviewing the bids and they will need to go through the Borough Council's Cabinet system. It is therefore likely that the outcome will not be known until around late Spring. St. Clair Court play area is in need of replacement equipment, some more up to date play pieces and a general spruce up. We will keep residents informed of progress.

What's On at Hopton Village Hall March 24

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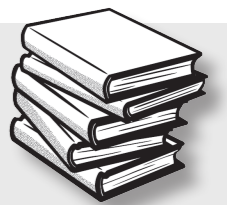
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- Tuesday:** Latin Rhythms 9.30am to 10.30am
NHS Private Hire 11am to 1pm
Slimming World 5.30pm to 7.30pm
- Wednesday:** Pilates 9.15am to 10.15am
Phoenix Karate 4.45pm to 8.15pm
- Thursday:** Pickleball 10am to 12pm
Badminton Club 12.30pm to 1.30pm
Dance Academy 4pm to 4.45pm
Yoga Sculpt 6pm to 7pm
Zumba 7.15pm to 8.15pm
- Friday:** 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 12am

Small hall

- Monday:** You and Me Moments 9.30am to 3.30pm
Yoga 6pm to 7pm
- Tuesday:** Dance Academy 4pm to 6pm
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:** Fifi 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

EVENTS: Bingo 23 March | Greatest Showman 16 March



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15 May

12 June,

10 July

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HOPTON-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minute of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12 February 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, John Plaskett, John Tonks.

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

The Chairman pointed out housekeeping matters.

1. To receive apologies for absence.

Received from County/Borough Cllr. Carl Anison.

2. To receive declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda and consider any requests for dispensation.

Cllr. Oakes declared a financial interest in item 6.b) as one of the planning applications relates to her property.

3. Public Forum.

In summary:

a) Dog fouling is on the increase in the village. Could a meeting be arranged with the Environmental Health Officer GYBC to discuss what else can be done to raise awareness of the problem. Some discussion took place regarding the use of social media, leaflets, ring doorbell cameras, stickers etc. It was generally thought that a positive campaign setting out the medical consequences of not picking up dog mess, along with stickers etc could be beneficial.

b) The new pot grown Christmas tree has been planted in the Millennium Garden (supplied

free of charge). The final section of strimming the pathway at Warren Road will be completed when the weather improves. The laurel bushes at the front of the Recreation Ground are now dormant.

4. To confirm the Minute of the Parish Council Meeting held 8 January 2024.

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

5. To receive County and Borough Councillors' Reports.

Cllr. Anison submitted a written report. The issue on the section of highway north of Lowestoft Road (small development of bungalows), remains a problem. Sections of the footpath are still incomplete and the highway verge is overgrown. Cllr. Anison has asked NCC and GYBC for a site

meeting to sort the problems. He has also asked that the "hit squad" clear the footpath from Noel Close heading north.

6. To consider the Clerk's reports.

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

b) **Planning applications.**

Cllr. Oakes declared a financial interest in one of the planning applications and left the room.

06/23/0904/HH 42A Station Road NR31 9BE Proposed two storey front extension.

06/23/0886/VCF Variation of conditions 2 and 8 of planning permission 06/21/0959/F erection of two-level boathouse on The Decoy, grounds of Hopton Manor. Revised plans and design of boathouse including balcony details.

06/23/0931/HH 2 Julian Way. Single storey side and rear extension with integral garage. Extension of driveway. Alterations to brick boundary wall.

All the above, no objections by the Planning Committee.

Permissions Granted/Refused by GYBC. None.

Cllr. Oakes returned to the room.

c) Finance. To agree February 2024 invoices for payment and bank Reconciliation statement as at 31 January 2024.

Eight payments and two direct debits from the business current account totalling £6,689.14 plus two additional January payments totalling £1,509.81. It was proposed by Cllr. Oakes and seconded by Cllr. Plaskett to approve the list of payments and bank reconciliation statement. This was unanimously agreed.

7. To receive information and consider matters relating to the Millennium Garden/Ruin.

a) **Work carried out by Abate Pest Management Services Ltd.**

The scaffolding has been removed and work completed in accordance with their report and quotation.

b) **Possibility of LED lighting around the Millennium Garden. Public consultation.**

A discussion took place regarding the possibility of a permanent electricity supply to the Millennium Garden. Using a spur from an existing nearby NCC lamppost would be the cheapest option. Written consent

would be required from the Church of England Commissioners and other matters would need to be considered including gate security should the Council decide to progress this idea. It was proposed by Cllr. Oakes and seconded by Cllr. Tonks to investigate whether it would be possible to have a permanent electricity supply and the cost involved. This was agreed by majority vote. Cllr. Lee is taking this forward and will report back to the Parish Council at a future meeting.

