



## Hurstbourne Priors



### Weather October 2014

Total rainfall for month	117mm	= 4.60ins
It rained on <b>17</b> days		
Rainfall October 2013	141mm	= 5.55ins
Total to date 2014	1080mm	= 42.51ins
Total to date 2013	583mm	= 22.91ins
Min Temperature	1C	= 34(4 <sup>th</sup> )
Max Temperature	21C	= 70F(31 <sup>st</sup> )

*John Smail*

### Ladies Coffee Morning



Sorry ladies, there will be **no** coffee morning in December. Look in the next edition of Hill & Valley for the date of the January coffee morning.



**DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES**  
**2015 May Fair Meeting**  
**Wednesday 21st January**  
**7.30pm in the Village Hall**  
**Come along to find out what exciting events are planned for the 2015 May Fair and enjoy a glass of wine**



*Basingstoke Ladies' Choir*  
*Annual Christmas Concert*  
*Carnival Hall, Basingstoke*  
*Friday 12th December 2014 7.30pm*  
*Tickets available from*

*Jan Hodges*

☎ **01256 781035** or  
**07771848437**



### Neighbourhood Watch



If you would like to receive Neighbourhood Watch updates by email, please contact Garry Butcher by email at [www.teamwood@aol.com](mailto:www.teamwood@aol.com) and we will ensure that you receive Neighbourhood Watch News.



### Festival of Lessons & Carols

11.00am Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December,  
 St Andrew's Church

### Christmas Day

9.30am Family Communion with Hymns, St Andrew's Church

**YOU WILL BE VERY WELCOME AT THESE SERVICES**

### Bin Collection Dates



As usual, the collection dates over the Christmas and New Year period will change and the revised dates are shown below.

DAY	GREY BINS	GREEN BINS
MONDAY	22 DECEMBER	22 DECEMBER
WEDNESDAY	31 DECEMBER	X
WEDNESDAY	7 JANUARY	7 JANUARY
TUESDAY	13 JANUARY	X
MONDAY	19 JANUARY	19 JANUARY

### Merry Christmas

I would like to wish all readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

A special "thank you" to all those who have contributed to the magazine during the year.

Please remember this is **YOUR** village magazine so I hope that, in 2015, you will send me items you would like to see in Hill & Valley.

*Graham Finlayson*

### Christmas at Parsonage Farm

December 7th

10.30am to 3pm

30 Food and Craft Stalls

In aid of Hampshire and IOW Air Ambulance Service



Parsonage Farm, Upton,  
 Andover SP11 0JP

[www.parsonage-farm.co.uk](http://www.parsonage-farm.co.uk)  
 Tel 01264 736208



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### Mobile Library



The Mobile Library will be at the Village Hall, from 11.05am until 11.35am, on **Saturday 29th November**.

There will be **no service in December** so look out for

the January date in the next edition of Hill & Valley.

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### The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines Comes to Basingstoke



**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 3:00pm  
at The Anvil, Basingstoke**

The Rotary Club of Basingstoke & Deane is proud to announce that its Annual Charity Concert will be held on Sunday 8th February 2015. Back by popular demand, the Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines will be the main stars, again with Major Curtis directing. This year they will be supported by the superb voice of Amanda Goldthorpe-Hall.

In October 2014 the Royal Marines celebrate 350 years of loyal service to our country. The full concert Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines, the Royal Corps of Drummers, and special guests The Chelsea Pensioners, make this a very special event.

This concert would make a truly memorable Christmas gift for someone special in your family. Given full houses for the two previous events, please book early.

Tickets available from: Anvil Ticket office – Tele: 01256 844244 [www.anvilarts.org.uk](http://www.anvilarts.org.uk)

**Tickets: £21, £26 (including Booking Fee)**

All proceeds raised from the event go to charities supported by the Rotary Club of Basingstoke Deane, including The Royal Marines Charitable Trust Fund and Help for Heroes.

### St. Andrew's Day Service Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 3pm

You may have seen the good news in October's Hill and Valley that Revd Craig Marshall, our new vicar, will be installed on 19<sup>th</sup> November at St Peter's Church in St Mary Bourne.

St Andrew is the patron saint of our church, and since his festival day is Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November we have decided to have a special family service at 3.00 pm on that day in order to welcome Revd Craig Marshall.

**There will be tea in the village hall afterwards.**

We do hope that as many of you as possible will come to the service and to tea so that you can meet Revd Craig Marshall.

### Village Bonfire & Fireworks



Despite the heavy downpours for most of the day, a good number of hardy people turned up for the bonfire party on Saturday 8th November.

Luckily for all, the rain decided to stop a few minutes before the bonfire was lit and the fireworks set off. The colourful (and noisy) display was enjoyed by all, after sampling the hot dogs and mulled wine, tea, coffee or cold drinks.

Thanks to all the volunteers who built the bonfire, set off the fireworks (in a field reminiscent of the Somme) and served the food and drinks. A special thank you to Nick and Clare Read for hosting the event and to William Murray for use of the field.

