

WEATHER – MAY 2019

Total rainfall for month	41mm	1.61ns
It rained on	7 days	
Rainfall same month last year	59mm	2.32ins
Total for 2019	306mm	12.04ins
Total for 2018	498mm	19.60ins
Max temp (on 24th)	26 C	78 F
Min temp (on 4th)	0 C	32 F

A dry three months. We have had 5 inches less rain in total, in March, April and May than last year. Will we catch up in June?

John Smail

LADIES COFFEE MORNINGS

The July Coffee Morning will be held in the newly refurbished Cricket Pavilion on Thursday, 11th July. It will be hosted jointly by Barbara Carrodus (893473) and Angela Thomas (895992).

The August Coffee Morning will be hosted by Susie Sorby (892665) at Bourne House on Tuesday, 13th August 2019 from 10.15 onwards.

**SONGS OF PRAISE SERVICE**

Sunday 18th August 2019
St Andrew's Church at 4pm

Please come and join us for another new style, informal service where you can enjoy singing favourite old hymns and some new songs followed by tea and cake.

If you play an instrument, come and join our growing band of musicians! All very welcome.

Any enquiries to Ann Orr (annjorr@btinternet.com) or Fenella Williams (fenella.williams@btopenworld.com)

HURSTBOURNE PRIORS MAY FAIR 2020

No it's not a typing error!!

The May Fair Committee is already busy planning next year's May Fair.

In 2020, for one year only, the Early May Bank Holiday will move to Friday 8th May to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day and so we are having to change the day on which the May Fair is held in 2020.

We are suggesting that the May Fair will be held on **SUNDAY 3rd May** so that we do not clash with any events which are being organised in memory of VE day or other traditional events held in the area on the second weekend of May.

We have approached a cross-section of our stallholders, exhibitors and entertainments and they are happy to support Hurstbourne Priors May Fair again next year.

If you would like to join us to help organise HBP May Fair 2020 or contribute ideas to ensure its success, please contact Jim Vyse on 07970 533764 or jimvysearks@gmail.com

**SAVE THE DATES!**

There will be no Hill and Valley in August so here is advance notice of some events coming up in the autumn:

Musical Evenings at St Andrew's

Thursday 3rd October at 7.30pm. The Farrant Singers – back by popular request for a concert of their wonderful, unaccompanied singing.

Saturday 16th November at 7pm. A piano recital by Christopher Burrows who will play a selection of works from Bach, Mozart, Brahms, Beethoven and Parry.

Harvest Supper

The Harvest Supper will be on Saturday, 12th October at 7pm in the Village Hall.

More details will be in the September Hill & Valley.

THE WIMPY CYCLIST IS BACK!

Diary of a Wimpy Cyclist No 4

Season 2 – Sam's ride, The Return ...

As soon as the sun comes out there is a rush to pick up 2-wheels. However, for practice week this year the tourist-trophy (TT) races on the Isle of Man was almost a complete wash-out.



My best man Justin was over from Iowa, USA, to see the Superbikes and sidecars, and we thought we would book-end his visit with a jaunt around the Hampshire/Wiltshire

countryside entirely under our own power. Yes, Sam's Ride had come around again, almost marking the start of Summer.

My middle-aged-man-in-lycra (MAMIL) off-season has been spent mostly indoors on a masochistic device known as a turbo-trainer. You unhook the rear wheel of your pedal bike, then connect the frame to an electronic fly-wheel mounted in the lounge, facing the telly. Having bribed my wife with promises of wash-board Abs, I then proceed to melt aggressively as I immerse myself in the virtual world that is "Zwift".

Zwift controls the resistance on your turbo-trainer, tugging at your legs as you ascend virtual hills in the virtual landscapes, with modern computer-game quality graphics and alpine scenes. You ride with hundreds of others – mostly from Australia - depending on the time of day, and effectively race everyone into a puddle on the floor. The competitive element and the lack of 4th dimensional feedback, i.e. bugs in the face or wind-shear, make for a sense of furious self-confidence.

Armed with new confidence, 4 months of turbo-training, and a new bike, I took to Sam's Ride – a real ride on real roads, with real weather and real people. The new bike was really for Justin, but he rejected it in favour of the heavier mountain bike from the shed. This was where attempting 100 miles was pure folly. As most of the 800 riders passed us on the hill up to Oxenwood I could hear comments of "fair play", as Justin meandered at 6mph on the lowered seat, hoping he might take-off like Elliot from the movie E.T.

Sam's Ride took us on a lethal diversion at Hurstbourne Tarrant, crossing the A343 at a fast-dip opposite the dog kennels. That hill was the hint of struggles to come for the Iowan more used to the vast flat expanses of the American mid-west (think scenes from Superman, just corn as far as the eye can see). After getting soaked on the journey west of Dunbridge, we managed 55 miles of the 100 miles course, bailing out after 7.5 hours (5.5 hours in the saddle) – we were even too late for the second feed station that had long since packed up. In true Strava-spirit though, Kudos to everyone that attended the event and to the organisers and marshalls on a well-marked course. All for a good cause: Samaritans.

Addendum: Riding with others in a real group is key, such as with the Andover Wheelers. There is strength and safety in numbers, as well as crucial etiquette for those wanting to attend races. This week I started back out with the Wheelers – there is a 'steady' group at 12-13 mph, accessible to those just learning or getting a feel for the road, plus a pub/farm shop finish with a slice of carrot cake and a cuppa. The fast group this week did, however, get into some grief with a couple of cars that cut them up at Penton: a white Kia, and silver-grey VW Golf (RK18 LWD). I would appeal: a) try not to use your 2-tonne car as a weapon in frustration, and b) the cyclists know who you are – we all live locally.

