

NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2021



Many parishioners will remember the devastation caused by Dutch elm disease. History is repeating itself, only this time our magnificent ash trees are in danger.



Christmas is coming....

CAROLS ON THE COMMON

Saturday 18th December 3pm

by the Hyde Cricket Pavilion

Due to the success of this event last year, Hyde Church, Village Hall and Parish Council once again invite you to join for carols and festive music. All welcome. Please dress warmly and feel free to bring a thermos of mulled wine or coffee. This will be cancelled in the event of bad weather or significant change to COVID restrictions. There will be a collection for the Children's Society. See inside for more Christmas dates.

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The Mast update

At its 16 November meeting the NFNPA Planning Committee considered the application for 'prior approval' of the proposed telecommunications mast at Loader's (Harry's) Field, and decided **unanimously to refuse the application.**



This follows 130+ objections, and firm opposition from the Parish Council. (See the NFNPA website for the planning officer's comprehensive report and the Parish Council's submission.)

The NFNPA remains committed to the principle of finding an appropriate solution to facilitate the delivery of the EE Emergency Services Network in this area. However, it considered that the siting and appearance of the development would have an unacceptable adverse impact on the character and appearance of the area, and decided that prior approval was required, and subsequently refused permission. The applicants could now put in

an application for full planning permission, or appeal to the Secretary of State against the NFNPA's decision, but indicated a desire to work with HPC and the NFNPA to find an acceptable solution.

ASH DIEBACK

This is a very virulent, rapid and devastating disease running through the ash population, first confirmed in the New Forest in 2016, which has already wiped out 85%- 90% of the ash trees on the continent. Symptoms are significant defoliation of ash tree tips and internal reaction growth, then complete defoliation and failure in 1-3 years. The DEFRA policy is to leave infected trees to see if they produce resistant seed, but to fell if the decline continues. Once an ash tree is infected it can be at considerable risk of structural failure, shedding branches and limbs, or the whole tree may even collapse. Tree surgery should always be carried out by a competent tree surgeon who has relevant expertise and qualifications. These are a couple of good websites:
<https://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/blog/ash-dieback>

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/tree-pests-and-diseases/key-tree-pests-and-diseases/ash-dieback>
<https://www.kew.org/read-and-watch/what-is-ash-dieback>

PLANT A TREE FOR THE JUBILEE

If you are interested in this initiative for next year, please plant a fruit tree, ideal for small gardens, or another native tree, small or large depending on your site; planting time is now to March.

Our go-to trees are Rowans and Whitebeams (the native ones are *Sorbus Aria* and *Aucuparia*), but there are some nice variants: (Joseph Rock and *Sorbus Embley*). A rarer one not planted that often is *Sorbus Torminalis* (Wild Service Tree - it's indigenous). We also like Hawthorns - *Crataegus Monoygyna* - there's some lovely varieties "Autumn Glory" and *Persimilis*. *Malus Sylvestris* - Common Crab apple: can't go wrong there.

If people have slightly bigger ideas, Hornbeams are super as are Walnuts. And *Acer Campestre*.

Animals have right of way on unfenced New Forest roads, yet in 2019, 58 were killed and 32 were injured, and in 2020, when traffic was reduced by Covid, 50 were killed and 21 were injured. While speed is a major factor, weather conditions can be just as important. Low light in winter, and dazzling oncoming headlights, can make visibility extremely poor. This winter the roads will be busier than last, with no lockdown. The B3078/79 Roger Penny Way is one of the four most lethal roads for animals in the New Forest! So,

- Drive slowly, especially in the dark: there is a pool of darkness behind the headlights of approaching cars and an animal may be standing in it.
- Give animals grazing by the side of the road a wide berth: cross to the other side of the road and be prepared to STOP if there is on-coming traffic.
- Be ready to stop: animals can step out even when they've seen you approaching.
- Grazing animals on both sides of the road? They may cross to join their friends.
- One animal by the roadside means there are others close by: be aware.
- Bends and tops of hills: animals may be standing in the road just out of sight.
- Reflective collars worn by some ponies may help you see them in the dark: but be aware that not all ponies have them.



Snippets

Andrew Harris has been co-opted to the Parish Council, to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Emma Mulcahy. (The vacancy was advertised in accordance with the Parish Council's Co-option Procedure.)

Christmas in Fordingbridge: Saturday 11 December 2.30 - 7.00pm music, stalls, Father Christmas, fun for all the family.

Free Parking in Fordingbridge: Saturdays 4, 11 and 18, and Sunday 19 December.

*People often have to walk into the road to get past **overgrown hedges**, and this is particularly dangerous in bad weather. If you have a hedge next to the highway, please cut it back from verges so that people can get past.*

Hyde parish suffers serious flooding from **blocked ditches**, especially after prolonged heavy rain when grit and gravel gets washed into the ditches and often blocks pipes and drains. It is the landowner's responsibility to keep ditches clear. Contact Hampshire County Council if you think a particular ditch is its responsibility.

*The NFNPA is calling on people and community groups to join them in the New Forest **Climate and Nature Challenge**: www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/pledge*

The Parish Council decided at its November meeting to fund the acquisition and maintenance of two **defibrillators**, one each for Stockton and North Gorley, to add to those already installed at Hyde School and Hyde Memorial Hall. The exact locations are to be negotiated with the appropriate landowners. Training for parishioners will be arranged in due course.



Frogham Chapel

Sunday 19 December 11.00

Service with carols

Everyone welcome

Hyde Church

Sunday 12 December 16.00

Christingle Service and Tea

Saturday 18 December 15.00

Carols on the Common

By the cricket pavilion

Sunday 19 December 18.00

Carol Service + refreshments

Hyde Village Hall

Thursday 9 December 10.45-1200

Bookswap and Cake

£2.50 for tea/coffee and cake. Kick off the festive season with Xmas themed cakes and chat! Don't forget to bring a book to swap.

Your parish council

meets at 7.00pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Hyde Church Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Your councillors are:

Ann Sevier (Chair)	01425 653157
Tina Woodley	07747 192349
Sam Burden	01425 291882
Giles Dolphin	01425 658027
Andrew Harris	01425 656333
Maggie McKenzie	01425 839643
Bernadette Tully	01425 652470

MEET YOUR COUNCILLOR (2)

Cllr Andrew Harris moved to North Gorley with Tanya in January 2019 from Lover. He says: *"I am an Arborist and we have been running our own business (TreeMenders) for about fifteen years. We have horses, dogs, chickens, and two elderly parents living with us along with five kids and four grandchildren who arrive and depart regularly. We both feel very lucky to live in such a wonderful bit of the world."* Andrew likes old vinyl, theatre, family, walking, trees and tinkering, and dislikes politicians, jazz, quiche, Facebook, TV and self pity. They both love music and were very involved working within the festival circuit. Andrew sings in a duet with an old friend and plays a mean tambourine. *"I joined the Parish Council to get more involved with my community. I think the world is a challenging place at the moment. I can't change that but hope to make a positive difference here."*



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For more information about the parish, rules and regulations, current business, agendas and minutes, etc., see the website hydeparish.net