

Hope Bagot Summer 2019 Newsletter



View of Hope Bagot on mid summer's day 2019

Oh what a show !

Hope Bagot Village Fête and Dog Show took place on Sunday 26th May in the field at the rear of the Village Hall. The Dog Show was very well attended, the plant stall did very well, the cake stall sold out and teas and cakes in the village hall were



selling like.... well hot cakes! The Tenbury Teme Valley Band performed some fantastic numbers and members of Ludlow Larks sang in the church and the Rectory Gardens – what a wonderful afternoon!

The new gazebos proved so much easier to erect and dismantle than the old market stalls – these have been braised down to make effective supports for the table top boards.

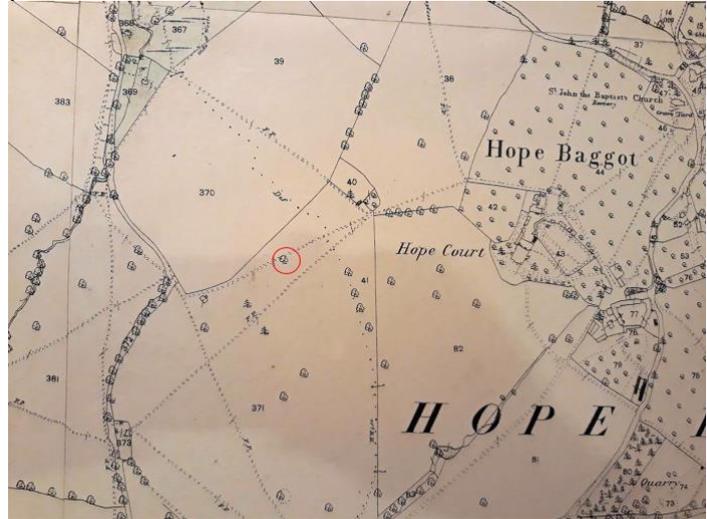
A huge thank

you to all those who volunteered – many not even from Hope Bagot – and for those who contributed to make this event a huge success.



One two tree !

An ancient oak, which was already mature when marked on an 1884 map (see red circle), has lost all its major branches overnight. What remains of the oak stands between Hope Court and Cumberley Lane. Thanks to Elizabeth for the splendid photos.



Just as we were going to press we received news that another tree had fallen under mysterious circumstances. Our intrepid report (Jim) raced to the scene on his roller skates and captured this picture. An otherwise healthy ash keeled over and blocked Whitton Lane just past Gypsy Corner - blocking all traffic for the day. Jim listened out for Radio Two Travel News but it didn't get a mention.

Village Hall porch needs repair



The columns of the porch of the village hall have deteriorated to the extent that at some point they will need substantial repair. They have clearly been repaired in the past but the wooden posts have been set into the concrete – they would be better fitting onto a raised stone base so that rainwater runs off them.

Hope Bagot Parish Meeting, the only democratic forum between the village and Shropshire Council, held its annual meeting on 20th May - attended by eight villagers. The minutes can be found on the Hope Bagot website www.hopebagot.org.uk.

This summer hasn't really sparkled and, as you can see, we haven't yet got a sun tan. The strawberries and raspberries are ripening up and it looks like it's going to get warm - this is our busiest time of year and all we do is stand around flapping our arms! Look out for our Autumn edition!

Rosie and Jim

