

**The Editorial Team of Hill & Valley is most grateful to Fenella Williams for taking on the Hurstbourne Priors parish editor role.**

**WEATHER MARCH 2018**

Total rainfall for month	163mm	6.41in
It rained on 21 days !		
Rainfall same month last year	74mm	2.91in
Total for 2018	340mm	13.38in
Total for 2017	279mm	10.98in
Max temp	19C	66F (27 <sup>th</sup> )
Min temp	-2C	24F (1 <sup>st</sup> )

In March, we had almost three times our last 10 year average rainfall of 59mm.

**DEFIBRILLATORS**

The Parish Council are delighted to announce that two Defibrillators are now installed and ready for use, should they be required, within the Parish.

The first is in the old telephone box in Tufton and was purchased by the Parish Council. The second is on the wall of the Village Hall in Hurstbourne Priors and was purchased with the generous help of the Vitacress Charitable Trust and a donation from the May Fair Committee to the Recreation Ground last year.

In the event of a 999 call from which the operator judges the need for a defibrillator, the caller will be given a special code to 'unlock' the unit from its case. The defibrillators cannot just be removed and used if someone feels they would be useful! There are clear instructions on the case but the 999 call handler will also guide you through the steps. It is very simple. In the event that you are on your own when a defibrillator is deemed necessary, each one has two emergency responders – within the village – who may be called to bring it to you. Once used the defibrillator will be replaced within 24 hours and will be on standby once again.

**HURSTBOURNE PRIORS PCC**

The Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting were held in St Andrew's on Sunday, 22 April.

At the Annual Parish Meeting, Jeremy Goad and Martin Briant-Evans were re-elected as Churchwardens. The Vicar thanked them for all they had done for the Church during the past year.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting received the annual report of Church activities and finances for 2017.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship in the church and to become part of the parish community. The introduction of a contemporary liturgy (Common Worship) for the monthly 11.00am Family Communion, and the continuing popular monthly 9.30am Family Service, with activities for younger children, has helped to attract families to these services. More traditional services using the Book of Common Prayer, an 8.00am Holy Communion Service, and a 6.00pm Evensong service, are also held each month.

Reverend Craig Marshall continues to provide monthly Friday Reflections with music or readings, and periods of silence for private prayer or contemplation.

A men's group meets fortnightly during term time for lunch and discussion at a local pub.

Other events in 2017 include the Harvest Festival Service and a Harvest Barbecue Lunch, the Christmas Crib Service at the cricket pavilion, followed by mince pies and mulled wine and Messy Church for parents and children with craft activities and games, followed by a meal and an act of worship.

A concert given by the FB Pocket Orchestra took place in St Andrew's Church in February 2017 and attracted an audience of about 50.

Church members continue to organise the very popular Safari Supper which attracts 50 to 60 people every year.

Copies of the full Annual Report and Accounts for 2017 are available in the Church.

**Hurstbourne Priors May Fair**  
**Bank Holiday Monday 7th May**  
**12 noon to 4pm**



**PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW!!**  
**An afternoon with entertainment for all the family**

Come and see the Lambs or Dance around the Maypole  
Live music with The Haircuts  
Circus Workshop, Stories and More and The Long Overdue Theatre Company

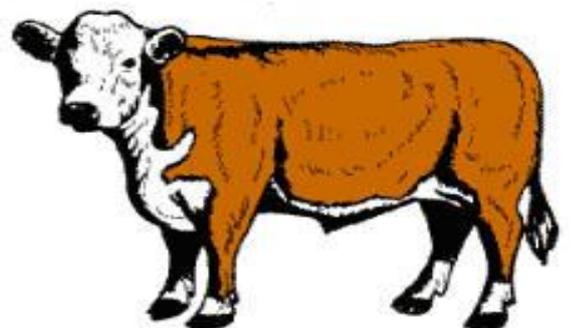
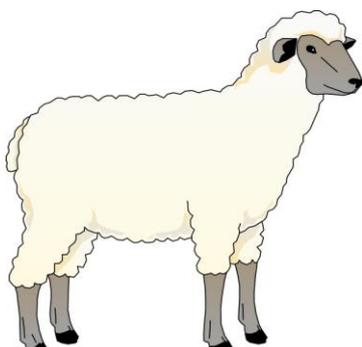
Bar Hog Roast Craft Tent Barbecue Teas  
Plants Produce Cakes Nearly New  
Bottle Stall Books Childrens Toys and Games

**ALL THE FUN AT THE MAY FAIR**  
**Trade Stands**

The Cheeseman Clothes  
Pottery and Ceramics Parsonage Farm Charcuterie Jewellery Cards Soaps  
Shabby Chic Photography and Fine Art Fascinators Scarves & Clothes  
Wood Turning and Rustic Furniture and more

**Display Stands**

Hampshire Wildlife Trust Spinning  
Beekeeping Model Railways





Unfortunately our Treasurer will be giving up the post in the autumn due to other commitments. Please call 07733 242196 if you are interested in this voluntary position. We are also looking for someone to organise our fund-raising.

