

Hurstbourne Priors

Weather May 2014

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| Total rainfall for month | 80mm | = 3.15ins |
| It rained on 12 days | | |
| Rainfall May 2013 | 45mm | = 1.77ins |
| Total for 2014 to date | 740mm | = 29.10ins |
| Total to May 2013 | 305mm | = 12.00ins |
| Min Temperature | 5C | = 41F(4 th) |
| Max Temperature | 27C | = 80F(19 th) |

John Smail

Hurstbourne Priors Cricket Club

The Fixture List for the rest of the season:

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| 28 June | Andover III v Hurstbourne Priors |
| 5 July | Hurstbourne Priors v IBM Hursley |
| 12 July | Hurstbourne Priors v AWE Tadley |
| 19 July | Sparsholt II v Hurstbourne Priors |
| 26 July | Hurstbourne Priors v Alton III |
| 2 August | Dinton v Hurstbourne Priors |
| 9 August | Hurstbourne Priors v Liss |
| 16 August | Crown Taverners v H'bourne Priors |
| 23 August | Donnington v Hurstbourne Priors |
| 30 August | Hurstbourne Priors v Holybourne |

Whitchurch Films

The Grand Budapest Hotel (15)

Gill Nethercott Centre Tuesday 22nd July

7.30pm.



THE GRAND BUDAPEST HOTEL recounts the adventures of Gustave, a legendary concierge at a famous European hotel between the wars, and Zero Moustafa, the lobby boy who becomes his most trusted friend. The story

involves the theft and recovery of a priceless Renaissance painting and the battle for an enormous family fortune -- all against the back-drop of a suddenly and dramatically changing Continent. A clever and very funny film starring Ralph Feinnes, Tilda Swinton and familiar faces in cameo roles... Tickets cost £5 in advance or £5.50 on the door. And are available from the GNC or Library.

Church & Churchyard Spring Clean

Undaunted by the threat of rain, a band of willing helpers armed with dusters, brooms and garden tools gathered for the church and churchyard spring clean on 24th May.



Pews were polished and cobwebs swept away inside the church while outside, ivy and dead wood were cut down and burnt. The flagpole is now a gleaming white after a having a good wash.



Thank you very much to everyone for their help and to Phillida and Jeremy who provided delicious hotdogs for the hungry workers.

Ladies Coffee Morning



There is no coffee morning for July so look in the August Hill & Valley for the next date.

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Mobile Library



The Mobile Library will be at the Village Hall, from 11.05am until 11.35am, on **Saturday 12th July.**

Watercress



For any villagers (like me!) who hadn't realised, the watercress beds in Nun's Walk, near Larkwhistle Farm, were sold back in December. Now in the capable hands of Ron & Martin, a very generous hand of delicious

freshly gathered watercress can be bought from them for £2.

I'm not sure whether they're in their brick-built hut all morning - but they're definitely there around 9.30-10.30 am.

Julia Butcher

Hurstbourne Priors Cricket Club



Match Reports

The Mottisfont Match - The toss was a crucial decider in the game between Hurstbourne Priors and Mottisfont. Priors were put in on a damp track which

broke up early, causing batsmen no end of problems.

Mottisfont bowled tight lines and Priors struggled to cope. Wickets fell at regular intervals and this was exacerbated with a calamitous run out between Ashok Nautiyal (27) and Mark Matthews. With all batsmen failing to get going, Priors limped to 129 all out with all Mottisfont bowlers picking up wickets.

Mottisfont's response was positive from the off and, with the wicket drying fast, Priors needed their bowling to stand up. Mark Matthews bowled with aggression and pace but was hindered by bowling no balls and problems with his big toe. Barnes and Trant both reached 37 before Richard Carter and Stewart Samways removed them. However, Mottisfont reached their total with 13 overs to spare.

"Marvel Matthews stuns Winterslow"

Hurstbourne Priors got sweet revenge for 3 seasons ago with an emphatic 9 wicket win over Winterslow. On a cloudy, muggy day Winterslow skipper Jamie Keys stunned everyone by winning the toss and batting first. His decision was proved to be the wrong one when openers James Miles and Mark Penny were removed by the

rejuvenated Mark Matthews. Matthews, elevated to opening the bowling in the absence of Ady Budd, repaid his skipper with a pacy and accurate spell. Matthews (4-7) ripped the top order apart and Winterslow were struggling to recover.

Richard Carter (3-9) added more pressure to Winterslow and was well supported by his fielders. When Steve Cady took a rasping slip catch to remove Hartley, Winterslow were in serious trouble with only 24 overs gone. Pete Pearce batted throughout the short innings but when Carter and Rajiv Kumar combined to run Bolam out, the away side was skittled for 58.

Given Priors' poor batting the week before, both openers played positively and looked to knock the total off quickly. Carter (23) hit two sublime fours through mid off before veteran Mark Penny clean bowled him. Ashok Nautiyal (21 not out) carried his bat throughout and, with Jonathan Hopkinson (8 not out) looking in good touch with two classic drives, the game was nearly won. Ashok hit a huge six to seal the game and Priors took 23 points.

Mark Hamson
Team Captain



Whitchurch Tennis Club is a relatively small, friendly club for adults and children of all abilities who want to play some informal

tennis. In addition, club members who also want to play more competitively can take part in league matches against other local teams.

