

Hurstbourne Priors

Weather May 2013

Total rainfall for month	54mm	= 2.12ins
It rained on	10 days	
Rainfall May 2012	45mm	= 1.77ins
Total to date 2013	305mm	= 12.00ins
Total to date 2012	270mm	= 10.62ins
Min Temperature	3C	= 38 (23 rd)
Max Temperature	24C	= 76 (26 th)

The Met. says that March, April and May were the coldest spring months since **1962** and the fifth coldest ever, on record.

John Smail

Ladies Coffee Morning



This month's coffee morning will be hosted by Josephine Hutchinson at Number 44, Hurstbourne Priors (☎ 896829), on **Friday 19th July** from 10.15 onwards.

Coach Trip to Stourhead House & Gardens and Shaftsbury Tuesday 9th July

Uncover the fascinating history of Stourhead House, with an Italian 'Grand Tour' adventure and enjoy the unique Regency library, Chippendale furniture and inspirational paintings. The Palladian mansion is set amid 'picnic perfect' lawns and extensive parkland.

After lunch, travel to the interesting medieval market town of Shaftsbury, just 20 minutes away. Browse the shops, visit the historic Abbey and museum, and enjoy the views of the Blackmore Vale, from the Park Walk.

Stourhead is a National Trust property so tickets cost £15 for National Trust members, or £27.50 for non members, to include entry to house and garden.

The Coach leaves Whitchurch at 9.30am back by 6pm.

Tickets must be booked in advance either at the Gill Nethercott Centre or Whitchurch Library.

Neighbourhood Watch

If you are currently not receiving, but would like to receive Neighbourhood Watch/Police updates by email, please email Garry Butcher at teamwood@aol.com

Cats Protection



Did you know it costs Cats Protection around £3,000 to buy and erect a new cat pen?

In these challenging times, charities are always one of the first to see the signs. Yet it is in these times that people turn to charities such as ourselves all the more. Quite often, we receive cats into our care because their owner cannot afford to keep them any longer.

Re-homing a cat such as Grey (below) can take anywhere from a few days to a few months. This can soon run to a large bill for food, litter and inoculations. This is why we attend shows and events and also run our charity shop in Whitchurch, periodically.

If you can, come and see us at the St. Mary Bourne Flower Show & Fete on 27th July. Any donation, no matter how small, can help continue what is now even more demanding work. Also, drop by our Charity Shop in Whitchurch, which will be opening from the 9th to the 29th of August.



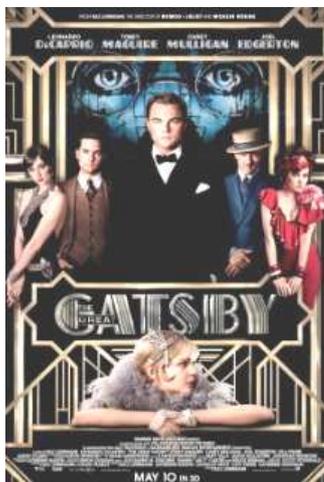
This month's cat is Grey, a soft, cuddly three year old. He is an adorably friendly little chap, and would suit a loving home. Could you offer Grey a loving and permanent home? If so, please get in touch. Call us on the numbers below, or find us on Facebook.

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

Do you, or does someone you know, love reading but can no longer get to the library due to ill health, disability or caring for someone? We may be able to help by arranging for a volunteer to deliver books or audio books to your home. This service is free. Interested or want more information? Contact Jill or Lois on 01256 478670 ext 293032

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Thursday Film at the Gill Nethercott Centre **The Great Gatsby (12a) Thursday 25th July** 8pm



Starring Leonardo DiCaprio as Gatsby and Carey Mulligan as Daisy.

The film follows Fitzgerald-like, would-be writer Nick Carraway as he leaves the Midwest and comes to New York City in the spring of 1922, an era of loosening morals, glittering jazz and

bootleg kings. Chasing his own American Dream, Nick lands next door to a mysterious, party-giving millionaire, Jay Gatsby, and across the bay from his cousin, Daisy, and her philandering, blue-blooded husband, Tom Buchanan. It is thus that Nick is drawn into the captivating world of the super-rich, their illusions, loves and deceits.

