

WEATHER MARCH 2017

Total rainfall for month	74mm	2.91 ins
Rained on 8 days		
Rainfall in March 2017	100mm	3.93 ins
Total for 2017	279mm	10.98 ins
Total for 2016	336mm	13.22ins
Max. Temperature	25°C	77°F (26 th)
Min. Temperature	-2°C	28°F (1 st)

Ladies Coffee Morning

This month's Ladies Coffee Morning will be hosted by Helen Mehaffey (893119) at The Limes, Hurstbourne Priors, on **Tuesday 23rd May**, from 10.15 onwards.

**ANDOVER FILM CLUB**

Andover Film Club's May film is: **Jackie**. Natalie Portman stars as Jackie Kennedy before and after the 1963 assassination of her husband, JFK.

Monday 8th May, 8pm,
ODEON Andover. Cert. 15.
Tickets £6.50 available on the night or pre-book from www.andoverfilmclub.org



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

Our head office is continually urging us to home more cats but this is easier said than done. Unwanted young cats and kittens are readily re-homed by their owners and we are left with the cats such as Elsie, below, who was straying because no one wanted her. We also have Sally, a 16 year old, much loved cat whose owner died. She has been in care for six months and we have spent a small fortune in veterinary fees restoring her health but it seems unlikely that anyone will offer her a home.

The weekend spent with our soft toy tombola at Pets at Home was both pleasant and successful. We took £143 and this will increase when we receive the money raised from rounding up at the till.

Belle, last month's cat, is still awaiting her forever home.



My name is Elsie. I am quite elderly and my eyesight is not so good so I would need to be an indoor cat to keep me safe. I love my food and lots of cuddles. Please consider giving me a loving home.

Could you be a Parish Councillor?

Do you care what happens in your village?

Are you interested in what goes on in your community?

Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council currently has a vacancy and would welcome a resident of Hurstbourne Priors or Tufton who feels that they have something to contribute to the way our community moves forward in terms of planning, day to day life and the general upkeep of our amenities.

The Council meets every two months at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Some matters are dealt with by email between those scheduled meetings. If you think you can contribute to the work the Parish Council does, then you will find the role to be interesting, rewarding, and fulfilling.

If you are interested then please email either

the Parish Clerk

Richard Waterman on

richard.waterman150@btinternet.com

or

the Chairman

Clare Read on **clareread@aol.com** .

All enquiries will be confidential.

**Hurstbourne Tarrant
Historical Society**

Next meeting - Monday 8th May 2017 - 7.45pm in the Community Centre: Food from the Past - but

how do historians actually know what people ate in the past? The first farmers grew emmer and einkorn wheat, the ancient Greeks practised crop rotation and the Romans cultivated artichokes, leeks, celery, onions, cabbage, lettuce, cumin, garlic, plums and mulberries. Evidence from ancient texts and carved inscriptions, even recipes, tell us a lot – and of course there are burials, which can sometimes reveal the last meal. The talk by Jenny Stevens MA, BA(Hons) MCIFA, will discuss some of the methods used to piece together clues about our ancestors' diet. By training an archaeologist, she is now Area Community Curator for Hampshire Cultural Trust looking after three museums (Andover Museum and the Museum of the Iron Age, Aldershot Military Museum, Willis Museum and Sainsbury Gallery). Visitors welcome (£3). Chairman: Andy Watson email andrew.w.watson@btinternet.com or 01264 736459.
Michael Bateman

**HURSTBOURNE PRIORS PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED
18 JANUARY 2017 to 8 MARCH 2017**

APPLICATION	PC RESPONSE	BDBC DECISION
T00037/17/TCA Application to fell ornamental cherry tree at 27 Hurstbourne Priors	No objection	
16/02951 Retrospective application at Faulkners Down Farm	Comments submitted in response to an Environmental Statement	

**BDBC DECISIONS IN RESPECT OF
PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS**

APPLICATION	PC RESPONSE	BDBC DECISION
16/04702/ROC Tufton Warren Farm Application to remove condition attached to 16/01564/FUL so as to allow amended plans to add single storey rear extension, changes to doors and windows, strip part of roof and internal alterations	No objection	Granted

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MARCH to 18 APRIL 2017**

APPLICATION	PC RESPONSE	BDBC DECISION
T/00122/17/TCA Application to fell Copper Beech at Copper Beech	Objected to	

Hill and Valley Copy

Thank you to all who contribute towards the Hurstbourne Priors pages of the Hill and Valley.

We are always looking for new stories, items of interest, children's articles and poems and anything that residents would like to share.

