

Hurstbourne Priors
MAY FAIR & CLAYZER SHOOT
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 5TH MAY
12 NOON - 4 PM
RECREATION GROUND
FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

CIRCUS WORKSHOP - STORY TELLING - CHILDREN'S GAMES
 BOUNCY CASTLE - OBSTACLE FUN RUN - VISIT THE LAMBS
 PAPER PLANE FLYING - IRISH DANCERS - PONY RIDES



CRAFTS - BOOKS - TOYS - NEARLY NEW - BRIC A BRAC
 DELI - PLANTS - INN ON THE PARK - HOG ROAST - BBQ
 TEAS - COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS - ICES



www.hurstbournepriors-pc.org.uk

LAZER CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

Find out about clayzers @ www.clayzer.co.uk

Church & Churchyard Tidy-up and Spring Barbecue

Calling everyone in Hurstbourne Priors who is interested in the appearance of our Church and Churchyard!
 On **Saturday 24th May**, starting from **10.30am**, please come and 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, silver, removing cobwebs, cleaning windows - 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 Jeremy Goad (893211) if you are planning to come so that we can cater for you!



Weather March 2014

Total rainfall for month	68mm	= 2.67ins
It rained on 10 days		
Rainfall March 2013	96mm	= 3.78ins
Total for 2014	531mm	=20.90ins
Min Temperature	-3C	= 26F(23 rd)
Max Temperature	20C	= 68F(31 st)

We had a dry spell of 17 consecutive days without rain. Officially a drought!!

John Smail

Belshazzar's Feast in Concert - Saturday 3rd May - Gill Nethercott Centre, Whitchurch

Belshazzar's Feast start with traditional folk music, add a touch of classical and jazz, throw in a bit of pop and music hall, and top it off with wry humour for a unique live experience.

This is your chance to see them live in Whitchurch, whilst sipping local real ale and good wine!

Tickets cost £12 from the Gill Nethercott Centre or Whitchurch Library. Pre-booking is essential.

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MAY FAIR STALL HOLDERS

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

Bottles	John Perkins	892181
Tombola	Brian Mehaffey	893119
Books	Tom	895557
Produce	Josephine Hutchinson	896829
Cakes	Fiona Obert & Phillida Goad	896996
Teas	Fenella Williams	892081
Good as New: Clothes, Scarves, Bags, Jewellery	Lois Jones	892548
Posh White Elephant	Jo Burrell	07826 848123

Cats Protection



The RSPCA announced recently that an explosion is taking place in the cat population and more cats should be neutered. Andover Cats Protection offers

free neutering for the cats of those on a low income but there are still people who cannot be bothered to get it done. Neutered cats are less likely to stray and will avoid life threatening diseases such as leukaemia and Feline Aids. Kittens can be castrated or spayed from 4 months of age.

We shall be at Hurstbourne Priors May Fair on Monday 5th May from 12 – 4pm.

We have been lucky in finding an excellent home for our March cat Billy but, as yet, no one has come forward for Nancy and Peggy.

Whiskers is an elderly feline gentleman whose owner sadly died. He is seeking a quiet retreat without children or other animals for his remaining years. Cats Protection would be willing to assist with any future veterinary expenses associated with his age.



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

Ladies Coffee Morning



The coffee morning in **May** will be hosted by Precelly Murray at the Long House (☎ 892606), on **Tuesday 20th** from 10.15 onwards.

FLOWER FESTIVAL

17 -18 May
10.00 am to 6.00 pm

St. Mary's Church, Tufton

Refreshments

Raffle

Live Musical Interludes

Stalls selling local produce and gifts

Free entry

Mobile Library



The Mobile Library will be at the Village Hall, from 11.05am until 11.35am, on **Saturday 17th May.**

Following previous submissions, Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council will be consulting on a Revised Pre-Submission Local Plan between 25 April and 13 June 2014. More information can be found in the St Mary Bourne Parish Council pages and on the B&DBC web site www.basingstoke.gov.uk

Kingsclere Grand Garden Safari Sunday 22nd June 2pm to 6pm



Come on a Grand Garden Safari with us as the gardens of Kingsclere open their gates to visitors.

Enjoy a stroll through some of the loveliest gardens in the village, buy a raffle ticket and be in with the chance of winning a fantastic prize for your garden. Eat delicious homemade cakes and refreshments at various locations around the village whilst listening to the village's talented musicians.

£5 per adult, children free.

All proceeds to St Mary's Church Keystone Project. Enquiries – Eileen - eileen.selsey@hotmail.co.uk.

