

Hurstbourne Priors

Weather February 2013

Total rainfall for month	35mm	= 1.37ins
It rained on	8 days	
Rainfall February 2012	17mm	= 0.67ins
Total to date 2013	107mm	= 4.21ins
Total to date 2012	67mm	= 2.63ins
Min Temperature	-4C	= 24 (2 nd)
Max Temperature	14C	= 58 (15 th)

It's Official - We have been having...the Wrong Kind of Rain

Dr Oleg Krakhpotkin, professor of comparative pluviology at Shymkent University, Kazakhstan, published the definitive study of Hampshire chalk valley rainfall. His interest in the area started when his sister was abducted while on a tour of Zhambyl province, emerging here a few years later through a forced labour scandal in Whitchurch Silk Mill (Andover Advertiser, 23/6/1978).

Dr Krakhpotkin analysed the typology of the north Hampshire rainfall over the last 30 years, noting that it gradually changed in the 1990s into a north-west Asian morphology, with a mineral composition found most usually in the taiga-tundra ecotone of central Siberia. While his methodology – the jam jars and high voltage electrodes – have been sharply criticised by his rival, Dr Wodkha-Drynzka of Chita university, and his scientific papers are only available at present in Kazakh and Uyghur, it is understood that his research findings have been informing recent Environment Agency policy for this area.

There is reported to be high level EA interest in Dr Krakhpotkin's proposal to reshape the rain morphology into a close approximation of the traditional north Hampshire pluvia by firing sodium/uranium flares into gathering rain clouds over the valley and downs.

GILL NETHERCOTT CENTRE

Whitchurch Films

Argo (15)

Thursday 25th April 8pm

Winner of this year's Academy Award for Best Film this is a dramatization of the 1980 joint CIA-Canadian secret operation to extract six fugitive American diplomatic personnel out of revolutionary Iran, directed by and starring Ben Affleck. Licensed Bar. Tickets £5 in advance or £5.50 on the door, available from the GNC or Library.

Ladies Coffee Morning



Ladies, come along to the **April** coffee morning which will be hosted by Marilyn Smith at Copper Beech (☎ 893107), on **Wednesday 10th** from 10.15 onwards.

WANTED

TOYS, GAMES, PUZZLES, DVD'S, CHILDREN'S BOOKS (for the Book Stall)



If you have any unwanted toys, games etc. we would



be very grateful for donations for the Toy Table at this year's May Fair. We can arrange collection, if necessary.

Please call Doreen Finlayson ☎ 01256 893667 or Mary North ☎ 01256 892973.

DON'T FORGET

Church & Churchyard Tidy-up and Spring Barbecue



On **Saturday April 20th**, starting from **10.30am**, can you lend a hand with:

- In the Churchyard: clearing undergrowth, removing dead branches, cutting ivy, etc. - please bring your own choice of tools.
- In the Church: dusting sweeping, polishing pews, brass, removing cobwebs, cleaning windows, etc. - please bring your own mops and dusters; polish will be provided.

At 1.00 pm there will be a barbecue and hot dogs will be provided. If you would like to bring something else to barbecue please do so.

Please ring Fenella Williams (892081) or Mark Sorby (892665) if you are planning

to come so that we can cater for you!



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**HURSTBOURNE PRIORS
MAYFAIR**



**ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL THE FAMILY
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 6TH MAY
12 NOON – 4 PM**



**CIRCUS WORKSHOP STORY TELLING
COCONUT SHY ZUMBA DANCING VILLAGE STOCKS
CLAYZER SHOOT CHILDREN'S GAMES BOUNCY CASTLE**



**CRAFTS BOOKS TOYS GOOD AS NEW
BRIC-A-BRAC DELI PLANTS
INN ON THE PARK HOG ROAST B-B-Q
TEAS COFFEE & DONUTS ICES**

DON'T FORGET

MAY FAIR STALL HOLDERS



QUIZ NIGHT

Thursday 4th April

2013 at 7-30pm

Are your teams ready for
the Hurstbourne Priors
Village Pub Night and Quiz

at the Hurstbourne?

Put together your team of 6 to 8 people
£10 per person - includes food, quiz entry
and prizes - limited spaces.

Tickets in advance - available from the
Hurstbourne.

