

WEATHER – FEBRUARY 2019

Total rainfall for month	82mm	3.22in
It rained on	8 days	
Rainfall same month last year	57mm	2.24in
Total for 2019	113mm	4.44in
Total for 2018	177mm	6.96in
Max temp	20.3C	69F (25 th)
Min temp	-1C	30F (25 th)

A month of contrasts. Snow at the start of the month, and then the hottest winter day ever on the 25th.

We couldn't manage the Kew Gardens' high of 21.2C but our 20.3C was quite respectable!

Also the "Beast from the East" was just getting up speed on the same day last year.

John Smail

CHURCH AND VILLAGE CLEAN UP – 6th April

The Hurstbourne Priors Annual Village Clean Up will be held on Saturday 6th April. Please meet at the Cricket Pavilion from 10.30am where we will be serving tea, coffee, hot chocolate and homemade brownies from the lovely new kitchen. If you haven't seen the first stage of the refurbishment then do please pop in to have a look.

There are a range of tasks from dusting, polishing and cleaning in the church, clearance and a bonfire in the churchyard, recreation ground and play area and general litter picking along the lanes. Please wear suitable clothing and gloves are recommended for outside tasks. We will have pick claws and rubbish bags available in the Pavilion. Cleaning products will be available in the church for those wishing to take part in 'inside' activities.

Everyone is welcome: no one is too small or too old for a useful task!

Your Parish and Parochial Councils

LADIES COFFEE MORNING

The April Coffee Morning will be hosted by Anne Yeaman (896432) at Paddock View on Monday, 15th April 2019 from 10.15 am onwards.



HAMPSHIRE TO HOST FIVE ICC WORLD CUP MATCHES

The ICC Cricket World Cup returns to Hampshire for the first time in 20 years with five fixtures announced for this year's competition. This is the first time that an ICC Cricket World Cup has been held in the UK since 1999.

The five matches will see England, South Africa, India, West Indies, Bangladesh and Afghanistan all compete at the Hampshire Bowl, with matches held at the venue between Wednesday 5th June and Monday 24th June.

South Africa will take on India in the first match on Wednesday, 5th June with South Africa playing West Indies in the third group game on Monday, 10th June.

England then arrive on Friday 14th June to play the West Indies, before the venue hosts India and Afghanistan on Saturday 22nd June. The final group game will see Bangladesh take on Afghanistan on Monday 24th June.

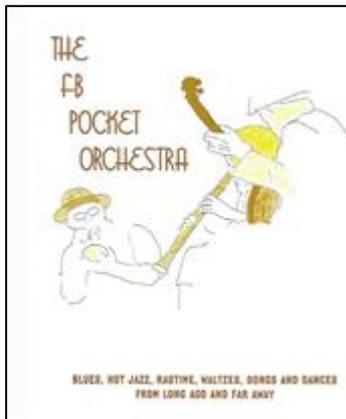
Due to the prominence of Hampshire in the tournament, overseas teams are keen to adapt to local conditions, and we can announce that Hurstbourne Priors cricket ground has been selected to host the warm-up fixture between Afghanistan and West Indies on Tuesday 26th May starting at 10.30am. Fans will have the opportunity to apply for tickets via the Hurstbourne Priors Recreation Ground Facebook page from 10am on Monday, 1st April.

"We are extremely proud to be one of the host venues for the Cricket World Cup. We have the opportunity to welcome fans from around the world to our newly refurbished pavilion. We will ensure they are given the warmest of welcomes."

Details of hospitality packages will be available

from Ms April Fool.

FB POCKET ORCHESTRA



RETURNING TO

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH,
HURSTBOURNE PRIORS

The FB Pocket Orchestra

Blues, Hot Jazz, Ragtime, Waltzes, Songs
and Dances from Long Ago and Far Away

@ 7.30pm

SATURDAY, 27TH APRIL

TICKETS £15

(to include wine & canapes)

Children Under 16 Free

Available from:

Jeremy Goad – 07748107320
jeremy@thegoads.co.uk

Barbara Carrodus – 01256 893473
barbara.carrodus@btinternet.com

Fenella Williams – 01256 892081
fenella.williams@btopenworld.com

or message Hurstbourne Priors FB Page

HURSTBOURNE PRIORS PCC

The Annual Vestry Meeting will be held in St Andrew's Church on Sunday 7th April, following the 11am Family Communion. Service. This is a meeting of all parishioners to elect the churchwardens for the coming year.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will take place immediately after the Vestry Meeting.

Anyone who is on the Electoral Roll of Hurstbourne Priors can attend and vote at the APCM.



Last month's cat, Timmy, has been re-homed. He joined another one of our rescue cats who had been adopted previously.

This is Fluffy who, despite her name, is actually not fluffy at all. She is 7 years old and would need to be the only cat in the household but she can live with dogs. She would also be better suited to a home with older children.



We have the Rotations charity shop in Whitchurch for two weeks starting from Friday 12th April. This is a major part of our fundraising so please pop in.

It is also the time of year for a reminder about neutering your cats. We can help with the cost, meaning you need only pay as little as £10. Please do get in touch for more information.

