

**WEATHER APRIL 2017**

Total rainfall for month	12mm	0.47 ins
Rained on 4 days		
Rainfall in April 2016	79mm	2.19 ins
Total for 2017	292mm	11.49 ins
Total for 2016	415mm	16.33 ins
Max. Temperature	23C	74 °F (23 <sup>rd</sup> )
Min. Temperature	1C	34 °F (18 <sup>th</sup> )

So far there is nearly 5 inches less rainfall than this time last year. The Met. Office say that the October to March period is the driest since 1995/96. The average rainfall for April is 55mm.

**Ladies Coffee Morning**

This month's Ladies Coffee Morning will be hosted by Ann Yeaman (☎ 896432) at Paddock View, Hurstbourne Priors, on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June**, from 10.15am onwards.

**The Future of 'The Hill and Valley'**

From September this year, the Hill & Valley requires new editors in order for the magazine to continue into the future. The full story and further information are to be found in Vicar Craig's letter on page 3 of this edition. Might you be a Hill & Valley editor in waiting?

**MAY FAIR 2017**

The May Fair Committee would like to thank all those wonderful, committed band of helpers who once again made our May Fair such a tremendous success and very happy day.

With a good crowd and the blessing of the weather we have achieved another grand amount and banked takings of over **£14,000** (£12,500 last year). This is a remarkable sum and a real tribute to the hard work of all involved not only on the day but also during the months of preparation leading up to May 1<sup>st</sup>.

There are, of course, expenses to be finalised and our final results will be available at our Village Celebration Drinks which will be held on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30**. We hope the weather will be kind and we will be able to be on the Recreation Ground at the Pavilion – otherwise we shall be in the Village Hall. We do hope that everyone in the village will feel able to join us, even if you were not able to be at the Fair.

Again very many thanks on behalf of the May Fair Committee for making our 2017 Fair such a wonderful community event. It enables us to help support St Andrew's Church, the Village Hall and Recreation Ground on whose behalf the May Fair is organised.

**Garden open for charity**

**2 Church Cottages, Tufton,  
Whitchurch, RG28 7RF**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June  
2.00pm - 5.00pm**

**Adults £4.00 - Children Free**

**More information at [ngs.org.uk](http://ngs.org.uk)**

### Hampshire Garden Festival

- PLANTS ● BOOKS ● FOOD ● ENTERTAINMENT

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June  
BERE MILL, WHITCHURCH RG28 7NH

Supporting  
North Hampshire  
Medical Fund

The charity buying tomorrow's equipment  
today

### GALA EVENING 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE WITH NIGEL HAVERS

More information  
@ [www.hampshiregardenfestival.co.uk](http://www.hampshiregardenfestival.co.uk) &  
Facebook

### Whitchurch Friends of QEII Daniel Park Community Orchard

Do you have a glut of apples every Autumn, and don't know what to do with them all?

We can help!

In the morning of Saturday 9th September, the Friends of QEII Daniel Park in Whitchurch will be hosting a communal apple pressing at the new community orchard beside the primary school (Daniel Road).

Everybody from Whitchurch and the surrounding villages is invited to bring their ripe, undamaged apples from 9am on the day. Richard Paget from [myapplejuice.co.uk](http://myapplejuice.co.uk) will press, pasteurise and bottle the juice, which you can then buy. Any profit made will be ploughed back into the upkeep of the Park.

Please save the date. There will be more details nearer the time.

#### Contact

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### Andover Film Club

Andover Film Club's June film is Moonlight. A look at three defining chapters in the life of Chiron, a young black man growing up in Miami. His epic journey to manhood is guided by the kindness, support and love of the community that helps raise him.

Mon. **12<sup>th</sup> June**, 8pm, ODEON Andover. Cert. 15. Tickets £6.50 available on the night or pre-book from [www.andoverfilmclub.org](http://www.andoverfilmclub.org)



### GALA CONCERT

**Saturday 17th June at 7:30pm**

St. Peter & Holy Cross Church, Wherwell

Join the Wherwell Singers as we celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a special Gala Concert. We will perform the world première of 'Let Every Voice', written by Will Todd, one of Britain's leading choral composers. The commission was inspired by text curated by Revd. Brian Pickett, a member of the choir, which perfectly captures a summer night by the river.

The concert includes Mozart's Requiem, where we will be joined by professional soloists, organist Andrew Hayman and guest choirs from across the UK: Vocalium, the King Alfred Singers and the Elizabethan Madrigal Singers. The programme also includes part-songs and spirituals by Vaughan Williams, Burton and Lauridsen.

Tickets are £12.50 and selling fast, so book now to avoid disappointment. Reserved parking will be available for all audience members next to the church.

For more information, visit  
[www.wherwellsingers.org](http://www.wherwellsingers.org),  
email [info@wherwellsingers.org](mailto:info@wherwellsingers.org),  
or call  01264 720 529.