Any queries to Sarah Wyatt-Tilby

☎ 01256 895979

All Welcome

The following stall holders would be very
grateful for any contributions. Collection can
be arranged.

Bottles	John Perkins	892181
Posh White Elephant	Jo Burrell	078268 48123
Children's Toys, Books & Games	Doreen Finlayson Mary North	893667 892973
Tombola	Brian Mehaffey	893119
Books	Tom	895557
Produce	Josephine Hutchinson	896829
Cakes	Fiona Obert	896996
Teas	Fenella Williams	892081
Good as New: Clothes, Scarves, Bags, Jewellery	Lois Jones	892548

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CLAYZER SHOOT AT HURSTBOURNE PRIORS MAY FAIR



LAZER CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

MONDAY 6TH MAY

11am – 4pm

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

find out more at

www.clayzer.co.uk

MOBILE LIBRARY



The Mobile Library will be at the Village Hall, from 11.05am until 11.35am, on **Saturday 20th April.**

Cats Protection

A slow start to 2013 continues to highlight the challenges of finding new homes for cats in our care. Are you able to help us by adopting one of the many cats that we look after?

Our two-week charity shop, in Whitchurch, recently closed. We would like to thank not only our dedicated volunteers who helped set up and run the shop but also the generous shoppers who helped us raise over £1500, in difficult times.



This month's cat, Humbug, has been in our care since last June year, and is looking for a permanent home. He loves sitting on

a lap or next to you with his paws on your leg. Please get in touch if you are able to offer a home to Humbug, or any of the cats in our care.

Enquiries: 01256-892019 or www.andovercats.org.uk
Stories of rescued cats: adrienne.major@hotmail.co.uk
Fund-raising/volunteers: adrienne.major@hotmail.co.uk
Items for resale: 01256-892773

Claire Bevan

Coordinator Andover & District Cats Protection



Can you Help?

We are looking for prizes for the Tombola Stall. Do you have any unwanted gifts, toiletries, pen/pencil sets, books or any other new items that you are willing to donate?

Collection can be arranged. Please call Brian Mehaffey ☎893119 or Graham Finlayson ☎893667.

Easter Lilies at St. Andrew's Church

As is tradition on Easter Sunday, the flower arrangements will contain lilies, in memory of friends and relatives who have died.

There is still time to make a donation which would be gratefully received. Please contact Fenella Williams ☎ 01256 892081 if you require more information.



HURSTBOURNE PRIORS

VILLAGE HALL

New chairs at last!

Users of the Hall will be pleased to know that we are the proud owners of 60 smart, comfortable new chairs.

The purchase was made possible by a grant from County Councillor Tom Thacker's Devolved Budget, which covered half the cost and for which we are very grateful in the present financial climate.

The folding chairs, in red and dark grey, have padded, fabric covered seats and backs and are easily stored on two trolleys. The old beige plastic chairs have served us well and we are keeping 20 of them for use at craft classes, small children's parties etc.

Anyone wishing to hire the new chairs for events held away from the Hall is welcome to do so, subject to availability. The Hall is available for hire at reasonable rates for private and business events, parties, receptions, etc. Please contact Anne Yeaman for any enquiries on 01256 896432 or email: hbpvillagehall@live.co.uk

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HURSTBOURNE PRIORS VILLAGE TIDY UP

Saturday 6th April 2013



Meet outside The Hurstbourne at 10 am.

Please help if you can.

Bin bags provided.

Refreshments kindly supplied by the Hurstbourne

afterwards.

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GRENVILLE QUILTERS EXHIBITION

20th April 2013 10am to 4pm



Grateley Memorial Village Hall
Grateley, Nr Andover, SP11 8JL

Quilts, quilts and more quilts!

Light Refreshments

(the famous Grenville homemade cakes)

Raffle Quilt

Sales Table

Entrance £2 (Husbands and Children free)

Free Parking - Easy Disabled Access

For further information:

Marlene Barton 01256 893034 bartpriors@aol.com

Cherie Lumsden 01264 889425 candslumsden@tiscali.co.uk

Dee Fenton 01264 364082 deefenton@sky.com

Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council

The following is a summary of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th March. A copy of the full Minutes will be made available on the Village Web Site at www.hurstbournepriors-pc.gov.uk.

