

Hurstbourne Priors

Weather November 2013

Total rainfall for month	63mm	= 2.48ins
It rained on	12 days	
Rainfall November 2012	116mm	= 4.56ins
Total to date 2013	648mm	= 25.51ins
Total to date 2012	923mm	= 36.33ins
Min Temperature	-4C	= 24F(19 th)
Max Temperature	13C	= 56F(12 th)

John Smail

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**MAY FAIR
VILLAGE
MEETING
TUESDAY
14TH JANUARY
HBP VILLAGE
HALL
7.30PM**



We are gathering again to prepare for our 2014 May Fair and it is time to ask villagers to join in with their contributions, in time and effort, in making this annual event such a success. Not only is it our main fund raising event for village amenities and an opportunity to welcome many people from local environs, and further afield, to our beautiful piece of Hampshire, it is also a chance for us all to get together as villagers.

Maybe you have a new idea we could try, or would like to help one of our existing enterprises; help is always appreciated by the Village Tea Room. We would love more helpers with the Children's Games, and muscles are always appreciated for setting up and dismantling the event.

So, if you haven't put your toes in the water before or maybe you are new to the village, please, please come along to our informal meeting in January. Everyone is welcome to share plans, ideas and to volunteer help.

We look forward to seeing lots of faces, old and new. So please come and enjoy a glass of mulled wine.

Put 14th January in your new 2014 diary.

Ladies Coffee Morning



Catch up on all the local happenings at the January coffee morning which will be hosted by Marilyn Smith at Copper Beech (☎ 893107), on **Thursday 16th**, from 10.15 onwards.

Mobile Library



The Mobile Library will be at the Village Hall, from 11.05am until 11.35am, on **Saturday 25th January.**



CALLING ALL MARMALADE MAKERS

Can you help us raise money for The Countess of Brecknock Hospice at Home Service?

Whether you are a regular marmalade maker or a beginner, whether you are young or old, a Parliamentarian or a celebrity there is a category for you.

Enter a pot of your marmalade into the Dalemmain Marmalade Festival Competition and not only will our local hospice benefit but you have a real chance of becoming a marmalade making champion - last year we had two!

To enter the competition go to www.dalemmainmarmaladeawards.co.uk for all the details.

Deliver your entry to Kenyons Fruit and Veg Shop, Weyhill Road, Andover or The Countess of Brecknock Hospice or St Mary Bourne Village Shop (please use our local entry forms available at delivery points).

Attach to each jar your entry form and fee of £8 (cheques made payable to The Countess of Brecknock Hospice) as well as a sticky label with your name and contact number on the bottom of the jar.

Closing date is Monday 3rd February

Any queries to Bridget 01264 738374

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Cats Protection



A New Year sees a New Challenge for Cats Protection

The last of the mince pies have been consumed, and Christmas cards by the thousand now sit in recycling boxes throughout the Andover region. Thoughts begin to turn to 2014 and all the possibilities it may hold.

For Cats Protection, the start of a new year is often one of our busiest periods. Sadly, despite the best efforts of many organisations, people still hand in unwanted Christmas presents in the form of young cats and kittens when the reality of owning a pet has hit home.

It isn't only unwanted presents that lead to increased phone calls and cats taken into care. The new year often sees people moving jobs & homes. Several of our current in-care cats are the result of owners moving away for work, or moving into new accommodation in which pets are not allowed.

If you would like to help:

- Consider becoming a fosterer for the charity. We cover all vets' fees, and supply food and litter.
- Keep an eye on our Facebook group, Andover & District Cats Protection, for upcoming events that you could come to.
- Choose from our range of 'meals for cats' on eBay, where you can purchase a meal for one of our in-care cats at the link below:

<http://myworld.ebay.co.uk/andovercatsprotection>

This brings us to this month's highlighted cat, Dash. He is a beautiful, friendly and affectionate 3 year old male, who would fit in well in a nice warm household.



Dash is comfortable with small children, and with other cats, but is extremely nervous around dogs of any kind, so a non-dog household would be most suitable. If you can offer Dash a home, please do get in touch on Facebook, or by telephone.

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

SAVE THIS DATE HURSTBOURNE PRIORS SAFARI SUPPER

Saturday 8th March 2014

Further details next month

Phillida ☎ 01256 893211 Susie ☎ 01256 892665

How to dispose of your Real Christmas Tree



Once the festive season is over, you can dispose of your **real** Christmas tree at one of the temporary disposal sites set up by Basingstoke & Deane and Test Valley Borough Councils. Those closest to our villages are listed below.

Please remove all decorations and non-compostable items before disposal.

- Homebase, Enham Arch Retail Park, Andover.
- Andover Garden Centre, Salisbury Road, Andover
- Overton Hill Car Park, Overton
- Winchester Road Car Park, Whitchurch

These sites are only provided for **real** Christmas trees. The Andover sites will only be in operation from Wednesday 2nd to Wednesday 9th January and the Basingstoke sites from Friday 3rd January to Sunday 26th January 2014.

Please follow the site instructions and place your tree in the area provided.



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.

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Whitchurch Films at the Gill Nethercott Centre, Whitchurch

**Sunshine on Leith (PG) Tuesday 28th
January 7.30pm**



The Feel Fabulous Film of the Year! Plus a Free Glass of Wine!

