

WEATHER – OCTOBER 2020

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| Total rainfall for month | 239mm | 9.40in |
| It rained on | 24 days | |
| Rainfall same month last year | 158mm | 6.22in |
| Total for 2020 | 990mm | 39.00in |
| Total for 2019 | 835mm | 32.87in |
| Max temp (on 20 th) | 19C | 66F |
| Min temp (on 17 th) | 3C | 38F |

October 3rd had the wettest UK daily rainfall since records began in 1891!

The average area had 31.7mm, we had 45mm. Our wettest day ever was in 2018 when we had 48mm of rain.

The 239mm total for the month was greater than Southampton's 227mm.

The Oxford Met managed 27 wet days of measurable rain - we only had 24!

John Smail

WORD OF THE MONTH

When we have SCURRYFUNGED our homes we can concentrate on the seasonal ABLIGURITION accompanied by EUPEPSIA.

You will remember scurryfunge of course, from December last year. Abliguration is a borrow from the Latin *abligurire* meaning to squander (money) on dainties with an added serving of gluttony. Eupepsia is good digestion.

Barbara Carrodus

SAFARI SUPPER – 2021

SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday 6th March 2020

HURSTBOURNE PRIORS SAFARI SUPPER

An opportunity to meet and chat with others on Safari over drinks and a meal

If you would like to participate or receive more information, please contact the Safari Supper Team at: SafariSupperHBP@outlook.com

**CELEBRATE BURNS' NIGHT**

We invite you to a Take Away Burns Supper on

Saturday 23 January at 7pm.

Collect your meal from the Village Hall and then join us on Zoom for a traditional celebration with speeches and music.

Tickets are £12.50 each available from fenella.williams@btopenworld.com

All proceeds will be donated to St Andrew's Church.

**HURSTBOURNE PRIORS CHRISTMAS PRESERVES**

Thank you to everyone who has already bought their Christmas preserves. Your support has been incredible. Stocks are diminishing fast so if you don't want to be disappointed please put your order in as soon as possible.

Marmalade

Ginger Marmalade
Christmas Cranberry Marmalade
Orange and Apple Marmalade with Calvados

Chutney

Fierce Bengal Chutney
Tangy Tomato Chutney
Sweet Pear and Apple Chutney
Exotic Courgette and Carrot Relish
Spicy Courgette Relish
Festive Pear and Apple Chutney
Damson Chutney

Jams

Apple Ginger Preserve
Pear and Ginger Jam
Damson Jam (with fruit stones)
Spiced Damson Jam (with fruit stones)
Spiced Pear and Walnut Jam
Pear and Ginger Preserve
Pear and Lavender Jam
Gooseberry and Lavender Jam
Blackberry and Apple Jam

As well as replenishing your own larder, these will make ideal Christmas gifts and stocking fillers. All funds raised will go towards our Village amenities.

Jars are priced at £3.50 and if supplied with a Christmas label will be £3.75.

To make your purchases, please email Josephine Hutchinson at josephine.hutchinson@btinternet.com

Josephine Hutchinson and Denise Bradley

CHRISTMAS TREES



Christmas Trees for Sale with Free Delivery in aid of Project Trust

A limited stock of Nordmann Fir Christmas trees, either 5-6ft (£26) or 6-7ft (£32) are available for FREE

DELIVERY to your home in Whitchurch and surrounding areas on Saturday 12th

December 2020. Non-contact deliveries available. Please book early to avoid disappointment. For more information, or to order your tree, please email whitchurchchristmastrees@yahoo.com or call 07957 944 677 if you don't have access to email.

Project Trust is a registered education charity (SC025668) which supports 150 projects in countries worldwide. Project Trust empowers young people to be confident, effective, creative, independent and resilient. Local teenager, Emma Davies, will be volunteering for them in China for 12 months from August 2021.

CHRISTMAS REFUSE AND RECYCLING

These are the revised schedules (weather and Covid permitting) for the rubbish and recyclable waste collections over the Christmas period. Basingstoke and Deane anticipate that normal collections will resume week commencing 11th January.

Please remember that gift wrap and tags cannot be recycled and should be put into the black bin with normal household waste. If your glass box is full please take excess bottles to a recycling site or keep until the next collection day. The recycling team will not take bottles in bags or other boxes.

