

Hurstbourne Priors

Weather July 2013

Total rainfall for month	24mm	= 0.94ins
It rained on	6 days	
Rainfall July 2012	160mm	= 6.30ins
Total to date 2013	362mm	= 14.29ins
Total to date 2012	583mm	= 22.95ins
Min Temperature	11C	= 52F(11 th)
Max Temperature	35C	= 95F(19 th)

The Met. says it was the warmest, driest and sunniest July since 2006. In the last 100 years, only 5 Julys were warmer. What a contrast with last July which produced 160mm (6.3ins) of rain!

John Smail



Night at the Hurstbourne

in aid of the restoration work at St Mary's Tufton



On **October 17th**, starting promptly at 7.30pm - teams of up to 6 people can play. Tickets are £15 per head, including a two course meal (£5 if you just want to take part in the Quiz).

Tickets are available 'behind the bar' at The Hurstbourne Inn, or ring the Hurstbourne to register your team on **01256 892000**.



There will be a prize for the winning team!

All proceeds will go towards the Restoration Fund for St Mary's Church, Tufton. This 1,000 year old church needs your help to see it through the next thousand years.

Please do come along and support this event - and have some fun at the same time!



Plant & Gift Fair

In Aid of the North Hampshire Medical Fund's Pinpoint Appeal
Sponsored by the John Lewis Partnership
Longstock Park Nursery, Longstock,
Nr Stockbridge SO20 6EH
Sunday 8th September 2013 10am to 4pm
25 to 30 stalls including Chelsea Gold Medallists and a variety of produce & sundries stalls
Home-made Cakes & Teas, Local Produce
Jazz Band, Hog Roast, Beer Tent, Ice Creams
Squinty McGinty's Band & Acoustic Jass.
Entry - Adults £5, Children Free
Free Parking
Tel 01264 810894

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 12TH - 15TH SEPTEMBER

Heritage Open Days celebrates England's fantastic architecture and culture by offering free access to places that are usually closed to the public or normally charge for admission. Every year on four days in September, buildings of every age, style and function throw open their doors. It is a once-a-year chance to discover architectural treasures and enjoy a wide range of tours, events and activities that bring local history and culture to life.

Free of charge and right on people's doorstep, Heritage Open Days is an event for everyone, whatever their background, age and ability. From castles to city halls, tunnels to tower tops, police cells to private homes, workshops to woodland walks, the variety of places and ways to discover them are endless.

Heritage Open Days is organised by a huge network of people who share a passion for places, history and culture. Locally, over 1,400 organisations and some 40,000 volunteers organise thousands of site openings and events, jointly attracting over 1 million visitors. They make Heritage Open Days England's biggest voluntary cultural event.

On a national level, the programme is managed by the [Heritage Open Days National Partnership](#) and funded by [English Heritage](#).

For more information about sites near you: www.heritageopendays.org.uk/directory

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Ladies Coffee Morning



The September coffee morning will be hosted by Doreen Finlayson at April Cottage (☎ 893667), on **Tuesday 10th September** from 10.15 onwards.

Cats Protection



Has your cat been neutered?

Each year, Cats Protection takes into care many young cats as a result of owners not neutering them. Often, mother and kittens are simply abandoned as the cost of feeding becomes too much. A female cat can breed from as early as four months old, five to eight months in most cases.

Neutering not only prevents unwanted pregnancies and a growing feral cat population, it can also improve your cat's long-term health. Neutered cats are less likely to wander, and are less likely to spray, if male. Male cats in particular will improve in physical body condition and their urine will smell less pungent!

In 2011, Cats Protection spent over £5 million either neutering cats in our care, or assisting owners to neuter if they met certain financial criteria. If one of your cats still

requires neutering, please consult your vet.

This month we feature not one cat but two in search of a home, Mickey

and his twin brother Rufus. They are about 10 months old and we would like them to be homed together. If you can offer them that home, please get in touch on 01256 892019 or find us on Facebook: Andover & District Cats Protection.



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

Mobile Library



The Mobile Library will be at the Village Hall, from 11.05am until 11.35am, on **Saturday 7th September**.



WHITCHURCH PARISH HALL FILM FLIGHT

5th September - 7.30pm
Doors open at 7.00pm
Adventure Thriller (15)
 Denzel Washington plays a pilot in charge of an airliner in trouble, which he crash lands successfully, only to be accused of being under the influence of drugs and alcohol when he was on duty.