Sunshine on Leith is based on the sensational stage hit of the same name, featuring music by pop-folk band The Proclaimers. The film follows the stories of Davy and Ally, who have to re-learn how to live

life in Edinburgh after coming home from serving in Afghanistan. Both struggle to learn to live a life outside the army and to deal with the everyday struggles of family, jobs and relationships.

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

To tempt you out in the January gloom we are offering a free glass of wine with the voucher here or print one from the Town website.

Gill Nethercott Centre
Sunshine on Leith (PG)

Tuesday 28th Jan 7:30pm

Entitles holder to 1 free
glass of wine

Weight Watchers New Venue from January 9th.

Exciting times ahead for Local Weight Watchers!

A SPARKLING new class at the Gill Nethercott Centre, Whitchurch
Thursday evenings at 7pm.

Come along and get that party started. We have a price range tailored to your needs, help and advice and a friendly chat amongst friends who are all on the journey together.

There's never been a better time to be a better you!

A Romantic New Year's Day Story

A married couple had been out shopping for most of the day. Suddenly the wife realised that her husband had "disappeared". Somewhat irate she called her husband's mobile and demanded, 'Where are you?'

Husband: 'Darling, do you remember that little jewellery shop where you saw that beautiful diamond necklace and totally fell in love with it but I didn't have the money at that time and I said "Darling it'll be yours one day."'

Wife, tremulously, 'Yes, I do remember that my love.'

Husband, 'Well I'm in the Pub next to that shop.'

The 16th Hampshire Potato Day

Sat 25 & Sun 26 January

10am - 3pm

**Testbourne Community Centre,
Micheldever Road, Whitchurch, RG28 7JF**

The largest number of varieties of seed potato available in one place for amateur growers

Plus talks on growing potatoes, expert advice, catalogue of varieties, children's creche

Unusual seeds and a seed swap

Entry adults £2, accompanied children free

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Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council

The Minutes of the November Meeting of the Parish Council were not available at the time of going to press but will appear in the February Hill & Valley.

Dates of the Meetings for 2014 are:

29th January, 26th March, 28th May (AGM),
30th July, 24th September and 26th November

HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT AIR AMBULANCE BAG A BRA DAY 2014 22ND MAY 2014



Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance have announced that **Bag a Bra Day 2014** will take place on **22nd May** and are asking supporters to save any unwanted bras for recycling, in order to raise vital funds to keep the Air Ambulance flying and saving lives. This highlight of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance fundraising calendar generates a significant amount of donated bras, whilst raising awareness for the charity's on-going recycling campaign.

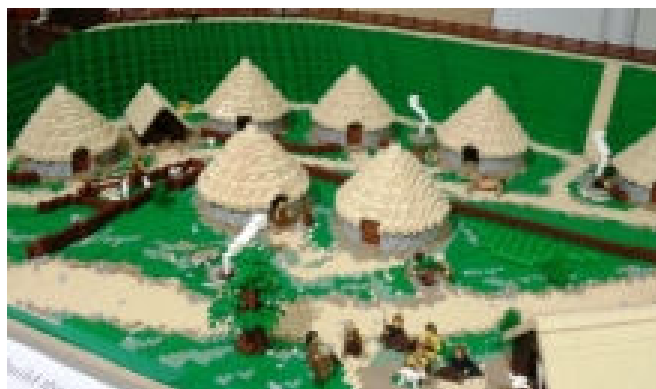
All donated bras are collected by "Bag It Up", the charity's recycling partner, and shipped to West Africa for resale at affordable prices by street traders. Being able to wear a bra gives women status and helps to improve their self esteem; two very emotive reasons for donating an unwanted bra or two.

Unwanted bras can be collected in one of the charity's special pink 'Bag a Bra' bags and then placed in a charity textile recycling bank (pictured here). Details of the location of recycling banks throughout Hampshire and The Isle of Wight can be found at: www.hiow-airambulance.org.uk.

Alternatively, anyone wanting further information or a pink recycling bag should ring the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance office on 023 8033 3377.



LEGO® MODELS by Duncan Titmarsh



Willis Museum, Basingstoke

10:00am Saturday 30 Nov 2013 to Saturday 18 Jan 2014

An amazing display of custom-made LEGO® by Duncan Titmarsh, the country's only certified LEGO builder. The models on display will include: Danebury Hill fort (complete with round houses, fires, people and even a goat!), a Roman feast (on a full sized LEGO table), a Giant size Sedan Chair, the Floating Bridge from Southampton and Portchester Castle. Other models from the LEGO range will also be on display.

Visitors will have the chance to buy LEGO sets, Minifigures and branded LEGO items in the Museum shop. If you know someone who loves LEGO, why not bring them along.

Please note Museum closed Tuesday 24 Dec - 1st January. Re-open 2nd Jan.

Free Admission. Telephone: 0845 603 5635 for more information.

Winter Lectures - Museum of Army Flying

Every year the Museum's Society of Friends organises lectures to raise money for the Museum.



On **15th January** Col. Derek Armitage recounts the famous battle of Rorke's Drift in 1879 when 150 British and Imperial troops defended an isolated outpost during the Zulu War against three regiments of 3,000 warriors.

The lecture starts at 7:30pm with an interval for refreshments. Tickets are £5 per person and booking through the museum is recommended as numbers are limited. ☎ 01264 784421.