

Hurstbourne Priors

Weather December 2014

Total rainfall for month	69mm	= 2.71ins
It rained on	7 days	
Rainfall December 2013	251mm	= 9.88ins
Total for 2014	1313mm	= 51.69ins
Total for 2013	899mm	= 35.39ins
Min Temperature	-6C	= 21F(26 th)
Max Temperature	12C	= 54F(23 rd)

What a Year...weatherwise...!!

Wettest Winter since records began in 1766!

Very warm March - 19C compared to the average of 9C.

Heat wave in July with Temperatures up to mid 30s.

Then the coolest August for 21 years!

We had the driest September ever.

It was the warmest Halloween on record.

The UK had the warmest year since 1910.

Here, it was the wettest year ever with 51.69ins - the last 23 year average is 33ins.

To cap it all, Boxing Day was the coldest night of the year.

John Smail

Mobile Library



The Mobile Library will be at the Village Hall, from 11.00am until 11.30am, on **Monday 23rd February**.

St Andrew's Church Flower Rota



Due to a number of people retiring/moving, the flower rota for the Church has some spaces.

To make life easier, it is ideal to have two volunteers on the rota each month. No formal

skills are required - just a love of flowers - so please, if you can spare one hour per year at the most to help, we would love to hear from you.

Please ring Lois Jones, ☎ 01256 892548, or email lois.jones@btinternet.com for more details.

HURSTBOURNE PRIORS PARISH COUNCIL



WINTER QUIZ NIGHT TO WELCOME OUR NEW VILLAGERS

THURSDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2015 AT 7.30 PM

HURSTBOURNE PRIORS VILLAGE HALL

COST £10 PER HEAD -

INCLUDES CHOICE OF CURRIES BY BLUE
GINGER OF WHITCHURCH & PRIZES

BYO DRINKS

MAXIMUM TEAM SIZE OF 6

TICKETS FROM JAMES &
SARAH WYATT-TILBY

(The Old Post Office or Sarah@Wyatt-Tilby.com)

**TICKET NUMBERS ARE LIMITED, SO
PLEASE GET IN TOUCH EARLY**



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH - KEY HOLDERS



I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to all key

holders who cheerfully open and close the Church throughout the year. This enables visitors to access the Church from Spring until Autumn (end of October), allowing them to come and go freely.

If anyone is willing to help they would be very welcome, even as a reserve for odd weeks during the year.

Please ring Precelly Murray ☎ 01256 892606 or email pmurray@waitrose.com

Ladies Coffee Morning



Ladies, come along to this month's coffee morning which will be hosted by Anne Yeaman at Paddock View (☎ 896432) on **Tuesday 17th February**, from 10.15 onwards.

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Banish the Winter Blues!



The Hurstbourne Priors Safari Supper Saturday 14th March 2015

The Safari Supper will be held on Saturday evening, 14th March 2015. We hope that it will be just as much fun as last year and that anyone who has recently moved to the village or who was not able to come last year will join in.

The supper will be on the same lines. There will be four courses: drinks and nibbles, starter, main course and pudding. Each couple will host one course of their choice for 8 people and go to other houses for the other courses where they will meet different people on each occasion.

We hope that those who do not have a husband/wife/partner will join together with someone else to form a 'couple' for the evening.

If you would like to take part (or would like further information) please contact Phillida Goad (☎ 01256 893211, email phillida@thegoads.co.uk) or Susie Sorby (☎ 01256 892665, email sbsorby@hotmail.com) by **Friday 13th February** at the latest.

Can You Make It On The Moon?



Andover Museum
Saturday 14 Feb 2015
to Saturday 21 Feb
2015 at 10.00am

How would you survive if you crash landed on the moon?

Try our space-themed activity and work as a

team to decide which items you need to survive!

Cost: Free. Donations welcome.