It is Washington's film – a mesmerising performance - with able support from Don Cheadle and John Goodman.

Tickets £5.00 from The Handbag Shop or on the door. Tel 01256 893500 for reservations.



Hampshire Singing Competition

Calling all Opera lovers!



The Hampshire Singing Competition is firmly established as a leading national competition for young British Singers aged 24 - 30, with generous prizes and prestigious performing opportunities. The distinguished jury is chaired by Gus Christie (Executive Chairman, Glyndebourne) with Scott Cooper (Casting Director, Grange Park Opera), Heather Duncan, (Head of Concerts, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra), three eminent singers and Ian Brown (Pianist, Nash Ensemble).

From initial preliminary auditions held in September, 18 singers are selected for the Semi-Final, held in public in Winchester. The same evening, the finalists sing again. The jury deliberates while the audience enjoys canapés and a glass of wine, over discussions about their choices.

Monday 28 October 12 noon at Performing Arts Centre, St Swithun's School, Winchester (entrance free).

Tickets for the Final at 7 pm from www.theatreroyalwinchester.co.uk 01962 840440 and www.anvilarts.org.uk 01256 844244 - £15 (includes wine and canapés). Advance booking required.

A rare opportunity to hear the stars of the future in Winchester.

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Misbehavin' in Concert Saturday 14th September 8.00pm



**Gill Nethercott
Centre,
Whitchurch**

Fresh from the London Pheasantry, Misbehavin' are in town performing an eclectic mix of music and songs ranging from

high energy covers of well loved jazz standards to moving and beautiful songs from a range of composers, as well as new songs by members of the band. Sultry ballads, dazzling solos and breath-taking performances from these four inspirational musicians promise an evening of sheer revelry and enjoyment. This jazz cabaret quartet, one of the most established and well-loved bands from Dorset, features the vocals of Helen Porter and Karen Wimhurst (clarinets), rhythm guitar from Robin Walter and Ralf Dorrell on double bass. Don't miss them!

Tickets cost £10 for adults and £9 for concessions. Bar with real ale and wine and soft drinks available.

Tickets from GNC or Library, Whitchurch

Winchester Memory Walk 2013 7 September

**Registration from 10am / Walks start at 11am
North Walls Recreation Ground, Winchester**

Sign up for the Winchester Memory Walk, the Alzheimer's Society's annual fundraising event. The walk is taking place at North Walls Recreation Ground in Winchester City Centre, with walks starting at 11am. The money raised will help support people with dementia and their carers.

Walkers can choose between a one mile walk around the beautiful park or a 6 mile city walk taking in all the historic sites including Winchester Cathedral, Wolvesy Castle, the Water Meadows and the Great Hall. After the walk relax and enjoy our live music, entertainment, homemade cakes and family games.

Throughout the day there will be a variety of entertainments including a Zumba warm up, gardening demonstrations, performances from Southampton Ukulele Jam and local musicians and much more.

For more information or to sign up, please visit www.memorywalk.org.uk/winchester or call 0845 306 0898.

Open Garden - National Garden Scheme



Bere Mill

London Road, Whitchurch RG 28 7NH

15th September 1.30 - 5.30pm

The garden is a fascinating Japanese scroll type garden and runs between the Test and carrier streams around the old Mill built in 1712. It comprises herbaceous and Mediterranean beds, a walled garden, a Wisteria garden, a lake and a Japanese tea-house.

Extensively planted with bulbs, especially irises, modern sculpture, unfenced and unguarded access to river and streams.

Admission is £5 for adults and free for children.

Plants for sale from local nurseries

Proceeds to National Gardens Scheme and The Smile Train

More information from Rupert & Elizabeth Nabarro

01256 892210.

Website: <http://www.ngs.org.uk/gardens/gardenfinder/garden.aspx?id=19432>



**Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants
Priory Lane Nursery Freefolk, RG28 7NJ**

Late Summer Perennials Talk

18th September 10.30am - 12.30pm

Join Rosy Hardy at Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants for a demonstration and guided tour on planting and growing combinations, including colour and plant situations, where and when and propagation.

