

## Hurstbourne Priors

### Weather January 2015

Total rainfall for month	119mm	= 4.80ins
It rained on	<b>14</b> days	
Rainfall January 2014	277mm	= 10.90ins
Min Temperature	-7C	= 19F(22 <sup>nd</sup> )
Max Temperature	12C	= 54F(12 <sup>th</sup> )

*Peter Smail*



### HURSTBOURNE PRIORS VILLAGE TIDY UP

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

**Meet outside The Hurstbourne at 10 am**

**Please help if you can**

**Bin bags provided !**

### Ladies Coffee Morning



Ladies, don't miss out, come along to this month's coffee morning which will be hosted by Marilyn Smith at Copper Beech (☎ 893107) on **Wednesday 18th March**, from 10.15 onwards.

### Drawing Workshop

Gill Nethercott Centre  
Whitchurch

Starting 12<sup>th</sup> March

Thursdays 1.30pm-3.30pm for 4 weeks

Cost - £22.00

A drawing workshop for the opportunity to work on your own theme or from still life, with encouragement to experiment with a wide range of drawing materials to produce individual work, in a friendly and productive environment.

For more details ☎ Jacqui - 01256 896536

THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU.



To everyone who donated to the May Fair bric-a-brac stall last year. Your generosity was very much appreciated. So, if you are thinking of having a declutter, please bear in mind this year's Fair. Collection can be arranged nearer the time.  
☎ Jo Burrell 0782 68 48 123.

### Mobile Library



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

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**EDF ENERGY RENEWABLES APPEAL AGAINST BULLINGTON CROSS WIND FARM PLANNING DECISION**

An appeal against the decision of the three Councils (Basingstoke, Winchester and Test Valley) to refuse permission for the development at Bullington Cross, has been submitted by EDF to the Secretary of State. The appeal will be determined on the basis of an Inquiry. This will follow the bespoke Inquiry procedure which can be found at the following link: [www.planningportal.gov.uk/uploads/pins/procedural\\_guide\\_planning\\_appeals.pdf](http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/uploads/pins/procedural_guide_planning_appeals.pdf)

Details of the date, time and venue of the Inquiry will be displayed on the HBP village web site once they are available [www.hurstbournepriors-pc.org.uk](http://www.hurstbournepriors-pc.org.uk).

If you have previously submitted comments, you can modify these on the Planning Portal at [www.planningportal.gov.uk/pes](http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/pes). Any representations must be made by 9th March 2015.

There is also information on the Keep Hampshire Green web site: [www.keephampshiregreen.org/](http://www.keephampshiregreen.org/)

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### Quiz Night Saturday 11th April 8pm Gill Nethercott Centre, Whitchurch in aid of St Michael's Hospice Basingstoke

Get together a group of friends and come and exercise your little grey cells for the evening and support this excellent local charity at the same time. Tickets cost just £6 per person and include a ploughman's supper.

Please bring your own refreshments.

Book your table ☎ Joan -01256 896777 or  
Pat ☎ 01256 892151

### Cats Protection



If you are a Facebook user be sure to join our group, Andover and District Cats Protection, where you will see that our Regional Development Manager, Becky

Venning, is doing a skydive to raise money for us. We shall be grateful for any sponsorship, however small. Alternatively, donate by contacting us on our Enquiries number.



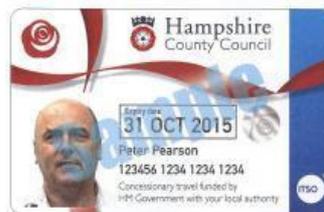
In 2014, we found homes for 130 cats, 20 more than the previous year. There are many cats on our waiting list and if we could find more fosterers we could increase this number. We also helped financially with

the neutering of almost 300 cats.

Barnaby, last month's cat has found a new home. Our March cat, Obi, is an adorable lad, very friendly and loves a cuddle. He would make an excellent companion for a retired person. He was in very poor condition when he came in but, after receiving treatment, is much better and Cats Protection would be happy to help with any future veterinary bills.

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

### Changes to the Bus Passes



From 1 April 2015, Hampshire older person's bus passes (those with a blue stripe) will be valid for free travel from 9.30am (previously

9.00am) to 11pm on Monday to Friday and all day at weekends and public holidays.