Tickets £5 in advance from GNC and Library or £5.50 on the door.

Renovations at St Mary's Church



Background

St Mary's Church dates back to Norman times and is a well-known landmark in the tiny village of Tufton (there are still only 18 households – the same number as

recorded in the Domesday Book!).

The current building was constructed in the 12th century with 13th and 18th century additions. It is a small, simple church comprising nave, chancel, small bell tower and a southern brick porch – the most recent addition. It lies within a conservation area and 'An Area of High Archaeological Importance'. Its Grade 1 listing confirms its being of outstanding national importance.

During the year, many visitors come to look around the church, including historical societies, walkers and cyclists as well as children from local schools, visiting for educational purposes. We

estimate approximately 700 visitors in total each year.

The church is in regular use by a loyal congregation of between 15 and 20, attending twice monthly services, as well as in use increasingly for weddings, baptisms and funerals.

The need

The fabric of the church is deteriorating due to the high levels of damp and humidity within the building. There have been several restoration projects over the past 100 years but some of the work carried out has unintentionally caused or compounded the problems. The increase of rain in recent years is exacerbating this situation and so we are seeking to provide a more permanent solution to the worsening problem, by firstly undertaking the immediate repair work essential to stop further deterioration and then by putting in place measures to restore the fabric of the church and its artifacts and to prevent the further ingress of damp.

Fundraising and How can I help?

We would like to warmly thank those anonymous friends who have already donated so generously. This, along with the enthusiastic efforts of the small congregation, local community and some successful bidding have enabled the essential, immediate repairs to be undertaken. These involve re-roofing part of the nave, repairing rainwater goods - replacing where needed - and replacing the rotten wooden beams supporting the bell tower. This is great news!

However, a further amount in excess of £60,000 is needed to restore the fabric of the church and resolve the significant damp problems so that future generations may enjoy this wonderful historical church. We have a few opportunities for fund raising coming up. Look out for further information about a fantastic concert (July 17th) at St Mary Bourne Primary School, the Whitchurch Parish Fete (July 13th) and a Flower Festival at St Mary's Church later in the year. We look forward to welcoming you to these events.

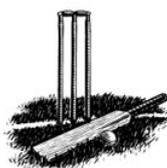
If you would like to contribute in any other way to help our renovation project (perhaps with fundraising ideas, sponsorship, raffle prizes or gift-aided donations), then please contact **Lynda Frith, on 01256 895556 or email lyndafrith@aol.com.**

Mobile Library

The Mobile Library will be at the Village Hall, from 11.05am until 11.35am, on **Saturday 13th July.**

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Hurstbourne Priors Cricket Club



"Blinks Bat Robbery"

Hurstbourne Priors' unbeaten run continued in County Four when they beat old rivals Ramsdell by 2 wickets, thanks to an impressive debut by father and son combo of Charles and Tom

Blinks.

Priors' captain, Mark Hamson, surprisingly won the toss and asked Mark Morley's men to bat first. This looked an excellent decision when new boy Tom Blinks took a good catch to remove the dangerous Simpson. Stewart Samways looked unplayable on the damp wicket and continued to take wickets, finishing with figures of 3 for 10. Rajiv Kumar replaced the injury-plagued Matthews and removed Morley with the ball of the day. The introduction of Charles Blinks (4-21) and Ady Budd (2-27) signalled the end for Ramsdell. Blinks' left arm military medium caused no end of problems for the away side and was supported by some decent catches. Ramsdell capitulated to 74 all out in the 34th over.

Priors knew the chase was going to be a challenge and a Keystone Cops' moment between Ashok Nautiyal and Mark Matthews, resulting a run out, was the worst possible start. Lee Liddle's (4-31) from the road end also produced wickets. The arrival of Tom and Charles Blinks showed that the wicket had no real demons and they played each ball on merit. With the game in Priors' hands, Blinks junior and Steve Trinder were bowled by Adam Munday. Veteran Samways joined Blinks senior at the crease and their years of experience brought calm to the situation, with Samways hitting a huge six to ensure Priors got home with 2 wickets to spare.

