Will Hopton’s Youth Club have to close?
You could stop this happening. See page 5

Great British Spring Clean-Up in Hopton
Sunday 4 March 2018
Pavilion Building, Lowestoft Road
We can make a difference. Look forward to seeing you there. (more details inside)

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The Honesty Book Exchange Point

The Honesty Book Exchange Point in the Village Hall is very popular with books being exchanged daily. 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. We do not need any more books, so please only exchange the same amount of books that you come in with.

Corton Allotments

There are currently a number of allotment plots available at Church Lane, Corton.

If you are interested in growing your own fruit and vegetables, please email the Secretary, Claire Boyne, at cortonallotments@googlemail.com

Dear Editor

A note to say many thanks to Hopton Pharmacy, they deserve a prize for their excellent helpful service at all times. Also to Corton Carers who are reliable and friendly.

Hopton resident
(name/address supplied)

Gorleston Flower Club

Gorleston Flower Club meet on the last Thursday in the month (February to November) at Magdalen Way Methodist Church, Magdalen Way, Gorleston NR31 7DB commencing at 7.30pm.

If you enjoy flowers why not give the Gorleston Flower Club a try. For further details phone 01493 663590. Visitors £5 per meeting. Raffle of arrangements and hampers.

SAM needs helpers

Thank you to Cllr. John Tonks and resident Richard Brewer who have maintained the battery levels for the SAM2 camera, at various locations around the village.

Cllr. Tonks will no longer be able to do this so we are looking for another volunteer (or two) who is able to change the battery over every two/three weeks on a rota basis. Full training will be provided.

If you are interested please telephone Cllr. Ian Constable, Chairman on 01502 731578.

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Hopton CE Primary School 01502 730489
Hopton Medical Centre 01502 732246
Hopton Dental Surgery 01502 732124
Hopton Pharmacy 01502 733876
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Hopton McColls/Post Office 01502 733617
Bus Times Information 0871 2002233
Cliff Park Orniston Academy 01493 661504
Gas Emergency Service 0800 111999
Emergency Police/Fire/Ambulance 999
Norfolk Constabulary 101
Gorleston Police Station (non emergency)
James Paget Hospital 01493 452452
NHS Direct 111
for non emergency
Samaritans 01493 842800

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 the village. If you have any queries or we can help in any way please contact the Clerk 01502 730768 or pop into the Office at the Village Hall, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Fridays between 9.30am and 1.30pm. The Parish Council’s website also has information at the click of a mouse.

www.Hopton-on-sea-parish-council.norfolk.gov.uk

We look forward to seeing you at one of the many events being held throughout the year in the village.

Urgent Repairs?

If you would like to report a road or pathway that is in urgent need of repair, phone local call rate 0344 800 8009. Is there a street light not working in your area? Phone 0344 800 8008 quoting the unique number on the column. If there is no number, give a location. Alternatively you can report matters on-line.

GYBC www.great-yarmouth.gov.uk
NCC www.norfolk.gov.uk

Do you live in Julian Way?

A volunteer is needed to deliver Village News to homes in Julian Way (60 magazines) from the end of January. If you have an hour to spare each month please contact Julie 01502 730768.

Charlie’s Lights

We made £440 from “Charlie’s Lights” that will be split equally between the Sandra Chapman Centre and The Louise Hamilton Centre at the James Page Hospital. The Christmas lights will be erected again this year to raise more money.
Thank you,
Vivianne Trorey, Potters Drive.

Hopton Bowls Club

To all bowlers and anyone wanting to try bowling, the green opens on the 21 April 2108 at 2pm behind St Margaret’s Church, Lowestoft Road.

During the season our Social Club has BBQ’s and friendly ‘roll-up’, also league games, but most of all we just have enjoyment and fun, so just turn up and meet new people or telephone Gloria Monk (01502 341862) or Roger Aldous (01502732093) for further information.
Dear Parishioner,

Ash Wednesday has signalled the start of Lent, those 40 days and 40 nights where each Christian is invited to draw aside from the normal busyness of daily life and, through the assisting disciplines of fasting and prayer, to contemplate the meaning of Jesus’ redeeming Passion.

Due to my recent close encounter of the medical kind, the emphasis will shift slightly in respect of what we will be ‘doing’ during Lent this year. We will be supporting the Bishop of Norwich’s Lenten Appeal, details of which you will find attached to this letter below. Each of the Parishes will be deciding as to how they will seek to effect and co-ordinate their response — so watch out for details in the advertising parts of this publication and in the weekly pew notices.

In the wake of the resounding revelations that have sent very real shockwaves through the Charity Sector, and in place of a central Lent Study Programme there will be copies of The USPG Lent course for 2018 available in each of the Parish Churches which will look at how Anglican Churches around the world are supporting global development.

Entitled **LENT STUDY COURSE 2018: ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE**, the course has a focus on the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which replaced the Millennium Development Goals.

USPG and our global church partners are giving our full support to the SDGs. In particular, we have been inspired by the growing understanding among governments, the UN and other actors that faith-based organisations have a key role to play in global development – something we have known for years!

According to UN Development Programme Administrator Helen Clark: ‘Faith-based organisations... have an important role to play in reminding us to focus on what really matters to us as human beings in search of well-being.’

With this in mind, our five-week study course for Lent attempts to make clear the links between our faith and global development.

We want to suggest that it is only in God that there is any real hope for lasting change.

Sincerely wishing you a rewarding Lent.

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**Church Services & important dates in the Coastline Parishes during March 2018**

18th February - 1st SUNDAY OF LENT
09h30 Sung Eucharist, St Bartholomew’s, Corton
11h00 Sung Eucharist, St Margaret’s, Hopton-on-Sea

19th February - Monday
14h00 Funeral, St Margaret’s, Hopton-on-Sea [Lowe]

21st February - Wednesday
11h00 Funeral, St Bartholomew’s, Corton [Rodgers]

22nd February - Thursday
19h00 Hopton PCC in the Vestry

25th February - 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT
09h30 Sung Eucharist, St Bartholomew’s, Corton
11h00 Sung Eucharist, St Margaret’s, Hopton-on-Sea
14h00 Baptism, St Bartholomew’s, Corton.