RHS Members £10, Non-members £12

More information from 01256 896533

Website: www.hardys-plants.co.uk

Michael Bubl  Tribute

7 September 2013 at 8.30pm

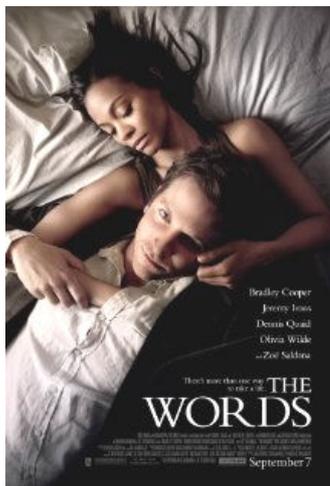
Longmeadow Sports & Social Club,

Winchester Road, Whitchurch RG28 7RB

More information from Paul on 07921 548222

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Thursday Film at the Gill Nethercott Centre, Whitchurch



The Words (15)

Thursday 26th

September 8pm

'A writer at the peak of his literary success discovers the steep price he must pay for stealing another man's work.'

Starring Bradley Cooper, Denis Quaid, Jeremy Irons and Zoe Saldana, this is a stylish and

thought provoking film.

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

Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council

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

Parish Council Vacancy: Cllr Mr Charles Ekins was formally co-opted onto the Parish Council. It was hoped to co-opt Mr J Broomfield onto the Parish Council at the September meeting.

Tufton: The work on the river bank has been completed, but may need doing again in October. The first phase of the restoration to St Mary's Church in Tufton is nearing completion. So far £70,000 has been raised with an additional £95,000 needed to complete all the work

Police Report: There was a recent incident at the Equestrian Centre in which nothing was stolen although Testbourne Security has increased their vigilance.

Highways: The following issues were covered at the meeting with Steve Goodall (HCC) on 28 June 2013 -

Hirst Lorries - there is no formal agreement in the Site Planning Agreement but it may be possible to come to some sort of goodwill agreement.

Narrow Points on the St Mary Bourne Road - Mr Goodall agreed to look into putting road narrowing signs at the Champsford Crossroads as a deterrent to lorries.

Apsley Sita Site - as HCC Waste Management is really in 'control' of the running of the site, they will be requested to take up the problem of mud on the road with the contractors.

Tufton Bridge - the outstanding repairs were raised and the work has now been completed.

Longparish Sign - New signs and posts will be fitted but it may take up to 6 weeks.

Sites for the Flashing Speed Sign - four posts will be set up, one on each approach road to the village, using existing 'furniture' where possible.

Problem Puddles - Four areas remain which will be

addressed.

Moving of speed/village signs - It was hoped that we could have a new village sign which incorporates the speed restriction sign.

Plaque for Robert Selbie: The unveiling of the plaque in the Pavilion was held on the 3rd July 2013; 25 people turned up and it went very well.

Bonfire: Everything is in place for the Bonfire this year, subject to the availability of the field.

Planning: WIND FARMS - The MOD has objected to the proposed Wind Farms as they carry out low flying exercises and the structures could interfere with radar systems on the aircraft.

Permission has been granted for the Bio Generator at Apsley.

Lengthman's Scheme: St Mary Bourne has agreed to be the lead Council for the Lengthman's Scheme so it was agreed that Hurstbourne Priors should join.

Parish Councillors' Reports: Play Area - agreement was reached on the wording regarding the use of the equipment in the Play Area. Some parts will be replaced and the equipment will be repainted.

Village Welcome Letter: will be updated.

Village Hall Report: a new representative was required for the Village Hall Committee.

Footpaths Report: All the footpaths are walkable. Cllr Mrs Read wished to thank the Testbourne Estate for arranging for the footpath through the gallops to be cut.

Recreation Ground Report: Roller - Work will be done to refurbish the roller and this will be jointly funded by the Cricket Club and the Parish Council.

Date of the Next meeting: Wednesday 25th September 2013 in the Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall at 7.30pm.



WHITCHURCH PARISH HALL FILM MUD

19th September at 7.30pm

Doors open at 7.00pm

Adventure-drama (12A)

Two teenage boys in Arkansas encounter a fugitive living on an island in the Mississippi and form a pact to help him evade the bounty hunters on his trail and to reunite him with his true love.

Matthew McConaughey, Reese Witherspoon, Tye Sheridan, Sam Shepard.

Tickets £5.00 from The Handbag Shop or on the door. Tel 01256 893500 for reservations.

**Special matinee on Friday 20th September at
2.00pm - Doors open at 1.30pm**

Tickets £5.00 from The Handbag Shop, Whitchurch, or on the door.