The club is located at Laverstoke, just outside Whitchurch, where we have two tennis courts, providing members with organised club sessions and unrestricted access to courts. This is a beautiful village location, with ample parking.

Our club nights are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6pm till dusk; and weekend 'turn up and play' sessions start at 3pm on Saturdays, and 10am on Sundays.

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.

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Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting and AGM held on 28th May were not available by the copy date so will be included in the August Hill & Valley.

Thank you from St Andrew's Church

At their meeting on 6th June 2014, the St Andrew's Parochial Church Council asked me to thank all those who had worked so hard to make this year's May Fair such a success. This had enabled the May Fair Committee to make a generous donation towards the running of the Church, which is very much appreciated.

Jeremy Goad, Churchwarden



The club's next social diary date is Sunday 20th July, when an afternoon visit is planned to the Longstock Park Water Garden, following lunch at

The White Lion Inn at Wherwell.

The Water Garden is owned by the John Lewis Partnership, and is open to the public on behalf of a charity, twice a month, throughout the summer.

On the day of the club's visit, the charity benefiting from the entrance fee will be Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research. Visitors can explore the rich and varied habitats of the Water Garden, before being tempted by the unusual plants on offer in the Nursery and perhaps a cuppa in the tea room.

Contact Membership Secretary Lynda Frith for more information (☎ 01256 895556).

Singing for the Mind Party

Monday 21st July 10.45 - 12.30

Gill Nethercott Centre - Whitchurch

Singing For The Mind is 1 year old in July and you are all invited to help us celebrate and share in cake and singing. The Mayor and Mayoress will be joining us as we revisit old favourite songs, laugh at tongue twisters and play our percussion instruments.

We would love it if you came too, bring a friend and join in. If you need help with transport, we have a free bus within Whitchurch and we can pick you up and take you home, just let us know in advance by calling Sarah or Amy on 01256 896270.

HURSTBOURNE PRIORS MAY FAIR

Thanks to the hard work by all those involved, this year's May Fair raised the magnificent sum of £9,900. This will be allocated between the Village Hall, Church and Recreation Ground.

Cats Protection



Now that the holiday season is here we need to make sure that our cats are well looked after while we are away. If they are being cared for at home by a friend or neighbour, it is better that they are confined to the house with litter trays (one for each cat plus one extra). We often get reports of cats which have gone missing while their owner is on holiday. They get lonely and wander off in search of human company.

Panda has not yet found a home but she has moved in with a house fosterer which is much nicer than being in a pen.



Fudge is a delightful but strange little cat. Ginger female cats are quite rare. She is about 10 years old and came into care when her owner moved abroad. She doesn't seem to like warm, comfy beds but sleeps in the coordinator's conservatory in a cardboard box. She is reputed not to like other cats but completely ignores the presence of her three current companions who are totally non-aggressive. She loves to wander around the garden in the sun and particularly likes to sit on this bench. She would make an excellent companion for a retired person.

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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Hill & Valley

All those involved in the production of the Hill & Valley were invited to enjoy drinks and nibbles at Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall on Thursday 5th June, in appreciation of their hard work.

As she is stepping down as Longparish editor after more than 14 years, Mary Jo Darrah was presented with a beautiful bouquet and a bottle of champagne as a "thank you" for her commitment to the magazine.

The photo shows Mary Jo with her husband Graham accepting the bouquet.



SUPPORTING FAMILIES IN YOUR AREA

Homestart Andover and District can now offer "one-to-one" or "group family support" in a toddler group setting in your area. My name is Tracy Davies and I am the new rural area family support worker covering the Test Valley.

So what can we offer? Well, we are a local charity offering support to families with at least one child under the age of 5 years. Families need support for many different reasons – isolation, suffering from a post natal

illness, bereavement, difficulty in coping with your child's illness, struggling with the emotional and physical demands of having twins, triplets or more, struggling to cope with a disability or relationship, exhaustion and feeling unhappy.

Maybe you would like to become a volunteer yourself? Volunteer preparation courses will be taking place soon. Or perhaps you would like to become a Trustee?

If you feel that I may be able to help you or you would like further information on any of the above, please contact me on my mobile 07708174192, email rafswhsandover@outlook.com or telephone the Homestart office on 01264 362919.

And Finally...

The midget fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.

A backward poet writes inverse.

In a democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.

If you jumped off the bridge in Paris, you'd be in Seine.

A vulture carrying two dead raccoons boards an aeroplane. The stewardess looks at him and says, 'I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger.'

Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says, 'Dam!'

Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, 'I've lost my electron.' The other says, 'Are you sure?' The first replies, 'Yes, I'm positive.'

Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root-canal? His goal: transcendental medication.

There was the person who sent ten puns to friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did.....

Hurstbourne Priors village hall has just got better

The hall has been recently refurbished, has new chairs, an improved heating system, better acoustics and had lots of TLC. We are located at RG28 7SB opposite the cricket pitch in the village. There is on site car parking. Hire charges are from £10/hour. To view the hall or make a booking phone **Anne** on **01256 896432** or mail hbpvillagehall@live.co.uk



During 2013, the hall has hosted wedding receptions, children's parties, 18 – 80s parties, a Burns supper, aerobics, photography sessions, anniversary meals, arts classes, upholstery classes, sales venue, company do's, cycle ride stop and many other events large and small.