

WEATHER – MARCH 2019

Total rainfall for month	104mm	4.09ins
It rained on	15 days	
Rainfall same month last year	163mm	6.41ins
Total for 2019	217mm	8.54ins
Total for 2018	340mm	13.38
Max temp - 30 th March	22C	72F
Min temp - 24 th March	-1C	30F

It rained every day the first half of March (bar one, the 10th). Then it was totally dry for the second half of the month.

We still had double our average rainfall for March, but luckily in total we have had nearly 5 inches less rainfall than the first three months of last year, thank goodness!

John Smail

LADIES COFFEE MORNING

The May Coffee Morning will be hosted by Clare Read, at Hurstbourne Priors House on Monday 13th May 2019 from 10.15 onwards.

**SONGS OF PRAISE SERVICE**

Sunday 19th May 2019
St Andrew's Church at 4pm

Calling all Musicians and Singers

There will be another new style, informal service to enjoy singing favourite old hymns and some new songs followed by tea and cake.

Please come and join us. All very welcome.

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

HURSTBOURNE PRIORS PARISH MAP

The Parish Council has produced a map showing the rights of way and permissive paths within the parish. We hope that this will help people in planning walks around our beautiful part of Hampshire. It also has a description of the various places of interest within the parish which are indicated on the map.

A copy of the map is included in this month's copy of Hill and Valley. If by some mischance you have not received yours please contact Andy Milne on 07789 406039.

Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council

**TOMBSTONE CORNER**

In Memory of Mary the Daughter of EDWARD and SARA HATHERELL

who died December the 17th 1756 Aged 17 weeks

A tender branch that lyeth here

It loved was by her parents dear

Few were her days, short was her Race

From Womb to Grave it went apace

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 like this one, but often historically interesting.

Martin Briant-Evans



We are holding a Pawsome Coffee Morning on Saturday 18th May at Cholderton Village Hall. There's free parking available opposite the hall, on the grass behind the pub car park. We will be there between 10am and 12pm so please join us for some cake and a raffle.



This is the lovely Larry, he came into our care as a stray, he had been living on the streets for a while. He has now been neutered, blood tested, chipped and vaccinated. He is keen to get outside again but with a home to

return to every day once he's finished checking out the neighbourhood.

Last month's cat, Fluffy, has been lucky enough to find a home in the country where she is sure to be spoiled.

We recently took part in a fundraising weekend at Pets at Home and raised £80 from a toy tombola and donations. Thank you to everyone who got involved.

Did you know? Cats only sweat through their paws.

Homing Enquiries: 0345 260 1501 or andover.cats.org.uk

Fund-raising and volunteers: 07733 242196

or email: coordinator@andover.cats.org.uk

Items for resale: 01256 892773

THE NEW FOREST SHOW - 30 July to 1 August



The New Forest Show is a three-day celebration of Farming, Food and Fun which is rated among the top agricultural shows in the country. From food and flowers, music and main ring attractions to cooking, crafts and county pursuits, you're guaranteed to find

something different in every corner of the showground. We are delighted to be adding a brand new Canine Arena and Live Music Stage to the mix of attractions this year. Join us on 30th, 31st July and 1st August in the heart of the New Forest National Park at New Park, Brockenhurst. Buy your tickets online before 23rd July to receive a 15% discount.

Visit www.newforestshow.co.uk to find out more.

THE WESSEX ART FAIR

The Wessex Art Fair (a **Forton Fine Art** and Mayfair gallery, **Panter & Hall** collaboration), a summer exhibition of contemporary art, is taking place from Thursday 6th – Sunday 16th June at Chapmansford Barn, Hurstbourne Priors.