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

a) **Survey report and quotation from Talking Elm Tree Services re Oak Trees east side.**

The report has been circulated. One of the Oak trees requires work to reduce it by 1-2 metres and remove major deadwood. This tree is covered by a Tree Protection Order. In order to carry out the work prior to the start of the nesting season, it was proposed by Cllr. Windsor-Luck and seconded by Cllr. Lee to proceed with the quotation for tree works at £1,572. plus VAT. This includes the application to GYBC for consent.

b) **Emergency repairs to stop leak south changing, back room.**

The work has been carried out to the cistern which is no longer leaking. However, one of the taps in the ladies toilet is faulty. The matter is being looked at and repairs in hand on an emergency basis. Cllr. Windsor-Luck will report back at the next meeting.

c) **Meeting with Hopton Harriers FCE re fire risk checklist.**

Following a brief discussion, Cllr. Lee advised he is able to attend the Recreation Ground early Saturday morning to meet the manager of the football team and will report back to the Parish Council at a future meeting.

d) **E-On Business Plan renewal.**

The fixed business plan comes to an end on 20 March 2024. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. Oakes and seconded by Cllr. Hacon to renew the business plan for a further twelve months. This was unanimously agreed.

e) **Renewal of Lease update.**

NP Law responded to Norton Peskett (the Parish Council's solicitors) regarding enquiries raised. The matter is progressing slowly.

f) **Party in the Park 15 June 2024 – stall and advert.**

Some discussion took place regarding the type of stall to be set up i.e. raffle, dog fouling stickers, stocks with a wet sponge.

With regard to an advert, it was generally felt that it would be more beneficial for local businesses to advertise first and should there be space left, the Parish Council would take an advert. No formal proposal/ resolution.

9. **To ratify Clerk's attendance at audit workshop organised by Norfolk Parish Training & Support on 24 January 2024 at a cost of £55 from the training budget.**

It was proposed by Cllr. Hacon and seconded by Cllr. K. Bradley to ratify attendance and cost. This was unanimously agreed.

10. **To receive information and consider matters relating to defibrillators.**

a) **Ratification of emergency payment to replace battery and pads on the defib at the Recreation Ground, external wall of the Pavilion Building. Defib is owned/ maintained by the Parish Council.**

The battery was just over 4 years old (lifespan of around 4 years) and the pads were due for replacement this month. It was proposed by Cllr. K. Bradley and seconded by Cllr. Oakes to ratify the emergency payment of £344 to replace the battery and pads. This was unanimously agreed.

Some discussion took place regarding the required monthly maintenance of the defib to ensure that it remains in good condition and ready for use. It was proposed by Cllr. K. Bradley and seconded by Cllr. Hacon to rotate the duty of maintenance amongst those Cllrs. who are willing and able to assist. This was agreed by majority vote. The Clerk will set up a rota and the matter will be on the monthly agenda by way of an update.

The manager of the Football Team has already been advised that drinks must never be left on top of the defib cabinet. An apex on the top or a notice needs to be installed to ensure the defib is not compromised.

b) **Application by the Village Hall Management Trust (VHMT) for a financial donation to replace the battery and pads on the defib on the external wall of the Village Hall.**

There are many defibs in the village. The Parish Council could not be expected to pay for all the batteries and pads to be replaced. Cllr. Ames proposed that the donation application from the VHMT is turned down so as not to set a precedent. The proposal was not seconded.

Following further discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. Hacon and seconded by Cllr. Lee that a donation of £344 be made to cover

the cost of a replacement battery and new pads, on the basis that (i) the organisation is a registered charity, (ii) the village hall is well used by many groups in the village and (iii) the wiring is checked and approved by a qualified electrician. This was agreed by majority vote.

11. **To receive information and consider matters relating to Village News magazine.**

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. Windsor-Luck and seconded by Cllr. Plaskett to refer this matter to the Policies & Finance Advisory Committee to carry out a financial review, consider outsourcing the magazine and other options. This was unanimously agreed.

12. **To receive information regarding the felling of a Cedar tree Seaview Rise by NCC/GYBC, and planting a replacement tree winter 2024.**

Following comments on the Facebook page, contact was made with GYBC to establish why the tree was cut down. This was due to the failure of one of the tree's main stems. The tree was assessed and deemed, that to avoid further failure and threat this causes, the remaining tree should be removed. NCC advise that a replacement tree will be planted winter 2024/25.

13. **To receive information and consider annual renewal of Community Action Norfolk at £20pa.**

Renewal paperwork has been circulated. In view of membership benefits, it was proposed by Cllr. Tonks and seconded by Cllr. Y. Bradley to renew at £20pa. This was agreed by majority vote.

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

a) **Progress of plans for the 80th anniversary of D. Day 6 June 2024.**

The full report has been circulated. In summary, Ritson Lodge are happy to facilitate a 1940s style tea at 3.30pm. The afternoon will start with a talk about D. Day presented by a Parish Cllr. Twelve school children will be involved wearing 1940s style knitted tops, thanks to the Hopton Yarn Bombers. A lantern to be lit to commemorate the anniversary. A special assembly will be held at the school in the morning. It was proposed by Cllr. Oakes and seconded by Cllr. Plaskett to provide a budget of up to £200 to cover the cost. This was unanimously agreed.

b) **To adopt the Biodiversity Policy.**

The proposed policy and action plan has been circulated. It was proposed by Cllr. Plaskett and seconded by Cllr. Lee to adopt the policy and action plan and include in the annual view of policies. This was unanimously agreed.

c) **New 20mph flashing speed signs Coast Road.**

No update regarding installation.

d) **S106 bid re play area St. Clair Court.**

GYBC advise that there has been a delay in reviewing the bids and there will be a need to go through the Borough Council's Cabinet system. It is therefore likely that the outcome will not be known until around late Spring.

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

Confirmed. Monday 11 March 2024, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at approx. 8.50pm.

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).



CHUCKLE CORNER ONE LINERS

What happens to a frog's car when it breaks down?
It gets toad away.

Can February march?
No, but April may.

How do you make a tissue dance?
Put a little boogie in it.

Have you heard the joke about yoga.
Never mind it's a bit of a stretch.

Why should you never play poker at the zoo?
Too many cheetahs.

What did the duck say when he bought lipstick?
"Put it on my bill."

Had enough – not surprised – if you have some good jokes that are printable please e-mail them to hoptonparishclerk@hotmail.com

EASTER COLOURING COMPETITION

Do you enjoy colouring and drawing? Send us your Happy Easter pictures and win an Easter Egg. You can either send one of your own creations or colour the picture above.

E-Mail your picture to hoptonparishclerk@hotmail.com or place it in the red post box on the wall outside the Village Hall. Please include your name and contact details (and age if under 18).

Entry closes
27 March 2024.



EASTER PRIZE

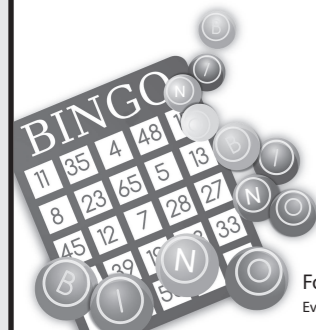


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at **HOPTON VILLAGE HALL**

Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start

- Prize Bingo ● Refreshments
- Raffle - tickets for Raffle available on the night



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LOCAL CARE HOME LAUNCHES RITSON RAMBLERS

(from the front cover photo)

Ritson Lodge Care Home Residents and staff in Hopton on Sea have teamed up with the local community for a newly launched walk around Hopton on Sea connecting residents within with the local community.

Residents of Ritson Lodge Care Home Hopton on Sea (run by Barchester Healthcare), had an amazing afternoon walking and chatting. Here at Ritson Lodge, 35 of us got out to launch our Ritson Ramblers. The idea was to enjoy fresh air, meet new people and tackle loneliness. Mental health is important and getting out with others definitely helps.

A special thankyou to our local beat police officer Mark from Norfolk Constabulary who kept us out of trouble on our first walk ...so much laughter oh and not to forget Prince the dog and Angela our volunteer that guided us around the route. Our next walk will be the 22nd March please come join us.

Siobhan, general manager of the home said: "Residents have really enjoyed the walk and sharing their stories. We were so please to have such a great turn out. We are looking forward to the next one"

Ritson Care Home is run by Barchester Healthcare, one of the UK's largest care providers, which is committed to delivering high-quality care across its care homes and hospitals. Ritson Care Home provides residential care, and dementia care for residents from respite care to long term stays.