Friday 18th December
HBP - Black bins, bottle boxes and green bins
Tufton – Black bins only

Friday 25th collection now Monday 28th December
HBP - Black bins only
Tufton – Black bins, bottle boxes and green bins

Friday 1st collection now Monday 4th January
HBP - Black bins, bottle boxes and green bins
Tufton – Black bins only

Friday 8th collection now Saturday 9th January
HBP - Black bins only
Tufton – Black bins, bottle boxes and green bins

Friday 15th January back to normal

Once again this year those with garden waste collections can leave their real trees out for collection (please make sure you have removed all decorations and cut it in half if it's over 6 foot). Otherwise please take your tree to the Winchester Road Car Park in Whitchurch between the 2nd and 31st January for recycling. The Waste and Recycling Centre in Andover can take them during normal opening hours – 0900-1600 except for Christmas and Boxing Day and New Years Day. To check details visit www.basingstoke.gov.uk/christmas-tree

With best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS - 2021

Your Parish Council normally meets every other month on the final Wednesday at 7.30 in the Village Hall. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions Parish Council meetings have been disrupted and have been taking part via Zoom. It is hoped that meetings will return to being held 'live' in 2021. Please check the parish website for updates.

All Parishioners are very welcome to attend, and they do not need to give any notice that they wish to come. However, if there is a particular item which you would like to discuss and which you feel it would be beneficial for the Councillors to look into prior to the meeting, please contact either the Parish Clerk, Richard Waterman, on richard.waterman150@btinternet.com or Clare Read, Chairman, on clareread@aol.com or 07711 917375.

Wednesday 27th January
Wednesday 24th March
Wednesday 26th May
Wednesday 28th July
Wednesday 29th September
Wednesday 24th November

Minutes from previous meetings are available to view on the Parish Website.

*Richard Waterman
Clerk*

PARISH COUNCIL FAREWELL AND WELCOME

We are very sorry that Jeff Broomfield has left the Parish Council as he has moved away from our Parish. He has been a wonderful Councillor representing Tufton for many years and we shall miss him. We wish him and Liz much happiness in their new home and thank him very much for all the time that he has given.

I am delighted to announce that Tony Lubman has very kindly stepped in to take on the role of Tufton Councillor with immediate effect. Anyone wishing to contact him can do so via tony.lubman@hotmail.com or on 07710 648615. I look forward to formally welcoming him to the Parish Council at our next 'live' meeting and thank him for agreeing to join us.

*Clare Read
Chairman, HBPC*

WHITCHURCH SILK MILL



Post-November Lockdown Re-opening

Following Government guidelines, the Mill will be closed at least between 5 November and 2 December. We will re-open as soon as we can, but until then we'll be turning again to digital means to keep in touch with regular visitors and volunteers, and to fundraise to compensate for the loss of so much revenue in 2020, and we'll be selling our wares via our online shop. We've stock suitable for Christmas presents, including silk-covered notebooks, sweet-smelling soaps and silk devoré scarves with a pattern inspired by the Mill and the River Test.

Become a Friend of the Mill

We couldn't do without our Mill Friends, whose membership subscriptions are a financial boost to us, but who also support us in so many ways and who enjoy benefits such as free entry to the Mill and social events (when allowed). If you'd like to become a Friend or give a Friend subscription as a Christmas present, please contact us or visit our website. Individual, joint or family memberships are available.

Virtual Tours

We're offering Mill Tours via Zoom. The tour starts with a talk about the history of the Mill, then proceeds with a guided tour of the winding and warping machines and the looms, with a close-up look at what's being woven and also examples of silk from our archives.

Regular Events

Our regular events including Mini Millers, Young Millers and Pins & Needles will resume as soon as we're able.

Volunteer & Friends Coffee Afternoon

For the time being these get-togethers are being held via Zoom on publicised dates.

Forthcoming Events

Please keep an eye on our website for news on all our events. We'll give updates when we can.

Contact: info@whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk – 01256 892065 – www.whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk



ANDOVER FOOD BANK

Thank you all so much for your continuing support. With Christmas rapidly approaching, we have been busy sorting out gift boxes and delivering to agencies. So far over 1000 requests have been received and we are very grateful for all your donations.

This year the need for our festive hampers is greater than ever. Our 12 days to Christmas scheme is already up and running (our apologies in not getting this out to you but we had a busy couple of weeks and some things just slipped) but the information for this is on our website www.andoverfoodbank.org.uk if you wanted to catch up.

