

Hurstbourne Priors

Weather September 2014

Total rainfall for month 28mm = 1.10ins
It rained on 4 days

Rainfall September 2013 57mm = 2.24ins
Total for 2014 to date 963mm = 37.90ins
Total to September 2013 441mm = 17.36ins

Min Temperature 5C = 41F(13th)
Max Temperature 24C = 76F(30th)

This year, we had the driest and warmest September since records began!

John Smail

Ladies Coffee Morning



Ladies, keep up to date with village events - come along to the November coffee morning hosted by Sheila Perkins at Mistletoe Cottage (☎ 892181) on **Wednesday 12th**, from 10.15 onwards.

Hurstbourne Priors Fireworks and Bonfire Party on Saturday 8th November starting at 6 pm at Hurstbourne Priors House



Watch Guy go up in smoke, with a fantastic firework display, and sample the hot dogs, washed down with mulled wine (or a soft drink). A further attraction will be "glowsticks" for children.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING SPARKLERS AS THESE CAN BE A HAZARD TO LIVESTOCK IF LEFT ON THE GROUND

Pay on entry - Adults £3, children 3-12 £1.50 and under 3 free

Mobile Library



The Mobile Library will be at the Village Hall, from 11.05am until 11.35am, on **Saturday 1st and 29th November**.

St. Andrew's Day Service - Sunday 30th November 2014

You may have seen the good news in October's Hill and Valley that Revd Craig Marshall, our new vicar, will be installed on 19th 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 30th 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 and start what we pray will be a long and happy relationship between him and Hurstbourne Priors.

Therefore - Save the Date!

Sunday 30th November 2014 at 3.00pm in St Andrew's Church for a family-oriented service, followed by tea in the Village Hall.

Whitchurch Films at the Gill Nethercott Centre:

Chef (15) on

Tues 25th November 7:30pm

A comedy to lighten up the dark winter's evening... 'A chef who loses his restaurant job starts up a food truck in an effort to reclaim his creative promise, while piecing back together his estranged family.' Starring Jon Faveau and Robert Downey Junior.

We now have comfy cushions to make life a little more comfortable!

Tickets cost £5 in advance or £5.50 on the night, available from the GNC or Library.

☎ 01256 896270

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Village Trees



As a celebration of the Millennium, the Parish Council persuaded the Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council Tree Department to supply and plant three hornbeam trees at the entrance to

Drury Close. Sadly one died but the other two are growing well.

At the same time, the Tree Officer suggested and also planted a young walnut tree on the village green to replace a diseased one that was being crowded out by the pink chestnut tree.

A variety of hawthorn, with good berries for the bride, was planted by the east fence of the churchyard for the Jubilee Year, 2012. One further tree, a native oak, was planted in April of this year in the south west corner of the churchyard. It is growing well, in spite of the dry summer and, we hope, will be enjoyed by future generations.

Cats Protection



I'm sure I don't have to remind you that the 5th November is Bonfire Night. Unfortunately it is now not just celebrated on the one night but seems to go on for weeks. Cats can be terrified of fireworks

so please keep yours in, after dark, until all danger has passed.

Some time ago I went to pick up a stray cat at a house in Andover. Amazingly it was micro-chipped and it turned out that, two years previously on 5th November, it disappeared from its home, crossed two main roads and was unable to find its way back. The owners were delighted to be re-united with their pet.

The ginger cats Geoffrey and Gilbert have found a new



home in Monxton with a family who have three delightful little boys.

Roger, who is seven months old, is a very big boy for his age. He is super-friendly and loves being picked up and having cuddles. He is looking for an adult home with no other pets.

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

Harvest Festival

At the Harvest Service in St Andrew's Church on Sunday 12th October, the children were busy creating "vegimals" (animals made from vegetables).



One Hundred Years Ago (1911)

The following is an article from an August 2011 edition of the Andover Advertiser, kindly provided by a local resident, about an event in 1911..

"HURSTBOURNE PRIORS - CINEMA ENTERTAINMENT
Through the kindness of the Countess of Portsmouth, all parishioners were admitted free to a most interesting and varied cinematograph entertainment given in the Village Hall on Thursday evening last week.

The Hall was crowded. The operator showed Coronation pictures, the investiture of the Prince of Wales as Knight of the Garter, the War Office inspection of aeroplanes at Aldershot, a varied assortment of English, French and American comic pictures, two pathetic little stories and two good selections of kinemacolor (autumn leaves and the cult of dahlia etc.)."

Movies at the Parish Hall, Whitchurch Thursday 20th November BOYHOOD (15) Real life adventure

Filmed over 12 years with the same cast, Richard Linklater's film is a ground breaking story of growing up, as seen through the eyes of a child named Mason who literally grows up on screen before our eyes.

Starring Ethan Hawke and Patricia Arquette as Mason's parents, 'Boyhood' charts the rocky terrain of childhood like no other film has before. A truly epic film.

Tickets £5.00 at the door or from Newbury Building Society. Soft Drinks and Wine Bar.

☎ 01256 896775

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The following is a summary of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 24th September. A copy of the full Minutes will be made available on the web site at

www.hurstbournepriors-pc.org.uk.

Tufton: Weeds and long grass are obscuring the sight lines on the A34 Off Ramp. This will be raised with the Highways Dept. to ascertain who has responsibility for cutting the verge. There are more pot holes which will also be reported to Highways.

Mud on B3400: at the Apsley Landfill Site - SITA has sold the licence to another company but, so far, they have not returned any calls.

Cllr Mr T Thacker reported that the HCC Monitoring Officer has visited the site and there is an issue with the exit from the wheel wash. The track is muddy and this is where the mud is being picked up by the vehicles. A road sweeper has been booked to clear this area but work is needed to rectify this low spot where the water gathers. This will be monitored by HCC.

