



Hurstbourne Priors



Weather October 2013

Total rainfall for month	141mm	= 5.55ins
It rained on 17 days		
Rainfall October 2012	139mm	= 5.47ins
Total to date 2013	585mm	= 22.91ins
Total to date 2012	807mm	= 31.77ins
Min Temperature	2C	= 36F(29 th)
Max Temperature	20C	= 68F(17 th)

It was supposed to be the "wettest October for 13 years" but, here, we had much the same rainfall as last year.

John Smail

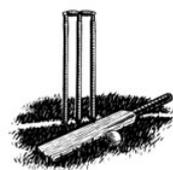
Ladies Coffee Morning



Sorry ladies, there will be **no** coffee morning in December. If you would like to host one in January, please phone Doreen (☎ 893667).

DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES
2014 May Fair Meeting
Thursday 14th January
7.30pm in the Village Hall
More information in the January
Hill & Valley

Hurstbourne Priors Cricket Club



After two consecutive promotions, one as champions, Hurstbourne Priors' first appearance in County Division Four proved to be a challenge. Priors managed to escape relegation by the skin of their teeth, despite losing on the last day of the season, at Steeple Langford.

During the 2013 season, Priors introduced three new players to the squad. Firstly, father and son, Charles and Tom Binks. Charles made a number of impressive performances, in particular his bowling spell at Crown Taverners. The other acquisition was that of the highly experienced cricketer, Jonathan Hopkinson.

Hopkinson made an impressive start by taking six wickets at Donington and ensured Priors secured their first away win of the season. Despite a challenging season, a number of players put in some impressive performances. Stewart Samways continued his consistent form by taking

24 wickets at 16.5 runs, Mark Matthews scored his first league fifty and won the club six-hitting league with 13 and Ady Budd was the pick up batsman with some vital innings, especially against the top sides.

2013 also saw HPCC with their first sight screen which made life a little easier for the batsman facing at the church end. The club would like to thank all the ball sponsors, for their continued support and investment in the club.

Mark Hamson
Team Captain

BURNS NIGHT SUPPER



25th January 2014 at 7.30pm
Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall
3 Course Meal with Drinks,
Reels, Addressing the Haggis,
Piper & Raffle.

A Burns Supper is a celebration of the life and poetry of the poet Robert Burns, author of many Scottish poems.

Tickets - £20 each, from Josephine 01256 896829 or Fenella 01256 892081

In aid of SERVE/AidCamps International - Funding to work on a school building project in Sri Lanka.

Merry Christmas



I would like to wish all readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

A special "thank you" to all those who have contributed to the magazine during the year.

Please remember this is YOUR village magazine so I hope that, in 2014, you will send me items you would like to see in Hill & Valley.

Graham Finlayson



Festival of Lessons & Carols

11.00am Sunday 22nd December,
St Andrew's Church

Christmas Day

9.30am Family Communion, St Andrew's Church

YOU WILL BE VERY WELCOME AT THESE SERVICES



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Mobile Library



The Mobile Library will be at the Village Hall, from 11.05am until 11.35am, on **Saturday 30th November**.

There will be no service in December. The next visit will be on Saturday 25th January.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

If you would like to buy a pack of very attractive Christmas cards, for the benefit of the Church, showing a painting of St Andrew's, contact Mark Williams (01256 892081) for free delivery to your door (within the parish) - cost £7.50 for 10.

Progress at St Mary's Church, Tufton

Progress on the essential repair and maintenance work at St Mary's Church, Tufton has taken longer than expected, but should be completed by the time you are reading this! We have been promised that the church will reopen in December in good time for our Christmas Service so that we can sing carols in a spirit of great celebration, knowing that the fabric of the church is sound!

The cost of this essential work has required raising just over £100,000, an incredible amount, which we have achieved through some successful grant applications, lots of fun fund-raising activities and some amazing generosity from local people. If you have contributed in any way, please accept our heartfelt thanks. It is great to know that the building is now in a good condition to last a few more hundred years.

Our next phase of fund raising will be to enable work to be carried out that will improve both the look and comfort of the church whilst, of course, retaining its beautiful simplicity. We will keep you informed of what is planned and any fund-raising opportunities in the course of next year.

The Snow Man and the Snow Dog - Family Christmas Tea Party and Film Sunday 8th December 3pm - 5pm. Gill Nethercott Centre, Whitchurch

Suitable for all the family, we will be showing the adorable Snowman and the Snow Dog, with some fun Christmas Crafts and Pass the Parcel, followed by a lovely traditional Christmas tea, with dinky sandwiches and Christmas treats.

Please let us know if you intend coming so we can make sure there is plenty for everyone. Tickets cost just £3 per person and are available from the Gill Nethercott Centre or the Library.

Carols in the Hurstbourne



On **Friday 20th December**, come along to the Hurstbourne at **8pm** and exercise the vocal chords, at the annual carol singing, fortified with mulled wine, mince pies and Christmas cheer. **All Welcome!**

Cats Protection



Even with the reminders each year, pet charities will receive unwanted presents in the form of cats purchased or taken in as a Christmas present, only to be abandoned when the post-holiday reality of keeping a pet sets in.

We always have a large list of cats needing homes, but sometimes we are unable to take them as our fostering members simply do not have the space! An influx of unwanted or ill thought-out presents adds to this burden. If you are considering introducing a new pet at this time of year, please ensure you have thoroughly considered the long-term implications.

