

Hurstbourne Priors

Weather June 2014

Total rainfall for month	80mm	= 3.15ins
It rained on	9 days	
Rainfall June 2013	34mm	= 1.33ins
Total for 2014 to date	820mm	= 23.28ins
Total to June 2013	339mm	= 13.34ins
Min Temperature	10C	= 50F(4 th)
Max Temperature	30C	= 86F(20 th)

John Smail

Ladies Coffee Morning



Don't miss the August Coffee Morning which will be hosted by Fiona Obert at Bourne Cottage (☎ 01256 896996) on **Monday 18th** from 10.15am onwards.

Whitchurch Films at the Gill Nethercott Centre are taking a break for August but will be back in the autumn with an interesting and varied programme for you to enjoy. If there are any films you would like to be shown, we welcome your suggestions.

☎ 01256 896270

Hurstbourne Priors Cricket Club



Match Reports

Beaten by the Rain

A rain affected match was the downfall for Hurstbourne Priors, despite being on top for most of the game, against IBM Hursley.

Batting first, Ashok Nautiyal (24) and Steve Cady (18) put on 40 for the first week wicket. When both went quickly, Richard Carter (27) and Mark Hamson (20) put on a further 47 against some impressive bowling from the away side. The conditions were conducive for bowling but Priors took their time to amass a decent total. Mark Mathews (31) took his opportunity to bat ahead of the big hitting Ady Budd by placing 3 big sixes into the field. Matthews fell to the IBM skipper, Nick Wood, when he was kippered by a floating delivery and stumped. Priors rallied to get the last few runs and, with the effervescent Tony Blyth scampering for every available run, reached 159 at the break.

Priors' weakness in recent weeks has been their bowling so they opted for their two premier bowlers to make use of the favourable conditions. Ady Budd bowled some unplayable deliveries with the away side batsmen fishing regularly outside the off stump. At the other end Stewart Samways removed Pollard when Godfrey Pegler swooped to snaffle a low chance. Hood followed when Budd trapped him LBW.

The away side were 21 for 3 when the rain arrived over Hurstbourne hill. With a reduced rate favouring the batting side, Hitesh Tailor (49) played with real positivity and took the game away from Priors and, with the rate of less than 5 an over, this was never a problem. The away side got home with a couple of overs to spare.

Priors give Tadley "A-shok"

Hurstbourne Priors thumped AWE Tadley thanks to an outstanding century from Ashok Nautiyal.

The away side were invited to bat first and made a decent start with Alex Lovegrove hitting a quick-fire 35. Once again, Ady Budd linked up with the zestful Kumar Pegler to remove Davies. Patel hit a brisk 47 but it was the introduction of Priors' new pace bowlers that stopped Tadley's great run rate. James Bayliss (3-26) and Charles Binks (2-38) repaid the selectors decision to leave out Matthews and Carter and play genuine wicket to wicket bowlers. Despite Priors dropping numerous catches, Tadley struggled to get going. Tadley skipper Mike Burt played with discipline for his 30 before Mark Hamson's slower ball foxed him, with Bayliss scooting round to take an easy catch. The piratical Jonathan Hopkinson finished off the innings with a typical slower delivery which was caught majestically by Ady Budd at deep wicket, leaving the away side 183 all out.

Priors' response was immediate, with Ashok Nautiyal hitting Rimmer's first over for 10. Ashok was in no mood to defend and piled on the pressure to all the bowlers he faced. Despite the next 3 wickets falling cheaply, Ady Budd came to the crease and replicated the treatment being dished out by Ashok. Ashok amassed 7 sixes and 15 fours in his 121 and was finally removed when Davies had him stumped. Ady Budd continued the momentum and got Priors home with 10 overs to spare, scoring 46 not out and ensuring Priors picked up maximum points.