From next month, please send all copy to me at the specially designated email address below. Many thanks. Craig

reverendcraighandv@btinternet.com



Messy Church continues to go from strength to strength as young families and children from around the benefice meet approximately once a month to join in craft activities, a short act of worship and a shared meal. Our last session took place on 1 April when over fifty people, young and older gathered together. Our theme was EASTER.

The next gathering of Messy Church will take place in June when we shall be meeting in the vicarage garden for a 'bring and share' picnic and barbecue. Anyone in the benefice is welcome to come along to Messy Church.

Please keep an eye out for information on the vicar's page of diary dates towards the front of Hill and Valley. Full details of the next Messy Church will be in the June edition.

Hampshire Constabulary Wiltshire Recent Update and farewell to PCSO Piers

Please find below the latest news summary of some of the crime which has occurred in the Whitchurch, Tufton, Cole Henley and Hurstbourne Priors area over the past month. In the month of March there have been 16 incidents which have been classified as crimes by the Home Office.

Burglaries

Report of a burglary in Hillside, where offenders forced entry to a property via the rear patio door. Under investigation.

Report of jewellery stolen from an address in Winchester Road.

Report of a bicycle stolen from a garage on Park View.

Report of a non-dwelling burglary on Blosswood Drive, where offenders have forced entry to a poultry shed.

Report of a burglary in a cottage on the Harroway, where offenders have damaged doors to boiler room and garage. Under investigation.

Please ensure your out-buildings are locked and secured to prevent theft. Avoid keeping valuables in out-buildings where possible. Search "Immobilise" online to register your property so Police can identify anything found in future. Please consider installing CCTV and alarms in order to protect your property. This also assists Police with investigations. Do not leave your doors unlocked, even while you are in the property. Opportunist thieves have been known to operate in the area.

Traffic Related Incidents

Motorist seen using their mobile phone while driving on Winchester Street. Under investigation.

Report of a three vehicle collision on the Harroway at Hurstbourne Priors. This resulted in minor injuries and damage to vehicles.

Report of a road traffic collision on London Street, where a vehicle reversed into a pedestrian. No injuries.

Other Incidents

Report of a male assaulted near the Weir, resulting in minor injuries.

Report of a public order incident involving youths on Winchester Road.

Report of deliberate damage caused to a Land Rover parked on Kingsley Park.

Report of a theft of a children's bike from Twinley Lane.

Report of a window smashed at a pub in Whitchurch.

For regular updates and advice, follow us on Twitter [@BstokeRuralCops](#)

For personalised alerts and updates from the Police Join [Hampshire Alerts](#)

Message from PCSO 15808 Piers Ambler

I have now left the Hampshire Constabulary in order to take on another role. Therefore, this is the last report I produce for the Whitchurch & Hurstbourne Priors areas.

While there will certainly be a replacement point of contact for you, I am not able to confirm his or her details just yet. However, I am confident he or she will be known soon.

May I take this opportunity to thank everyone I have worked with with over my two years in the area. It's truly been an enjoyable and rewarding experience. I've continuously found that local Policing thrives best with the support of the local people, and in my time here I have found that the majority of people in

Whitchurch, Hurstbourne Priors, Tufton and Cole Henley have been keen to support us, work alongside us, and provide valuable intelligence needed to keep the area as safe as possible. This is especially reassuring in a time of financial and resourcing constraints for the Police as a whole. So I sincerely thank you all, and urge you to continue to demonstrate the exceptional standards of social responsibility and community spirit.

It's been my pleasure to serve you, and offer my best wishes going forward.

PCSO Piers Ambler.

With immediate effect, please direct all emails to our general inbox (details below) as my inbox will no longer be monitored.

Neighbourhood Policing Team Inbox:
Basingstoke.rural.police@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

How to Write and Sell Short Stories - Workshop With Della Galton Andover Museum 7th June 2017 - 11.00am – 4.00pm

This course will focus on what a short story is and how you can sell it. We will look at existing short story markets, including magazines, and up to date information on what those markets require. We will also be looking at other paying short story markets including podcasts. This day long workshop is suitable for beginners or experienced writers. It is designed to give you practical tips, advice and feedback in a friendly and informal atmosphere.

Della Galton is a novelist, short story writer and journalist and has been getting published for over twenty-five years. She's had over 1500 short stories published in the UK alone. She is a qualified adult education tutor and a popular speaker.

Adult £25/ Over 60 £18.75/ In receipt of benefits £12

Booking information can be found at
<https://hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk>