

**WEATHER MARCH 2016**

Total rainfall for month	100mm	3.18ins
Rained on 8 days		
Rainfall in March 2015	29mm	1.14ins
Total for 2016	336mm	13.22ins
Total for 2015	220mm	8.66ins
Max. Temperature	18C	64F (21 <sup>st</sup> )
Min. Temperature	-5C	24F (7 <sup>th</sup> )



Homing Enquiries: 0345 2601501 or [andovercats.org.uk](http://andovercats.org.uk)  
 Fund-raising and volunteers 07733 242 196 or email [coord@andovercats.org.uk](mailto:coord@andovercats.org.uk)  
 Items for resale: 01256 892773

Microchipping for dogs became compulsory last month. Although the microchipping of cats is not covered by law it is a good idea to get yours done. It is not expensive and will be of enormous help should your cat go missing. Talk to your vet about it.

We spent an excellent fortnight in the Whitchurch Charity Shop and raised £2,215. Thank you to everyone who helped, donated or purchased goods. We shall be back in September. We are at Pets at Home in Andover for three days, the first weekend in June. Come and talk to us and find out what we do. We are a friendly group who are always looking for new volunteers.



LOU LOU is a very pretty, pale ginger, longhaired cat who came to us when her owner went into a care home. She is not used to other cats, dogs or small children, so is seeking a quiet home. She is very confident and affectionate and craves attention.

**Coffee Morning**

Ladies, come along to the May coffee morning which will be hosted by Susie Sorby at Bourne House Hurstbourne Priors on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May** from 10.15 onwards.



**ANDOVER FILM CLUB**

[www.andoverfilmclub.org](http://www.andoverfilmclub.org)

Andover Film Club's May film is 'Room', the award winning adaptation of the popular novel. *Held captive for years, a woman (Brie Larson) and her son (Jacob Tremblay) gain their freedom, allowing the boy to experience the outside world.*

**Monday 9th May**  
 ODEON Andover, 8pm. Admission £6.50.

**HURSTBOURNE PRIORS PARISH COUNCIL**  
**PLANNING APPLICATIONS 14 MARCH 2016**  
**TO 13 APRIL 2016**

APPLICATION	PC RESPONSE	BDBC DECISION
T/00109/16/TCA  Application to crown reduction of oak tree at Chapmansford Farm House	No objection	Pending

**Concerts at St Andrew's**

**Vox Cantab**, a chamber choir of current and former Cambridge University choral scholars, provided a choir of 9 singers who spent most of Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April in Hurstbourne Priors. The first delight was the singing of the Book of Common Prayer Mattins in the morning. Given the choice of Latin or English, Revd Terry Hemming advised us to opt for English. The result was an uplifting service that honoured God, the church and the organ.



In the afternoon we were given a wonderful concert entitled "All Creatures Great & Small". The "creatures" ranged from the expected nightingale, skylark, turtle dove and blue bird, to the rather more surprising cricket, baboon and falcon – and Old MacDonald's Farm animals. With music by many composers from Palestrina to Cole Porter and Hoagy Carmichael, by way of Orlando Gibbons, Mendelssohn and Brahms, we were promised, and received, a real treat. A fitting finale was provided by Stanford's "The Blue Bird" with a wonderful soprano voice soaring to the ceiling of the church. If you missed this concert you have another chance to hear some lovely choral singing – read on!

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 8.00 pm**

**The Farrant Singers**

The Farrant Singers have kindly arranged to give us a concert entitled "*Nunc Dimittis*". This will be a programme of sacred choral music from seven centuries of European music, linked by settings of the *Nunc Dimittis*. Further details may be found on the Farrant Singers website. After the concert in St Andrew's Church, drinks will be served in the Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall. There is no charge but there will be a retiring collection in aid of St Andrew's Churchyard upkeep.

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**HURSTBOURNE PRIORS  
MAY FAIR  
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY  
2nd MAY 2016 12 noon – 4pm**

**STALLS, ENTERTAINMENT, BAR  
VISIT THE LAMBING SHED**

**MOBILE LIBRARY**  
Village Hall  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May  
From 11.00am to 11.30am

## Events and News from the Gill Nethercott Centre

### Coach trip to National Trust Lacock Abbey and Village - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May

Set in rural Wiltshire, Lacock village is famous for its picturesque streets, historic buildings and more recently as a TV and film location.