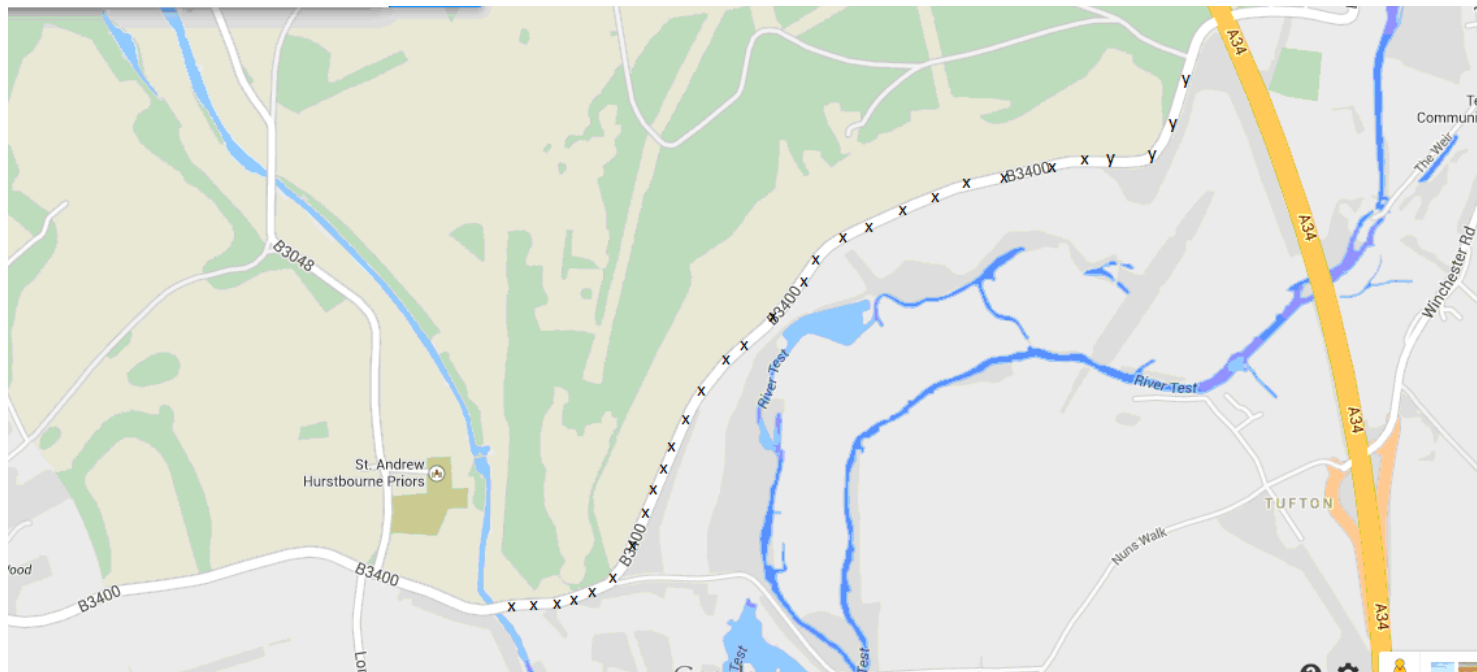


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Proposed Speed Limits - B3400

The map below shows the proposed new speed limits that were reviewed at the recent Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council meeting.

X represents the proposed new 50mph limit and Y the proposed new 40mph limit. Existing limits are unchanged.



Coach Trip – Day trip to Brighton Tuesday 3rd June

Join us for a lovely summer's day trip to Brighton where you will have plenty of time to enjoy the delights of this interesting and quirky city. Wander through The Lanes browsing the little shops, saunter along the Pier and Promenade, admiring the Edwardian architecture, bring a picnic and sun yourself on the beach.

There is something for everyone in Brighton, and lots of lovely cafes, pubs and restaurants to enjoy too. Its a little way to Brighton so we will be leaving at 9.30am, arriving home around 6.30pm (the coach is equipped with toilets)

Tickets cost £18 and payment is required at time of booking as places are limited. Please contact Sarah Castle at the Centre on 896270 or the Library to book.

Gill Nethercott Centre

Family Film for Half term - The Lego Movie - on Saturday 23rd May at 3pm

'This computer animated story follows Emmet, an ordinary, rules-following, perfectly average LEGO minifigure who is mistakenly identified as the most extraordinary person and the key to saving the world.

He is drafted into an epic quest to stop an evil tyrant,... More a journey for which Emmet is hopelessly and hilariously underprepared.

A film for adults and children alike - All tickets £4 from GNC or Library - to include tea, squash and lego cakes at the interval!

Tombola Prizes

We are looking for prizes for the Tombola Stall at the May Fair. Do you have any unwanted gifts, toiletries, pen/pencil sets, books, bottles of wine or any other new items that you are willing to donate? We can collect or you can bring them along on the day. Please call Brian Mehaffey ☎01256 893119 or Graham Finlayson ☎01256 893667.