Priors slip at Petersfield

A spirited Hurstbourne Priors' display at Petersfield was not enough to avoid their first defeat in County Four.

Winning the toss again and batting first, Priors made steady progress against some tidy bowling by the home side. With the score at 21, the Hurstbourne Priors openers went for one quick single too many and Ashok Nautiyal was run out. Richard Carter (25) joined James Halle-Smith (21) at the crease and punished all loose deliveries. The home side regained control quickly when Halle-Smith was trapped lbw and Carter holed out to mid-off. Priors' skipper Mark Hamson (39) and Mark Matthews (36) put on 56 for the fourth wicket, despite some controlled bowling from Woods and Rice. When both were removed, Priors rallied to move the score on but the continuous fall of wickets made this challenging. Priors reached 174 thanks to an energetic cameo from Sandeep Naik but the away side knew they were 50 runs short of par.

Priors made the perfect start after tea when Carter snaffled Salmon in the gully off Samways. Wood soon followed when Samways took an excellent reaction catch off his own bowling. Petersfield soon showed that batting was their strength by taking the game to Priors, with some aggressive batting more accustomed to 20-20. Rice 36, Blanks 55 and Barnes 18 smashed regular boundaries off the Priors' pace attack. Carter bucked the

trend with his slow twirly deliveries with which he picked up two valuable wickets, thanks to Priors' number one keeper Halle-Smith stumping Blanks and Hamson catching a thunderbolt off a drive from Barnes.

With the rate being maintained, Petersfield got home with 11 overs to spare.

Mark Hamson
Team Captain

HBP Cricket Team Fixtures for July

June 29th	Andover III	Home
July 6th	Crown Taverners	Away
July 13th	Amesbury	Away
July 20th	Sparsholt II	Home
July 27th	St Cross Syms	Away
August 3rd	Midhurst	Home

OVERTON SCARECROW FESTIVAL Friday 13th to Sunday 14th July



The Fancy Dress wheelbarrow race takes place on Friday 12th July, starting at 7.30p.m. at Pound Road, finishing at the Overton Recreation Centre where there will be live music, from 8pm, and a licensed bar (free admission).

On Saturday 13th, we start at 12 noon with the Wheelie Bin Derby, ferret racing, birds of prey, Open Mike, a range of stalls, hog roast and, hopefully, the tractor and trailer so that you will can see some of the 500 scarecrows around the village. From 7.30pm, there will be 4 live bands, and bar with real ales. Entrance is by ticket, £6 in advance (from the Overton Fireplace shop or the Purple Olive), £8 on the night.

Sunday's events start at 12 noon, with Lazerclay shooting, magician, superstars race event, hilarious jungle run, and other fun events for all the family. There will be a draw with a first prize of £500. All events will be held at the Overton Recreation Centre, Bridge Street. Entry is by programme £1 prior to event, £2 on the day.

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Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council

The following is a summary of the Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on Wednesday 29th May. A copy of the full Minutes will be made available on the new Village Web Site when it is live.

Parish Council Vacancy: Mr Charles Ekins has been co-opted onto the Parish Council to fill the current vacancy.

Cllr Mr J Beach resigned from the Parish Council and Cllr Mr P Smail thanked him for his contribution during his time as a Parish Councillor. The vacancy will be advertised.

Election of Officials: Cllr Mr P Smail was re-elected Chairman and Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby was re-elected Vice Chairman.

Chairman's Report: Cllr Mr P Smail highlighted the major issues of the past year which were dominated by planning issues, the more notable being Apsley Solar Park and extra generator and, currently, the Bullington Wind Farm application.

He went on to outline other events such as the May Fair, the Bonfire Party (although the bonfire is unlikely to be held again in its current format), a cricket match and social event, in June, to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, which was well attended by the villagers and the Quiz Night in April at the Hurstbourne Inn.

Other happenings in the village in the past year included:- the sudden passing of Robert Selbie, long time Parish Councillor and past Chairman, the start of the major refurbishment of Tufton Church and the pumping of raw sewage into the River Bourne by Southern Water.