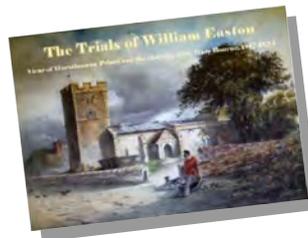
We are collecting the following items for hampers, if you would like to donate any of these. They can be dropped at the foodbank or in the supermarket collection points. If you cannot get out to shop you can always make a donation online via our website, and just leave a message saying that it is for hampers. The deadline for Christmas food is 30th November. Thank you.

- Christmas pudding
- Custard
- Mince pies (BBE 26th December)
- Gravy granules
- Bread sauce
- Stuffing mix
- Marshmallows
- Hot Chocolate
- Pickle/chutney
- Cheese biscuits
- Crisps / nuts (savoury snacks)
- Chocolates
- Selection packs
- Christmas biscuits

Andover Foodbank

Tel: 01264 362111 www.andover.foodbank.org.uk

A PIECE OF LOCAL HISTORY



The Trials of William Easton, vicar of Hurstbourne Priors (and the chapelry of St Mary Bourne) 1817-34, are available from Mandy Briant-Evans (01264 738489 or a.briantevans@gmail.com) for £5, all the proceeds

from these sales are going to support St Andrew's. It gives some insight into life in this parish during a turbulent period, with one of the earliest known photographs of St Andrew's church.

Martin Coppen (vicar of St Mary Bourne 1988-2013 and Hurstbourne Priors 2000-2013)

ULTRAFAST BROADBAND COMES TO NORTH HURSTBOURNE PRIORS

Despite Whitchurch winning the Openreach "Race to Infinity" 10 years ago, there were still some groups of houses (around Chapmansford, New Barn Farm and Cressington) which had not benefitted from fibre upgrades in Hurstbourne Priors and St Mary Bourne. Many of these households either had almost unworkable broadband or were paying premium prices for unreliable satellite broadband. A group of us therefore decided to organise an Openreach Community Fibre Partnership.

We were given a quote for over £40,000 to install a new ultra-fast Fibre To The Premises (FTTP) network for 26 houses. We arranged for each household to apply to the Department of Culture Media & Sport for a Gigabit voucher, which is designed to help rural communities where Openreach cannot commercially justify the expense of upgrading the network. The value of vouchers available is much larger for a business compared to a residential application, and it was fortunate that there were 11 businesses within our small community.

We were confident that these Gigabit vouchers would largely fund the project, but the exercise was not without risk because validation of each voucher is dependent on each household subscribing to a qualifying broadband service once the network is built. Therefore, any household deciding, for whatever reason, not to subscribe would leave an unexpected and significant shortfall at the end of the project. Each household therefore agreed to enter into a deposit-style legal agreement with the (not-for-profit) organising company which could be used to cover any shortfall. The total amount of deposits secured was approximately £20,000, which gave us the confidence to sign the contract with Openreach in April 2019.

There were some frustrating delays, mainly because the necessary road closures could not take place while the tankering opposite Vitacress was still in operation. It was disappointing not to have the network built in time for the first lockdown but eventually, in June, the Openreach field team turned up en masse. They could not have been more helpful, positive and determined to provide the best possible network for us.

We now have access to internet speeds that are amongst the fastest in the country. The network is connected directly to the main fibre node coming out of Andover, thus avoiding any complications from passing through exchanges or cabinets. With some further helpful juggling by Openreach and a modest but most helpful donation from the Vitacress Charitable Fund, for which all 26 households are immensely grateful, the project was 100% funded - so we were able to refund everyone's deposits in full. The only cost to each household is that we all had to subscribe for at least 100 Mbps for at least one year (although some enthusiasts have gone for the full 900 Mbps option!). There are a few other groups of nearby houses which, for various reasons, could not initially be included in the project but we are hoping to help them get connected up soon.

Charles Ekins, Nicky Floyd, Mark Briant-Evans, Steve Bolam and Kav Patel



TRICK OR TREAT!

Parents in Hurstbourne Priors organised a Covid-safe Trick or Treat for Halloween. Friends and neighbours were contacted beforehand to ask if they wished to take part and on the day, they bravely opened their doors to family groups of skeletons, ghosts and witches (not to mention T-Rex and a shark!). The visitors were offered individually wrapped treats and a good time was had by all!