27th February - Tuesday
11h00 Funeral, St Bartholomew’s, Corton [Ayers]

4th March - 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT
09h30 All Age Worship, St Bartholomew’s, Corton
11h00 Funeral, St Margaret’s, Hopton-on-Sea
10h30 Institution of Fr Glen Brooks as Rector of the Somerleyton Benefice at St Mary’s Church, Somerleyton.

5th March - Monday
13h30 Funeral, Lowestoft Cemetery Chapel [Wright]

11th March - 4th SUNDAY OF LENT
MOTHERING SUNDAY
09h30 Sung Eucharist, St Bartholomew’s, Corton
11h00 Cafe Church, St Margaret’s, Hopton-on-Sea

14th March - Wednesday
The Archdeacon of Norfolk’s visit to the Parishes.

18th March - 5th SUNDAY OF LENT
Archdeacon’s Visitation
10h30 Benefice Eucharist, St Margaret’s, Hopton-on-Sea

25th March - PALM SUNDAY 09h30 Procession and Eucharist in St Bartholomew’s, Corton
11h00 Eucharist in St Margaret’s, Hopton-on-Sea

26th March - Monday of Holy Week
18h00 Prayers in St Bartholomew’s, Corton

27th March - Tuesday of Holy Week
18h00 Prayers in St Margaret’s, Hopton-on-Sea

28th March - Wednesday of Holy Week
15h00 Holy Communion at Ritson Lodge

29th March - MAUNDY THURSDAY
18h00 Rite with Holy Communion, St Bartholomew’s, Corton

30th March - GOOD FRIDAY
12h00 Rite with Holy Communion, St Margaret’s, Hopton-on-Sea

31st March - Easter Eve
Preparing the Churches for Easter

1st April - EASTER DAY
06h00 Pascal Eucharist, St Margaret’s, Hopton-on-Sea
09h30 All Age Easter Eucharist, St Bartholomew’s, Corton
11h00 All Age Easter Eucharist, St Margaret’s, Hopton-on-Sea

Please note – ‘All Age’ indicates that liturgical formality is more relaxed and that young children and their carers will be especially welcome to be a partner of these services, as indeed they are at any service.

**Café Church** – begins in the St Margaret’s Church Vestry at 11h00 with Coffee and Croissants - The Sunday Newspaper and The Good News! Very informal and totally ‘laid back’!
Every Monday – Drop In at 10h00 – 12h00 in St Margaret’s Vestry, Hopton-on-Sea.
Every Wednesday - Morning Prayer is said at 09h30 in St Margaret’s, Hopton-on-Sea.
Roger, The Vicar.

Our special thoughts and prayers are with Corton’s Churchwarden, Wendy Rodgers and her family in the wake of their recent double bereavement.

I would like to thank the many wonderful people who have provided me with love, support and encouragement during my recent period of ill health. Your prayers, messages and many kindnesses have given me much strength and have contributed greatly to my recovery.

The Bishop’s Lent Appeal 2018

Give today to enable local mission in Simbai.

The Bishop’s Lent Appeal 2018 is focused on enabling local mission in Simbai, Papua New Guinea. In this remote community the church building is the hub of village life.

Your gift will:

- help to develop a larger church building;
- facilitate new mission initiatives with the young people of this scattered community; and
- support people, such as giving Lynn and Tony Fry periodic Retreat and Refreshment breaks (see below).

In addition, as we do every other year, we want to support the Archbishop of PNG’s work to encourage his clergy and their mission and to facilitate the continuance of our remarkable link between our two Diocese over such a huge distance.

Lent 2018 begins on Wednesday 14 February and ends on Thursday 29 March.

About the appeal

In Simbai, our 50 year old link feels more alive than ever as Lynn and Tony Fry (priest and market gardener) from East Harling are volunteering for a two/three year period in the Anglican Vocational Training College.

Lynn and Tony are working against enormous odds where getting about depends on a Mission Aviation Fellowship 10 seater plane (weather permitting); where there is no electricity; where their bathroom is a combination of a stream at the bottom of the garden and a pit lavatory, and where they cook over a solitary paraffin flame.

Meanwhile the Bishop there (whose wife Jessica was with us in Lent 2014) would like to double the size of the church building which is the hub of village life. Bishop Nathan has recruited a builder/priest from Suffolk, the Rev’d Barrie Slatter, to help deliver this. Barrie has already worked with Bishop Nathan over two other church building projects in that diocese; one of which our Bishop Graham helped to consecrate in 2015. So this year’s Lent Appeal is aimed at supporting their mission in Simbai.

We hope and pray you will find this a worthwhile cause to support.
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We have a wonderful Recreation Ground on the Lowestoft Road that is calling out for local football teams! If you run a local club and would like to use the pitch for friendly games or for the start of the season later this year, please contact me.

The first meeting of the S106 Recreational Facilities Working Party is being held on 17 October. An update will be in next month’s edition of your Village News magazine.

If you have an enquiry, or would like to discuss anything relating to the Parish, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

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New Players Welcome at Broadland Cricket Club

Pre-Season Nets
Caister Academy (formerly Caister High School)
Windsor Road Caister-on-Sea NR30 5LS

Friday 23 February 7:00 - 9:00pm
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Friday 6 April 7:00 - 9:00pm

All enquiries to broadlandcricket@gmail.com or Paul Kitchen (team captain) 07990718723

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Great British Spring Clean-Up in Hopton

Sunday 4 March 2018

The Great British Spring Clean is a campaign with a simple aim: to bring people across the country together to clear up the litter that blights our towns, villages, countryside and beaches.

On the weekend of 2-4 March 2018, we want to inspire 500,000 people to get outdoors, get active and help clear up the rubbish that lies around us. Join our growing army of #LitterHeroes who have had enough of other people’s litter and are willing to do something about it. Together we can make a difference and clean up the environment on our doorstep.

The Hopton-on-Sea annual litter pick is taking place on Sunday 4 March 2018. Can you spare an hour to help at this very worthwhile community event? Everyone is welcome. Please wrap up warm and bring gloves with you. GYB Services will be providing some litter pickers and rubbish sacks.

You can make a difference to the environment we live in by coming along on Sunday 4 March 2018, 10am at the Pavilion Building, Recreation Ground, Lowestoft Road.

We look forward to seeing you there.
Hopton-on-Sea Parish Council.

Hopton-on-Sea W.I.