### Coach Trip to Bath Christmas Market Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Join us for our annual Christmas Coach Trip to Bath, to visit this magical city at the most picturesque time of year. Enjoy the festive atmosphere of Bath Christmas Market. There are 130 traditional wooden chalets, each one offering unique handmade and unusual gifts – everything you will need for the perfect Christmas celebration! There will be time for lunch in one of the many restaurants or a traditional tea in the Pump Room.

Leaving Whitchurch at 9.30am you will be dropped off in the heart of the shopping district. Leaving Bath at 4.30pm, you arrive back in Whitchurch at about 6pm.

Tickets are £15 each.

Payment is required at time of booking as places are limited. Please contact Sarah Castle at the Centre on 01256 896270 to book.



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### Cats Protection



Christmas is almost here again and this can be a sad time for pets if their families go away from home. If you are going away please make sure your cat is well provided for, in a cattery or in your house with a visiting cat carer.

We all eat too much at Christmas and that can apply to our cats too. There are far too many obese cats around. The odd piece of turkey is fine and healthy. Cream and chocolate is not and can be positively damaging to a cat's health. While your cat is enjoying Christmas, give a thought to those less fortunate. If you visit our eBay site you can buy a dinner for one of our cats in care. Just go to our web site (see below) and follow "Buy on eBay"

Roger, last month's cat, now lives with a family in Ludgershall.



Aska is a lovely, middle aged female tabby. Five years ago she was a stray and a kind man took her in but he has now moved abroad.

She has had a thorough health check at the vet. Some dental work was necessary but that is now done and she is looking for a new home.

Enquiries: 01256-892019 or [www.andovercats.org.uk](http://www.andovercats.org.uk)  
Stories of rescued cats: [adrienne.major@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:adrienne.major@hotmail.co.uk)  
Fund-raising/volunteers: [adrienne.major@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:adrienne.major@hotmail.co.uk)  
Items for resale: 01256-892773  
Facebook: Andover and District Cats Protection

### Christmas Gift Fair at the Gill Nethercott Centre, Whitchurch Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 5-8pm

Plans are afoot in the Town to create an atmospheric and lively start to the Christmas shopping season in Whitchurch, with late night shopping, the Silk Mill open and the now very popular 'Lights Switching On' ceremony. To coincide with these events the Gill Nethercott Centre will be running its

#### Christmas Gift Fair, now in its 6th year!

We have a great range of stalls for you to peruse and we will also be selling our popular Baked Potatoes with home-made chilli and other toppings, so come in, warm up and rest a while in comfortable surroundings.

Entry is FREE and includes a free raffle ticket!

All proceeds go towards the Whitchurch Association's work in the town so we value your support.

W·A·D·S  
**HANSEL & GRETEL**  
BY STUART PATERSON  
WHITCHURCH PARISH HALL  
4-6 DECEMBER 2014  
01256 892514 [wadsweb.org.uk](http://wadsweb.org.uk)



Following hard on the heels of January's Cinderella, Whitchurch's theatre group WADS is putting on another Stuart Paterson play in the Parish Hall in December.

Definitely not a pantomime but definitely a very funny family play, it is based on the Brothers Grimm's fairy tale, with Paterson once again taking liberties with the story. Our two heroes stumble upon a colourful circus family but are tricked into following their new friends to the wicked witch's sweet-covered lair. Hansel is given over to the witch in return for the imprisoned father of the circus family. Helped by Orin the Fairy King and the mysterious Monkey Boy, the children defeat the witch with a combination of kindness and courage.

Hansel and Gretel runs from **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December**. As well as evening shows starting at 7:30pm each day, there is also a 2:30pm matinee on the Saturday. Tickets cost £10 for adults and £7 for concessions. There is also a family ticket for two adults and two children or one adult and three children at £30.

**Tel:** 01256 892514 **Email:** [info@wadsweb.org](mailto:info@wadsweb.org)

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Would you like to make a real practical difference to a blind or partially sighted person? Would you like to be instrumental in helping someone to participate more fully in their local community and work towards greater independence?

Guide Dogs is currently seeking volunteers to do just that as part of their ground breaking "My Guide" scheme. The role involves providing sighted guide assistance to an individual in and around the Basingstoke area, helping them to practise local routes, and in particular with an interest in football. In this case we are looking for a male volunteer.

This exciting and fulfilling volunteer opportunity would suit someone who likes to get out and about, lives in Basingstoke or the surrounding area, and could spare one to two hours a week for between three to six months. Full "My Guide" training and ongoing support and supervision are provided. Volunteers must be 18+ and would require a DBS check.

To find out more about how you could help towards a blind or partially sighted person getting more out of life, contact Hazel Dyson, Volunteering Consultant on 0845 372 7428 or at [hazel.dyson@guidedogs.org.uk](mailto:hazel.dyson@guidedogs.org.uk).