Venue: Andover Museum

Church Close, Andover, SP10 1DP

Telephone: 01264 366283

Cats Protection



Now that the evenings are beginning to get lighter the female cats will be coming into season and, in a couple of months' time, we shall have yet another kitten explosion. The idea that a cat should be allowed at least one litter of kittens is a fallacy. You can see the results below.



Please show this to anyone that you know who has an entire cat. We will help with the costs of neutering where necessary.

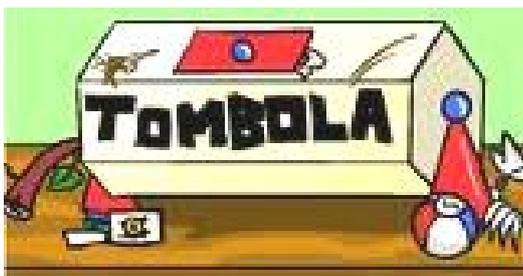
We will be occupying the Charity shop in Whitchurch for three weeks in February.



Fern, last month's cat has found a new home. This month we are featuring Barnaby. He is a gorgeous large, sandy, tabby cat, about three years old, who was found straying. This is a picture of him relaxing in the sun. He does a lot of relaxing and is looking forward to finding a new forever home.

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

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Unwanted Christmas Gifts?

We are looking for prizes for the Tombola Stall. Do you have any unwanted gifts, toiletries, pen/pencil sets, books or any other new items that you are willing to donate?

Collection can be arranged. Please call Brian Mehaffey ☎01256 893119 or Graham Finlayson ☎01256 893667.



Coach Trip to Blenheim Palace and Gardens Tuesday 10th March

A true masterpiece of Baroque architecture, Blenheim Palace delivers an awe-inspiring experience for visitors. From the imposing Great Hall to the beautifully intricate State Rooms, the Palace balances delicate detail with ambitious architecture on the grandest scale. Stunning portraits, tapestries and an exquisite collection of furniture grace the Palace interior, set against a magnificent backdrop of ornate ceilings and striking stone work.

The Formal Gardens are the jewels in the crown. A collection of majestic gardens commissioned by the 9th Duke, their beauty is exemplified in the serene Water Terraces, the Secret Garden and The Duke's Italian Garden. In the Pleasure Gardens you can enjoy a miniature train, giant maze and tropical butterfly house, and after a day of exploration, you can unwind in Capability Brown's wonderfully vast landscaped park.

The coach leaves the Gill Nethercott Centre at 9:30am and should arrive home around 6pm. Tickets cost £27.00 which includes full access to the Palace and gardens, and you can validate your ticket at the Palace to make it valid for return trips for a year, so great value. Tickets are available from the Gill Nethercott Centre or Library.

Meanwhile...

A child asked his father: "How did people start?" He replied: "Adam and Eve made babies, then their babies became adults and made babies, and so on...."

The child then went to his mother and asked her the same question. She told him: "We were monkeys then we evolved to become the line we are now".

The child ran back, told his father and said: "You were wrong!". His father replied: "No, your Mum was talking about **her** side of the family."

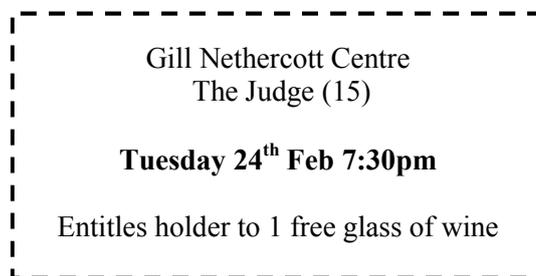
Whitchurch Films at the Gill Nethercott Centre: The Judge (15) Tuesday 24th February at 7.30pm.



Big city lawyer Hank Palmer returns to his childhood home where his father, the town's judge, is suspected of murder. Hank sets out to discover the truth and, along the way, reconnects with his estranged family. Starring Robert Downey Junior and Robert Duvall (Oscar nominated).

Tickets cost £5 in advance from GNC or Library or £5.50 on the door and you can enjoy a free glass of wine on presentation of this voucher!

☎ 01256 896270



And finally...