Cllr Mr P Smail thanked all of the Parish Councillors for their help during the year, the Borough and County Councillors who have been very supportive as always, also thanks to Graham for his efforts for the village web site and Hill & Valley magazine and especially Richard, our Parish Clerk.

The Clerk produced the end of year accounts for the period 1st April 2012 - 31st March 2013 and these will be made available on the Village Web Site.

Tufton: Additional earth works are to be undertaken in June in reclaiming the river bank.

Stage one of the Church restoration is underway and should be complete in July. The fund for the total restoration of the Church is £100,000 short. A Music Fundraising event is to be held on the 17th July 2013; details will be publicised.

Village Web Site: The replacement Web Site is currently being populated with information. It is hoped this will be completed by July.

Bench: The iron bench will be moved next to the Bus Shelter and is on the list of jobs to be done.

Village Gateway: The fencing at the entrances to the village on the B3400 has been painted to emphasise the start of the speed limit.

Oak Tree: Cllr Mr T Thacker will investigate why the Oak Tree has not been delivered by HCC.

Flashing Speed Sign: Cllr Mr T Thacker will advise if he can find funding towards the cost.

Highways: Mr G Finlayson reported he had in his possession half of the damaged Longparish sign. Highways will be informed.

Planning: APSLEY GENERATOR - Cllr Mr M Williams disagreed with the Parish Council's decision to object to the

Planning Application BDB/77515. He has sent a letter of support to the applicant, as a resident of Hurstbourne Priors, not as a Parish Councillor

Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby felt that by writing to the applicant giving his support, Cllr Mr M Williams may be in breach of the Parish Council Code of Conduct. The Parish Council had made a decision by a majority and he is obliged to abide by that decision as a member of the Council.

BULLINGTON WIND FARM - The Wind Farm response from Hurstbourne Priors was sent in on time. The planning application will come before committee in October 2013.

Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby reported that she had received a letter from Mrs J Chalk congratulating the Parish Council on such a good response to the Wind Farm project. A copy of the conservation report will be made available in the Village Hall and the Church.

SITA APSLEY SITE - The Parish Council has received a planning application to increase lorry movements to the site. It was agreed the original conditions must apply regarding the lorry wash - although this has not been working and there is still a problem with mud on the road.

Borough Councillor's Report: Cllr Mr K Watts spoke about his year and included reports on:- the diesel leak at Vitacress, The Clock Barn and the effect the Wind Farm will have on the business, the Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan, a proposed traffic assessment on several roads, including the B3400, and Cllr Eric Dunlop sitting on the B&DBC Planning Development Control Committee.

County Councillor's Report: Cllr Mr T Thacker spoke about:- pot holes, the Village Agent scheme, plans to improve 'Nuns Walk' in Whitchurch, the problem with the mud on the B3400 at Apsley, the drains and sewage problem in St Mary Bourne, street lights, the Lengthman's Scheme (on hold until September), and that HCC have signed up with BT to improve the Broadband.

Cllr Mr M Williams explained why some outlying settlements are just too far away from an exchange to get the improved speed, unless BT invests in additional exchanges.

Parish Councillors' Reports: Cllr Mrs C Read expressed thanks to the May Fair Committee for an excellent event. The Parish Council will consider erecting a sign about an age limit for using the playground equipment at the Recreation Ground.

Footpaths Report: Cllr Mrs C Read reported that all the parish footpaths were walkable.

Recreation Ground Report: Cllr Mrs C Read has been elected Chairman of the Recreation Ground Committee. It has been agreed that the plaque honouring Robert Selbie would be unveiled before the next Recreation Ground meeting on the 3rd July 2013 at 7pm. Anyone wishing to attend will be most welcome.

Cllr Mr M Williams reported that he has received an enquiry from Schaffer Ltd to hold a fund raising event on the recreation ground and will keep the Parish Council informed.

Village Hall Report: Cllr Mrs S Sorby reported Village Hall bookings are picking up.

Bonfire: This will be discussed at the next meeting as it should be known by then if we can put on the event in its current format. The date for the bonfire, if it goes ahead, will be November 2nd.

Date of Next Meeting: The date of the next meeting was changed to **17th July 2013** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.