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**WEATHER – APRIL 2019**

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Total rainfall for month	48mm	1.88ins
It rained on	5 days	
Rainfall same month last year	99mm	3.90ins
Total for 2019	265mm	10.43ins
Total for 2018	439mm	17.26ins
Max temp (on 21st)	27 C	80 F
Min temp (on 2nd)	-2 C	28 F

*John Smail*

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**LADIES COFFEE MORNING**

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The March Coffee Morning will be hosted by Susie Sorby (892665) at Bourne House on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019 from 10.15 onwards.



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**RECREATION GROUND**

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Did you know you can book the cricket pitch at Hurstbourne Priors? Many dates for 2019 are still available, especially August. See the Hurstbourne Priors Recreation Ground page on Facebook or contact Mark Williams (01256 892091).



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**MAY FAIR 2019 VILLAGE MEETING – TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JUNE AT 7.30pm**

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The weather was somewhat cooler this year for the May Bank Holiday, but it didn't deter the crowds from coming to enjoy a fun packed afternoon at the May Fair. There was plenty of entertainment: Maypole dancing, a circus workshop, a magician, a working dog display and live music from Flipside. With good things to eat, our usual village stalls and a wide variety of exhibitors and craft stalls, it was a great day out for all the family.

There are still some expenses to be finalised, but it looks like the amount we have raised will be similar to last year's sum. Our results will be available at our **Village Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

A huge thank you on behalf of the May Fair Committee to all of the wonderful helpers who helped to make this once again a very successful and happy day. It is a tremendous community event and helps us to support the Village Hall, the Recreation Ground and St Andrew's Church on whose behalf the May Fair is organised.

We do hope everyone in the village will feel able to join us for the Village Meeting.

*Hurstbourne Priors May Fair Committee 2019*

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**ANDOVER FILM CLUB**

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June's film is *The White Crow* at the Odeon Cinema, Andover on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm.

Inspired by Julie Kavanaugh's book *Rudolf Nureyev: The Life* and directed by Ralph Fiennes, the film tells of Nureyev's famed defection from the Soviet Union to the West in 1961, despite KGB efforts to stop him.

Pre-booking on line is recommended at [www.andoverfilmclub.org](http://www.andoverfilmclub.org)

## THE WESSEX ART FAIR

7<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2019



Sarah O'Rorke of Hampshire art consultancy, Forton Fine Art, is collaborating with Mayfair Gallery's Tiffany Panter and Matthew Hall of Panter & Hall, to put on a Summer Exhibition. The Wessex Art Fair will be on from Friday 7<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June in Hurstbourne Priors.

With years of working in the art world, the organisers understand all too well how a piece of art can be transformative to a home. Too often, artwork is the final instalment and yet it can make an impact on a room, it can provide a private corner to stop and reflect, it can bring a room together, it can give a traditional space a contemporary feel or it can be used to make a home welcoming and warm.

Bringing the best of the two galleries' artists together, the exhibition will be showing work by both emerging artists alongside the more established. The organisers' intention is that visitors can enjoy the highest quality exhibition whilst at the same time feel confident that they can find a piece of art to fit their budget. Their greatest wish, though, is that visitors will find a painting or sculpture with which they have a connection. Matthew Hall talks about it as 'the perfect pairing of painting and client, the sense that the buyer before you is the only fit recipient of your treasured discovery'.

So whether looking for an investment or a treasured piece of art, the organisers invite you to visit the exhibition just outside Hurstbourne Priors at The Barn, Champmansford Farm House, RG28 7RR. Information on the exhibition can be found on the Forton Fine Art website, [www.fortonfineart.co.uk](http://www.fortonfineart.co.uk).

### The Wessex Art Fair

Hurstbourne Priors, RG28 7RR

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June

10.00am-5.00pm (except Sundays: 10.00am–2.00pm)

## TOMBSTONE CORNER



Sacred to the Memory of RICHARD WHITTLE who departed this Life

November 24th 1793 Aged 80 years

*Happy is he the only happy Man*

*Who like him dost all the good he Can*

*He Business lov'd - other would have better made*

*By prudent Industry in their Trade*

*So he God's blessing here did have and man's esteem*

*And when he died his works did follow him.*

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, sometimes tragic, but often historically interesting like this one.

What was Richard Whittle's trade and are any of his works still around?

*Martin Briant-Evans*

## WORD OF THE MONTH

PSITHURISM (if you can pronounce it) is a noun meaning the sound of wind whispering through trees.

Naturalist and founding member of the RSPB, W. H. Hudson, suggests in *Birds and Man* (1901), that psithurism is salubrious. He describes the sound of wind in the trees as "very restorative".



Larry, last month's mog, has gone off to live with a young family in Basingstoke so will get plenty of love and attention. This black beauty is Noir. Noir is overweight so needs an owner who is willing to keep her on a strict diet and get her weighed regularly. She's a happy girl and would benefit from being able to exercise in a garden.



We raised £1862 during our recent time in the Rotations Charity shop in Whitchurch. We will next have the shop during September and will need some able-bodied volunteers to help us. Please get in touch if you think you could help.

We will be at the Chute Fete on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June so please come along and say hello. Hopefully we will have nice weather.

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

## ANDOVER FOOD BANK

Thank you for your continued support, it is greatly appreciated, as always.

You may be interested to know that during the first quarter of 2019 we gave out 295 family food boxes and 266 single boxes. We also give out bulk food on a regular basis to local agencies who either provide meals for clients or help them to develop their cooking skills. When we are able to we also provide essential toiletries to local hostels and those in supported living.

At the moment we are running low on the following items:

- Fruit Juice (longlife)
- Milk (longlife)
- Tinned fish
- Tinned meat
- Tinned veg (carrots, peas, sweetcorn – not pulses please!)
- Tinned rice pudding

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** We have been offered a delivery of 3 tons of topsoil for the Andover Foodbank garden. The garden will (all being well!) produce fresh veg and fruit which will be distributed to local agencies and clients. We desperately need a team of volunteers – preferably, armed with spades and wheelbarrows – to move the soil. Once we have a team of helpers we will arrange for the soil to be delivered. Please contact the Andover Foodbank by email or phone: [office@andoverfoodbank.org.uk](mailto:office@andoverfoodbank.org.uk) or 01264 362111 if you can help us.

*Jenny Lelean  
Community Manager*

## GIL NETHERCOTT CENTRE

**Sylvanian Families Shopping Weekend 29 / 30  
June 2019 at the Gill Nethercott Centre and  
Whitchurch Silk Mill.**

The Sylvanian Families Shop, London is excited to announce the return of their Sylvanian Families shopping weekend!

Come and see the fantastic range of Sylvanian products for sale, plus lots of special offers, competitions, creative activities marquee and even visits from your favourite Sylvanian characters as well as their special song and dance performances!

It is going to be a fabulous day out, and even better it's FREE!

No tickets, no booking, just come along and enjoy the day!

Open 10.00-4.00pm on both days

Refreshments, light lunches and afternoon teas will be available in the Silk Mill cafe throughout the weekend.

Contact details: 01256 895511

[www.sylvanianstorekeepers.com/whitchurch-weekend](http://www.sylvanianstorekeepers.com/whitchurch-weekend)