Despite the rain there was a 99% attendance for our February Meeting at Rison Lodge. President Diane welcomed members and presented cards and roses to Catarina and Eileen who were today’s birthday girls. Diane announced the results of the votes required for the National Federation Resolutions that ours would be Item 2.

A fish and chip lunch at Gorleston Golf Club was suggested, perhaps for April or May and members wholeheartedly supported this suggestion. Something completely different for next month’s meeting will be a visit by Gorleston “weather man” David Kelf who we hope will bring some sunshine with him.

Competitions: Flower of the month and an Umbrella.

Our speaker today was an old favourite of ours Roz Thomas who is an expert at everything to do with jewellery. Members were kept on their toes by having to guess what was the genuine article, members jewellery and rings were evaluated and Roz gave very valuable advice on how to avoid damaging your jewellery - cleaning - insuring etc.

We saw examples of pearls, jade, amber, opals and we were given the opportunity to handle all these precious items too. Roz brought along a vast selection of beautiful jewellery for members to buy too. As ever with such a good Speaker time flew and it was time for Cake and home. This month’s competition winners were Pam with an aconite flower and Mary a necklace.

Our next meeting will be on 9th March 2pm Riston Lodge. New members and visitors are welcome. Mary Baker Secretary 01502 731435.

Church News

I previously omitted to thank Hopton in Bloom for their contributions towards decorating the church at Christmas. A huge thank you from the congregation.

Dates for your diaries

Breakfast will be served in The Vestry at saint Margaret’s Church Hopton for anyone who wishes to come. It will be served from 9 until 10.30 every Sunday in Lent which began on Sunday 18th February.

Families in Hopton put 27th March on your calendar. There will be another Active Church session on Tuesday 27th March. Come and make chocolate nests and do other fun activities. After school at 3.30 until 5.00 in the vestry. Talk to mums from reception who have been before. They enjoyed the Christmas session.

Irene Nickerson
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12 February 2018 at the Village Hall Station Road Hopton-on-Sea Great Yarmouth NR31 9BE commencing at 7pm.

Present: Parish Cllrs: Ian Constable (Chairman), Chris Garratt (Vice-Chairman), Dennis Ball, Lennie Gent, Andy Petersen, Chris Thomas, John Tonks.

Also present: County/Borough Cllr. Andy Grant, Julie McNair, Clerk to the Council and ten members of the public.

The Chairman pointed out some housekeeping matters in relation to the fire alarm, emergency exits, mobile phones etc.

1. To consider any apologies.
Apologies received from Parish Cllr. Julian Canham and Borough Cllrs. Carl Annison and Sue Hacon.

2. To receive declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda and consider any requests for dispensation.
There were none.

3. To confirm the Minute of the Parish Council meetings held on 8 January 2018.
It was proposed by Cllr. Ball to approve and adopt the Minute. This was seconded by Cllr. Petersen and agreed by majority vote (6 in favour, 1 abstention due to absence at that meeting). The Chairman signed the Minute.

4. To receive County and Borough Councillors’ Reports.
In summary:
County/Borough Cllr. Grant advised there is a 5.9% increase on the County Council’s budget. There are no cuts to gritting routes and bus services. The Hopton roundabout will be taken over by the Parish Council in April 2018 once all roadworks have been completed. In relation to the roadworks, double shifts are now being worked in the hope of finishing them earlier. This week there will be a vote on whether GYBC will continue trimming certain areas. It is likely there will be no more weed spraying, with the exception of gulleys and pavements. The lack of a bus stop timetable has again been reported to First Bus. Locally, the Community Land Trust (CLT) will be going ahead and a meeting will be arranged shortly. Finally, County Cllr. Grant confirmed that he did not take any increase in allowances and no expenses for mileage, petrol etc.

5. To receive and consider the Clerk’s reports:
i) Correspondence as listed and circulated to all Cllrs.
ii) Planning applications received:-
  06/17/0769/F 25 Coast Road. Rear single storey and side two storey extensions. No objection by the Planning Committee.
  06/17/0775/F 54 Old Church Road. Proposed loft conversion with side dormer roof extension. No objection by the Planning Committee.
  06/18/0027/F Proposed new residential dwelling (passive house) and garage at land adjacent to White House Farm Hall Road. With the Planning Committee. [No objection by the Planning Committee].
  06/18/0044/F Farmhouse Home Farm Lowestoft Road (entrance off Jay Lane) Hopton. Demolition of existing bungalow, erection of a replacement agricultural workers dwelling and detached garage. With the Planning Committee. [No objection by the Planning Committee].

Planning Permissions Granted by GYBC:-
  06/7/0692/F The Thatched Barn Hall Road. Replacement of timber windows with UPVC and replacement of some doors.
  06/17/0698/F 5 Seafields Drive. Retrospective permission for a conservatory.
  06/17/0598/0 48 Warren Road. Sub division of plot and construction of detached bungalow.

Planning Permissions Refused by GYBC:-
  None.

iii) Finance. Six cheques and one direct debit from the business current account totalling £1,686.22. It was proposed by Cllr. Tonks and seconded by Cllr. Garratt to approve the cheques and bank reconciliation statement. This was unanimously agreed. The Clerk confirmed that the new Mandate is now in place.

6. Policies & Finance Advisory Committee:
i) To approve the Minute of 11 January 2018.
It was proposed by Cllr. Garratt and seconded by Cllr. Petersen that the Minute of 11 January be accepted as read. This was unanimously agreed.

ii) To consider recommendations as listed in the Minute.
(a) It was proposed by Cllr. Petersen and seconded by Cllr. Gent that the Clerk be appointed the Data Protection Officer with immediate effect. This was unanimously agreed.
(b) It was proposed by Cllr. Gent and seconded by Cllr. Ball to review Standing Orders to incorporate the new roles of Data Protection Controller and Data Protection Officer, to review the Risk Assessment, Risk Management Schedule, and prepare the Assessment of Risk for Data currently held. This was unanimously agreed.
(c) It was proposed by Cllr. Constable and seconded by Cllr. Gent that all Cllrs. attend in-house training on the General Data Protection Regulations which come into effect on 25 May 2018, and further training when the UK Data Protection, which is currently in the House of Lords, comes into effect later this year. This was unanimously agreed.
(d) It was proposed by Cllr. Petersen and seconded by Cllr. Constable that the £1,000 budget set aside for a handyman (previously agreed not to proceed), be allocated to the Clerk’s salary budget to ensure that the cost of the additional workload carried out by the Data Protection Officer is adequately covered. This was unanimously agreed.