For more information please contact Siobhan Fennell, General Manager at Ritson Lodge care home on 01502 734000 or Ritson.Lodge@barchester.com www.Barchester.com



Top tips to prepare your garden for spring

1. Order summer-flowering bulbs and seeds
2. Tidy up flower beds and borders
3. Clean out and wash your greenhouse
4. Sow any seeds that need a longer season
5. Hunt down and remove garden pests
6. Install water butts and start collecting rainwater
7. Move deciduous shrubs
8. Maintain fences, gates and trellis
9. Clean and sharpen gardening tools
10. Create a composting area



We are very pleased to report that we have had a flux of new volunteers who have come to help set up/put away and get involved with the members, this has been

a great relief. A big thank you to all of them and hopefully they will become committee members at the next annual general meeting. Anyone else who would like to join the team please get in touch, we are also looking for a treasurer.

A big thank you also goes out for the very kind donations we have received of sweets and art/craft supplies, the members are thoroughly enjoying them.

Alongside playing pool, participating in table tennis rallies and learning to play the Ukulele. Members have had lots of fun making puppet dragons for the Chinese New Year and heart shaped pancakes to celebrate Shrove Tuesday and St Valentines Day.

There has been a few instances of the rules being broken so here is a little reminder to the members and their parents/carers of the rules that they have agreed to when attending the club, please pay particular attention to the first 4 bullets

- wOnly food and drink bought from the Club tuck shop can be consumed. Any other form of food and drink will be confiscated and returned at the end of the night. This includes chewing gum. Any special dietary concerns should be discussed and agreed with a volunteer.

- No use of bad language, not even amongst members.
- Place rubbish in the bins provided.
- Report and help clear up any messes made.
- Doors open at 7pm, there is no entry into the Club prior to this time.
- Items of value (phones/tablets/money/branded clothing) brought to the club are done so at the members own risk, the youth club is not responsible for any loss or damage. We would recommend such items be left at home.
- If mobile phones are brought to the club, they should only be used in an in case of emergency situation. Taking pictures and videos is prohibited, this is to safeguard all members and the volunteers.
- Look after the furniture, equipment and games so limited funds need to go on replacing or fixing them.
- Respect and listen to the volunteers.
- Treat each other respectfully, bullying will not be tolerated
- There is to be no running in the hall.
- Smoking, alcohol, drugs or anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated.
- Scooters, roller skates/blades or skateboards are not allowed on the premises.

It should be noted that if the rules are broken, depending on the severity of the behaviour this could lead to a temporary or full ban from the club.

To enrol your child to start 19th April 2024, please pick up a form from the Village Hall any Friday 6:30pm till 9pm during term time, all completed forms to be submitted by 22nd March. 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 June 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.

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:
www.facebook.com/groups/265693031523615

and keep up to date with current events.



Calling all Bowlers.

Spring isn't far around the corner and Hopton Bowls Club are looking forward to the new season. If a game of bowls is something you'd like to try for the first time or have played before and would like to come along and see what we are about, you'll be met with a welcome smile and a cup of tea. We will be having an open day towards the end of April to

get the season started. Roll-ups are on a Wednesday evening at 6pm and Sunday afternoons at 2pm. Tuesday afternoon is interclub matches with a cuppa and cake, all weather dependent of course. There are interclub tournaments for the competitive bowler and this year we are entering the Lothingland League as well as the Sunshine League. We have a good social calendar

throughout the year so always something to look forward to. If bowling is something you're interested in, for more information ring Roger on **01502 732093** or **07716958289** or come along on a roll up Wednesday evening at 6pm. The bowls green is We are behind St. Margaret's Church on Lowestoft Road.



This month, it is the turn of Caroline Payne, Hair Stylist at the shop on Station Road.

Many thanks to Caroline for taking the time to answer the questions.

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

1. Describe yourself in five words.
Fun, loving, considerate, positive and bubbly.

2. Can you say a little about why you chose those words?
I live life to the fullest and never take anything for granted. I appreciate everyone that's in my life.

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

Wake up at 6am. After my morning cup of tea, I prep dinner for later that evening and make sure all jobs are done at home. Then I run to work. I come home relax and have dinner with my lovely family.

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

The friendliness of all the people I come across, and also working close to home.

5. What's important to you?

Good health is number one to all my family and friends and of course myself, and being content with everything I have in life big or little, and stay true to myself.

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

Even though it was a sad day going back 14 years, I had just come back from the funeral directors regarding my dad's funeral. I clearly wasn't thinking straight and left my house to go to the hair salon with my skirt tucked up from behind. It did make me smile so that was a good thing. Even though I felt so embarrassed.

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, we ask the same six questions.

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