We received an email from Arna's new owner to say that she had settled quickly and was making the most of the soft furnishings.



Scrumpy (left), another beautiful ginger female, is 10

years old. Unfortunately she was not happy with the toddler in her previous house so she is looking for a home with an experienced cat owner. She will let you know when she has had enough fuss so her new owner will need to be aware of this. She is not keen on being picked up.

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

## VILLAGE, CHURCH AND CHURCHYARD CLEAN-UP

Many thanks to all those volunteers who turned out to the village Clean-Up last month. Luckily the weather was kinder to us this time around, the first date having been cancelled due to snow.

Twenty eight black bags of assorted rubbish went to the tip, alongside a broken sledge, a seat cushion from a car, three hub caps and some broken shelves. The teams cleaned up and down the B3400, along the valley road (B3048) and up the Harroway. As usual there was a huge amount of coffee cups from fast food outlets, pop bottles and cans.

Well done to the bonfire and clearance team who were busy in the churchyard cutting back overgrown ivy and giving it a good clear up just as all the lovely primroses come into flower.

The dedicated team in the church had two sessions – snow not being a problem for the indoor cleaners on the first date! The church is now spic and span and looking really super.

Thank you to everyone who gave up their time on a lovely Spring Saturday from your PCC and PC.

## POT HOLES

As those of you who read the Parish Council meeting minutes will know, we are continuing to push Hampshire Highways to get to grips with the appalling state of the roads around here. Too many of us are suffering from punctures and broken suspension springs as a result of the unfilled potholes. In addition those who choose to use two wheels instead of four have to ride in the road as the edges are too dangerous and there have been a number of accidents with riders coming off their bikes.

Please could we urge residents to use the pot hole reporting service offered by Hampshire County Council at [www.hants.gov.uk](http://www.hants.gov.uk) and follow the link to potholes. You will be asked

for the road name and an exact location. If you suffer from vehicle damage you may be able to make a claim against Hampshire County Council for the costs.

Cllr Tom Thacker announced at our meeting last month that Hampshire have been given £3m in extra funds, by the Government, towards making good the roads. Let's make sure that it is used in our valley.

Many thanks,

Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council

## ATTENTION ALL DOG OWNERS

As you will see the Recreation Ground grass has had its first cut in readiness for the May Fair and the start of the cricket season. Please will you ensure that you pick up your dog's mess and put it in the bins provided. It is disappointing to see so many owners not clearing up after their dogs. It appears that owners also have a disregard for the churchyard too. This is unacceptable.

Anyone seeing a dog making a mess (and it not being cleared up) is invited to take a picture – of either dog, owner or both - and send it, with a brief report giving time, date and place - to [cspo@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:cspo@basingstoke.gov.uk). Each incident will be investigated and guilty dog owners face a Fixed Penalty Notice of £50.

Dog mess is unpleasant for all users of our lovely recreation ground. It would be sad if dogs had to be banned from this lovely space.

Thank you,  
Recreation Ground Committee



### Improving continuity of care 'pods'

Since the merger of Derrydown Clinic and Whitchurch Surgery into Two Rivers Medical Practice you will have noticed some changes. One is that by booking a fifteen minute routine appointment at the surgery you are likely to see the same doctor or nurse practitioner you saw last time. If you book a telephone appointment, again, it is likely to be with a clinician you know. This is called "continuity".

"I always see a different doctor or nurse" is a common complaint when people talk about their general practice. Continuity means this does not happen. When you are ill it is good to see a familiar face, someone who knows you. Doctors and nurses find consulting with people they know easier too - there is more information at their fingertips to help reach a diagnosis and plan tests and treatment with you. Continuity also benefits the NHS. Patients of General Practices which value continuity are less likely to attend A&E or need emergency hospital admission.

At Two Rivers Medical Partnership you are in one of three groups (we called them "Pods"). Each "Pod" has a GP and a nurse practitioner. Dr Jim Rose works with Anne Hardiman, Dr Dan Lickman with Rachel Sidwell and Dr Paul Barber with Maggie Harris. We have two female GPs who see patients from any "Pod". Our team of nurses and healthcare assistants also see patients from any pod. Soon each "Pod" will have a named administrator to help coordinate your care and deal with non-medical enquiries.

If you do not know which "Pod" you are in look at the right hand side of your prescription or ask at reception; you can also find out from our website [tworiversmedicalpartnership.co.uk](http://tworiversmedicalpartnership.co.uk). When booking an appointment with a GP or nurse practitioner on line, on the phone or face to face book it with your "Pod" clinician.



## Singers in harmony with countryside charity

Two internationally renowned choirs will join together for a charity concert to raise vital funds to help protect the Hampshire countryside on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018. The Acapella singing group made up of the all-male group The Close Shaves and the all-ladies group The High Heels will perform at Stockbridge Town Hall at 6.30pm on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May. The performance will raise funds for the Hampshire branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England. To book tickets, please email [admin@cprehampshire.org.uk](mailto:admin@cprehampshire.org.uk).