

Hurstbourne Priors

Weather April 2014

Total rainfall for month	129mm	= 5.07ins
It rained on	13 days	
Rainfall April 2013	48mm	= 1.89ins
Total for 2014 to date	660mm	= 25.98ins
Total to April 2013	251mm	= 9.88ins
Min Temperature	2C	= 36F(15 th)
Max Temperature	20C	= 68(23 rd)

John Smail

MAY FAIR MEETING

Everyone is invited to a meeting in the Village Hall on Wednesday 4th June at 7.30pm to review the results of this year's May Fair.

Ladies Coffee Morning



Ladies, come along to the **June** coffee morning which will be hosted by Helen Mehaffey at the Limes, Hurstbourne Priors (☎ 893119), on **Wednesday 25th**, from 10.15 onwards.

Mobile Library



The Mobile Library will be at the Village Hall, from 11.05am until 11.35am, on **Saturday 14th June**.

Kingsclere Grand Garden Safari Sunday 22nd June



Come on a Grand Garden Safari with us on Sunday 22nd June 2014 as the gardens of Kingsclere open their gates to visitors.

From 2pm – 6pm, enjoy a stroll through some of the loveliest gardens in the village, buy a raffle ticket and be in with the chance of winning a fantastic prize for your garden. Eat delicious homemade cakes and refreshments at a variety of locations around the village whilst listening to some of the village's talented musicians.

£5 per adult, children free. All proceeds to St Mary's Church Keystone Project.

Enquiries – contact Eileen Selsey on eileen.selsey@hotmail.co.uk.



Coach Trip – Day Trip to Brighton Tuesday 1st July

Join us for a lovely summer's day trip to Brighton where you will have plenty of time to enjoy the delights of this interesting and quirky city. Wander through The Lanes browsing the little shops, saunter along the Pier and Promenade admiring the Edwardian architecture, bring a picnic and grab a deckchair and sun yourself on the beach.

There really is something for everyone in Brighton, and lots of lovely cafes, pubs and restaurants to enjoy too. It's a little way to Brighton so we will be leaving at 9.30am and taking advantage of the light evenings arriving home around 7pm (the coach is equipped with toilets)

Tickets cost £18 and payment is required at time of booking as places are limited. Please contact Sarah Castle at the Gill Nethercott Centre in Whitchurch on 01256 896270 or the Library to book.

Flower Festival - St Mary's Tufton



What a wonderful weekend this was! The flower arrangers who created the stunning displays for the weekend deserve their well-earned praise! They worked all the previous day to ensure that the church looked amazing! Children from St Mary Bourne School brightened the church further with their brilliant pictures about travel and their miniature gardens! Many visitors said how interesting they found the accounts written by the students from Testbourne about their time in Mityana. The sun shone throughout the weekend – an absolute bonus!

Celebrating the completion of the essential repair works to the church was the reason for having the Flower Festival, but the generosity of everyone meant that we made an incredible £3,000 which will go towards further restoration and refurbishment.

Above all, the dedication and commitment of the team organising the festival cannot go without mention. Marian Cornford, Hannah Hunt, Pat Cooper, Liz Broomfield, Jen Smail, Gillian Fitzwilliam, Joanne Crome and Sandra Miller were all terrific at getting things done and inspiring others to get involved. My heartfelt thanks to them all!

Lynda Frith - 01256 895556 - lyndafrith@aol.com

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VERY POLITE NOTICE

I would be most grateful if people would respect that my field is private property. The bonfire, in particular, is for a specific purpose and not for public use. It would be extremely helpful if everyone (and there are no exceptions, without prior permission, from henceforth) would kindly refrain from dumping garden and other waste on it. Anyone who omits to request access to the field for any reason at all will be surprised by my vitriol. Parking in front of the gates is also unwelcome. There are signs to this effect.

Many thanks,

Josephine Hutchinson

New Forest and Hampshire County Show 29th to 31st July

The New Forest and Hampshire County Show is an annual agricultural show held at New Park, Brockenhurst in Hampshire. The aim of the Show is to create a great family day out, bringing together a celebration of traditional country pursuits, crafts, produce and entertainment.

The theme this year is 'Hands On' so come and live in the country for a day. Roll up your sleeves, don your walking boots and get stuck in with all the hands-on activities. Try your hand at milking a cow, making a scarecrow, holding a day old chick, voting for your favourite feathered friend in the Poultry Tent and watching the amazing Jamie Squibb in action on his motorbike in our main ring.

BBC South are returning for another year and are bringing their fully operational television studio. Visit the Forest Fun Factory which runs a full programme of events and be entertained by clowns, choirs, dance acts and much more! Head over to our Show Farm where the children can get up close and personal with all sorts of farmyard animals, pop in to our Countryside Area for Terrier and Ferret racing and sit in the incredible machines in the Old Time Farming section.

The food tents offer top quality items and not only will you find a huge variety of the best produce of Hampshire, but also lots of opportunities to have tastings from the cookery demonstrations held there. There are also over 600 trade stands providing varied and unusual goods and produce.

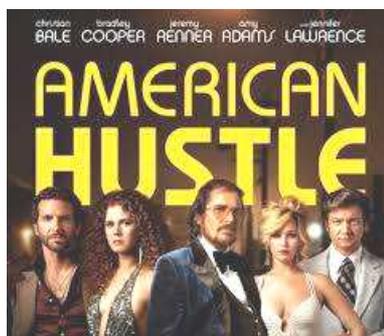
If you want to keep up to date with news of the Show, details of the events taking place at New Park, as well competitions to win tickets then sign-up to receive our monthly e-newsletter by visiting our website www.newforestshow.co.uk We are also on Facebook and Twitter if you want to follow us for daily news from the team. For more information about the Show, please visit our website www.newforestshow.co.uk where you can also take advantage of 10% off advanced tickets bought online before 21st July.

If it's a countryside experience you're after, the Show's about to begin!

Whitchurch Films

American Hustle (15)

Gill Nethercott Centre Tuesday 24th June.



The film tells the story of brilliant con man Irving Rosenfeld, who along with his equally cunning and seductive British partner Sydney Prosser is forced to work for a

wild FBI agent Richie DiMaso. DiMaso pushes them into a world of Jersey powerbrokers and mafia that's as dangerous as it is enchanting...

Tickets cost £5 in advance or £5.50 on the door. And are available from the GNC or Library.

Cats Protection



We would like to thank everyone who donated money and food at our collection outside Sainsburys. We raised almost £300 and two big trolley loads of cat food. Fund raising is going much better than homing which is very poor so far this year. Everyone is asking for kittens which is a great shame because our cats are normally older ones who are down on their luck.

Facebook is proving a big help in publicising our neutering campaign. Why not log in and become a member of our group 'Andover and District Cats Protection' and you will be kept up to date with what our volunteers are doing.

Nancy and Peggy have at last gone to an excellent rural home in Ropley and our old boy Whiskers has found his forever home in Whitchurch.

Panda is a delightful, five year old female cat who has come into care through no fault of her own. She is used to a small child, has lived with other cats and wouldn't mind sharing her home with a well-behaved dog.



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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Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council

The following is a summary of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 26th March 2014. A copy of the full Minutes will be made available on the new Village Web Site at www.hurstbournepriors-pc.org.uk.

Tufton: Tufton survived reasonably well during the recent bad weather. Several trees were unstable and will be felled. There are several road signs that have been displaced due to the recent high winds.

The next event to raise funds for the continuing refurbishment of the church is a Flower Festival, full details will be in Hill & Valley and on the Web Site.

B3400 Closure: There has been a significant increase in traffic going along the Longparish Road since the B3400 has been closed for bridge repairs. It was noted that some drivers totally ignore the "Road Closed" signs.

County Councillor's Report: Cllr Mr T Thacker gave his support to the new 40 and 50mph speed limits on the B3400. Hampshire County Council will concentrate on repairing the potholes after the recent bad weather. The HCC Highways contract with Amey is good for the Council but is falling short of expectations and tighter control and quality inspections is required.

Apsley Sita Site Meeting: Pending.

Flashing Speed Sign: The Speed Reminder Sign (SID) has been installed on the B3400, facing up the hill, and is working. It records the activations and the report will be sent to PC Paula Deery each month basis. It should help the case for a reduction in the speed limit to 30mph, in future, and to get more mobile speed camera 'slots' by proving vehicles do speed.

Other sites suggested for the Signs are: by the Bus Shelter in Drury Close, between the bridge and the small bus shelter on the B3400 and on the run up to the Church on the St Mary Bourne Road.

Lengthsman Scheme: The following is a list of the jobs that the Council would like the Lengthsman to undertake - Road Sign Cleaning, Litter picking on the Harrow Way and the A34 junction at Tufton, Verge Cutting - between the Bus Shelter and the Bridge on the B3400.

2014 Bonfire Event: While the site will be available, the date of the St Mary Bourne bonfire has not yet been confirmed and the Parish Council does not want a clash.

Planning: A planning application for Swallow Barn and River's Edge Barn, Tufton was received today.

