

## WEATHER – NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2019

	November	December
Total rainfall for month	131mm (5.15in)	183mm (7.20in)
It rained on	19 days	19 days
Rainfall same month last year	130mm (5.12in)	145mm (5.71in)
Total for 2019	966mm (38.03in)	1,149mm (45.23in)
Total for 2018	878mm (34.56in)	1,023mm (40.27in)
Max temp	16C (60F) on 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	12C (54F) on 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Min temp	-2C (28F) on 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	-3C (26F) on 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Dec

Our 25 year average rainfall is 33.75in, so we were 11.48in above our average in 2019. And 5in up on 2018 ... no wonder it's wet!



*John Smail*

## WORD OF THE MONTH

**FUGACIOUS** – (from the Latin verb *fugere* which means to flee) ..... fleeting, fleeing, transitory (as are our beautiful Bourne Valley morning mists and our ever changing skylscapes).

It couples up nicely with **APRICITY** – (from the Latin *apricari*: to bask in the sun)..... The warmth of winter sun – which we are being gifted with as I write this.

*Barbara Carrodus*

## LADIES COFFEE MORNINGS

The February Coffee Morning will be hosted by Lois Jones (01256 892548) at 28 Hurstbourne Priors on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020 from 10.15 onwards.



## HURSTBOURNE PRIORS PCC

The Annual Vestry Meeting of St Andrew's Church will be held in the Village Hall on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm. 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 St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors can attend and vote at the APCM.

## HURSTBOURNE PRIORS SAFARI SUPPER

**Saturday evening  
7<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

We hope many villagers from all over Hurstbourne Priors will join in the tenth annual Safari Supper. We especially welcome anyone who has not been before or who is new to the village.

The supper has four courses: drinks and nibbles, starter, main course and pudding. Simple cooking is all that is needed.

Each couple will host one course of their choice and go to other houses for the other courses where they will meet different people on each occasion. At the end of the evening we will all meet up for coffee at the Village Hall.

Those who do not have a husband/wife/partner can join with someone else to form 'a couple' for the evening.

If you would like to take part (or would like further information) please contact Ann Orr by Monday, 17th February at the latest.

Ann Orr 01256 895983  
[annjorr@btinternet.com](mailto:annjorr@btinternet.com)



## ANDOVER FOODBANK

Thank you for all your generous donations. They are, as always, greatly appreciated. This month week we are in need of the following food and non-food items:

- Potatoes – tinned or instant mash
- Cereal bowls
- Bath towels – these don't need to be new but must be clean!

### Foodbank Coffee Mornings

As many of you know, we hold a coffee morning at the Foodbank every month. These get-togethers are a great opportunity to socialise, visit the Foodbank and meet some of the staff and find out what goes on and how we operate. The next few coffee mornings, which start at 10.30am at the Parish Hall, Alexandra Road, Andover are on 7<sup>th</sup> February, 13<sup>th</sup> March, 3<sup>rd</sup> April and 1<sup>st</sup> May (which will also include our annual Plant Sale). **All are welcome!**

**Save the date:** This year's Andover Lake Run is on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020. More information will be available shortly.

**Andover Foodbank**  
**Tel: 01264 362111**  
[www.andover.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.andover.foodbank.org.uk)

## HISTORY OF ART COURSE - ROME

Hendrika Foster, MA is offering a 5 week History of Art course on Rome from 5<sup>th</sup> October to 2<sup>nd</sup> November at St Mary Bourne Village Centre. It will consist of five Monday afternoons from 1.30 – 4pm. Fee £85, tea and biscuits included.

In Classical Rome, its power politics and philosophy were expressed through its Architecture and Art. Countless European leaders since the 1<sup>st</sup> Century have emulated the style and created their own version of the grandeur that was Ancient Rome.

The course consists of a resume of the work of the most prominent artists who left a legacy in Rome up to the 17<sup>th</sup> Century. By the end of the course you should be able to plan an itinerary for a visit to the city. We shall discuss museums, palazzi and churches that can be visited to see the best of the art on display.

After working for the University of Bristol, Hendrika currently lectures freelance in and around Winchester and also in London at the V&A

museum. If you would like to attend this course, please telephone 01962 774707 as soon as possible, or contact [hendrika-foster@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hendrika-foster@hotmail.co.uk) Twelve to fifteen people will make the class viable.

*Hendrika Foster*



Lovely Poppy from last month has been lucky enough to find a new home and is settling in well.



This beautiful, friendly and very energetic young lady is Daisy who was handed into our care as a stray. Unfortunately we have been unable to trace her owner

so she is now ready to find a new home. We are confident she would make an ideal family pet, please get in touch if you think you can offer Daisy a home. The vets estimate her to be about 2 years old.

Helpful tip - If the weather becomes particularly cold, keep your cat indoors. While they might seem bored or restless, pet cats aren't used to extreme temperatures and can even develop frostbite or hypothermia. Keep them entertained and exercised with enrichment toys and feeders.