Mark Hamson

Team Captain

Mobile Library



The Mobile Library will be at the Village Hall, from 11.05am until 11.35am, on **Saturday 9th August.**

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Gill Nethercott Centre - Whitchurch

Coach trip to Kingston Lacey and Wareham Thursday 11th September

An elegant country mansion set in attractive formal gardens and parkland.

There's plenty to see, from grand, beautifully detailed carvings, to intimate family souvenirs and even strange curiosities such as an 'I owe you' note from a king. An art lover's dream, take a look at rooms teeming with paintings by Rubens, Van Dyck, Titian and Brueghel. In the Egyptian Room you can discover the largest private collection of ancient Egyptian artefacts in the UK. Enjoy a summer picnic on the south lawn and have a wander around the Japanese Garden, complete with authentic tea house or take a sheltered walk through the surrounding woodland. On the way back we will have a short stop in Wareham with its attractive quay and coffee shops.

Departs Whitchurch: 930am. Arrives home: 6pm

Tickets cost £15 for National Trust Members or £26 for non members, to include house and gardens. All seats must be booked and paid for in advance please.

Contact Sarah or Amy on 01256 896270 or visit Whitchurch Library for tickets.

Neighbourhood Watch



Police have indicated that there are increasing reports of bogus Police Officers, claiming to be from the Metropolitan Police (London) or Hampshire Constabulary,

calling on houses around the county and may soon include us in their activities.

The usual issue is credit card or banking related and their intent is to get your details so they can rob you. Be extra careful. Don't let in unexpected callers. Check police ID's by telephoning 101.

Also, there have been reports of break-ins to sheds where garden electrical machinery has been stolen.....so please keep sheds locked. And, with the long hot summer now with us, open doors and windows need careful monitoring, so as to deter opportunist thieves/burglars.

Garry Butcher

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

Whitchurch Tennis Club



18 players contested the club's Annual Tournament, a friendly but competitive event with the ladies' and men's trophies going to worthy

champions Katie Friend and Huw Crompton. The BBQ afterwards was enjoyed by many members, and allowed competitors to compare notes, and all to socialise and indulge in delicious pud's.

Just a week later and, especially for those suffering withdrawal symptoms on the middle Sunday of Wimbledon, the club offered non-members and members alike the chance to play tennis instead, at our own Wimbledon 'Strawberry Sunday' Event. Encouraged by the lovely weather, also by the promise of local strawberries and cream, a good number of people enjoyed a sociable morning of tennis.

Adult club nights continue throughout August (Tuesday and Thursdays from 6), as do weekend 'turn up and play' sessions (Saturdays from 3 and Sundays from 10).

We are always happy to welcome new members, so if you are interested in joining a tennis club either as a player or a social member then please contact our Membership Secretary: Lynda Frith, membership@whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk (☎ 01256 895556) or our Secretary: Wendy Helsby, secretary@whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk.

Make an Iron Age Roundhouse at Andover Museum.

Thursday 14th August, at 10.30am, 11.30am, 1pm and 2pm.

Workshop for families with 7+ year olds. Join our Learning Officer to explore our life-size replica roundhouse, discover everyday life for people at Danebury Hillfort and make your own model roundhouse.

Please book by calling 01264 366283, Tuesday to Saturday. Cost £3 per participant.

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HAVE YOU EVER FANCIED A HOME SWAP HOLIDAY?

A new BBC television series is looking for sociable people who want to try out a 4-day home swap experience in a great British location.

Do you live in a lovely home or in a terrific location?

Would you like to swap your property to have a memorable experience in a fantastic part of Britain?

If you'd like to taste superb local cuisine and take part in fabulous activities that go beyond the guide book, then we want to hear from you!

For an application form or an initial chat please get in touch either by email or phone:

Email: homeswapholidays@bbc.co.uk

Phone: 020 8008 5072

Andover Model Railway Exhibition

30th - 31st August 10.00am to 5.00pm

John Hanson School, Andover SP10 3PB

There will be over 20 layouts in a variety of scales together with traders for all your modelling needs. Demonstrations and stands from a variety of modelling groups, refreshments and free parking are available. The venue is designed for wheelchair users.