Whilst considering cats this winter, spare a thought for those who will be spending the season with our fosterers in their homes, or in garden pens. If you feel like helping us through this period, there are several ways you can help:

- Consider becoming a fosterer for the charity. We cover vets fees, and supply food and litter.
- Support us directly at any of the events. www.andovercats.org.uk/EventsPage.htm



MAGGIE is 9yrs old, she is quite shy and her new owner needs to be a patient person who will allow her to settle at her own pace. Once settled Maggie is a really affectionate girl and will give loads of love. She likes to go out so will need a garden. Maggie would probably be best as an only pet and would be very suitable for a retired person. If you can offer Maggie a home, please get in touch, using the details below.

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
Facebook: Andover and District Cats Protection



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Xmas & New Year Rubbish Bin Collections



Both rubbish and recycling (grey and green) bins will be collected as usual on **Monday 23rd December**. The following week, the rubbish (grey) bin will be collected on **Tuesday 31st December**. Both grey and green bins will then be collected on **Tuesday 7th January**.

Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council

The following is a summary of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17th October. A copy of the full Minutes will be made available on the new Village Web Site when it is live.

Parish Council Vacancy: The vacancy will be filled at the November Meeting.

Tufton: The repairs to the bridge on Tufton Lane have been completed.

Highways: Hirst Lorries - The concerns of residents about the Hirst lorries using the village roads have been conveyed to Mr Hirst.

Apsley SITA Site - When the Enforcement Officer visited the site, during the summer, the mud on the road was not such a problem but, with the recent wet weather and winter approaching, the problem will no doubt raise its head again. The Parish Council will ask SITA for a site meeting to look at the lorry wheel wash system.

Drainage Pipes for the Verge - The project will be put on hold as the Parish Council has joined the Lengthsman Scheme and the cutting of the verge will be included in the list of works provided to the scheme's lead council.

Flashing Speed Reminder Sign - Four posts are required for the sign, one on each approach road to the village. Once the sites have been selected a note will be sent to B&DBC for final site approval. As funds are available, the signs will be ordered.

Moving Speed/Village Signs - Highways advised that the speed limit sign cannot be moved as it does not meet the criteria. It was hoped that we could have had a new village sign which incorporated the speed restriction sign. Clarification will be sought.

Narrow Points on the St Mary Bourne Road, problem puddle at Chapmansford Farm and the Longparish Sign - Dead and Overhanging Trees/branches - There are still several overhanging branches and dead trees which need removing from the bank outside Chapmansford Farm and further up the hill. These issues will be raised with Highways.

Bonfire: For reasons beyond their control, the Bonfire Committee was unable to hold the event this year.

Planning: BDB/1708/FUL - Erection of two bedroom agricultural dwelling at Dipper Barn, Tufton. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTION to this planning application but made comments regarding restrictions on use and access issues.

BDB/01680/FUL (TVBC 13/00375/FULLN) - Modify the farm access track to allow for the daily delivery of food crops to Faulkners Down Farm (up to 4 loads per day) via the B3400 and Picket Twenty.

BDB/01679/FUL - Modification and alteration of the existing bio digester plant approved under BDB/73292 (Part retrospective) to produce gas to feed into the gas grid - Faulkners Down Farm. Mr Henry Du Val de Beaulieu presented a full explanation on the reasons for these applications. The purpose for the, as yet un-built, two digesters has changed as they will now be used to supply methane to the gas network.

The product needed to supply these digesters (two and three) cannot be sourced on site and therefore the material needs to be brought in by road and, in particular, by 16 metre HGV lorries. In order to facilitate these deliveries, it is proposed that the 'new' access onto the B3400 from the farm track that was the subject of an application to TVBC (13/00375/FULLN) is widened to enable these lorries to turn onto the land, and that the track be built in concrete. The Parish Council will make comment in due course.

WIND FARM - A further planning application has been submitted for a mast with equipment to test wind speeds.

Audit: The Accounts for the year 1st April 2012 to 31st March 2013 have been signed off by the Auditor with only minor points to be addressed for next year.

Parish Councillors' Reports: Cllr Mr C Ekins reported that there is a lot of rubbish on the Harrow Way and offered to lead a litter-picking party when the Parish hold their Annual Clean Up. The Clerk will also report the litter to TVBC as the majority of this road is in their Borough.

Cllr Mrs C Read reported that she has received several favourable comments on the moving of the bench from the Village Green to the Thatched Bus Shelter.

Footpaths report: All the footpaths in the parish were clear and walkable.

Village Hall Report: The inside of the Hall is to be redecorated and bookings are looking healthy.

Recreation Ground Report: The Cricket Club, as part of the league conditions, has to improve the existing wickets and provide an additional wicket which has increased the cost of the materials needed to maintain the ground. The roller has been sent away for refurbishment. One of the showers in the Pavilion is leaking and will have to be replaced.

The Youth Football Teams are now going to play in Whitchurch rather than Hurstbourne Priors. A new system is to be introduced for payments in respect of match fixtures next year, to provide a better audit trail.

A recent Playground inspection highlighted several minor jobs that need to be carried out on the Play Equipment. A new swing and toddlers' seat and chains have been ordered and the minor repairs needed will be carried out, including painting the play equipment.

Date of the Next Meeting: Wednesday 27th November 2013 in the Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall at 7.30pm.