

# *OBITUARY*



## **LADY OPRE MACLEAN Died 18 August 2010**

With sadness, we report that Lady MacLean from Stanhoe has died after a short illness. She would have celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on 27<sup>th</sup> September. An article about her late husband, Vice-Admiral Sir Hector MacLean, was published in 690 News in October 2008.

Opre (néé Vyvyan) was Cornish by birth. Her father was killed at the start of the Great War, in 1914, leaving her mother alone with four children, so Opre was fostered by her grandmother. She spent time in west London and in Norfolk, and in her 20s met her future husband, whose father was Rector of North Creake. They were married in Malta where he was stationed, and spent a number of years there, before moving back to Britain and Norfolk in 1946. By this time, between several house moves and a considerable amount of bombing, they had lost all their possessions. The offer of accommodation was made, and accepted, in the form of Barmer Farmhouse, where they lived until moving first to Burnham Overy, and then in 1953 to Burnham Deepdale where they lived until Sir Hector's death in 2005.

Whilst living in Deepdale, Lady MacLean involved herself in the community, with the church, meals on wheels, guides and brownies, and well as being a school governor. She enjoyed a happy time in Stanhoe for the last five years of her life. Lady MacLean's funeral took place at Burnham Deepdale church on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, and Mrs Mildred Richardson represented The Royal British Legion.