For all homing, fund raising and volunteer enquiries; Telephone: 0345 260 1501 or

Email: [sylvia.cp@outlook.com](mailto:sylvia.cp@outlook.com)

To view all cats currently up for adoption visit [www.andover.cats.org.uk](http://www.andover.cats.org.uk)

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

If you would like to be included on the village email list to be kept informed of village events, please contact Ann Orr ([annjorr@btinternet.com](mailto:annjorr@btinternet.com))

Events we would notify you about include Safari Supper, May Fair, Church events or those happening on the Recreation Ground or Village Hall. *Please rest assured your information is kept securely and will not be given to anyone else without your consent.*

**SONGS OF PRAISE SERVICE**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020**  
**St Andrew's Church at 4pm**

**Please come and join us for another new style, informal service where you can enjoy singing favourite old hymns and some new songs followed by tea and cake.**

**If you play an instrument, come and join our growing band of musicians! All very welcome.**

Any enquiries to Ann Orr ([annjorr@btinternet.com](mailto:annjorr@btinternet.com)) or Fenella Williams ([fenella.williams@btopenworld.com](mailto:fenella.williams@btopenworld.com))

**ST ANDREW'S CHURCHYARD****Forthcoming work on trees in and around the churchyard**

Following concern about some elderly trees that were thought to be leaning dangerously in the churchyard, and falling dead branches in the avenue, the PCC commissioned a report from an arboriculturalist regarding the safety of all of the trees and plans for their management. This has produced some helpful recommendations for maintenance work. These mainly involve removal of some lower branches of sycamores overhanging the new churchyard and "raising the crown" of certain of the lime trees in the avenue. It also recommends the felling of the two old cypress trees in the churchyard which have reached the end of their useful lives and are endangering walls and tombstones should they fall. There will also be some light trimming of the veteran yew tree to improve its shape and reduce the risk of branches splitting off.

As all the trees are in a conservation area, permission has been sought from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council who have now given their approval for this work to be undertaken. An application has also been made to the Diocesan Advisory Council whose approval is expected soon. The expense of this work has been made possible by a most generous grant from the Vitacress Charitable Trust and the support of neighbouring landowners. It is hoped that the work will be undertaken during February or early March.

*Martin Briant-Evans*  
 Churchwarden

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS - 2020**

Your Parish Council meets every other month on the final Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. 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](mailto:richard.waterman150@btinternet.com)

or the Chairman, Clare Read, on [clareread@aol.com](mailto:clareread@aol.com) or 07711 917375.

*Dates for 2020*

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November

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

*Richard Waterman,*  
 Clerk

**ANDOVER FILM CLUB**

February's film is Ken Loach's *Sorry We Missed You* at the Odeon Cinema, Andover on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm. Hoping that self-employment through the gig economy can solve their financial woes, a hard-up UK delivery driver and his wife end up trapped in the vicious circle of this modern-day form of labour exploitation.

Pre-booking on line is recommended at [www.andoverfilmclub.org](http://www.andoverfilmclub.org)

## MAY FAIR 2020



## HURSTBOURNE PRIORS MAY FAIR

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020

Preparations are gathering pace for this year's May Fair, the annual fundraiser for our Village amenities. The May Fair Team would be most grateful for offers of help both before and on the day and for contributions for the following stalls.

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

Collection can be arranged for large items nearer the May Fair

For all offers of help or items please contact

Kim French  
[home@thefamilyfrench.co.uk](mailto:home@thefamilyfrench.co.uk)  
 or  
 Fenella Williams  
[fenella.williams@btopenworld.com](mailto:fenella.williams@btopenworld.com)

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 DIARY NOW!  
 YOUR VILLAGE  
 NEEDS YOU**



## ACCESS TO WASTE RECYCLING CENTRES

Hampshire residents are being asked to register their vehicles for continued automatic free access to Hampshire Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs).

A new resident permit system will begin operating later this year. It will be controlled by Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) and will ensure continued free access for Hampshire residents to any of Hampshire's 24 HWRCs to dispose of household waste, while access for non-Hampshire residents will be for a fee of £5 per visit. Charges for non-household waste, including soil and rubble, plasterboard and asbestos remain.

Hampshire residents can register up to three vehicles via the Hampshire County Council website. The system will quickly check the registration of the cars coming into the site against the number plates that have been registered so that Hampshire residents can freely enter the sites as many times as they wish, without any further checks.

To register your vehicle please go to:

[www.hants.gov.uk/vehicle-registration-hwrc](http://www.hants.gov.uk/vehicle-registration-hwrc)

## The May Fair Team invites you to a Big Breakfast and Pancake Race



**SUNDAY February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10 - 12**  
 Bring your frying pan and enjoy the fun at

Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall

Come along and find out how you can help make this year's May Fair successful to support our village amenities.

**Book your places as soon as possible!**

Call Fenella Williams on 01256 892081 or email [fenella.williams@btopenworld.com](mailto:fenella.williams@btopenworld.com)