Hampshire disabled person's bus passes (those with an orange stripe) are unchanged.

**Bus passes or travel vouchers with an expiry date of March 2015 will be AUTOMATICALLY renewed before the expiry date. If you have moved since the issue of your current bus pass please contact 0845 045 8355 to update your details.**

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If you have a working knowledge of MS Word and would be prepared to act as holiday relief for editing the Hurstbourne Priors section of Hill & Valley,

would you please contact Graham Finlayson ☎ 01256 893667.

### Singing For the Mind Gill Nethercott Centre, Whitchurch Mondays 10:45am to 12:15pm (Volunteer Drivers Needed)

Every Monday (except Bank Holidays) a happy band of men and women get together to enjoy each other's company and sing a few favourite songs and rhymes. Some songs have actions which gives gentle exercise which members are finding a huge benefit to their general wellbeing. Much tea and coffee is drunk and there are always biscuits or cakes to enjoy!

We would welcome new people to the group, and are able to provide free transport, so please think about coming along for a try and see what we are all about.

We also need more **Volunteer drivers** to share the job with our current volunteers, we can provide the necessary minibus training if you are interested.

Please contact Sarah Castle for more information ☎ 01256 896270.

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### Chinese Brush Painting

Willis Museum, Basingstoke

Thursday 12 March 11:00am to 4.30pm



Join artist Angela Reich, Chair of the National Chinese Brush Painters Society for this unique Chinese Brush Painting Workshop.

This beautiful art form combines expressiveness with simplicity. Only a few brush strokes are needed to evoke a whole scene, a season or an atmosphere.

No previous experience needed, all materials will be provided.

To find out about our pricing structure or to book please call 01256 465902 or drop into the museum.

### Some Village History

The name of the village and spelling have evolved over time; the original name probably refers to the 'Hysse', a winding water plant, and 'Bourne' the name of the rivelet running through the village.

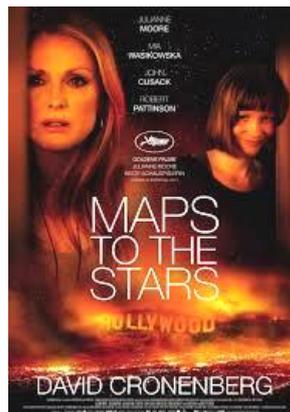
The addition of *Priors* appeared in the 12th century, as the manor was in the possession of the Priory of St Swithun, Winchester. It remained so until the dissolution and the prior had a substantial manor here. Some examples are:

- 8th century - Hissaburnam
- 9th century - Husseburn
- 11th century - Esseburn(e) (Domesday Book)
- 12th century - Hesseburna Priors
- 14th century - Hussiborne
- 16th century - Hursbourne Priors
- 18/19th century - Hurstbourne Priors

Hurstbourne Priors was patronised by two famous authors; angler Harry Plunket Greene, who lived in the Long House and wrote the famous fishing book, 'Where the Bright Waters Meet', and William Cobbett who referred to the village in his famous writings about his horseback journey, 'Rural Rides', in the 19th century.

The corruption, *Down Husband*, is used by Cobbett, in his writings, when Hurstbourne Tarrant, at the head of the Bourne Valley, was called *Up Husband*. *Down Hurstbourne* and *Lower Hurstbourne* also appear in the 19th century.

**More information is available on the village web site [www.hurstbournepriors-pc.org.uk](http://www.hurstbournepriors-pc.org.uk)**



### Whitchurch Films Maps to the Stars (18)

Gill Nethercott Centre  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March  
7:30pm

'A tour into the heart of a Hollywood family chasing celebrity, one another and the relentless ghosts of their pasts.'

Starring an award winning performance by Julianne Moore.

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

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Mothering Sunday, this year, falls on 15th March. It is a holiday celebrated by Christians in Europe and falls on the fourth Sunday in Lent. It is increasingly being called Mother's Day, although that has always been a secular event quite different from the original Mothering Sunday.

According to some sources, early Mother's Day celebrations can be dated back to the spring celebrations to honour Rhea, the Mother of the Gods, in ancient Greek civilisation. Later, Mothering Sunday in the United Kingdom was traditionally a day for people to visit the church where they were baptised, although it now also celebrates motherhood in modern times.