Wife texts husband on a cold winter's morning: "Windows frozen."

Husband texts back: "Pour some lukewarm water over it."

Wife texts back: "Computer completely ruined now."

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Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council



The following is a summary of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 26th November 2014. A copy of the full Minutes will be made

available on the web site at www.hurstbournepriors-pc.org.uk.

Election of Chairman: Cllr Mr P Smail thanked the Parish Council and the Clerk for their support during his time as Chairman. Cllr Mrs C Read was elected as the new Chairman of the Parish Council. She thanked everyone for their support and also thanked Cllr Mr P Smail for all that he has done during his time as Chairman.

Tufton: Tufton is very quiet. Major tree works have taken place to clear the dead trees that caused concern last winter and there is a re-planting scheme. There are some footpath signs and stiles that need attention and the Clerk will contact Hampshire Rights of Way to see if they can provide a kissing gate to replace the stile on the Fishing Syndicate land.

The cat's eyes on the A34 slip road have now been replaced with red ones but the weeds still need sorting out. The road drain has now been cleared, Highways have said that they will come back every 6 months to jet it through.

The Tufton road bridge still needs repair and has a large crack. The Chairman will report this to Steve Goodall.

Mud on the Road - Apsley Landfill: The mud has not reduced so a further email has been sent to HCC.

Highways: There are various outstanding Highway issues which are being pursued.

Parish Plan: Cllr Mr J Broomfield now has a better understanding of the types of community planning. He was still keen to pursue this. The Chairman asked the Clerk to put Community Plans on the Agenda for the January meeting.

Posts on the Village Green: The job is in hand.

2014 Bonfire: - The Chairman wished to thank everyone who helped, with special thanks to the Tufnell and Steyn families for building the Guy and to Wally at Apsley Estate, Les and Tim at Testbourne Estate who built the magnificent bonfire. Despite the weather, it ended up being a really good village event and even made a small profit of approximately £40.

Lengthsman Scheme: There was no requested work for Hurstbourne Priors on the recent list of works for December 2014 received from the Lengthsman Scheme co-ordinator.

Planning: Hurstbourne Inn - Change of use to 4 bedroom house - NO COMMENT

Dairy Cottage - SUPPORT

Development of the Equestrian Courtyard - SUPPORT

Cressington - NO OBJECTION

Full details can be found on the Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council Web Site under Planning Applications.

Parish Councillors' Reports: Cllr Mr J Broomfield reported that Nuns Walk is being used as a 'rat run' by commuters. This will be mentioned to Steve Goodall to see if anything can be done, as the passing places are getting very dangerous.

Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby suggested that a social event be held to welcome the new residents to the village. It was suggested that a Quiz Night be held in the Village Hall in January or February.

Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby suggested that it is mentioned in the welcome letter that Hurstbourne Priors is in a Conservation Area.

Cllr Mrs C Read gave the activation figures for the seven months the Speed Reminder Sign has been in place:

April	21,238
May	14,547 - Road closure for one week for bridge repairs
June	26,898
July	9,264 - Low as operator was away and battery ran out
August	25,536
September	12,724 - Low as operator away again
October	29,321

Footpaths: Cllr Mrs C Read reported that, as far as she knew, all the Footpaths were clear and walkable.

Recreation Ground: The Cricket Club is considering purchasing its own equipment and has offered to take over the grass cutting of the outer field. The Parish Council will assist with the purchase and maintenance of the equipment. The hedge in front of the Village Hall will be cut down to a height of 4 feet. The water supply to the church has been connected; a small charge of £10 a year will be levied.

Village Hall: The refurbishment of the kitchen is now complete and there are a few bookings over the festive season.

2015/2016 Precept: The Parish Council agreed that the Precept will remain at £7,000 for the 2015/2016 Financial year. The Parish Council will also apply for the Basingstoke and Deane Grant of £1,100.

Dates of 2015 Meetings: January 28th, March 25th, May 27th, July 29th, September 30th, November 25th.