Since the last Parish Council meeting the Parish Council have received planning applications for :-

Cressington - NO OBJECTIONS.

Priors Barn, New Farm Barns - NO OBJECTIONS.

Faulkners Down Farm, Picket Piece - COMMENTS SUBMITTED.

The planning application for the conversion of the stables at the Equestrian Centre has been withdrawn. The planning application for the Bullington Wind Farm has been extended until June 2014. The Parish Council will lobby our Borough and County Councillors to vote against this application.

Caravans on land by the Andover Road: Planning Enforcement has issued a 'Notice to Remove' by the 31st March. Legal action will be taken if they are not removed.

Borough Councillor's Report: Cllr Mr K Watts reported the latest draft Local Plan will be approved on Thursday for

public consultation between 25th April and 13th June. The controversial issue is 748 new homes to be built over each of the next 15 years; the Planning Policy Officers recommended that this number should increase.

Cllr Mr K Watts will give his full support to the Village Hall Committee's application for an allocation from the Local Infrastructure Fund.

Cricket Club: The booking form proposed at the October 2013 meeting will be adopted and payments must be either paid by BACS transfer or by cheque sent direct to the Parish Clerk, within 7 days of the match taking place.

Village Spring Clean: Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby thanked everyone who helped with the Spring Clean in March.

BT Telephone Box: Cllr Mr C Ekins stated that he attended the BT Broadband meeting with Cllr Mr M Williams who is pursuing the matter of the telephone box.

Dog Mess in Tufton: Many dog walkers visit the parish and dog mess is becoming a problem. The cost of a bin and "No Dog Fouling" signs will be investigated.

Safari Supper: Cllr Mrs C Read reported that this was an excellent event and thanked the organising team.

Fly Tipping: At the top of the hill on the B3400 will be reported to Basingstoke and Deane.

Village History Display Case: Dr Jean Chalk asked if it were possible to install some sort of 'Memories' display case within the Village Hall to display photos, mementoes etc. The costs will be compiled.

Test Valley Borough Revised Local Plan: Points raised that will have an effect on Hurstbourne Priors are :-

An additional 750 homes are to be built with access on to the B3400 at Picket Piece/Twenty.

Proposals for an additional railway station at Augusta Park have been dropped due to legal issues.

A planning application is to be submitted to build a multi story car park at Andover Station which is good news for the future but may affect parking at Whitchurch during the 6 month construction period.

Vitacress: There are to be changes at Vitacress to take the company forward and the current contact, Mike Rushworth will be leaving. It is hoped that the good working relationship with the company will continue.

Hurstbourne Inn: The pub has now closed but it is believed it is still being run as a Bed and Breakfast.

Recreation Ground Report: The broken shower and pipe work will be replaced at a cost of £350. The rubbish from the hedge cutting and ivy clearance has been burnt and thanks were expressed to Mrs Goad for helping with the clearance.

Maintenance quotes for the 2014 season have been received from TVBC: Grass Cutting - 20 cuts at £38.75, Hedge Cutting - 2 cuts at £203.17.

It was hoped that repairs to the play equipment repairs would be completed in the next 10 days.

Footpaths Report: All footpaths clear but a little soggy!

Village Hall Report: The Village Hall has been re-decorated and the application for the Community Infrastructure Levy for kitchen refurbishment would be submitted in the following morning.

Date of Next Meeting: AGM - 28th May 2014 in the Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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Annual May Fair

After some nail-biting weeks when the heavens opened, it was with relief that we saw the sun shining on the morning of May Day Bank Holiday Monday. Hardworking villagers put on another day of enthralling entertainment for every age group. Families relaxed together, whilst watching juggling, Irish dancing and circus tricks, with pony rides, Maypole dancing and visits to see the sheep and lambs.



The Cricket Pavilion became the Pub on the Green and food was in plentiful supply from the do' nut and candy floss stalls, the hog roast and the barbecue, in addition to the ever popular teas in the Village Hall. Although the sunshine faded, the weather stayed dry and the clayzer shooting proved as popular as last year. Visitors chanced their luck on the Tombola and Bottle Stalls and books soon found new homes. The stalls for plants, jams and preserves, bric-a-brac and the mouth watering cakes were kept busy throughout the day. The Arts and Craft Exhibitors created a lot of interest whilst promoting local talents.



The income and expenditure figures for the Fair will be shared with any interested parties at the meeting on Wednesday 4th June. Lastly but most importantly, **a very big thank you** is extended to all those who contributed in whatever way to yet another very successful May Fair - the major fund raising event for our Church, Village Hall and Recreation Ground.