



WINNERS AT THE DOG SHOW

FUN DOG SHOW

This quarter started off with the Ham Hill Fun Dog Show, organized by Donna and Sarah to help raise funds for the National Animal Trust, Ferne Animal Sanctuary and the FOHH.

The event was a tremendous success, with many stalls and various classes. The first class had an entry of approximately forty dogs and there was also an agility display, a brilliant sausage dog competition i.e. the dogs had to run 20 metres and find the sausage amongst a selection of toys and return it, uneaten, to their owners in the fastest time. Some did and some didn't!! The money raised from the show was split between three charities, each receiving £275. A huge 'thank you' to Donna and Sarah and all who helped make this a memorable day.



GEOLOGY TRAIL

Created in memory of well-known local geologist, teacher and founding Chairman of the Friends of Ham Hill Hugh Prudden, this self-guided trail has been developed to guide visitors on 2 short walking routes around some of the most interesting locations on site, exploring the unique features of Hamstone.

The trail was launched on Saturday 8th October 2016 and you can pick up a copy of the leaflet from the ranger's office or download it from www.southsomersetcountryside.com.

FoHH NEWSLETTER



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WITCOMBE VALLEY

We regret that this has been delayed due to plans being amended and which consequently must be sent back to the Planning Committee to be agreed. We now hope to start this project early next year.

GREEN FLAG & HERITAGE AWARD

The Green Flag has been awarded to the Country Park since 2005 and the Heritage Award since 2014. We are pleased to say we have again been awarded both of these awards this year and our Rangers should be very proud of themselves.





Ham Hill Medieval Fayre

The Fayre was held on Saturday 3rd September. The day started overcast and very windy, but undeterred the show opened with all the stands and activities ready to go. The re-enactors were Experience the Iron Age, The Hounds of Morrigan, Somerset Medieval Centre, Steam Horse and Simon Waterfield from Historical Interpretation.



Mick ran an archery event, with the youngsters able to make and purchase the bows and arrows, to fire at our 'human looking' ranger, and then to take home afterwards. The event finished when all the bows and arrows had been sold. Younger children also had the chance to go on a "Treasure Hunt" identifying medieval characters and objects and getting a prize for the right answers.

Terry ran the Apple Bobbing stand with volunteers from

Stoke-sub-Hamden. The apples were donated by Michael Zair of Tinker's Bubble. Although we gave good advice as to the best way to pick up the apple, it was not always taken and this made the event much more fun.



As you will see from the photo the container was beautifully decorated by our new Ranger Frances.



We had between 900-1000 visitors turn up before heavy rain and strong wind set in and consequently we had to close the fair earlier than intended.

FOHH would like to say a very big "Thank you" to all the volunteers from Stoke-sub-Hamden, Michael from Tinker's Bubble, the Rangers and staff from Yeovil Country Park, Ham Hill and FOHH for the very hard work that they put into the day.

The FOHH raised £150 from the event.

Volunteers

This summer has been very busy as we have had an abundance of ragwort and wild parsnip growing. We spent four weeks running pulling wild parsnip and allowing it to dry out before burning. Our other work involved putting concrete bases down and fitting new benches, clearing back pathways and other areas, including Deep Quarry, after spring and summer growth.



Other events this quarter included John Day and Barrie Widden ran a Moth Trapping evening with 27 people attending, and in the school summer holidays the Ham Hill Rangers ran three afternoon events, fire lighting, den building and camp fire cooking with over fifty youngsters attending. They all enjoyed toasted marshmallows, nettle bread, elderberry jam and drinks.



Magpie Moth (*Abraxas grossulariata*)

Jon Marshman

Katy's update - Jon is now at the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Unit in the old Frenchay site in Bristol. Jon has a busy weekly schedule of physio and treatments which is a hugely positive step. There is a steady stream of visitors on Mondays and Thursdays and now that he is so much stronger Jon has started having local days out to greenspaces which he has loved.

Terry's update - Steve Poolman, Judy Smart and I visited Jon on 28th September and felt from our previous visit of a month ago that there had been a great improvement. Jon is now walking steadily with a walking frame and his speech is much stronger. We stayed quite late and entered the general knowledge quiz. We won the fourth and final round then

left Jon eating the prize of a pack of Bourbon biscuits! He still has an amazing sense of humour and memory, we all hope his recovery continues to be positive and send all our best wishes to Rachel, Zack, Denise and of course, Seymour.

Future Events at Ham Hill Country Park

Friday 28th October
13.30pm - 15.30pm

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Thursday 15th December
17.30pm - 19.30pm


Christmas Crafts

For further details look on our website or Facebook page

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