St Mary Bourne Diversion: Southern Water are carrying out repairs on the flooded sewers in St Mary Bourne which will result in the road being closed for three weeks, starting the 22nd October. A 16 mile diversion route will be sign posted.

Highways: Highways have, again, been requested to remove the signs after the "Operation Resilience" work carried out several months ago.

Speed Reminder Sign: The site meeting with PC Deery had to be rescheduled as she was on leave.

New Speed Limits: Villager Mr Phillip Chalk raised concerns over the new 50mph speed limit on the Whitchurch Road at the junction to Tufton. The concerns were noted, although the speed limit has actually been reduced from 60mph to 50mph on this stretch of road.

Parish Plan: More information was needed on what was involved to see if it would be of benefit to Hurstbourne Priors. TVBC will be contacted to confirm the difference between the various community plans.

Posts on the Village Green: It was agreed to proceed with the installation of 6 further posts at a cost of £80.

Bonfire Event: It was confirmed that the Village Bonfire will be held on the 8th November. Henry du Val has offered the use of a tractor to help build the bonfire and William Murray has kindly offered the excess wood from trees that fell during the storms year, to help with the fire.

Lengthsman Scheme: An update on work completed had been supplied by the leading parish but no work has been done in Hurstbourne Priors since June. The work outstanding will be resubmitted prior to the 20th of the month, when the lead parish has requested the forms.

A monthly update will be provided to the Parish Council showing work requested and work completed.

Planning: The planning application for Cressington has been approved.

Outline Planning Permission for 44 dwellings and a Class B Commercial Unit on the Hirst Site.

Whilst the Parish Council agreed in principal there were several concerns which will be included in the response to Basingstoke and Deane. Similar concerns were raised by Mr Simon Tufnell, who lives close to the site.

The Test Valley Borough Council Revised Local Plan is due to be heard on the 15th October 2014. A copy will be forwarded to Hurstbourne Priors.

Parish Councillors' Reports: Cllr Mrs C Read reported that Henry du Val has invited the Parish Council to tour his facility at Apsley. The Parish Council asked if it could be arranged for a Saturday morning.

Cllr Mrs C Read reported that she had attended a recent Bourne Rivulet Initiative meeting. The proposed development at the Hirst site was discussed and the following concerns raised by members at the meeting:

Water/Drainage: There are concerns regarding the foul water and surface water drainage. Currently, the surface water runs down the 'drive' into the Vitacress site; this is a cause for concern as the pollutants in the water are entering a food production site. 44 houses would result in even more foul water as well as more surface water from the extra tarmac surfaces.

Pollutants: Since the site operated as a recycling facility for a very long time, the control of pollutants and toxins probably did not meet current requirements. If the planning application goes through, very strict controls will be needed over the removal of the contaminated topsoil, the cost of which may be prohibitive.

Welcome Letters: Three welcome letters were delivered in September to new residents in Hurstbourne Priors. Tufton now have their own letter.

Cllr Mrs C Read and Cllr Mr P Smail gave a brief report on issues raised at a recent Vitacress meeting.

Cllr Mr M Williams spoke about the Bullington Wind Farm planning application hearing.

Village Hall Report: The LIF grant of £10,000 has been received and will be used for the replacement kitchen units. Work will commence on 13th October and should take about two weeks.

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

Recreation Ground Report: The Cricket Club is in the process of putting the Cricket Square to bed for the winter. There have been major problems with the grass cutting this year and it has been decided to look at alternative contractors and the possibility of purchasing our own grass cutting equipment.

Hiring fees of £840 have been received, to date.

The holes in the Pavilion by the clock will be repaired before the onslaught of winter but the outside may not be painted until the spring.

Dairy Cottage: The Testbourne Estate Land Agent will be advised about reports of rats in the vicinity of Dairy Cottage.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 26th November 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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**Movies at the Parish Hall, Whitchurch
Thursday 6th November 2014 7.30pm**

BELLE Period Drama (12A)

Inspired by the true story of Dido Elizabeth Belle (Gugu Mbatha-Raw), the illegitimate mixed race daughter of Admiral Sir John Lindsay (Matthew Goode). Raised by her aristocratic great-uncle Lord Mansfield (Tom Wilkinson) and his wife (Emily Watson), Belle's lineage affords her certain privileges, yet her status prevents her from the traditions of noble social standing. After meeting an idealistic young vicar's son bent on changing society, he and Belle help shape Lord Mansfield's role as Lord Chief Justice to end slavery in England. Starring Gugu Mbatha-Raw, Tom Wilkinson, Miranda Richardson, Emily Watson, Penelope Wilton, Matthew Goode, Sarah Gadon, Tom Felton

Tickets £5.00 at the door or from Newbury Building Society. Soft Drinks and Wine Bar

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Harvest Supper

Villagers, friends and family enjoyed a delicious meal in the Village Hall on Saturday 11th October. This was followed by a challenging quiz, organised by Mark Williams. All the teams scored well and took away "sweet" prizes.

Many thanks to all those who brought along the great selection of raffle prizes – they were certainly appreciated by the winners! Thanks especially to Fenella Williams, to the catering team and to all who contributed the food, especially the wonderful selection of desserts.



Annual Visitors to the Village

Following the Harvest Supper, the village experienced the annual visit of the traction engines on their way to Wyke Down and onwards. Although they were unable to quench their thirst at the Hurstbourne Inn this year, many of the drivers and passengers stopped in the village to partake of their own "refreshments" and to apply oil to the appropriate parts (of the engines!).