On a day out in Lacock there is plenty to see and do. Take a walk in the grounds and enjoy spring bulbs and the greenhouse, wander round the many shops in the village and have a lazy meal, and don't miss the exhibitions in the gallery above the museum.

The coach leave Whitchurch at 9.30am and returns around 6pm.

Tickets cost £16 for National Trust members or £26 for nonmembers, which include access to all areas.

### Coach trip to Windsor and Virginia Water Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June

Join us for a varied and interesting day out in Windsor where you can choose what to do for the day.

The coach leave Whitchurch at 9.30am and returns around 6pm.

Tickets cost £16 and can be bought at the GNC or Library.

### Pilates Classes

Clinical Pilates is an enjoyable, stress free way to look immediately slimmer – up to 3kg just by standing taller with good posture. Low impact exercises to suit all ages and levels of fitness. Be more toned, have more strength and be more flexible and mobile. You will feel better, not just look better.

If you have any injuries, suffer from back or neck pain or headaches or any other conditions which could affect your ability to exercise, Pilates based exercises are appropriate for you. They are effective for rehabilitation and prevent further injury.

So there really are no barriers to do Pilates. See what it can do for you. You will be amazed.

**Clare Bates Level 111 Instructor teaches at the Gill Nethercott Centre, every week. Call 07971 287229 or check out [www.pilatesunlimited.co.uk](http://www.pilatesunlimited.co.uk)**

### Weight Watchers

At Weightwatchers our new Smart Points Plan has proved to be our most successful ever. Why not take advantage of our great registration offers at [www.weightwatchers.co.uk](http://www.weightwatchers.co.uk), or better still, pop along and have a chat with Adrienne, your local friendly leader.

We meet every Thursday at the Gill Nethercott Centre at 7pm. There's a warm welcome, friendly banter and tea and coffee. Come and join us?!

### CAMBRIDGE WEIGHT PLAN WHITCHURCH CLINIC

At the Gill Nethercott Centre every **WEDNESDAY mornings from 9am to 12 noon**. Pop in for a coffee, a BMI check and chat!

I will help and support you all the way. I also have a dedicated room in my home in Andover specifically set up for my clients where consultations are private, in confidence and friendly.

Daytime and Evening appointments are available all week. I am very flexible and will always try to find a convenient time for you if your life is busy. If travelling is difficult, then I may be able to see you in your own home.

Just call or email me at any time. I look forward to hearing from you

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**THE VINE TRUST**

**The Vine Trust is a Christian charity based in Andover and operates The Vine Trust Bookshop. Its purpose is to serve the Christian and churches in Andover and the surrounding area, and to witness to the gospel of Christ.**

The Vine Trust is urgently looking for more volunteers to help in their Christian Bookshop in Bridge Street, Andover. We especially need help on Monday afternoons and Saturday mornings.

The Vine Trust Bookshop is open 6 days a week from 10 am to 4 pm. We operate two shifts per day 10 am to 1 pm and 1 pm to 4 pm and we are looking for volunteers to help with either a 1/2 or full day.

Please contact Brenda Sleath on 01264 355706, **vinetrustandover@gmail.com** or call into the shop to find out more or arrange a time for training.

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**The Test Valley Garden and Literary Festival**



The first Test Valley Garden and Literary Festival will take place on 12th June at Bere Mill, Whitchurch. Please come and join us as we seek to raise funds for The North Hampshire Medical Fund. Further information and details can be found at **www.testvalleyfestival.co.uk** and at Test Valley Festival (@test\_festival) | Twitter

**Have your say on Election Day**

Voters in the borough will go to the polls on Thursday 5 May for the Police and Crime Commissioner elections and to elect one third of the borough's 60 councillors.



A referendum on Britain's Membership of the European Union has also been announced to take place on Thursday 23 June. The election for a Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight is held once every four years, with the first being held in 2012.

Those people registered in one of the 20 wards scheduled for a borough election, will be entitled to vote to elect a borough councillor to serve in their ward until May 2020. Fifteen parishes are also up for election.

For more information about the elections visit [www.basingstoke.gov.uk/elections2016](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/elections2016).

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**The Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

The Hurstbourne Priors Annual Parochial Church Meeting took place in the village hall on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Jeremy Goad and Oliver Colman were elected to continue serving as churchwardens for the coming year. I would like to thank them and all those who work so tirelessly to look after our wonderful church building as well as assisting in the life and worship of our church. THANK YOU!

*Craig, the Vicar.*