7. To consider quotations from DGS and Greengrass for gardening at the Millennium Garden/Ruin from March to October 2018.
Like for like quotations received at £220 and £192 per month respectively. It was proposed by Cllr. Thomas to accept the quotation from the existing gardener DGS. This proposal was not seconded. It was proposed by Cllr. Gent and seconded by Cllr. Tonks that the quotation from Greengrass be accepted. This was agreed by majority vote (6 in favour 1 abstention).

8. To consider purchasing more durable name badges.
The old name badge holders have run out and they were very flimsy. More durable badges are available and a discussion took place on the different types including lanyards. It was proposed by Cllr. Constable and seconded by Cllr. Gent that a budget be set of £150 with a view to investigating the various options and thereafter proceeding. This was unanimously agreed.

9. To consider the purchase of stickers to acknowledge the accomplishments carried out by the Parish Council on behalf of the community.
There is feedback from the public who are unsure how the precept is spent and how the Parish Council influences or carries out work in the community. GYBC put a sticker on any work that they carry out. Recently the Parish Council has procured and installed the bicycle rack near the skate park, carried out works to the Pavilion Building, new fencing along the front of the Recreation Ground and shortly, bus shelter repairs will be carried out.

The most cost effective stickers are Vinyl, UV and weather proof and are available in various sizes. The Village sign would be shown on the left side and the following wording printed on the right hand side of the sticker:

“On behalf of the community Hopton-on-Sea Parish Council”
The stickers come on a roll of 50 and the price depends on the size. Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Constable and seconded by Cllr. Tonks to set a budget of £50, and proceed to purchase suitable stickers. This was unanimously agreed.

10. To consider purchasing two new lockable four drawer filing cabinets.
In order to comply with the new Data Protection Regulations coming into force May this year, data must be kept secure in locked cabinets. The cost for one drawer sturdy metal filing cabinet is £134. However this reduces to £119 each if more are ordered. The Parish Council needs two and the Village Hall Management Trust one cabinet. It was proposed by Cllr. Gent and seconded by Cllr. Tonks to order 3 x four drawer lockable metal filing cabinets at £357 plus VAT. The VHMT will reimburse the Parish Council for one cabinet. This was unanimously agreed.

11. To carry out a review of energy supplier re electricity charges, Pavilion Building.
The one year E-On contract ends shortly. Prices have been increased, and E-On will not consider a reduction as so little electricity is used.
FEBRUARY MINUTES CONTINUED

There are various cheaper alternative suppliers available. It was proposed by Cllr. Constable and seconded by Cllr. Garratt to give notice of non-renewal to E-On. This was unanimously agreed. It was further proposed by Cllr. Constable and seconded by Cllr. Gent to appoint an energy consultant (free of charge) to find the best possible deal. This was unanimously agreed.

12. Bus shelters on Lowestoft Road and Station Road (near Village Hall).

(i) To consider quotations from M C Cleaning and GYB Services for cleaning the bus shelters on a one-off or more regularly. The quotations were considered and following a brief discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Tonks that a rolling cleans takes place for both shelters at £63 for the two. This was seconded by Cllr. Ball and unanimously agreed.

(ii) To receive a report by Cllrs. Ball and Tonks regarding the condition of the bus shelters and consider a quotation from Queensbury Shelters for replacement parts. The report and quotation were considered. It was proposed by Cllr. Gent and seconded by Cllr. Petersen to accept the quotation at £272.55 plus delivery £14.70. No new paint is required as some old paint has been found which is still usable. This was unanimously agreed. Cllrs. Ball and Tonks offered to fit the parts and paint the two shelters.

13. To receive a brief update on matters arising from Minutes:-

i) Feedback - Public Open Meetings held Saturday 20 January 2018 re: S.106 Money/Recreational areas/Play equipment and Community Events for 2018 and beyond.

The public open meeting was well attended. Thank you to everyone who provided input. Working Parties have been set up. The S106 Working Party meeting is being held on Saturday 17 February, 10am in the Village Hall. The Community Events Working Party meeting has been scheduled for Thursday 22 March, 6pm in the Village Hall.

ii) Annual Village Litter Pick as part of the Great British Spring Clean Sunday 4 March 2018, meeting 10am at the Pavilion Building. This will be the 12th annual Village litter pick at part of the Great British Spring Clean on Sunday 4 March 2018. Please meet at the Pavilion Building Recreation Ground Lowestoft Road at 10am. GYB Services will be lending us some litter picks and gloves. Sacks are being provided by Keep Britain Tidy.

iii) Progress of gateways. NCC Highways has advised there is a further delay. The gateway signs were ordered at the end of 2017. No timeframe has been given for installation. The matter has been disarmed for a further month.

iv) NALC Spring Conference. It was agreed last month that two delegates would attend the Spring Conference on 6 March 2018. This was on the basis that the topics to be covered, as advised by NALC, would be relevant to the Parish Council. However, the Agenda has now been received which does not include the two topics advised. As a result it is not considered appropriate for the two delegates to attend and the places have been cancelled.

13. To read Parish Councillors’ Reports (previously submitted in writing).

i) Northern Parishes Liaison Group Meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr. Petersen and seconded by Cllr. Gent that the report be accepted as read. This was unanimously agreed.


The Clerk thanked residents who have reported matters during the past month.

There are currently two matters outstanding with the relevant authorities:-

i) A manhole cover on the Lowestoft Road, near the entrance of Teulon Close. The manhole cover has been guarded by orange netting for over a year now and has been reported on several occasions so that either the manhole cover can be repaired, or if the fault has been repaired, to remove the orange netting.

The status of this enquiry is that NCC has “identified to resolve the issue…. and is already prioritised for repair”. However, that status update was December 2017 and no action has been taken. Apparently the drain cover is not the “usual” type so NCC is trying to find one that fits. Thanks to C. Cllr. Grant for chasing this up.

ii) A very tall tree near the Lowestoft Road, heading towards Valley Farm has cracked in half. It has a 12ft crown which has broken off and is only being held up by surrounding trees. It is dangerous and needs urgent attention.

This was reported to GYBC twice, the last time on 1 February 2018. According to GYBC website the Status is “in progress”. Thanks to B. Cllr. Annison for chasing this up.

Members of the public raised the following items (in summary):-

i) The coastguard telephone was vandalised and thrown into the trees along Warren Road. A new telephone has since been installed.

ii) Old fencing, 50 yards north of the metal steps was erected by GYBC around the base of the cliff. Old bits of the fencing still remain and need removing. B. Cllr. Grant will report this to GYBC.

iii) Could Bourne Leisure carry out a litter pick on the cliff face in front of the caravan park as it is very messy in that area.

15. To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of Hopton-on-Sea Parish Council. Monday 12 March 2018, 7.00pm at Hopton Village Hall. Confirmed.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.53pm.

If you would like a copy of the Parish Council Minutes in larger print, please contact the Clerk on 01502 730768 (office open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Friday 9.30am to 1.30pm).
Monday – Main Hall 1
Zumba Fitness 9am Contact George 07584244154
Bowls Club 1.30 – 4.00pm contact Frances on 01502 733232
Belly Dancing Class 7.30 – 8.30pm. Contact Carole 01502 581499

Monday – Smaller Hall 2
Pilates 10am – 11am Contact Hayley to book 07767 864568
3.45pm to 4.15pm – Grade 1 Tap contact Charlotte Wood contact 01502 732048
4.30pm to 5pm – Primary Ballet contact Charlotte Wood contact 01502 732048
5.15pm to 5.45pm – Primary Tap contact Charlotte Wood contact 01502 732048
Parish Council Meeting (12 March) 7.00 start. All welcome.
Contact Julie 01502 730768
Whole body toning exercise class 7pm – 8 pm Contact Gillian 01502 732488

Tuesday Hall 1
Slimming World Classes 5.30pm and 7.30pm. Contact Debbie 01493 441180

Tuesday Hall 2
BBarre Less 9.15 to 10.15am Contact George 07584244154
Pilates 10.30 to 11.30am Contact George 07584244154
NEW: Matti & Mimi’s Toddler music & Movement 1.30 to 2.15pm contact Donna 01502 528944
4.15pm to 4.30pm Grade 4 Tap, contact Charlotte Wood contact 01502 732048
5pm to 5.30pm Grade 2 Tap, contact Charlotte Wood contact 01502 732048
Spiritualist Church and Healing Centre.
6.45 – 7.45pm Healing
8.00 – 9.30pm Class

Wednesday Hall 1
Phoenix Karate School. Contact Vivianne 01502 730171
6.00pm – 7.00pm Juniors 5+
7.00pm – 8.00pm Seniors

Wednesday Hall 2
Beginners Adult Tap 6.30pm to 7.00pm. Contact Charlotte 01502 732048
Advanced Adult tap 7.15pm to 7.45pm. Contact Charlotte 01502 732048

Thursday Hall 1
Line Dancing 10.30 to 12pm contact Jane 07788408801
Tea Dance (weekly) 2.30pm to 4.30pm Contact John and Liz 01502 731222
Power Yoga 6.00pm to 7pm Contact Suzi 07875 331139
Zumba Fitness 7.15pm to 8.00pm. Contact Charlotte 01502 732048
2pm – 2.45pm Modern

Thursday Hall 2
3.45pm to 4.15pm Tiny Tappers, contact Charlotte Wood contact 01502 732048
4.30pm to 5pm Grade 5 Tap Seniors, contact Charlotte Wood contact 01502 732048
5.15pm to 6pm 11+ Street Dance, contact Charlotte Wood contact 01502 732048
6.15pm to 7pm Intermediate Adult Tap, contact Charlotte Wood contact 01502 732048

Friday Hall 1
Latin Rhythms 9.15 to 10.15am Contact George 07584244154
Zumba Gold 10.30 to 11.30am Contact George 07584244154
Youth Club 7.00 – 9.00pm Contact Karen: 07741 464781 Liz: 07412 941276 (Term time only)

Friday Hall 2
Youth Club 7.00 – 9.00pm Contact Karen: 07741 464781 Liz: 07412 941276 (Term time only)

Saturday Hall 1
Bowls Club 1.30 – 4.00pm Contact Frances 015023 733232

Saturday Hall 2
Academy of Dance Contact Charlotte 01502 732048 (Term time only)
8.30am -9.15am Grade 1 Ballet
9.30am – 10.00am Grade 3 Ballet
10.15am to 11am – Mini Ballet
11.15am – 12.00 Preparatory Ballet
12.15pm – 12.45 pm Grade 4 Ballet
1pm - 1.45pm Grade 2 Ballet
2pm – 2.45pm Modern

Sunday Hall 2
Spiritualist Church and Healing Centre
7.00 - 9.00pm Divine Service

Events:
5th – Blood Donors to book www.blood.co.uk
24th – Bingo, Phoenix Karate contact 01502 730171
25th – Stamp Fair contact Mr & Mrs Allaker 01502 563759
31st – Craft fair, Hopton Village Hall contact Shirley on 01502 732235

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All events are weekly unless otherwise stated
TO BOOK THE HALL / ENQUIRIES: 01502 730768
E-mail: hoptonvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk
Website: http://www.hoptonvillagehall.co.uk

Village Hall available for private party hire.
Telephone Kye 01502 730768
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday mornings.
9:00am to 1:00pm.
Notes from Hopton-on-Sea S.106 Recreational Facilities Working Party meeting held on Saturday 17 February, 10am in the Village Hall, Station Road, Hopton-on-Sea NR31 9BE


1. Introductions around the table.
   Introductions were made. Apologies received from Shirley Pearce, B. Cllrs. Andy Grant and Sue Hacon.

2. Appointment of Chairman (possible rotation basis).
   It was agreed that Cllr. Ian Constable would take the chair for the first few meetings, with a view to rotating the position in future.

3. Appointment of note taker (possible rotation basis).
   It was agreed that Julie McNair would take the notes for the first meeting, with a view to rotating the position in future. Cllr. Chris Garratt also took some notes.

   (a) The name of the group will be “Recreational Facilities Working Party”. The S.106 prefix has been dropped so that other ideas can be considered with alternative funding sources.
   (b) Transparency and communication with the public.
   (c) Identify desirable projects.
   (d) Consider feasibility and apply for S.106 funding if possible.
   (e) Encourage further ideas for future progression.
   (f) Prioritise the ideas.
   (g) Make recommendations to the Parish Council.