Cost - Adults £5, Seniors £4.50, Children £1

For more information: email pleonard@me.com or telephone 07590 429643

Helping Hedgehogs



Hedgehog numbers are in serious decline across the UK, and so it is vital that we all do everything we can to help this unmistakable species.

If you would like to help the hedgehogs in your area, you can do this by:

- Keeping a wild corner for them as a safe place for them to nest and forage.
- Accumulating materials - garden rubbish, leaves, brushwood, etc. suitable for hedgehog nests (hibernacula) and supplementing their natural diet of slugs, snails, beetles, worms, caterpillars and suchlike with some protein (e.g. meat based pet food, minced meat or crunchy hedgehog/cat biscuits), particularly in periods of unseasonable weather. A bowl of drinking water should also be available at several sites around the garden.
- Driving carefully at night - curling into a ball is no defence against a car.
- Avoid using pesticides and slug pellets - there are plenty of natural alternatives.
- Make sure they can get out of your pond with a small ramp or sloping side.
- Remove any litter such as yogurt pots which hedgehogs can get stuck in, or elastic bands and beer can plastic rings that can cause nasty injuries as hedgehogs get entangled.

For more information, visit the British Hedgehog Preservation Society website:

www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk

Summer Streetz to visit Whitchurch



The month long Summer Streetz programme of youth activities is coming to

Whitchurch.

The scheme which runs from **July 26th to August 27th** includes free activities for 11 to 17 year olds and will be held at a number of local venues, including the Gill Nethercott Centre, Testbourne School, the Skate/BMX Park and the Parish Hall.

Throughout the period there will be a regular Open Access Club with large screen Nintendo Wii, Xbox, Dance mats, and other exciting attractions.

In addition there are sessions including DJ Workshops, Street dance, a range of sports from basketball and football to BMX, and art activities including a Graffiti Workshop and Pottery painting.

Further details are available from Mike Nicholls
01256 845338 or email
mike.nicholls@basingstoke.gov.uk

Almost finally...

If they squeeze olives to get olive oil, how do they get baby oil?

Why is it that when you transport something by car it is called shipment, but when you transport something by ship it's called cargo?

Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

Why is it that doctors call what they do 'practice'?

If a turtle loses its shell, is it naked or homeless?

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Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council

The following is a summary of the Minutes of the PC Meeting and AGM held on Wednesday 28th May. A copy of the full Minutes will be made available on the web site at www.hurstbournepriors-pc.org.uk.

Annual General Meeting: Cllr Mr P Smail stated, after 5 years in the role, he wished to stand down as Chairman but he would continue until November to allow time for the Council to select a new Chairman. Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby was elected as Vice Chairman.

Accounts for Year 1.4.2013 TO 31.3.2014: The Parish Council agreed to adopt the audited accounts.

Chairman's Report: The notable planning applications during the year were from the ex-Vitacress house called Cressington, phase two of the Bio Digester at Faulkners Down Farm, the ongoing Wind farm at Bullington Cross and the 'on hold' application for the re-development of part of the equestrian Centre.

We welcomed two new Councillors, Jeff Broomfield and Charles Ekins, who came from opposite ends of the Parish, giving representatives from all parts of the Parish. The May Fair was held as normal, but the Bonfire had a sabbatical due to the cropping plans of the field.

The Recreation Ground Committee was busy with repairs to the pavilion, new showers and refurbishing the Cricket Square roller, jointly funded by the PC and the Club.

The Council has reported pot holes, had the village Gateways painted white, washed road signs and purchased the Flashing Speed Reminder Sign. The Play Area on the Recreation Ground was refurbished and is soon to be re-painted. HBP has joined the Lengthsman Scheme along with 9 other parishes in the area.