Actual Notes from Doctors' Patient Charts

- *On the 2nd day the knee was better and on the 3rd day it disappeared altogether.*
- *She has had no rigors or shaking chills but her husband states she was very hot in bed last night.*
- *The patient has been depressed ever since she began seeing me in 1998.*
- *The patient refused an autopsy.*
- *The patient has no past history of suicides.*
- *The patient is numb from his toes down.*

Hatherden & Wildhern Summer Fete

Saturday 17th May 1pm -4pm

Wildhern Playing Fields, Wildhern, Nr Andover

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OBITUARIES

MORNA HALE 1919 – 2014

Morna came to live in Hurstbourne Priors in the early 1960s when she and her husband William (known to most as Willie) retired from Kenya where Willie had been the Chief Game Warden. Both fell in love with the lovely valley and its chalk stream that ran through the garden of the house where they lived; Willie for the fish and Morna for the wild ducks.

Morna was born in Ipswich whilst her father had gone out to Kenya, after the 1st World War, to cut a farm out of the bush, and she was taken out there to the new farm as a baby. She met Willie who was the District Commissioner for the area and they were married in Nairobi Cathedral. At the end of the 2nd World War they moved to Nairobi, on Willie taking over the Game Department. They had a wonderful life, going on safari to all corners of the colony. Their children, Nigel and Linnet, used to travel around with them, even meeting Elsa the lioness, belonging to George and Joy Adamson.

On retirement both Morna and Willie threw themselves into village life in Hurstbourne Priors. Willie served on the PCC and was, for many years, treasurer of the Cricket Club. Morna was one of the founder committee members behind the annual village May Fair which was set up to raise funds for St. Andrew's Church. She was also part of the committee that raised money for the Elizabethan Oxbridge Family tomb in the church which then needed restoration.

Morna had boundless energy. She worked for a time for Swan Hellenic as a tour manager taking tours round East Africa and India. She was also a founder member, and later became president, of the EAWL which helped people who had retired from Kenya and fallen on hard times.

She had charm and a twinkle to her eye that won over countless people. She also was a generous host and loved partying.

Our sympathies go to Nigel and Linnet and their extended families on their loss.

ROY CHARLES BARTON

4TH MARCH 1936 - 24TH MARCH 2014

The following tribute was provided by Roy's Family and read at the funeral service:

Roy was born in St Mary Bourne on the 4 March 1936, the second son of Ivy and Fred Barton, with an elder brother Alan.

At the age of 16 he had his first encounter with his future wife Marlene, passing each other on their bicycles each morning on their way to work. Fate sent them in different directions when, at the age of 18, Roy joined the Royal Hampshires and, with other St Mary Bourne boys, was sent to do his National Service in Malaya for 2 years. But in 1958 they began a lifelong partnership, marrying in 1960.

Two much loved daughters Nina and Katherine followed and, in time, six grandsons and two great granddaughters.

This is just the tip of the iceberg of this quiet, unassuming man. To his family, he was a rock, a constant source of love and fun.

When with his children and grandchildren, he had the ability to become one of them, always willing to lead the way in having fun. He loved his visits to America to see his daughter Katharine, son in law Jeff and two grandsons, Christopher and Lucas. He was always up for a game, whether donning a cape, a mask and waving a sword, as the caped crusader or, on the request at bath time, "Grandpa make bubbles" when half of grandpa and two small boys would disappear under a mountain of bubbles. And Grandpa saying "thank you" to every ticket machine was legendary on both sides of the Atlantic.

Flying was a passion and visits to air shows and museums with his son in law were always enjoyed.

Back home in England, nothing pleased him more than spending time with his grandsons, Grant, Douglas, Connor and Declan, camping out in the garden and cooking sausages as the sun came up or wearing tights and fairy wings for fancy dress parties and always ready for a laugh.

Told by his wife that she would like some wind chimes for the garden he took Declan off to his shed and appeared later with a twinkle in his eye and a look of pride on Declan's face with huge wind chimes, that sounded great but looked awful. Several years later, they still hang in the garden and are priceless.

Grandad Beard was always willing to play hide and seek and bake cakes with his great granddaughter Imogen or have cuddles with the youngest great granddaughter Poppy.

In his retirement Roy took up many crafting hobbies, sending Marlene to classes so that she could pass on her knowledge. He accomplished spinning, weaving and knitting and was a prolific quilter. To his wife and daughters' envy, his hand stitching was perfect. He showed his quilts in local exhibitions and made many heirlooms for his children and grandchildren.

His frequent comment of "I'm so lucky" sums up our feelings; we were truly blessed to have such a loving man in our lives.

Our sympathies go to Marlene and the whole family on their sad loss.