5. Review the suggestions listed with input from Mr Read, Head of Regeneration GYBC.
   See below.

6. Filter and prioritise the suggestions.
   Items 5 and 6 discussed together.
   In the absence of Mr Read the matter was passed to Kate Watts, Strategic Director, GYBC who has provided a written response in relation to each suggestion.
   Discussions took place regarding each item in conjunction with the response from GYBC. It was agreed to split the items into three categories:-

5.6.(i) Ideas that do not fit the GYBC Sport & Leisure Strategy however there could be an alternative route of progression.

5.6.(ii) Ideas that have been identified where S.106 money could potentially be used.

5.6.(iii) Ideas outside the scope of the Working Party, or ideas not being progressed.

5.6.(i) Ideas that do not fit the GYBC Sport & Leisure Strategy however there could be an alternative route to progression.
   (a) Recreation Ground. Moving the litter bins from inside the children’s play areas to outside, so that dog walkers are more inclined to use the bins.
   (b) A gate at the base of the tower of the Ruin on Coast Road.
   (c) Tree overhanging the small slide at the Recreation Ground to be cut back as sap from the tree prevents the slide being used. Matters (a) to (c) will be discussed between GYBC and GYB Services at their meeting on 6 March 2018.
   (d) Bench outside McColls shop. The land is owned by the shop and they have agreed in principle to a bench. Exact location to be determined once confirmation in writing received. Other funding sources are available. To be progressed by a local charity.

5.6.(ii) Ideas that have been identified where S.106 money could potentially be used.

Recreation Ground:
   (a) Zip wire (aerial runway) near the south play area. Matter to be discussed between GYBC and GYB Services regarding space, location and on-going maintenance at their meeting 6 March.
   (b) More seating generally, in particular overlooking the climbing frames on the south side.
   (c) Removal of high slide in the small play area (east side) and replace with tunnel/obstacle course.
   (d) Pathway “for all” connecting entrances/exits and play areas. Cllr. Ian Constable to progress with B. Cllr. Carl Annison to provide an idea of costings to enable full public consultation.
   (e) An open sided shelter, with roof, on the west side. Cllr. Dennis Ball to obtain quotes for suitable structures.
   (f) Garden area to make the Recreation Ground more attractive. Ian Dracup to investigate further.

The above to be considered as part of a Master Plan for the future of the Recreation Ground and not in isolation. The Parish Council will ascertain why the exercise equipment on the west side next to the skate park has seized up and not been maintained. If properly maintained the equipment would not require replacement.

Millennium Garden, Coast Road:-
   (g) Picnic benches in the Millennium Garden/Ruin. Alison Mills marking suitable locations on plan.
   (h) An additional suggestion was put forward in relation to the installation of electricity. Matter to be referred to Kate Watts for consideration under S.106 funding. Alison Mills to obtain a quotation.

5.6.(iii) Ideas outside the scope of the Working Party, or ideas not being progressed:
   (a) Roads. NCC Highways maintain roads within the village and requests for repairs should be addressed to them.
   (b) An additional play area. This was not considered necessary as there are already many small play areas in the village. The idea would not receive GYBC support as they are trying to reduce the number of small play areas throughout the Borough.
   (c) Bowls Club electrics and irrigation. This was not considered “community” benefit as it is a private club, but Cllr. Chris Thomas will revert to the Club with other funding possibilities.
   (d) Dog agility area. Limited community benefit and issues with maintenance.
   (e) Landscaping around Cliff Cottages. Bourne Leisure appear to have carried out works.

7. Next steps on ideas to be taken forward.
   (a) Publication of Notes in the April edition of Village News and on the Parish Council’s website.
   (b) Master Plan of the Recreation Ground indicating location of potential future equipment.

8. Recommend response to GYBC to progress.
   (a) E-mail to Kate Watts, Strategic Director GYBC thanking her for the response to public suggestions and indicating which ones we would like to progress at this stage.
   (b) Chase up progress of items after 6 March meeting between GYBC and GYBS.

9. Date of next meeting.
   Saturday 17 March 2018, 10am in the Village Hall.
Hello everyone. Did you miss me while I was away?

Firstly please accept my apologies. What with holidays, Christmas, New Year and illness, the people who look after me and help me move around the village fell a bit behind schedule.

You will probably have seen a request in Village News last month for additional help. I am not too demanding since I only need to change position every three weeks and this can be done in no time at all especially if there are two pairs of hands to assist. So if there is anyone reading this that would care to volunteer for an hour or so every few weeks please contact Julie in the office.

I spent November and December 2017 in Station Road firstly watching vehicles travel into the village and then as they headed towards the White Hart.

I’ll not bombard you with all the numbers that I recorded over two months but I thought it would be of interest to offer a comparison of the traffic flow from the same site but in opposite directions.

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The table above shows the number of vehicles I counted and the speed at which they were travelling. There is a large difference in the total numbers because I was watching vehicles travel towards the White Hart for longer than I was meant to for the reasons already mentioned. This is why I have also presented the values as a percentage of the total number at each speed rather than numbers only. This gives us 7.9% of drivers exceeding the speed limit travelling into the village against 11.4% of drivers heading towards the White Hart. I believe the explanation for this is not that drivers are rushing to leave us, but more likely the roadworks that were taking place early in my stint was slowing vehicles down when I was looking in that direction. By the time I turned round the roadworks were completed.

We still have six incidences where drivers consider it acceptable to travel along Station Road in excess of 50 mph. Most of these were in the early hours of the morning but one occurrence was at two o’clock on a Thursday afternoon! In early December it is less easy to blame a visitor to the holiday parks and it is more likely to be someone local or a delivery van driver who more often than not are regular visitors to our village.

If you know of a habitual speeder perhaps you could have a gentle word with them and let them know that SAM is watching. Hopefully things are back on track now and I shall let you know what I saw from Coast Road during the World Indoor Bowls Tournament.

Cheerio!, SAM

Dog Warden

To Whom it May Concern and you know who you are!

I am a village Dog Warden and have been for the past four years. I’m sure there are people in our lovely village who are not even aware that Hopton has such people but there are a few of us. In the past we have notified and reported to the GYBC Senior Environmental Ranger about these people who are openly defying the law by not picking up after their dog and GYBC have been successful in prosecuting these selfish dog owners with fines of up to £1000!