Cllr Mr P Smail thanked Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby for her work with the planning applications and the village tidy up, Graham Finlayson for his continued work with Hill and Valley and maintaining the web site. He thanked the other Parish Councillors for their continued hard work on other committees and responsibilities with special thanks to our Clerk, Richard Waterman, for his hard work and organisation of the Council.

Tufton: The Flower Festival was a great success, over 300 people attended on both days and £3,000 was raised towards the Church refurbishment project. The Environment Agency has carried out works on the old railway embankment (this land now belongs to Mr Tacchi). Basingstoke and Deane has delivered the Dog Fouling signs, following the request for them at the March meeting. The welcome letter for new residents will be reviewed to see if it could be applied to Tufton.

Flashing Speed Sign: - Between 11th April and 12th May, the Flashing Speed Reminder Sign (SID) had been activated 31,000 times. The data is forwarded to PC Paula Deery and will be used as evidence to back up a request for a reduction in the speed limit on the B3400.

Planning: B&DBC is taking further action on the issue of the caravans on the land adjacent to Andover Road.

Telephone Box: BT has refurbished the telephone box and re-commissioned the telephone.

Lengthsman Scheme: The list of jobs to be carried out has been submitted to the co-ordinator.

2014 Bonfire: Whilst the site may be available, the date could not be finalised as the date of the St Mary Bourne bonfire had not been confirmed. If the site has not been confirmed by the July meeting, the event will be shelved.

Planning: A meeting to discuss the Bullington Wind Farm application is to be held on the 16th June 2014 and Cllr Mr M Williams will attend to speak at the meeting.

The value of Neighbourhood Plans was considered but they involved a considerable amount of work and it is questionable if it would be of benefit to our parish. This will be raised at the next meeting.

Borough Councillor's Report: Cllr Mr K Watts has given his full support to the Village Hall Committee's application for funding from the Local Infrastructure Fund.

County Councillor's Report: Cllr Mr T Thacker said that, despite having to make a further 12% cuts in expenditure, HCC and Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council had both frozen their parts of the Council Tax, keeping it at the same level for the fifth year running.

HCC has budgeted £54 million for highway maintenance and has submitted a bid to Government for further funds to repair local roads damaged by the severe winter weather. Estimates are that Hampshire's flood damaged roads will cost about £36 million to put right.

HCC is rolling out its Rural Broadband programme, whereby 90% of Hampshire will have fast broadband by 2015, and 95% of the county will be covered by 2017.

Tufton - Highways Dept. has been asked to consider replacing the white "cat's eyes" - on the stretch of the hatching on the "off" slip road of the A34 - with red reflectors.

Parish Councillors' Reports: Cllr Mr M Williams reported that Hill and Valley made a profit of £1,500 last financial year, with cash deposits of £22,000. The Business Committee decided not to give the Parishes grants again this year. Printing costs are in the region of £6,000 a year.

Cllr Mrs C Read reported that a parishioner has kindly offered to replace the Lych Gate fixings that were stolen some time ago. The horses in the field at the top of the hill on the B3400 escaped onto the main road, causing quite a commotion and traffic was held up whilst they were rounded up. The horses have now been moved.

Footpaths Report: The grass in the middle of the Gallops needs cutting and this will be reported to Mr Tacchi's Agent. All the footpaths are clear and walkable. Cllr Mr J Broomfield reported that one of the finger posts is missing by the little bridge at Tufton.

Cllr Mr M Williams spoke about a recent re-opening of an old Bye-way by HCC in another parish and wondered if there were any lost footpaths that could be re-instated in Hurstbourne Priors. This was noted.

Recreation Ground Report: A list of repairs to the Pavilion is being put together and quotes obtained. The new shower has been fitted. Cllr Mr M Williams reported that the first game of cricket has been played, one game has been rained off but has been re-booked. Bookings are looking similar to last year.

Date of Next Meeting: 30th July 2014 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm