

**THE MAY FAIR**



HURSTBOURNE PRIORS has been busy putting together the Fabulous MAY FAIR

**BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY MAY 7th**  
12 noon to 4pm

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

Visit the Lambing Shed  
or Dance around the Maypole  
Bar Hog Roast Craft Tent Barbecue Teas  
Plants Produce Cakes Nearly New  
Bottle Stall Books Childrens Toys and Games

**An afternoon with entertainment for all the family**

**PRODUCE STALL**

**Do you have frozen fruit festering in your freezer?  
Is last year's crop of cabbages and carrots  
cluttering your cupboards?**

Our team of technicians are anxious to relieve you of your supernumerary greengroceries and transform them into jams, conserves, chutneys and pickles for the May Fair.

**Call Mark on our 24hr hotline 01256 892081**

to request rapid removal of your redundant raspberries and rhubarb.

Vacancies exist in our team of technicians to ensure we meet the demand for our special Hurstbourne Priors Range of Preserves and Pickles.

**MAY FAIR STALL HOLDERS**

The following stall holders would be very grateful for any contributions.

Collection can be arranged nearer the time of the May Fair.

Bottles	Will Adeney	07771 850564
Tombola	Serena Read	07767 777730
Books	Tom	896017
Produce	Mark Williams	892081
Cakes	Emma Ryan	07773 350065
Pre Loved Toys	Kim French	892970
Teas	Fenella Williams	892081
Good as new	Lois Jones	892548
Bric a Brac	Martin & Mandy	01264 738489

For all offers of help or for further information please call

**Jim Vyse on 07970 533764** or email:

**BRIC A BRAC**

**THANK YOU THANK YOU**



Thank you to everyone who donated items to the May Fair Bric A Brac stall last year. Your generosity was much appreciated.

**Once again we are giving you the opportunity to de-clutter your home, shed, garage etc and help raise funds for our Village amenities at the 2018 May Fair.**

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**Martin & Mandy Briant-Evans**  
**01264 738489**

**TRADE STANDS**

The Cheeseman Clothes  
Pottery and Ceramics Parsonage Farm  
Charcuterie Jewellery Cards Soaps  
Shabby Chic Photography and Fine Art  
Fascinators Scarves & Clothes Wood Turning  
and Rustic Furniture plus more

**DISPLAY STANDS**

Hampshire Wildlife Trust Spinning  
Beekeeping Model Railways

**WEATHER MONTH 2018**

Total rainfall for month	137 mm	5.39 ins
Rained on 13 days		
Rainfall in December 2016	21 mm	0.82 ins
Total for 2017	966 mm	38.02 ins
Total for 2016	938 mm	36.93 ins
Max. Temperature	13 °C	56 °F (25 <sup>th</sup> )
Min. Temperature	-5 °C	23 °F (29 <sup>th</sup> )

**Ladies Coffee Morning**

Ladies, come along to the **April** coffee morning which will be hosted by **Clare Read** at Hurstbourne Priors House, (☎ 896672), on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>** from 10.15am onwards.



**ANDOVER & DISTRICT OLDER PEOPLE'S FORUM**

The Andover and District Older People's Forum will be holding their Annual General Meeting at The Guildhall, High Street, Andover on Thursday 26 April starting at 2.15pm. The Forum has had a good year and been glad to welcome some new faces. It has benefitted from some excellent Speakers giving us a fund of information and giving all those present the chance to share their experiences. For this year's AGM the Forum has something a little different. Stuart Judd will be coming to bring us a lively talk about the running of the award-winning TV series "The Country Ways Roadshow" and a special viewing of an original episode featuring Monxton, Ampport and the Hawk Conservatory. You are warmly invited to the AGM. Find out what the Forum has been doing and stay to enjoy Stuart's talk AND the special viewing.

**Looking forward to Safari Supper 2019**  
**Exciting announcement!**

Following the overwhelming success of the Safari Supper in recent years, we are delighted to confirm that in order to complement the fun of this wonderful, annual event, next year four keepers from Marwell Zoo have agreed to join us. Whilst they will be unable to host a course, it is hoped that 'Meal Course Hosts' would welcome them as part of the whole evening. The special treat for us all is that each zookeeper will bring an animal with them to add to the spirit of the 'safari' theme. Whilst the animals are yet to be confirmed, we are led to believe that they are likely to be; a chimpanzee, a tarantula, a polecat and a giraffe (tethered outside during the meal). Whilst the giraffe and keeper will spend the night in the church (the only building high enough to house the giraffe) it is hoped that volunteers might be found to host the other three keepers and their animals overnight following the evening. As this needs to be planned well in advance, if you feel you can help with this extra 'hosting' please be in touch with Craig as soon as possible.

Thank you in anticipation! *Craig*

(craig785@btinternet.com)

**NEW EDITOR**

I am delighted that Fenella Williams assisted ably by Mark, has agreed to become the new editor for the Hurstbourne Priors pages of the Hill and Valley. Please direct all next month's editorial to me but please note the new contact details in the April edition. *Craig*

## Safari Supper 2018

Fifty six people took part in this year's Hurstbourne Priors Safari Supper. There was however a "new look" as Ann and Crispin Orr, and Mandy and Martin Briant-Evans took over the management. The most obvious aspects of this were coloured: glow-sticks to identify the houses taking part (the colours of the glow-sticks were also significant – but this was lost on your correspondent), the instructions on where to go next were printed out rather than written with a quill pen on vellum, and

(invisibly to participants) spreadsheets were used to determine where participants travelled for the complicated sequence of courses (your correspondent is unable to understand how bed linen could help to do this). The participants gathered in the village hall to swap yarns about the evening's excitements, but above all to thank Ann, Mandy, Crispin and Martin for their careful management and organisation of the event. Come back next year to experience further innovations!



### **VILLAGE CLEAN UP – 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL NEW DATE**

The Hurstbourne Priors Annual Village Clean Up will now be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April following the bitter weather in March. Please meet at the Cricket Pavilion from 10.30 where we will be serving tea, coffee, hot chocolate and homemade brownies.

There are a range of tasks from dusting and cleaning in the church, clearance and a bonfire in the graveyard, recreation ground and play area and general litter picking along the lanes. Please wear suitable clothing and gloves. We will have pick claws and rubbish bags available in the Pavilion.

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

Many thanks,  
Your Parish and Parochial Councils