If you would like to be one of these people then please carry on doing what you are doing BUT we will catch you, we’re always watching at different times and in different places. Why you feel the need to be one of the minority in the village wanting to spoil things for the majority I do not know but your selfish, dirty and lazy attitude to owning a dog and not being responsible for its actions, is despicable and not welcome in our village. Many people contribute voluntarily to make Hopton a lovely place to live e.g. The Parish Council, the Hopton in Bloom team and everyone that volunteers for the annual litter pick up, to name but a few so WHY do you want to spoil it?. Apart from the direct health issues which could affect one of your family members (Google it) why would you not buy 200 dog poop bags for 99p and USE them to stop people treading in the mess you have left behind because you couldn’t take 10 seconds to bend down and pick it up? Lazy or what?

People may assume I’m only discussing the paths in the village but what is equally as big a problem are the grassed areas that children run/play on and more especially the recreation ground where kids play football or use the amenities provided. I’ve seen dog owners over there in the dark with no torches. How are they finding the dog mess to clear up? Answer, they’re not!

If you take a pooh bag with you (and it’s an offence not to), please use it and bin it. Why do people throw the used dog pooh bag in the bushes or undergrowth? Drop it into any waste bin on your route or take it home with you.

Please remember this is OUR village and not somewhere for YOU to abuse.

Volunteer Dog Warden
Hopton-on-Sea

Note from editor: The Parish Council invites members of the public to report dog “incidents” to us, either by phone or e-mail, and these will be forwarded onto the volunteer dog wardens and GYBC Environmental Health to pursue. E-mail hoptonparishclerk@hotmail.com or telephone 01502 730768
No Annual Summer Fete this year

After 11 years of jointly organising Hopton’s Annual Summer Fete, the GY Lions and Parish Council are no longer able to continue with this fundraising community event. Both voluntary organisations are saddened that they are unable to continue this tradition.

GY Lions President Lyn Thomas East said “After 11 years of working in unison with Hopton-on-Sea Parish Council to organise the annual fete, it is with regret that due to lack of man/woman power, we are unable to organise the festivities this year. Great Yarmouth Lions Club will support any alternative events to be held in the future.”

Hopton Parish Council Chairman Cllr. Ian Constable said “It is a sign of the times that less people are able to volunteer their time to help organise events for the community. Many thousands of pounds has been raised for local charities over the years and the fete has always been well attended and enjoyed by thousands. However, without additional volunteers/members, the GY Lions and Parish Council are no longer in a position to organise such a large event. An Events Working Party has been set up to look at suggestions put forward for future smaller events. But again, more volunteers are needed as there is a huge amount of organisation involved both prior to the event and on the actual day. If any Hopton residents would like to join the Events Working Party, please get in touch.”

Sports for Schools Vouchers

The Eastern Daily Press (EDP) and The Great Yarmouth Mercury are currently issuing Sports for Schools Vouchers on the back of their publications. As a registered school, Hopton Primary are asking for any vouchers from members of the local community to boost our chances of winning additional sports equipment.

The competition is based on ‘most tokens as a ratio to pupils’ so the more vouchers we collect, the greater chance we have of gaining additional sports equipment. If you are able to collect these vouchers, please send them in to the school office or Village Hall office.

Thank you in advance.

Bicycles are hot property at the moment. Many are being stolen even if they have been padlocked. Please think about security coding on the underneath of the frame. There are several security marking kits on the market. New bicycles are expensive to purchase. It is well worth purchasing one of these kits along with a good padlock, preferably with a chain inside the cable so that it cannot be cut with bolt cutters.

If you see or hear anything which needs reporting then please call 999 if a crime is in progress or lives are in danger.

101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 to report anything else.

Please do keep vigilant at all times.

SCAMS

Lottery Letters

There are numerous letters circulating announcing that the recipient has won many thousands of pounds. These are SCAMS. Please, shred, burn etc.

YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN.

If you haven’t bought a ticket then you cannot win, whatever these letters say.

Phantom Debt Fraud

Action Fraud has recently experienced an increase in the number of calls to members of the public by fraudsters requesting payments for a “phantom” debt. The fraud involves being cold-called by someone purporting to be a debt collector, bailiff or other type of enforcement agent. The fraudster may claim to be working under instruction of a court, business or other body and suggest they are recovering funds for a non-existent debt.

The fraudsters are requesting payment, sometimes by bank transfer and if refused, they threaten to visit homes or workplaces in order to recover the supposed debt that is owed. In some cases, the victim is also threatened with arrest. From the reports Action Fraud has received, this type of fraud is presently occurring throughout the UK.

It is important to recognise that there are key differences between the various entities who seek to settle debts or outstanding fees in England and Wales. These differences range from the type of debt they will enforce to the legal powers they possess.

Protect Yourself

Make vigorous checks if you ever get a cold call. Bailiffs for example, should always be able to provide you with a case number and warrant number, along with their name and the court they are calling from; make a note of all details provided to you.

If you receive a visit from a bailiff, they must always identify themselves as a Court Bailiff at the earliest possible opportunity. Ask to see their identity card which they must carry to prove who they are, this card shows their photograph and identity number. They will also carry the physical warrant showing the debt and endorsed with a court seal.

If you work for a business and receive a call or visit, be sure to speak with your manager or business owner first. Never pay the debts yourself on behalf of the business you work for; some fraudsters have suggested employees make payment suggesting they can then be reimbursed by their employer when in reality the debt is non-existent.

Exercise caution believing someone is genuine because you’ve found something on the internet; fraudsters could easily create fake online profiles to make you believe them.

Double check with the court, company or public body they claim to work for to confirm whether the call is legitimate; if you use a landline make sure you hear the dialling tone prior to dialling as the caller could still be on the line and you could potentially speak to the fraudster(s) to confirm the non-existent debt. Also be sure to independently search for a telephone number to call; never use a number provided by the caller without carrying out your own research.

Do not feel rushed or intimidated to make a decision based on a phone call. Take five and listen to your instincts.

If you know you have a debt, keep in regular contact with your creditor and be sure to establish the debt type at the earliest opportunity if you are not aware. This will help you to understand who might be in contact with you regarding any repayments or arrears.