The modern-day origins of Mother's Day can be attributed to two women – Julia Ward Howe and Anna Jarvis, who were important in establishing the tradition in the United States. Around 1870, Julia Ward Howe called for Mother's Day to be celebrated each year. Other sources say that Juliet Calhoun Blakely initiated Mother's Day in Albion, Michigan, in the late 1800s. Her sons paid tribute to her each year and urged others to honour their mothers.

In 1907, Anna Jarvis held a private Mother's Day celebration in memory of her mother, Ann Jarvis, in Grafton, West Virginia. In 1908, she played a key role in arranging a church service that attracted 407 children and their mothers. A Mother's Day International Association was founded in 1912 to promote the holiday in other countries and it has grown increasingly popular since then. In the UK, Mothering Sunday is celebrated in the same way as Mother's Day is celebrated elsewhere.

Many people believe that Mother's Day is now largely commercialised, with card companies, flower shops, jewellery stores, gift shops, restaurants, hotels, and department stores advertising promotions and special deals for this event.

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**Garden Birds  
Adult Needle Felting  
Workshop  
By Rebecca Anning  
Thursday 19 March 2015,  
10:30am - 14:30pm**

Whitchurch Silk Mill

Come and join Rebecca Anning (felt-by-bex) for an adult's 'Garden Birds' workshop.

Whether you are a complete beginner or have dabbled before, this workshop will enable you to complete your own small bird to take away with you.

Cost £20 to include all materials.

Maximum class size 10 people, so booking is essential. Booking through the Silk Mill on 01256 892065.

For more information: [info@whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk](mailto:info@whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk)

### Parish Lengthsman

You may have seen, in the Minutes of the Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council Meetings, reference to the "Parish Lengthsman" and, possibly wondered what it was all about. The Lengthsman is a historic role, responsible for walking the "length of the Parish" to ensure that ditches and drains are clear.

Parish Lengthsmen were deployed in Hampshire until the late 1960s, carrying out routine maintenance works across their allocated parishes. Lengthsmen were given lengths of highway to maintain and were expected to do everything necessary to keep 'their' sections of road up to scratch. They generally worked alone, using hand tools.



Lengthsmen tended to live in or near the parishes in which they worked and took great pride in their area. They would have a close relationship with the parish authority and would be very aware of local needs. However, mechanisation and reducing budgets sent the service into decline and proved the downfall of the labour intensive lengthsman.

Tasks for the modern lengthsman can include ditch cleaning, maintenance of grass verges, sign cleaning and any other minor issues that the local community identifies as significant to them. Working in partnership with parish councils, Hampshire County Council nominates and pays a Lead Parish in each pilot area to administer and co-ordinate the scheme on behalf of the other partners. It also provides £1,000 to parish councils taking up the scheme.

The Parish Council supplies a prioritised lists of tasks on a worksheet one month in advance, to the Lead Parish Council, indicating clearly the authority normally responsible for each task. Ideally, there should be a list of works to be done for the year rather than for each visit and this can be prioritised as required.

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**Coach Trip to  
Guildford and Bourne  
Mill Antiques Centre  
Thursday 23rd April**

With 3 covered shopping centres and a maze of interesting and

unique shops, Guildford will suit you if shopping is your thing!

Guildford Museum is set in a group of historic buildings, just a few minutes walk from the High Street and is full of charm and character. It is an interesting 17th century Grade 1 listed Town House, displaying an interesting range of exhibitions with events and a gifts and tea shop.

The Castle - climb the tower for a panoramic view of the City and surrounding countryside.

A short walk along the tow path brings you to Dapdune Wharf, owned by the National Trust. It's the hub of the Wey Navigations. Historically it was where the Wey barges were built and now its warehouses and waterfront house are a visitor centre which tell the story of the 360 year old waterway.

On our way home we will stop at Bourne Mill Antique Centre, a real Aladdin's Cave of antiques, collectables and homewares, and the excellent Mill Stream Cafe!

Coach leaves at 930am, arriving home around 6pm.

**Tickets cost £15 each from the Library and Gill Nethercott Centre, Whitchurch.**