

NEWSLETTER

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Many thanks to the volunteers who gave their time, on a very hot day, to help with the Ragwort Pull on the 7th July and to residents who have pulled on other days, we are very grateful for your help. If anyone sees any missed pieces please remove them or report them to us.

Pupils from Hyde school won and were runners-up in the poster competition for the 'STOP!' campaign which encourages visitors and tourists to think about the wildlife and to protect the habitats of our Forest. The campaign was organised by TV presenter and naturalist Chris Packham and the children spent a day with him which included a guided nature walk - see a YouTube video of their happy Forest visit at https://youtu.be/h5PB_6XFsXw-



The shared Forest project aims to increase public awareness of commoning and to help residents and visitors to a greater understanding of its importance in the management of the Forest, for more information see newforestcommoners.com also newforestnpa/sharedforest which has several useful, interesting leaflets such as frequently asked questions on commoning.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust has sent us a leaflet on wild-life friendly gardening, we know there are keen gardeners in the parish who will be interested in how to achieve this, hints and information - and some excellent spotter sheets for children - are on the website www.hiwwt.org.uk

We still need volunteers to be available in the event of a local emergency If the snow had continued it would not have been possible to help people in isolated parts of the parish, ideally we need to have owners of 4x4 type vehicles or tractors in or near each of the hamlet areas, please offer if you can; we would welcome any suggestions or advice that could strengthen the Plan. As the hall does not have a generator it may not be of use at night or in cold weather, we will be discussing the possibility of a temporary loan scheme with SSE and the hall committee.

The next elections for Hyde Parish Council are due in May 2019 – these take place every four years and all seven seats are due for re-election. If you are interested in becoming involved in local parish matters please consider applying to become a councillor next year – or apply to join the Council now to fill the existing casual vacancy and see what is involved before committing to the next four years. You are welcome to come and observe the parish meetings, we meet every second Wednesday in the Church Rooms at 7pm. Time is available at the beginning of the meeting for members of the public to speak about any parish matters. More information is available on the parish website www.hydeparish.net or speak to Martine, our clerk, or one of the current Councillors.

Details of NFDC and NPA consultations are posted on our website and you can view the list of finalists for the CPRE Hampshire Award - and vote for your favourite until 31st August. The NF Land Advice Service Better Boundaries Project, which included work in Hyde Parish, is on the list.

Saturday 1st September- Hyde Hall, Link villages produce show, viewing from 2.30, teas available. Schedules - from Hyde Shop and Hockeys and on-line at hydeparish.net/village-events.

Saturday 15 & Sunday 16 September- Cycle Wiggle Sportive, start at Somerley 7.20am & finish 5.30. Rockford, S&N Gorley, Hern Lane, Hyde Lane, Stuckton, Fordingbridge, Sandleheath → Somerley

Saturday 29 September- Barn Dance 5.30 –10pm, live music and a caller, Brooklands Farm South Gorley SP6 2PW. £10 adults £5 children includes a burger or hot dog & soft drink, cash bar available. Tickets & information contact Jo 07811259946 or Debbie 07974144002 (Hyde School FA).

<u>Sunday 4th November-</u> Southampton Orienteering Club national event, Hampton Ridge area (with permission). Approximately 700 competitors, start 9.30 am – 12, finish approx 3.00pm, event centre and parking in Harry's Field, next to Foresters' pub.

The parish council would like to introduce a new joint project with residents

PRIDE IN YOUR PARISH

The idea was presented at our Annual Parish Meeting and you may have seen us at Frogham Fair, but for those of you who are not aware, we are looking for ideas from everyone on how to improve and maintain our Parish with sustainable projects.

Ideas should encourage us all as residents to take a pride in, enhance and nurture the qualities that make living in our parish so special.

We urge you to get involved, join in and help us with this project.

A few topics to get us all thinking:

COMMUNITY AND WELLBEING - history group, liaison with local police, horse riding safety awareness, speed limits, Emergency Plan, RECREATION - walking group, cycle route to Fordingbridge, support / join the cricket club, support Hyde Band. ENVIRONMENT- looking after and protecting the verges, reducing light pollution, native tree, hedge or wildflower planting in our gardens, footpath clearing, recycling, information point for visitors.

Please give us your ideas on these topics and suggest others -

email Bernadette Tully, bernietully2@gmail.com Tina Woodley, Tina.woodleyHPC@gmail.com Parish Clerk, or telephone any councillor.

Please check our Website for news of suggestions and further information.

Grants from the Sustainable Development Fund may be available for a specific community project.

We have to comply with NFDC and NPA current and proposed policies, our clerk and councillors can advise on this.