Opening times and more information on:
www.fortonfineart.co.uk

BOOK TALKS

Books at the Barn

CLAIRE FULLER - *Bitter Orange* - Wednesday 5th June, 7.30pm for 8.00pm - Stockbridge Town Hall (3 for 2 offer for book clubs)

LUCY WORSLEY - *Queen Victoria: Daughter, Wife, Mother, Widow* - Tuesday 18th June, 7.30pm for 8.00pm, The Old Dairy, Hatherden

Tickets £15, including a glass of wine

www.booksatthebarn.co.uk



ANDOVER FILM CLUB

May's film is *Can you ever forgive me?* at the Odeon Cinema, Andover on Monday 13th May 2019 at 8pm.

An adaptation of the memoir, *Can You Ever Forgive Me?* and starring Melissa McCarthy and Richard E. Grant, the film tells the true story of the best-selling celebrity biographer, Lee Israel. When she is no longer able to get published because she has fallen out of step with current tastes, she turns her art form to deception, abetted by her loyal friend Jack.

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

HURSTBOURNE PRIORS PCC

The annual Vestry Meeting and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) were held on Sunday 7 April in the Church following Family Communion.

At the Vestry Meeting, The Rev'd Craig Marshall thanked the two Churchwardens, Jeremy Goad and Martin Briant-Evans for all their work and support during the past year. Craig also gave special thanks to Jeremy who retired this year having served very ably as Churchwarden for several years, and also for taking on the duties of Secretary to the PCC. Martin Briant-Evans and Fenella Williams were elected Churchwardens for the coming year.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) received the Annual Report and Financial Statements for 2018.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St Andrew's. It also helps to reach out to those who may not normally enter a church by involvement in Messy Church activities, and through a Benefice Nativity Service held in a barn in the parish before Christmas.

The two main services – a Family Communion and a Family Worship are generally well attended. Activities are provided for children and books and toys are available for younger children who might remain in the pews.

Church members continue to organise an annual "Safari Supper" in Hurstbourne Priors that has the aim of introducing members of the community, particular newcomers, to one another.

During 2018, three concerts were held in St Andrew's church. The "FB Pocket Orchestra" took us back to the hot jazz, blues, ragtime and dances of the 1920s and 30s. "Vox Cantab" provided an unaccompanied setting for our Family Communion service, and a concert of English 16th century madrigals. Finally in October a concert was held to commemorate 100 years since the death of Sir Hubert Parry who had played at the inauguration of St Andrew's organ in 1906. These concerts brought people into the church that would not normally do so, whilst demonstrating that St Andrew's is firmly a community facility.

Towards the end of 2018 a small group from the PCC was established to consider the possible introduction of Worship Songs into the repertoire of music at the two main services. As a result a "Songs of Praise" service was held in February 2019 with Worship Songs as well as popular hymns. We plan to repeat this during 2019.

The Harvest Festival Service was followed by a well-attended Harvest Barbecue Lunch on the cricket ground. A well-attended Remembrance Day service was again held, as was a St Andrew's Day Patronal service.

Financial Review Just over £22,000 was spent to provide the Christian ministry from St Andrew's Church in 2018. This includes the contribution of £13,452 to the Diocesan Common Mission Fund, which largely provides the stipends, housing and training for the clergy. The PCC is very grateful for the generosity of members of the congregation and the village community who support us through church collections, donations and fundraising. The donation we receive from the May Fair is used for our running costs, including insurance, churchyard maintenance, heating and electricity.

Volunteers We would also like to thank the volunteers who cheerfully continue to support the activities of the church in so many ways including flower arranging, bell ringing, cleaning, providing activities for children and preparing services.

Copies of the full Annual Report are available in the church or from Fenella Williams (fenella.williams@btopenworld.com)

HURSTBOURNE PRIORS PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meetings are open to any resident of Hurstbourne Priors. Anyone who wishes to raise an issue, or something which they would like the Parish Council to consider, may attend. Meetings are held in the Village Hall and start at 7.30pm.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, 29th May.

There is no need to tell us that you are coming unless there is something which it may be helpful for us to have looked into before the meeting. In which case please email the Parish Clerk: Richard.waterman150@btinternet.com or telephone myself on 01256 896672.

Clare Read, Chairman

