

WEATHER SEPTEMBER 2017

Total rainfall for month	80mm	3.15ins
Rained on 19 days		
Rainfall in September 2016	70mm	2.75ins
Total for 2017	714mm	28.11ins
Total for 2016	789mm	31.06ins
Max. Temperature	27C	80F (2 nd)
Min. Temperature	7C	44F (17 th)

Although September was only 10mm wetter than last year, it rained on 19 days as against only 9 last year.

Andover Film Club**Maudie**

Monday 13th November

ODEON Cinema - Start time: 8pm

Cert. 12A - 116 mins

Directed by: Aisling Walsh

Starring: Sally Hawkins, Ethan Hawke

The film is about the life of artist Maud Lewis (Hawkins), who painted in Nova Scotia. The story reveals Maud's various struggles and her relationship with a gruff fish peddler (Hawke) as his cleaning lady. The film was shot in Newfoundland and Labrador, requiring a recreation of Lewis's famously small house.

Ladies Coffee Morning

Ladies, come along to the November coffee morning which will be hosted by Amanda Briant-Evans at One, Cressington (01264 738489), on Thursday 9th November from 10.15 onwards.

PARISH SURVEY

By now I hope that every household in the Parish of Hurstbourne Priors will have received a copy of the Parish Survey. If you have not then please do call me on 01256 896672 and I will deliver one to you.

The Parish Council are very keen to understand the real needs of our residents – both with regard to housing and amenities within the Parish. In order to apply for any Community Infrastructure grants from Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council we now have to have a proven need and supporting data such as would be provided by this survey. Please do spend a little time completing the survey as honestly as possible. We will only get the results and will never see the actual responses – they are received and collated by Action Hampshire who are very skilled in surveys like this.

Whilst there are detailed questions with regard to housing needs, both current and future, we have left blank spaces for you to give feedback as to what facilities or amenities you would like us to consider. This also applies to events, running of the May Fair etc. Any ideas are very welcome and all comments gratefully received.

Please can you return your envelope by 8th November?

Many thanks,

Clare Read
Chairman, Hurstbourne Priors PC



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

By the end of September we had taken in and re-homed 113 cats this year. This is an excellent figure for a small branch. Homing has become more difficult as sadly, people now turn to the social media to re-house their unwanted pets; often, in the case of kittens, asking unreasonable prices. Yes, we do ask for a donation of £60 for each cat we place but it will have had a health check with the vet, been fully vaccinated and microchipped and neutered where necessary. In the case of kittens, we will pay for the neutering at a later date.

Shaggy, last month's cat now lives in a village close to Andover.

Baby was with us four years ago. Unfortunately her new owner is now moving and unable to take Baby. She is a healthy twelve year old who, like most torties, dislikes other cats. She is looking for a quiet home and would make an excellent companion for a retired person.



Baby

We will be holding a coffee morning at Cholderton Village Hall on Wednesday 15th November 10.00am - 12.00 noon
All are welcome.

Remember, remember the 5th of November - Gunpowder, treason.... and your neighbour's plot....

We are very lucky in our valley to have a number of thatched properties. If possible we'd like to keep it that way.....!

Please do bear them in mind if you are planning on having a bonfire (at any time of year) or fireworks to celebrate Guy Fawkes or any other occasion. It may sound like common sense, but if you live close to a thatched property, please take careful note of the wind direction and the direction in which you are aiming your fireworks to make sure that you do not accidentally cause a thatch fire. Once a thatch has caught fire, they are generally not extinguished before the entire property is destroyed.

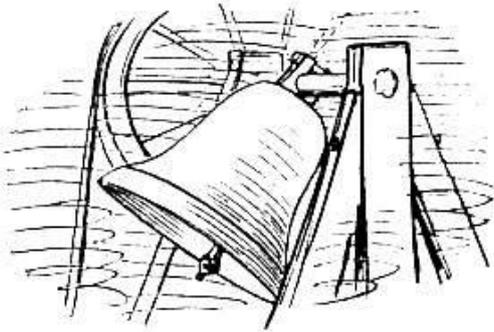


SAVE THE DATE

Hurstbourne Priors Village Quiz and Curry night will be taking place on Saturday 13th January 2018.

All welcome!

More details to follow in December's edition of Hill & Valley.

BELL RINGERS NEEDED

The bells of St Peter's church in St Mary Bourne will not be ringing from early November until around March 2018 whilst the new 'pod' containing a kitchenette and toilet is installed in the ground floor of the church tower.

We are keen to take this opportunity to train new bell ringers in the interim (using Hurstbourne Priors church bells), to strengthen our team once the bells are available again.

If you're curious to find out more about this sociable lifelong hobby, or you've rung bells in the past but not for a while, please contact tower captain Roger Thomas on 07526 658430 or rogerthomas60+bells@gmail.com

All members of the family are welcome: you do not need to be churchgoers.

See <http://cccbr.org.uk/what-is-bell-ringing> or go to cccbr.org.uk and click on the "New to Ringing" link for more information.



'Doesn't ring any bells'

**HURSTBOURNE TARRANT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY****NEXT MEETING**

**Monday 13th November 2017;
7.45pm in the Community Centre**

"A History of Old Andover"

by Derek Grimston

At the time of the Domesday Book Andover had 107 male inhabitants and probably a population of about 500 – a large settlement for the time.

Andover has expanded greatly since the 1960s but the core of this ancient town, which was already important in Saxon times, retains much of interest.

Derek Grimston served with the RAF. During a spell as an instructor at the Joint Warfare establishment at Old Sarum he bought a house in Andover and after retiring joined Test Valley Borough Council as the Community Liaison Officer. Twenty years ago became a Green Badge Guide for Andover; in response to requests from people who were not able to join a walking tour he developed a slide-show version of the tour.

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

For further information please contact
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Michael Bateman

Stoke Village Fund community apple juice

Apples from Stoke (and Binley) have once again been gathered, loaded, ferried, juiced, pasteurised & bottled to produce hundreds of bottles of delicious apple juice, making use of apples that would have otherwise just gone to waste.

The first trip to the juicing station yielded over 200 bottles of juice; a second and final load taken at the end of October is being processed now and should produce a similar amount.



The 75cl bottles are beautifully labelled and will make excellent Christmas gifts. They will be available for sale at the Stoke Christmas Market at the White Hart on 16th December at £2.50/bottle, or can be bought directly from Melanie Nixon on 738920.



Messy Church
Saturday 25th November
4.00pm to 6.00pm
HURSTBOURNE PRIORS
VILLAGE HALL

Messy Church is a fun filled afternoon where children, parents and grandparents come together to try craft activities around a Bible theme, join in with a short act of worship and finish up sharing a meal together. Everyone is welcome so please join us.