Did you know? A cat's nose is ridged with a unique pattern, just like the fingerprint of a human.

Homing Enquiries: 0345 260 1501 or andover.cats.org.uk
Fund-raising and volunteers: 07733 242196
or email: coord@andovercats.org.uk
Items for resale: 01256 892773

ST ANDREW'S CHURCHYARD RECORDS

Over the past year we have been busy updating records of burials and interments of ashes in the churchyard at St Andrew's. These are now available for viewing at any time the church is open – at times of services in winter and at any time during the day whilst British Summer Time is in operation.

The churchyard is arranged into two distinct areas: the Old Churchyard surrounding the church itself and the New Churchyard for all burials since 1930 in a separate area to the South East beyond the cricket pitch. The New Churchyard is arranged in rows which are more or less sequential working eastwards from the wall behind the Pavilion. Records for this part of the churchyard had been kept on a large sheet of paper which was rapidly fading and becoming increasingly illegible. These have now been transferred to a spreadsheet and are recorded electronically. A print-out of these records has been laminated and is on display on the wall of the vestry. If you are seeking the grave of someone you believe to have been buried at St Andrews during the last 90 years, this would be a good place to start.

We are indebted to Mrs Marilyn Smith for the records of the Old Churchyard. Well known to many in the village, she is a carver and gilder who designed and carved the new baptismal font. She used to live at Copper Beech opposite the entrance to the church before moving to Somerset a few years ago. She spent much time interpreting and recording the tombstones in the Old Churchyard and has kindly passed on her hand-written notes. It is these that have been typed up, laminated and are now displayed on the left-hand wall of the porch along with her map of the Old Churchyard with the numbers she gave to each tomb for recognition purposes. The stones are not ordered by date but are numbered from the North West wall beside the flagpole and run clockwise around the church.

If you are interested in the history of our village the inscriptions on these tombstones make fascinating reading. Inevitably there is much tragedy here with records of young children dying all too frequently, often several children from the same family within a short space of time, presumably due to the uncontrolled ravages of infectious disease. The Victorian propensity for poetic inscriptions is a highlight of many churchyards and ours is no

exception. One very telling one which caught the eye reads as follows:

From tombstone number 89 dedicated to John Crouch who died in July 1831 aged 87:

Remember man as you pass by

As you are now so once was I.

As I am now so you must be.

Prepare yourself and follow me.

Many others record the long association with the Portsmouth family who owned all the houses in the village at that time and employed most of the occupants in a wide variety of trades. Over the next few issues of Hill and Valley, we will publish a few of these inscriptions under the byline "Tombstone Corner" which we hope readers will find of interest and perhaps follow up by visiting the churchyard from time to time.

Martin Briant-Evans, Churchwarden

ANDOVER CHORAL SOCIETY

MOZART REQUIEM , ST MARY'S CHURCH, ANDOVER

Saturday, 11th May 2019 at 7.30pm

Andover Choral Society present Mozart's iconic choral masterpiece, accompanied by professional orchestra and soloists. From the resounding thunder of the *Dies Irae* to the tearful pleading of the *Lacrimosa*, the Requiem showcases Mozart's extraordinary musical range and features some of his best-known music.

Tickets £12, available from the choir on 01264 396511, or from The Lights on 01264 368368 and at www.thelights.org.uk

Andover Choral Society are always keen to welcome new members. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings, 7.30-9.30pm at Bridge Street Methodist Church, Andover SP10 1BL. Contact Philip Hungate, our registrar, email: hungate_ps@hotmail.com if you would like to join.

For more details about Andover Choral Society, go to their website: www.andoverchoralsociety.org.uk

May Fair

Stallholders and Skittles



PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

**Tuesday 24th April 2019 at
8pm, HP Village Hall**

**All Hurstbourne Priors
villagers invited (stallholder
or not)!**

A chance for you to....

- Find out more about the 2019 fair – the layout, programme of events and attractions
- Tell us what you need to run your stall (e.g. tables, tents, floats and help)
- Offer your time, storage space or donations (it's never too late)

...and when all the work is done:

- Meet your neighbours over a glass of wine
- Join in a game of skittles and with any luck find out what a flopper is...

RSVP if possible so we can cater accordingly. Hope to see you all there!

**Kim French (892970,
home@thefamilyfrench.co.uk) or**

**Fenella Williams (892081,
fenella.williams@btpenworld.com)**

On behalf of the May Fair Committee



**HURSTBOURNE PRIORS MAY
FAIR**

**BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY MAY
6th**

Contributions for the following stalls and offers of help before and on the day are **NEEDED** to ensure the success of our main annual fundraiser for Village amenities

Tombola	Bric a Brac	Cakes
Nearly New	Books	Kids Area
Bottle Stall	Produce	Teas in the Village Hall

Collection can be arranged for large items nearer the May Fair

For all offers of help or items please call

Jim Vyse on 07970 533764 or email:
jimvysearks@gmail.com

**PUT THE DATE IN YOUR
DIARY NOW!!**

YOUR VILLAGE

NEEDS YOU



WORD OF THE MONTH

FronDESCENCE - the process or state of producing leaves. An example of frondescence is the birth of leaves in the spring.