**The Vine Trust**

The Vine Trust is a Christian charity based in Andover and operates The Vine Trust Bookshop. Its purpose is to serve the Christian and churches in Andover and the surrounding area, and to witness to the gospel of Christ.

The Vine Trust is looking for more volunteers to help in their Christian Bookshop in Bridge Street Andover.

The Vine Trust Bookshop is open 6 days a week from 10 am to 4 pm.

We operate two shifts per day:

10 am to 1 pm and 1 pm to 4 pm

We are looking for volunteers to help with either a half or full day.

Please contact:

Brenda Sleath on ☎ 01264 355706, [vinetrustandover@gmail.com](mailto:vinetrustandover@gmail.com)

You would be welcome to call into the shop to find out more or arrange a time for training.



Homing Enquiries 0345 260 1501 or [andovercats.org.uk](http://andovercats.org.uk)  
 Fund-raising and volunteers 07733 242196 or email [coord@andovercats.org.uk](mailto:coord@andovercats.org.uk)  
 Items for resale 01256 892773

Things have been very quiet for the last month and we do not have many cats up for homing, as some pens are occupied by cats who came in heavily pregnant and have recently produced kittens.

Our stint in the Whitchurch charity shop was very successful and we raised over £2500. We shall be there again on 11th August for two weeks.

After many months in care, Belle found her forever home with people whose previous cat had recently died and a kind lady has offered a home to Sally, our sixteen year old cat.

Clyde is a middle aged cat who had been straying for some time before he was handed in to us. He is very friendly but still feels so anxious about his food that he gulps it down before it touches the dish. He would love to find a family home where he can get lots of attention.



**HURSTBOURNE PRIORS PARISH COUNCIL**  
**PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED**  
**19 APRIL to 18 MAY 2017**

APPLICATION	PC RESPONSE	BDBC DECISION
T/00149/17/TCA Tree works at Fellowes Cottage	No objection	

**NATURAL PLANT DYEING WORKSHOP**  
**Andover Museum**

Explore the fascinating world of colour produced from fruits, flowers and vegetables. Try new techniques including tie-dyeing and colour mixing and make yourself a wealth of samples to take home.

10.30am - 4.00pm

Adult £35/ Over 60 £26.25/ In receipt of benefits £17.50

Contact: [hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk](http://hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk)

**HURSTBOURNE TARRANT  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Next Meeting**

**Monday 12th June 2017 at 7.30pm  
in the Community Centre**

**Twyford Waterworks.**

Dr Martin Gregory will describe the operation and history of this Edwardian pumping station just outside Winchester. A Scheduled Ancient Monument, Twyford Waterworks boasts a unique array of buildings and machinery, with steam, diesel and electric pumps telling the story of water extraction, softening and supply since the beginning of the 20th century.

Dr Gregory is a retired schoolmaster who taught physics at Winchester College for 37 years. He has worked on and researched the history of engineering and technology for over fifty years; his particular interests include the stationary steam engine for pumping and power generation, and the development of the sewing machine. He first visited Twyford in the late 1960s and until last year was a trustee of the Twyford Waterworks Trust.

The Society will visit Twyford Waterworks on Sunday 2nd July when the engines will be in steam; more details at the meeting.

**Visitors are most welcome to join us  
(£3.00)**

**For further information please contact**

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**HRH THE EARL OF WESSEX  
OFFICIALLY OPENS LANDMARK JANE  
AUSTEN EXHIBITION**

The Mysterious Miss Austen, a landmark exhibition exploring the author's life, work and relationship to Hampshire, was officially opened on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May by HRH The Earl of Wessex at The Gallery in Winchester Discovery Centre.

During his visit to The Gallery, the Earl was given a guided tour of the exhibition by staff from Hampshire Cultural Trust, who are staging the exhibition and coordinating Jane Austen 200, a year-long, county-wide series of events commemorating the 200th anniversary of the author's death.

At the centre of The Mysterious Miss Austen are six portraits of the author, all together under one roof for the very first time.

Included in these is a rarely seen 1869 watercolour portrait of Jane Austen by James Andrews. The work is currently in a private collection, and the likeness that will feature on the new £10 note from July 2017 is based on this portrait. The exhibition also includes around 50 items all generously loaned from private and public collections in the UK and abroad, as well as Austen's silk pelisse coat, one of a handful of items that survive today which actually belonged to Jane and can be traced directly back to her.

The Leader of Hampshire County Council, Councillor Roy Perry, said: "*We are immensely proud of Jane Austen's Hampshire heritage. This is a landmark exhibition at Winchester Discovery Centre, and we've been delighted to work closely with Jane Austen 200 partners, including Hampshire Cultural Trust, to host a number of bicentenary celebrations so that visitors from around the world can enjoy exploring Jane Austen's life and times.*"

**The Mysterious Miss Austen runs until  
24 July, the 200th anniversary of Jane  
Austen's funeral and burial at  
Winchester Cathedral.**