

WEATHER – OCTOBER 2018

Total rainfall for month	73mm	2.87In
It rained on 5 days.		
Rainfall same month last year	32mm	1.26in
Total for 2018	748mm	29.44in
Total for 2017	746mm	29.37in
Max temp	22C	72F (10 th)
Min temp	0 C	32F (30 th)

*John Smail***LADIES COFFEE MORNING**

The December Coffee Morning will be hosted by Clare Read (896672) at Hurstbourne Priors House on **Thursday, 6th December** from 10.15 onwards.

**ANDOVER FILM CLUB**

December's film is Distant Voices – Still Lives, at the Odeon Cinema, Andover on Monday, 10th December at 8pm. It evokes working-class family life in Liverpool during the 1940s and early 1950s, paying particular attention to the role of popular music, Hollywood cinema, light entertainment and the public house within this tight-knit community.

Pre-booking on line is recommended at www.andoverfilmclub.org

**Hurstbourne Priors
Christmas Concert**

Saturday 8th December 2018,
7.30pm

Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall

The Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall Committee warmly invite you to an evening of Christmas music with sing-a-long carols and performances by local singers and musicians. These will include David Blake, Susie Urquhart, members of the Longparish Choir and members of (May Fair band) Flipside.

There will be an eclectic mix of traditional Christmas music, some Christmas jazz favourites and a few well-known Christmas pop numbers.

Drinks and nibbles will be available. No ticket purchase is necessary but donations on the night will be very welcome.

Please come and join us for some festive cheer!

To reserve your seat, please contact:

Susie Urquhart – 07880733121 or Susie Sorby – 01256 892665

**SAFARI SUPPER – 2019****SAVE THE DATE!****Saturday 9th March 2019****HURSTBOURNE PRIORS SAFARI
SUPPER**

An opportunity to meet others over drinks and 3 courses around the village

If you would like to take part or receive more details, please contact Ann Orr 01256 895983

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THE PARRY CONCERT

Parry Concert at St Andrew's raises more than £1,500

On Saturday, 27th October, more than 120 people braved the wet and windy weather and headed down the torch lit avenue to St Andrew's church. They were rewarded with a warm concert venue beautifully decorated with flowers - and some superb music.



The occasion was the commemoration of 100 years since the death of Sir Hubert Parry, probably the best-known British composer of his generation who inspired many others and put British music firmly back on the international stage. Parry's son-in-law, Harry Plunket Greene, himself an accomplished singer and fly fisherman, lived in Hurstbourne Priors in the early years of the 20th Century. Through him Sir Hubert had a hand in the specification of the new organ at St Andrew's and played it at the inaugural concert in 1906. October's concert was arranged to raise money for the restoration of this famous organ which has been suffering from the ravages of time and past attacks by mice.

David Blake and Lottie Orr bravely played organ solos composed by Parry and others, with the help of able assistants who quickly restored any keys which became stuck! The audience was treated to some wonderful singing by local resident Susie Urquhart of compositions by Parry of Shakespeare poems, and later to beautiful songs by Ralph Vaughan Williams, a follower of Parry. Sarah Milne sang a lovely unpublished arrangement by Parry of Psalm 150 which he wrote for his son-in-law to sing at the inaugural concert. She was joined by a dozen friends from the Farrant Singers from Salisbury to

sing unaccompanied some of Parry's Songs of Farewell, poignantly written during the First World War. Lottie accompanied her friend Clare McEvoy who played pieces for clarinet composed by Stanford and Finzi – both followers of Parry. The wonderful acoustics of St Andrew's church ensured that the whole audience benefitted from these superb performances.



Drinks and nibbles prepared by a willing team of ladies from the village helped the evening go with a swing and ensured that everyone was in good voice for a final rousing rendition of Parry's famous hymn "And did those feet in ancient time" - complete with waving Union Jacks!

The evening raised more than £1,500 towards the cost of organ repairs – an invaluable first start towards obtaining grant funding for the restoration. Our sincere thanks go to all of the musicians who gave freely of their time, to Clare for the wonderful flowers, to those who so kindly prepared the canapés for the interval, and to Jim, Andy and Crispin for braving the elements and helping people to park. Revd Craig kindly acted as M/C for the night and reflected afterwards that this was truly a whole village performance.

Martin Briant-Evans

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST ANDREWS

Carol Service - Our traditional service of lessons and carols is on Sunday, 16th December at 11am.

Christmas Day, there will be a Christmas Family Communion at 9.30am.

All are welcome and we do hope you will join us.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AT TESTBOURNE

On Friday, 9th November, Testbourne Community School hosted an assembly in order to commemorate 100 years since "the guns fell silent" at the end of World War One.