Simon Mattison

BIN COLLECTION CHANGES

As Hill and Valley goes to print, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council have announced that there will be some changes to the bin collection timetables for household waste, household recycling and green waste collections.



All households will get a notification at some point during the first two weeks of July. If you do not receive a notice then you are asked to check online at www.basingstoke.gov.uk and follow the link to 'Bins and Recycling'. We have been assured that we will still get weekly household waste collections and fortnightly recycling collections.

The new schedule is due to start on Monday 22nd July.

TOMBSTONE CORNER



In Memory of JOHN, MILLICENT and GEORGE, Sons and Daughter of THOMAS and MARTHA KIMBER

JOHN dyed Janry the 8th 1760 Aged 18 Years
 MILLICENT dyed Janry 30th 1760 Aged 14 Years
 GEORGE dyed Apr. 13th 1760 Aged 12 Years

*Behold three youths not fully grown
 When in stepped death and cut them down
 It took them off in early Age
 And brought them to their final Stage*

This is another in the series of tombstone inscriptions taken from the records of the Old Churchyard at St Andrew’s church now available in the porch. If you have a few spare moments do take the time to wander around and see for yourself the history of our village written in these inscriptions.

This one records the tragedy that struck the Kimber family losing three teenage children in the space of four months – presumably to an infectious disease of some type for which they had no cure in 1760. What was that disease?

Martin Briant-Evans

**RIDE AND STRIDE
 14 SEPTEMBER 2019**



In aid of Hampshire & the Islands Historic Churches Trust

More than 30 Counties throughout England and Wales are involved in the annual sponsored Ride and Stride which takes place on the second Saturday of September between 10am and 6pm. This year the date is 14th September 2019.

Ride and Stride involves people of all ages who spend an enjoyable time raising money for repairs and restoration to the churches and chapels of

Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Half the money you raise goes to the church of your choice.

This event is a wonderful opportunity for families and friends to discover the rich heritage of our historic church buildings. Participants cycle, walk, run, ride or drive to raise money for the region’s historic churches and chapels of all denominations. You seek sponsorship to visit as many churches on the yearly list as you wish, choosing your own route and setting your own speed.

The money you raise from your sponsors will be divided between Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches’ Trust and the church or churches of your choice or you can donate all your sponsorship monies to the Trust. The sponsorship form and information sheet can be downloaded from the Ride and Stride website: www.hihct.org.uk/rideStride.php

**PAVILION AND CRICKET GROUND
 BOOKING**

The first phase of our beautiful Pavilion’s refurbishment is now completed and the new kitchen has been installed.

The upgraded lighting and water heating system has been fitted and we hope that the second phase, the installation of a disabled toilet, will take place during the winter.



This now means that the Pavilion is available to hire for a wide range of events and celebrations. We already have three wedding receptions this summer but it could be used for any sort of

event, including children’s parties on the recreation ground. The cricket pitch is, as always, available to hire for matches throughout the season and we still have several weekend slots available this year.

For cricket bookings please contact Mark Williams on mark.williams@btinternet.com (01256 892081) and for Pavilion enquiries and bookings please contact clareread@aol.com

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

The following email has been circulated by Ann Orr to residents of Hurstbourne Priors. She does not have an address for everyone in the village, so please do contact her if you would like to be kept informed of village events - in addition to reading about them in your Hill and Valley of course!

Dear Villager,

I am writing on behalf of the Safari Supper, Village Hall, Cricket Pavilion and Recreation Ground, Neighbourhood Watch and May Fair Committees and St Andrew's PCC.

We would really like to keep you informed about events happening in the village. However, in order to comply with Data Protection Regulations, we need to have your consent to retain your name, address, telephone number and email address securely and to contact you.

Events we would notify you about include Safari Supper, May Fair, Church events or those happening on the Recreation Ground or Village Hall but also if burglaries have occurred or suspicious vehicles are seen in the vicinity. There will also be notification of one off events like VE Day Celebrations.

We would really like to include you in this but please could you confirm your consent to this. If we do not hear from you, you will not be notified of any village events by email.

Please rest assured your information is kept securely and will not be given to anyone else without your consent.

Best wishes,

Ann Orr (annjorr@btinternet.com)

WORD OF THE MONTH

The word for July is MELLIFLUOUS “pleasingly smooth and musical to hear.”

And a bonus word for June: PLUVIAL an adjective meaning “relating to or characterised by rainfall” or Noun: “a period marked by increased rainfall.”

Barbara Carrodus



Poor Noir is still with us and is desperate to meet her new family. If you think you can offer her a home, please do get in touch.

This is Saffi, a beautiful black female cat who is used to going outside. Although she has lived with other cats we feel she would be happier being the only pet in the family. She is about 4 years old.



We've also welcomed a new fosterer into the team. We now have 7 fosterers in and around Andover. If you're interested in volunteering please contact us to find out more.

Come and see us at the St Mary Bourne Fete on 27th July. We will be there between 1-4pm.

Homing Enquiries: 0345 260 1501 or andover.cats.org.uk
Fund-raising and volunteers: 07733 242196
or email: coord@andovercats.org.uk
Items for resale: 01256 892773

ANDOVER FILM CLUB

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July's film is *Le Mepris* at the Odeon Cinema, Andover on Monday, 8th July at 8pm.

Le Mepris is a 1963 French-Italian New Wave drama film written and directed by Jean-Luc Godard, based on the Italian novel *Il disprezzo* (A Ghost at Noon) by Alberto Moravia and starring Brigitte Bardot, Michel Piccoli, Jack Palance, and Giorgia Moll.

Pre-booking on line is recommended at www.andoverfilmclub.org