Parish Council Vacancy: Potential candidates will be invited to the May PC Meeting to give a brief presentation on why they would like to become a Parish Councillor.

Seat at the Bus Shelter - Following a suggestion by Mrs Chalk for a seat outside the thatched bus shelter, it was agreed to move the metal bench from the Village Green to a more suitable site.

Village Web Site - Work on the replacement web site has commenced and the transfer of information is under way. Mr Finlayson advised that some changes are required. As there is a £25 charge to retain the .gov.uk on the web address, it was decided it was not necessary. A grant of £375 has been received from B&DBC to cover the transfer and first year costs.

Jubilee Oak Tree - The Jubilee Oak Tree still has not been delivered and the Council will chase up.

Speed Signs - Sites will be established for the Flashing Speed Sign. Highways will have to agree the sites and install posts if existing ones cannot be used. A grant application will be submitted to Cllr Mr T Thacker for £1,000 from his devolved budget, towards the cost of the Sign, after the May elections.

Marquee Poles - Cllr Mrs Read agreed to oversee the removal and storage of the poles in an alternative site.

Mud on Andover Road - This continues to be a problem. The Clerk will again write to the relevant authorities.

Hirst Lorries - There does not seem to be a written agreement regarding the lorries not coming through the village. As the road narrows in several places, making it dangerous for anything other than cars to pass, Highways will be asked if a 'Narrow Road' sign could be erected.

Village Green Hedge - The hedge on the village green has been cut back and tidied. It may be taken back further this winter which will improve the views of the green but still shield the electricity sub station.

Grass Verge (B3400) - The estimate of £800 for installing piping on the verge alongside the B3400, leading up to the bridge, was reasonable and worthy of further investigation.

Caravan at Faulkners Cross - The Planning Officer has visited the site again but no further information was available.

Planning - BDB/77515 - Combined Heat & Power (CHP) Unit, Faulkners Down. Mr Andy Partridge, Southern Planning and Mr Henry Du Val de Beaulieu spoke about this Planning Application and answered questions. The Parish Council OBJECTED on the basis of visual impact and noise. A full copy of the objection is available from the Clerk or can be seen on the B&DBC web site.

BDB/77609 - Raise the roof of the porch and install an air source heat pump in the graveyard at St Mary's Church, Manor Farm Lane, Tufton. The Council DID NOT OBJECT but have submitted a document requesting that the Environment Department of BDBC properly assesses the noise impact.

T/00197/13/TCA - Fell 1 Chestnut Tree - Bourne House, Hurstbourne Priors. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS.

Borough Councillor's Report - Cllr Mr Watts stated that there was nothing to report relevant to Hurstbourne Priors but he is looking out for the Wind Farm formal planning application.

Parish Councillors' Reports - Cllr Mr J Beech reported that earth has had to be added to the reclaimed bank at Tufton.

Cllr Mrs C Read stated that concern has been expressed about the quality of the water in the Bourne due to the over pumping at St Mary Bourne. Southern Water will be contacted about the possible erection of signs in Hurstbourne Priors when they are pumping into the Bourne and as they do in St Mary Bourne.

Village Footpaths - Cllr Mrs C Read reported that, as far as she was aware, all village footpaths are open and walkable.

Village Hall Report - Cllr Mrs S Sorby reported the Hall has been informed by B&DBC that waste removal will be charged at commercial rates, in the future. Those making bookings will be asked to remove their rubbish or accept an extra charge.

Date of the Next meeting (Including AGM). Wednesday 29th May 2013 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Parish Council Vacancy

Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council has a vacancy for one member and would like to invite anyone who would be interested in applying to attend the next meeting on Wednesday, 29th May 2013.

There are six formal meetings per year, of approx. two hours, held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. There are occasionally additional informal meetings to discuss issues - mainly planning applications.

Councillors must live within the Parish Boundary and will be asked to sign a Declaration of Office - this outlines the role and code of conduct of Parish Councillors. Further information about the activities of the Council and the role of Councillors can be seen on the Village web site www.hurstbournepriors-pc.gov.uk.

If you are interested, please contact me, the Parish Clerk, at the Parish Office, on 01264 772460 or email richard.waterman150@btinternet.com.

Richard Waterman