The assembly was organised by James Lovegrove, Assistant Headteacher and started with a procession from the Overton Army Cadets and Finlay Housham, a Winchester Sea Cadet. Mr Lovegrove gave an informed presentation, detailing facts about WW1 which included why women went to work, the pioneers, the armed forces and children's experiences. During the assembly, there were two musical performances, Sophie Cook singing "Make you feel my love" and Joseph Baron playing "The Last Post" on the trumpet. There were also readings of the poems "For the Fallen" and "In Flanders Fields". In addition, some members of the school, including James Lovegrove and Leon Chappell, shared their ancestor's contribution to the war efforts and each tutor group presented a handmade wreath in memory of those who passed.

Jon Beck, Headteacher at Testbourne, said: "*The remembrance assembly is a hugely important ceremony for the school. Many of our staff and students have ancestors who fought in the wars and gave their lives for the freedoms we all enjoy today. Our students demonstrated outstanding behaviour and huge amounts of respect in the assembly itself with several students demonstrating excellent leadership in their organisation and running of the event. The incredible stories, readings, music and singing brought a tear to my eye as I contemplated the sacrifices made by so many people. We must always remember them.*"



ANDOVER FOOD BANK

A huge thank you for all the amazing Harvest Festival donations which we have already received. These will definitely help people during the approaching cold winter months.

We are still busy with Harvest Festival donations, but there are a few items which are running low:

- Long Life Milk
- Tinned potatoes or Instant Mash
- Sugar (500g bags)
- Kitchen Cleaner
- Laundry powder/detergent
- Teaspoons
- Dessert spoons

12 Days of Christmas Scheme – back by popular demand!

Every year, the food bank gives Christmas hampers to families and individuals who are struggling over the Christmas period. Last year we developed our 12 Days of Christmas Scheme where we ask for 12 specified items over 12 days. You can find the full list of items on our website

(www.andoverfoodbank.org.uk) or contact the food bank office (01264 362111) or email office@andoverfoodbank.org.uk

If you do not wish to do a whole hamper, individual items are gratefully received.

Date for your diaries: We are hosting a Christmas Coffee Morning on Friday, 14th December 2018 at 10.30 in Andover Parish Hall. It will be lovely to see you there!

*Jenny Lelean
Community Manager*

A CHRISTMAS PUDDING TRADITION

A Christmas pudding should be made with thirteen ingredients to represent Jesus and his disciples. Every member of the family should take a turn to stir the pudding from east to west in honour of the Wise Men.

PAVILION REFURBISHMENT

The Recreation Ground Committee are very pleased that the first stage of the refurbishment of the Cricket Pavilion will be starting shortly. Following the very bad water leak in the Spring these works have been brought forward so that the repairs can be undertaken at the same time.

The kitchen is going to be fully renovated and will now include an oven and hob, a new fridge with freezer compartment and a boiling water tap for tea and coffee making. This will mean that the Pavilion can be hired out for parties and events as well as being used for cricket matches and football. It is hoped that this will also make village occasions like the Harvest Lunch, which have traditionally taken place at the pavilion, easier to cater for.

During the refurbishment a disabled toilet will be installed, new lighting put in to replace the out-dated strip lighting and the changing rooms and showers will be repainted. The panelling damaged by the water leak is going to be replaced in a small area but thankfully most of it can be restored.

Hurstbourne Priors Recreation Ground Committee

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR BIN COLLECTIONS



Basingstoke and Deane have altered the collection days for bins over the festive period. Please make a note of the changes as follows:

- Black bins scheduled for collection on the 25th December will now be collected on Thursday 27th December.
- Black bins and recycling scheduled for collection on 1st January will now be collected on Thursday 3rd January.
- Black bins scheduled for collection on 8th January will now be collected on Wednesday 9th January.

Once again, as there will be extra rubbish - and because wrapping paper cannot be recycled - the

collection on 27th December only will allow for additional rubbish to be collected as long as it is in securely tied black rubbish sacks.

It is hoped that the bin rounds will return to their normal cycle on Tuesday 15th January when it will be both black bins and recycling.

If you have neighbours who are away it might be nice to offer to put out their bins for them.

*With best wishes for a Happy Christmas,
Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council*



Christmas is almost with us again so please spare a thought for the cats in our care. Can you make a small donation? Alternatively we have a collection box just inside the door at Pets at Home where you can leave food. Fundraising is difficult these days and we rely on your support.

We do not home to families in the two weeks immediately preceding Christmas as a cat needs time to settle in before the excitement of Christmas Day.

Tigs, last month's cat, is responding to care from his fosterer but he is still seeking a home. He has been with us since the beginning of June.



This is 14 month old Martha, a fluffy female. She is friendly once she gets to know you and would suit family life.

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