



ORIGIN

On March 14th in 1479, a still-born child was exhumed after three days and brought back to life through Our Lady of St. John's Church. This miracle was confirmed by a papal bull in 1481.

POPERINGE

In the South of West Flanders, just behind the Belgian coast, lies the friendly little town of Poperinge, famous for its hops and lace. Originated from a franc settlement around 433 "Pupuringhaheim" became Poperinge through the ages of history.

After a prosperous era through the cloth industry during the Middle Ages, hops took root in our fertile soil. During the Great War, Poperinge was a haven of peace and guiet for British soldiers behind the "Ypres Salient".

Three Gothic churches still testify today to Poperinge's great mediaeval splendour.

NOWADAYS

The worship for Our Lady at St. John's has continued since 1481. Each year, this age old custom is revived during a religious historic pageant. The values of the past are thus passed on to the next generation in a meaningful tradition.

TO VISIT...

HOP MUSEUM "THE MUNICIPAL SCALES"

The story of hops and men through the four seasons.

TALBOT HOUSE

A British soldiers' club from the Great War with a permanent exhibition on daily life in Poperinge behind the front line of the Ypres Salient.

VISITOR CENTRE LIJSSENTHOEK

The story of the largest evacuation hospital of the Ypres Salient.

THE WIDOWS' YARD (1769)

Eighteen picturesque houses around a charming inner yard, a beguinage alike.

THE THREE GOTHIC CHURCHES: SAINT BERTINUS, SAINT JOHN'S AND THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY.

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Parking













NOVEEN 2018

Sunday July 1st

10 a.m. • High mass* 3.30 p.m. • Religious historic pageant

Monday July 2nd

3 p.m. • Blessing of the children*

Thursday July 5th

3 p.m. • Mass for the sick inhabitants*

Saturday July 7th

4 p.m. • Prayers' procession

Monday July 9th

6.30 a.m. • Mass* and last prayers' procession called "Pameltje-Ommegang"