You can report suspicious calls like these to Action Fraud by visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040.
Norfolk Trading Standards are warning residents with solar panels on their property to be on their guard for doorstep and telephone cold callers which appear to be targeting homes with solar panels. The cold callers are making a number of claims regarding existing systems, often stating that the company that installed the panels originally have ‘ceased trading’ and they have taken over. The claims have then included:

- That the solar panel system needs servicing, with charges of up to £600 being made for this ‘service’ which may include cleaning the panels
- That a ‘warranty check’ or ‘maintenance’ on the panels is required by the new company. If allowed access to the panels they then attempt to sell ‘add-on’ products such as invertors and battery packs by claiming that further energy savings could be made through purchasing these products or by stating that they have found faulty parts in the existing system.
- That existing systems need to be ‘assessed’ to ensure they are not ‘at risk of fire’. If access is allowed the ‘assessor’ will claim that ‘isolator switches’, ‘black boxes’ or other modifications are ‘urgently required to prevent fire’. Costs for this work are then quoted, in a recent incident a homeowner was told this work would be in excess of £2,000.

Trading Standards advises always be very wary of any approach made in a doorstep or telephone cold call and never agree to services, to having work done or for someone to visit your home if approached in this manner. Trading Standards also advise that solar panel owners should always talk to their supplier before allowing any work or ‘maintenance’ to take place on their panels. Generally a solar panel system does not need servicing but it may benefit from being cleaned if the panels are dirty. Trading Standards also recommends that traders who work on a solar panel system are members of the Solar Trade Association and that any work on the electrics of a solar panel system should be carried out by a qualified electrician. Suitably qualified electrician can be found on the Norfolk Trusted Trader website or via the Electrical Safety First Website.

If you need advice about doorstep or telephone cold calling or have agreed to a visit during a cold call contact us via our partners the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06.

Scam Alert – Telephone cold calls claiming to be from BT

Norfolk Trading Standards are continuing to receive reports about telephone cold calls claiming to be from BT. Recent reports have included:
Reports of cold calls stating that they can offer ‘discounts’ on your bill ‘depending on your age’ which then attempt to get the call recipient to reveal their date of birth and amount currently paid per month. From this the cold caller will claim that ‘as you are over xx years old’ they can offer you a discount, usually in excess of 50% per month, but now paying quarterly. The cold caller will then attempt to gather credit or debit card details.

Further instances of cold calls claiming that BT or BT Openreach have ‘detected issues with your Broadband Router’ and will then make a number of claims about scammers, hackers or malicious software ‘accessing your router’. The cold caller will then tell you to switch your router off then back on again and let them ‘know which lights are showing’. They will then attempt to convince the call recipient that any lights that are flashing (which is common on most routers whilst restarting) signifies a problem. The cold caller will then try to gain remote access to the call recipients’ computer to ‘fix the problem’.

We always advise to be wary of telephone cold calls and the claims made during them. If you receive a suspicious call claiming to be BT do not give or confirm any personal or financial details, hang up, wait five minutes and then contact BT customer service on 0800 800 150. If you have received a telephone cold call which you believe to be a scam you can report it to us via our partners the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06.

Scam Alert – Telephone cold calls about home and loft insulation.

Norfolk Trading Standards has received a number of reports of telephone cold calls about home and loft insulation. Recent reports have included:

Calls asking if the homeowner has had additional insulation installed ‘as part of a government scheme’. In this case when the call recipient confirmed they had the cold caller claimed that ‘a large amount of insulation installed on these schemes is the wrong type’ and that the insulation may be ‘breaking up to dust’. They went on to claim that this could lead to ‘problems’ like ‘breathing difficulties’ or that the dust could pose a ‘fire risk’. The cold caller then attempted to make an appointment for one of their ‘staff’ to visit and undertake an ‘inspection’.

Calls asking ‘how long ago it is since your loft was last inspected’ and then stating that ‘their company had a contract that covers all of Norfolk to arrange loft inspections to establish whether they are well enough insulated’. When questioned the cold caller went on to claim that ‘Council Tax will rise from April 2018 if you do not have an Economy Performance Certificate showing you have sufficient insulation’, that their work was part of the ‘Government Clean Growth Strategy’ and that ‘Increased Stamp Duty would apply on new purchases of property’.

Trading Standards advises always be very wary of any approach made in a telephone cold call and never give or confirm any personal details or agree to someone visiting your home if approached in this manner.

Impartial advice on energy saving and accessing genuine grant schemes is available for the Energy Saving Trust.

If you need advice about telephone cold calling or have agreed to a visit during a cold call contact us via our partners the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on their online reporting form or by telephone to 03454 04 05 06.

Scam Alert – Emails claiming to be from ‘TV Licensing’

Norfolk Trading Standards are warning about emails circulating claiming to be from TV Licensing stating you are due ‘a refund’ and then offering a link to ‘process the payment’. These emails are not from TV Licensing and anyone following the link will be taken to a fake version of the TV Licensing website which will attempt to gather personal and financial details. TV Licensing advise they ‘never send refund information by email’ and advise anyone who receives this or a similar email to delete it.

EMAIL ADDRESS FOR THE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM
southernvillages@norfolk.pnn.police.uk
If you wish to add any items to future newsletters please text Rona on 07789338729 or email me on homewatch1@virginmedia.com
Rona Benson
Despite the cold and wet weather of recent weeks the fine display of snowdrops in the Millennium Gardens remind us that spring cannot be too far away. Our volunteers have been busy doing a pre-spring tidy up by removing the tree debris brought down by the winter gales and doing the first pruning and weeding of the year.

Graham Mills.

Note from the Chairman of the Parish Council: The Parish Council has agreed a gardening contract in the Millennium Garden. The contract gardener weeds, tidies, removes rubbish, strims the perimeters of the garden (GYB Services mow the main area) and carries out any heavy work that may be required. The contract gardener visits for one and half days each month between March and October 2018.

Hopton in Bloom

The start of March heralds bunches of daffodils dotted around everywhere even if most are still in bud, they promise much!

I have a camellia in my garden that is breaking into bloom all over the bush. I do hope that we won't have icy showers to ruin it all.

Our small group are mostly well now thank goodness, what a winter it has been.

Hopefully, all the planters, boat and wheelbarrow, along with the Village Hall gardens, will have been weeded by the time this Village News is delivered.


Holly Smith

Hopton’s Moneysaving guru Holly Smith, who has Asperger’s Syndrome, lifts the lid on her condition and how it helps her to help others find bargains and save cash.

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